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March Event Highlights Ballyroan

March highlights included a traditional music session, Big Bear Planetarium which saw over 100 children and adults attending the library one Saturday morning and a celebration of International Women's Day with a well-attended history talk and a cosy coffee morning.



APRIL EVENTS

- April 2nd, 10.30am – The first in our programme of neurodiverse play sessions for children and their siblings. Over the next number of months Rebecca McDermott will facilitate a mix of sensory play, fine motor skills and Lego. This is part of the Neurodiverse South series of events. Booking is available for all these sessions through Ballyroan Eventbrite.
- April 8th, 2pm – Our ever-popular Golden Moments quiz for older adults takes place in Ballyroan Library. Always a fun and fabulous event!
- April 13th, 2.30pm – Game Zone: Card swap for children. Always a busy and fun event where children can swap and trade cards from their collections.
- April 16th, 2pm - Get ready for your summer Spanish vacation with our 6-week course, Holiday Spanish! Facilitated by the DDLETB
- April 25th, 4.30pm – First of a 4-part DJ workshop for older teens designed to show the basics of music and beat making. No musical knowledge or background required, just an enthusiasm for learning!



Library Labs April

ECO WEEK

Geli Printmaking with Recycled Materials

In this creative workshop from artist Eva Kelly you will learn the basics of Geli Printmaking. You will have the chance to explore colour, layout and lots of texture with nature and the animal world as inspiration. Using recycled paper and found materials to make original layered monoprints - mono meaning one off original images. Feel free to bring ideas like a favourite animal or just go with the flow of the day!

Ballyroan Library (Adult Workshop) 2.00pm Thursday 18th April

Ballyroan Library (Children 8-12) 3.45pm Thursday 18th April

Booking Essential.

TECH WEEK

Coding Bracelets with Anyone4Science

Learn the language of computers. They see everything using a language called binary, a series of only two symbols 0 and 1. Children learn about binary and make their own bracelet spelling their name using binary code.

Ballyroan Library 10.00am & 11.00am (schools) 12.00pm (Neurodiverse Group) Fri 19th April.

Booking Essential.



Library Labs April ctd

LEGO Tech for Adults with the Glow Group

Why should kids have all the fun? Do you love to build and create? Build and code some amazing LEGO creations with a LEGO Spike Kit.

Ballyroan Library 2.00pm-4.00pm Saturday 20th April

Booking Essential.

Sublimation Printer Training for Adults

Are you looking for a new craft to try out. With a Sublimation Printer you can transfer motifs to a variety of different materials, including t-shirts and ceramic mugs. In this workshop you will be shown how to design an image and how to use the Sublimation Printer at Ballyroan Library.

Ballyroan Library 6.00pm Monday 22nd April.

Booking Essential.



Castletymon Library

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, Geodisic 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

- New schedule for public stops begins Tuesday 2nd April. Times will remain as they are. Statistics currently reflect a preference for these times. We have 32 stops in total. Ard Mor stop will be replaced with the nearby new City West Shopping centre stop. This was promoted on Ireland Reads Day on 24th Feb and was attended by the Mayor. Cherrywood will go to an hour later due to requests from the public. A new stop will go into the vicinity of The Crossings area in Adamstown.
- Mobiles were present at the Rathcoole to Saggart 4 districts parade on 17th March.
- Mobiles will team up with Community Dept for an Easter Camp Day at Bawnogue on 26th March. We will be there while Sean the Community Guard is at the centre.
- On Sat April 6th, a Mobile truck will be at the launch of Dublin Markets in Tymon park. We will bring entertainment to promote the library service in South Dublin.
- We have a new regular visit to the Liebermann Spiritan school in Templeogue. It is a new school for autistic students aged 4 to 18 with complex learning needs.

