

Lucan Palmerstown  
North Clondalkin  
ACM

Libraries Report | April 2024



# April at NCL

---

April was a very busy month in North Clondalkin Library. In total **over 120 library-organised events** took place.

Demand for room bookings by individuals and organisations continues to increase with **100** requests satisfied throughout the month.

**Groups engaged with include** ETB, SDCP, Clondalkin Women's Travellers Group, HSE, CAP, Maynooth University, CA group and others.





# ADULT EDUCATION: Communiversality

---

- The **AONTAS STAR** Awards recognise inspiring adult, community and further education initiatives across Ireland.
- The **Communiversality programme** won the AONTAS STAR Award 2024 in the Third Level Access and Engagement Category. The programme is run by The Clondalkin Access Network (CAN) in partnership with Maynooth University and North Clondalkin Library. It introduces participants to third level subjects in an informal setting and is very well attended.

# Special Projects: Louder Voices

---

- **Louder Voices** is a collaborative songwriting project which gives teenagers an outlet for whatever they're struggling with / passionate about through providing them with the skills, experience, and the platform to express this through the art of songwriting. The aim is to give the teenagers a **Louder Voice**, for them to feel like they're being heard. There is no musical experience required.
- Project Objectives:
  - **Creative Expression**
  - **Skill Development**
  - **Community**
  - **Mental Health**
  - **Empowerment**
- Students get the opportunity with musician Luke Clerkin over a 5-week period-along with some guest musicians and poets.



# The Books the Thing

- **Exhibition: Banned Books.**

This exhibition consists of watercolour paintings of books that were banned in Ireland under Censorship publication Act 1930.

- **Adults:** Adult Bookclub; South Dublin Libraries Classic Crime Book; Shared Reading Group.

- **Juniors:** Junior Bookclub; NCL Reading Heroes & Junior Storytime & Arts and Crafts sessions.



# Library Labs

## NCL Library

---

**Library Labs** is a new year-long, county-wide STEAM events programme. The programme will largely centre around already established festivals including Engineer's Week, Biodiversity Week, Tech Week, Season of Science etc and will include events aimed at schools, public, and neurodiverse groups.

### April

#### Eco Week

Tuesday 16th 3.00pm **Recyclable Seed Paper Workshop for Adults**

#### Tech Week

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April **Coding Bracelets with Anyone4Science (Schools & Neurodiverse Group)**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm **Demystifying AI for Adults**



# April at Lucan Library

*Lucan Library will host 40 activities in April*

Highlights this month include **One City One Book / Eco Week / Tech Week / Neuro-Diversity**

## **One City One Book 2024:**

- **One City One Book** is an annual initiative promoting reading across all of Dublin. This year the book chosen is **Louise Nealon's Snowflake**. Lucan Library is delighted to welcome author Louise Nealon in conversation with Eimear Ryan on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The event is sold out and promises to be a very interesting evening.

## **Eco Week 15-19 April**

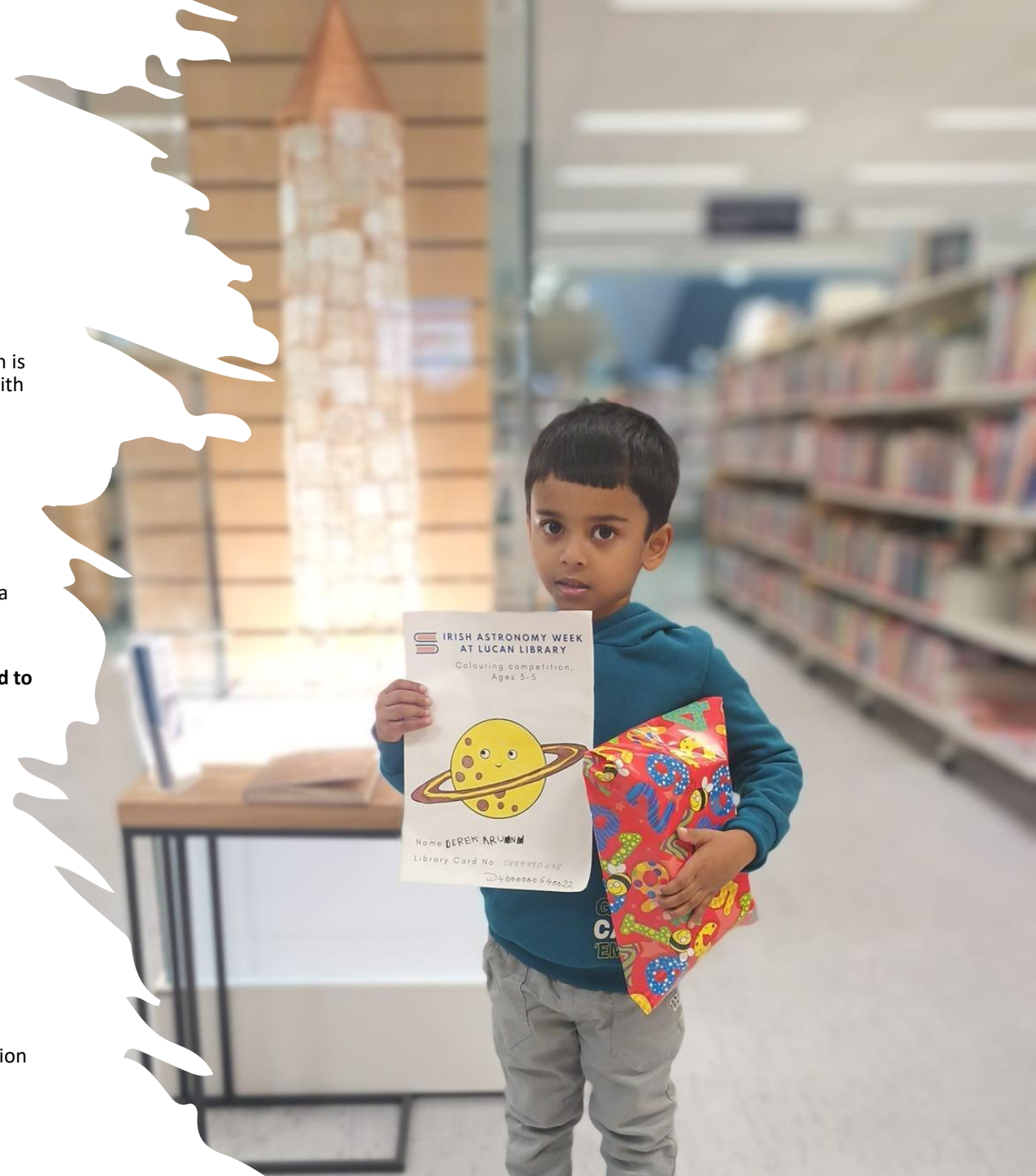
- Lucan Library has 2 public events to celebrate Eco Week, as part of South Dublin Libraries' Library Labs:
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April: Workshop for Adults: Make Plantable Seed Paper using Recycled Materials** with Breda Jackson
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April: Talk by Dr Darren Clarke**, associate professor at DCU: **Climate Change – what we need to know and why**. A very important topic that we are sure will prove popular.

## **Tech Week 15-19 April**

- As part of the Library Labs series, Lucan Library has a schools event to celebrate Tech Week.
- **Anyone4Science: Cracking the Code Workshop. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Introduction to Chat and Play Sessions for Neuro-Divergent Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 10am**

- In this session, Rebecca will introduce herself and explain her Play sessions. South Dublin Libraries has received special funding to run a series of these sessions across the library network. This introductory session will allow Rebecca to best meet the needs of the group. The event is fully booked.



# April at Palmerstown Library

## Family Snap Circuits, Wednesday 3rd April, 3.00pm

There was great parent and child collaboration in learning about electronics by putting together circuits which light up, spin, make noises etc.

## Arts & Crafts with Elena, Thursday 4th April, 3.00pm

Young children had a lovely time creating spring-themed artwork in this holiday workshop.

## Save Energy at Home, Thursday 11th April, 12pm

If you'd like to maximise your energy savings at home, or are curious about the workings of our Codema Home Energy Kits, come along to a free hands-on demo session in Palmerstown Library. The Codema experts will be on hand to share tips and advice! An #EcoWeek event for adults.

## Storytime and Craft for Pre-Schoolers, Wednesday 17th April, 10.30am

Join us for some lively tales, songs and a little craft activity aimed at pre-school children aged 2+ assisted by their parent/guardian. A #SpringintoStorytime event.

## Rip Coder with Spain Hughes, Friday 19th April, 9.30am

A coding workshop for 2nd - 6th class. A #Techweek event.





# 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.

