

A photograph of a person in a Spider-Man costume sitting on a chair, leaning over a chessboard on a table. A young boy in a yellow shirt is standing and playing chess. The setting is a library with bookshelves in the background.

Tallaght, Castletymon and Mobile libraries

March ACM report 2024

Tallaght Library, some statistics

18850 Visited Tallaght library in February

There was a 25% increase in visitors to Tallaght library this year for the first two months of the year

85 events took place in Tallaght Library in February



International Women's Day

Monday 4th of March:

Pannel Discussion with Women's Collective Ireland, embrace and empower

Panellists included Yemi Ojo, Mayor of South Dublin Cllr Alan Edge and Ollie Bell, the discussion was chaired by Jennifer Phillips from Women's Collective Ireland.

Thursday 7th – 14th of March

Women's Caucus exhibition, based on 34 inspirational women of South Dublin who were nominated by the public.

Friday 8th of March

International Women's Day Afternoon Tea Party with host and TEDx speaker Debbie Deegan. Debbie has worked to aid abandoned children in Russia and is the author of From Russia with Love.



COUNT HER IN:
Brewing Empowerment & Celebrating Women

**AN AFTERNOON
TEA PARTY
WITH HOST &
TEDX SPEAKER
DEBBIE DEEGAN**



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Launch of this year's Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas (SnaGÁCT) took place in Tallaght library on the 23rd of February.

Guido Fanzini of the Fanzini Bros. circus show provided entertainment to classes from St Martin De Porres n.s, Gaelscoil na Giúise and St Mark's s.n.s and there was a special appearance from Jim Gavin Dublin football manager.

Events for SnaGÁCT for schools include, A movie morning showing Amhran na Farraige and Anyone4science workshops as Gaeilge.

Story time as Gaeilge and Bingo as Gaeilge have also taken place in the children's library. Roisin Murphy will be in the library on the 1st of March for a bilingual Irish legends and folktales story telling session for families.

Live Ceili band, with dancers were Tallaght library on the evening of Wednesday the 13th of March from 6.30pm.



World Book Day, Thursday 7th of March

Classes from St Thomas's J.N.S. in Jobstown attended an **illustration workshop with author and illustrator Kate Sheehy**. Kate read her new book *Too many cats* to everyone.

Tallaght library took part in a special staff **World book day story time** for ages 3- 6, lots of children dressed up as their favourite book character for the occasion.

Classes which were in the library for Kate Sheehy and for Knex workshops for Engineer's week all got to take home a free World Book Day book.



Library Labs: Astronomy Week

We were delighted to host a **talk by Stephen Kershaw** in Tallaght Library on Monday 11th of March in the evening as part of South Dublin Libraries' Astronomy programme. Stephen is the owner of KTec Telescopes in North Finglas and has been into astronomy since he was 10 years of age.

We had Karl from the fabulous **Big Bear Planetarium** in Tallaght Library on 12th of March who brought classes from Scoil Aonghusa, Citywest ENTS, St Kilian's and Scoil Maelruain on an exciting exploration of the universe in a special dome with a 360-degree 3D digital projection, this was funded as part of the library labs programme.



Exhibitions Tallaght Library, March

The Square Foot Showcase by The Dublin Desi Art Collective exhibition, 4TH – 25TH of March.

Works include Indian folk art and Mandala paintings. Expressionism, landscape, nature and abstract expressions are some of the themes showcased by this vibrant and talented group of artists.

Members from the group did a very successful art demonstration on Saturday the 9th of March which there was huge interest in.

Women's caucus initiative exhibition: A project by SDCC and Rua Red, 7- 14th of March.

A forgotten Polish Hero of the great Irish Famine, an exhibition by Paul Strzelecki will be on display from the 19th of March to 15th of April.



Tallaght Library, Coming soon in April

Lots of Story times for **Spring into Story time**, a libraries Ireland initiative. Libraries all over Ireland celebrate story telling during the month of April, Storyteller Fiona Dowling will be in the library on the 12th of April to tell stories and folktales from around the world.

Louder Voices **songwriting project** with transition years and Singer/Songwriter Luke Clerkin.

Books Are Good for You Project, in partnership with the Centre for Population Studies in the Russel Centre, Trinity school of Medicine, Tallaght hospital and Children's books Ireland Linking the importance of reading in children with healthier outcomes in later life. Workshops for local D.E.I.S. school with authors and illustrators along with paired reading with medical students from Tallaght hospital

Library Labs Events for Eco Week

Exhibition, Tallaght history in letters, local history exhibition



Castletymon Library, some statistics

- Castletymon had 5,079 visitors, borrowing almost 2,981 items and added 91 new members. There was 57 events in February, with 562 people attending.



MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- We continued our successful STEAM events with 2 per month, including 1 STEAM event for those with additional needs, both of which carry on into April.
- Library Labs: Engineers' Week was a great success with three events across two days, including Testing the Strength of Jellies, Geodisc Domes and more. Michael McCreary of the Irish Astronomical Society was here for Library Labs: Astronomy Week, with his talk Our Place in the Solar System.
- Both World Book Day and International Womens' Day were marked with a Write Your Own Story workshop for kids, and a talk by historian Cathy Scuffil on women voting for the first time in a General Election, respectively. For Seachtain na Gaeilge, we had a bilingual storytime for preschoolers and an Irish for Beginners class is due to start in late-March.
- Our Foraging and Land-Based Skills Programme, featuring Feebee Foran and Aoife Munn, is well underway with a Local Area Foraging Walk (pictured below) and an upcoming talk, Finding Magic & Medicine in Your Garden.
- Our St Patrick's Day Watercolours for Adults workshops have just finished, with some stunning work being created and we are celebrating Easter with two events for children: a Storytime & Crafts (25th) and a Bingo (27th) and an exhibition for adults, The John Mullen Collection, a postal history view of the 1916 Easter Rising.



LOOKING FORWARD TO APRIL

- We will be hosting a workshop for children on **Creative Mindfulness** on the 6th.
- Our Foraging and Land-Based Skills programme will continue with a workshop for secondary schools from Feebee Foran on **Starting a Herb Garden** (9th) and a talk on **Making Your Own Natural Beauty Products** (23rd).
- Castletymon Library has arranged a programme of events for **Poetry Day Ireland** (25th) that will be taking place across Castletymon, Ballyroan and Clondalkin Libraries, where our resident book clubs will read a poetry collection for April and get a visit/reading from the poet! **Rosamund Taylor** will be visiting Castletymon's Book Club on the 8th, **Jessica Traynor** will be visiting Ballyroan's Book Club on the 25th and **Brian Kirk** will be visiting Clondalkin's Book Club, also on the 25th, which is Poetry Day Ireland itself.
- Our new series of **Computer Classes** begins on 12th March and continues for five weeks.
- As part of **Library Labs: Eco Week**, we will be hosting a **Recyclable Seed Paper Workshop** for adults (15th) as well as a **Book Swop** on the 20th. For **Library Labs: Tech Week**, our events include a talk on **Demystifying AI** (16th) and three **Coding Bracelet** workshops with Anyone4Science, including one aimed at neurodiverse children.
- **Historian Cathy Scuffil** returns in April with a much-anticipated talk, **One Photo, Many Stories**, which traces the people of one photo from South Dublin Libraries' SOURCE Digital Archive (24th).
- At the end of the month, we will be hosting **Healthy Food Made Easy**, a course presented in conjunction with South Dublin County Partnership, which continues for 6 weeks.

Day Ireland - Thursday 25th April, 2024

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Mobile Libraries Highlights

In February, 5293 people availed of the Mobile Library Service. 95 home deliveries were made to housebound patrons.

Mobile libraries continue to serve 35 stops throughout the county. Our schools service and our Library @ Home services continue to thrive. Several extra school visits have been arranged as once offs to allow as much engagement with the library service as we can provide.

On Ireland Reads Day on 24th February, the Mobile Libraries held an event at Citywest Shopping Centre, where their new weekly stop will commence from 3rd April.

