

A Spider-Man figure is sitting on a modern-style chair, leaning forward to play chess with a young boy. The boy is also sitting on a similar chair, focused on the game. They are at a small wooden table with a chessboard. The background shows bookshelves filled with books, suggesting a library or bookstore setting. The floor has a colorful geometric pattern.

Tallaght, Castletymon and Mobile libraries

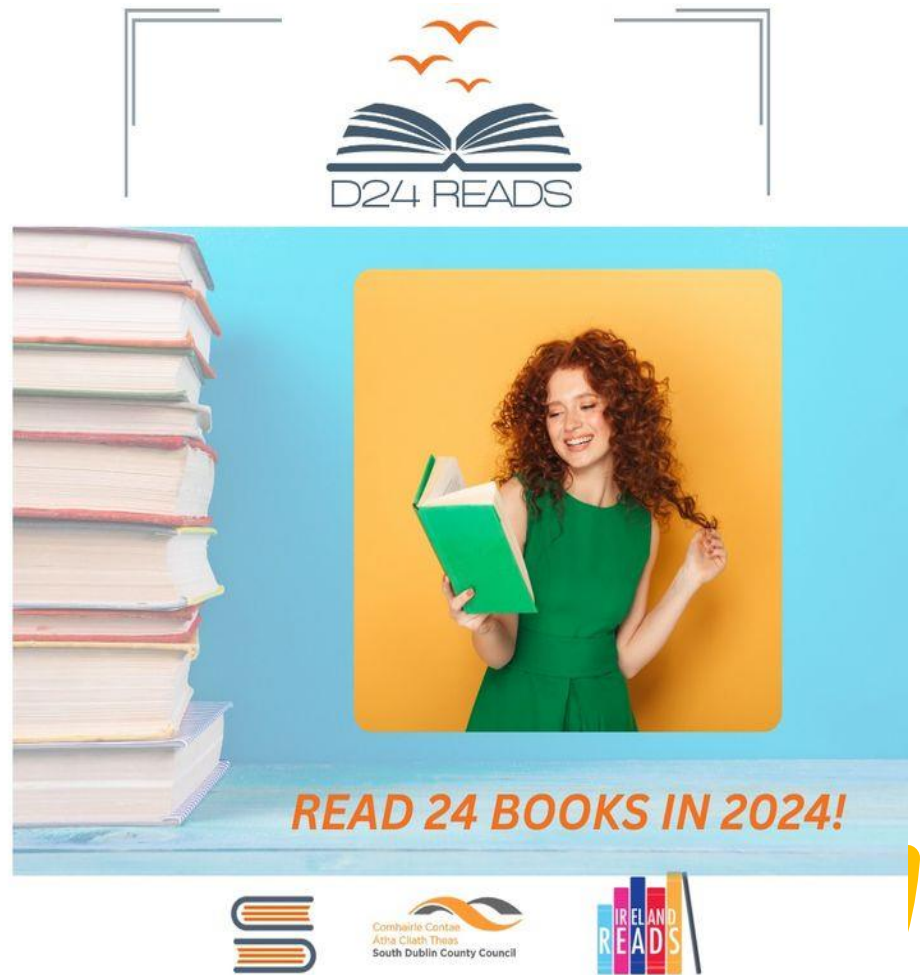
April ACM report 2024

Tallaght Library

18, 553 Visited Tallaght library in March

91 Events took place in Tallaght Library in March

30 classes from local schools visited Tallaght library in March



Easter activities for children

- Wednesday 27th of March, family movie afternoon showing Super Mario Brothers.
- Thursday 28th of March, staff led Easter Egg 3D modelling workshop for ages 8- 12.
- Tuesday 2nd of April Easter Story time and arts and crafts.
- Wednesday 3rd of April LEGO challenge with library staff.
- Thursday 4th of April drawing workshop with author/illustrator Kate Sheehy.
- Friday 5th of April Creative writing workshop with author of Johnny McGory books.
- Saturday 6th of April, 11.00am, magician Danny Magic will be in the library for a special end of holiday show.



Classes and talks for adults in April

In partnership with the DDLETB

- 8-week gardening course starting 11th of April.
- 8-week computer course for beginners starting 24th of April.

Library Labs: Eco week

Monday 15/04/2024

Library Labs: Big story, bigger challenge: why the media struggle to cover climate change, a talk with Dr David Robbins.

One Dublin One Book: Wild Swimming in Ireland with Maureen McCoy and Paul Mc Cambridge

Sea swimming an important theme of Louise Nealon's book *Snowflake*. Join authors Maureen McCoy and Paul McCambridge as they talk about the joys of wild swimming and their forthcoming book *THE COMPLETE BOOK OF WILD SWIMMING IN IRELAND: 200 Swim Spots in Beaches, Lakes and Rivers*.



Library Labs: Tech Week in Tallaght library

Thursday 18th of April, 6.30- 8.00pm

Introduction to A.I. workshop for adults.

AI's impact on society is profound and multifaceted. It is transforming industries, enhancing efficiency, and reshaping how we live and work. To many, this technology seems incomprehensible and even frightening. Spain Hughes-Fagan of Inventors Club CLG, will simplify this seemingly complex subject.

Tuesday 23rd of April, 6.30- 7.30

3D Printing Workshop for Adults.

Lost a queen from your chess set? Broken handle on your dresser? Join us for this very special 3D printer workshop for adults with library staff. You will learn how to print replacement parts for incomplete sets or broken parts and avoid sending them to the bin.



Neurodiverse South Clever Little Handies

Learn to communicate with your baby with ISL before they can talk at this 4-week course with Clever Little Handies. Baby sign class for parents with babies from newborn up. Includes nursery rhymes, songs and poems with ISL signs that pertain to day-to-day life.

Sensory Explorers, Monday April 8th

Monthly workshop for children with additional needs, truff tray messy play activities with play therapist.

Neurodiverse South Toy Collection

All the library branches in South Dublin County share a toy catalogue designed to give support to people with neurodiverse needs, learning difficulties, disabilities, or complex needs.




Exhibitions Tallaght Library, April

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 History in Letters, an exhibition of the postal history of Tallaght Courtesy of John Mullen





TALLAGHT HISTORY IN LETTERS

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to present an exhibition of
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**View the exhibition at Tallaght Library
from 25th March
to the 12th of April**

Erasmus Workplace Exchange

- Tallaght library will be welcoming a delegation of librarians from Denmark on April 16th and 17th
- The librarians are from Lemvig Library in Jylland, Denmark and will be visiting Tallaght library and several of the South Dublin libraries to find out more about working in a busy urban library service in Ireland.
- We have a full itinerary planned and hope to find out more about libraries in Denmark.



Coming soon in May

- sustainability: Saturday 11th of May, clothes swap, Toy repair workshops with Rediscovery Thursday 30th of May.
- Events throughout May for Bealtaine festival of Age and opportunity.
- Library Labs: Biodiversity week events including Reptile Zoo Scales, Shells and Spikes Workshop for Neurodiverse Children, biodiversity gardening talk, Insect workshops for schools.
- World Africa Day open day on 25th of May.
- May exhibition, Acrylic and watercolours form Ankita Nishant Khimesra.



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.

Poetry Day Ireland - Thursday 25th April, 2024

Good Sports

Read, Write and Share a Poem



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.

