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Summer Highlights Ballyroan

Events for Children and Teens:

This year we held Summer Stars events throughout July and August. Summer Stars is our national programme to help keep children reading during the summer months and avoid a drop in reading levels on their return to school. Very popular staff led activities included the Bear Hunt at Rathfarnham Castle (with 200 people attending), the Megadoodle (140 attended) and a book making course which ran over 4 weeks. Facilitated events included Dr Brain, Go Fly a Kite, Brick Flicks Animation workshop, Jungle Dave and the Genie Mackers end of summer party (140 attended). Our programme also included workshops for neurodiverse children and a storytime as Gaeilge.

Teen events included Teen Write Club, a Sports Quiz and Geli Printmaking with Eva Kelly using recycled and found materials. We also ran a creative writing project for teens called 'Summer Shorts: Library Daze'.

Events for Adults:

Our adult events included History Hub, Ciorcal Cainte, the Reading Circle, Stitched Together Ballyroan Gardening Group, Golden Moments and a demonstration of small canvas painting.

Heritage Week:

Events included Heritage Week Battle Crafts for children, a talk for adults by Michael Fewer called 'Windows on the Past: Finding Clues to the History of Rathfarnham', Knocklyon History Walk and the History Hub.

We also hosted our regular intergenerational open music session which saw singers and musicians of all ages join together to share songs and tunes. This monthly series is funded by Creative Ireland South Dublin.

MakerSpace:

During the summer we added an electronic piano, a Magic Table and a sewing machine to our MakerSpace. We hosted drop-in demonstrations for both the sewing machine and the Magic Table.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Library Labs: Climate Action Week

Finding Magic & Medicine in your garden with Feebee Foran – Tuesday 10th at 6.30pm

A fun, interactive and educational workshop, where we will discover the plants that grow around us in abundance, exploring their medicinal properties as well as their folkloric and historical tales. Booking on Eventbrite.

Chasing Ice

Follow National Geographic Photographer James Balog across the Arctic as he deploys time-lapse cameras designed for one purpose: to capture a multi-year record of the world's changing glaciers. Rated E.

6.30pm, Mon 9th September.

Booking Essential.

The SDCC Climate Action Team are hosting a **Youth Conference** for secondary schools in Ballyroan on Tuesday September 10th. The Youth Conference is a space for students to get involved in hands on sustainability activities and discussions while having some fun and learning a bit more about climate action.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Culture Night for Kids!

Enjoy a great family evening with our Traditional music session and workshop which introduces participants to the vast world of traditional Irish music and culture. During the session, expert musicians play a range of much loved traditional Irish music introducing such instruments as the guitar, banjo, whistles, flute, concertina and more. The repertoire includes a diverse mix of Irish songs and pieces of music that will open every participant up to the world of Irish language and culture. Booking on Eventbrite.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Adult Events

Pop up Book Club -Tuesday 3rd at 6.30pm

An informal book club where you can read what you want! Participants can chat about their current reading and make recommendations to each other. There is also time for silent reading and socialising. Every month will have a conversational theme. This month's theme is 'Books you didn't expect to like'.

No booking required.

Drop-in digital session - Monday 9th from 2 to 4pm

To mark International Literacy Day: Bring in your phone or tablet and we will help you navigate our online resources. No booking required.

Adults Arts and Crafts with Kim -Tuesday 17th at 11am

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this adult workshop where we learn about the art of stencilling and then use this technique to create greeting cards and artwork to take away. Booking on Eventbrite.

The building of the Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham - Tuesday 17th at 6.30pm

The Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society presents a talk from local historian Tony Corcoran. Booking on Eventbrite.

Mindful Chair Yoga with Sally Dunne - Wednesday 18th at 10.30am

Mindful Chair Yoga is a gentle yoga practice done seated on a chair. Participants are encouraged to go slowly and mindfully, and not to go beyond what feels comfortable. The class finishes with a guided relaxation. Booking on Eventbrite.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Adult Events

Gardening for Well Being with Aoife Munn - Tuesday 25th at 6pm

This talk will help you get the most from your garden all year round while looking at maximising the benefits for your physical and mental health. Discover how to look at your garden with new eyes and create a space to nurture. Booking on Eventbrite.

Golden Moments – Health Talk Wednesday 25th at 2.30pm

Future You - What do you need to do NOW to try to set yourself up for later life success?

Colette O'Flynn will discuss exercise, nutrition, strength and psychology to boost our 'healthspan', to stay physically strong and mentally fit for as long as possible.

No booking required.

The Only Murders in the Library – A true crime podcast club Beginning Wed Sept 25th@ 6.30pm

Are you a true crime aficionado? Join our new podcast club discussing true crime podcasts.

Each month, a new podcast will be chosen and discussed. Can be long form or single episode cases.

Last Wed of the month. Strictly over 18s.

Regular Adult Events

Ballyroan Gardening Group (6th at 10am), Ciorcal Cainte (11th at 11am), History Hub (12th at 1.30pm), Traditional Music Session (18th at 7pm), The Reading Circle (19th at 7pm), Stitched Together Craft Group (every Monday at 11am and Thursday at 6.30pm).



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Event Highlights - Children

Musical Fun for Little Ones – Beginning September 5th.

A fun 5 week interactive music class for our littlest library members. Session 1 is for 0 – 18 months, while session 2 is 18 months – 4 years. Booking on Eventbrite.

Facilitated by Music Generation

Coder Dojo – Wednesday, 18th Sept @ 6pm

Our hugely popular coding sessions for 8 – 12 year olds return to the library in September.

Booking on Eventbrite.

Toddler Time

Toddler Time resumes on Tuesday September 10th at 10am and continues every Tuesday.

Roald Dahl day – Sat, 14th September from 10am.

Join us to celebrate the wonderful work of Roald Dahl!

10:30 - Storytime for little ones

11am - Create your own Roald Dahl themed badge at our drop in badge station

1pm: A showing of the musical Matilda.

Junior Bookclub: Ballyroan Bookworms

Our brand-new book club for young readers begins on Wed, 18th September @ 3.30pm. This monthly club will encourage children to enjoy reading, chatting about books and engage in fun book-related activities.

Family Snap Circuits – Saturday, 28th September @ 11am

A workshop for families. Design your own electrical circuits to make lights, fans and other fun experiments. Part of National Library Open Day on 28th September.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

TEENS

Teen Write Club - Tues, 10th September @ 5pm

Our popular Ballyroan Library Teen Write Club continues in September giving young writers the opportunity to share their work, inspire and create with each other.

MakerSpace - Tues, 24th September @ 5pm

A Makerspace session design specifically for young adults where they can design and make their own comic book or Manga t-shirt

Neurodiverse programming

Sensory time – Mon 2nd, 16th + 30th Sep 6pm

Lights are dimmed, noise is reduced and additional resources (sensory toys, magic table) are available on request.

Play session for Neurodiverse children and their siblings – Mon, 30th September @ 6pm

A fun play session in a relaxed environment

Booking on Eventbrite

Neurodiverse South: Autism and Adult Identification with Sharon McCarthy - Thurs, 5th September @ 6.30pm

In this talk, Sharon McCarthy aims to cover what the diagnostic process is like when someone decides to go about 'late identification' and what getting your diagnosis later in life means for you as a whole. Booking on Eventbrite

Neurodiverse South: Supporting parents during a diagnosis – Mon, 16th September @ 6.30pm

In this talk, Amanda McGuinness talks about the supports and guidance available for parents during their child's autism diagnosis.

Booking on Eventbrite

Exhibition

There are two exhibitors in September, Rathfarnham Art Group (Watercolours) and Emma Browne, 9th to 27th, (Acrylic paintings).



Castletymon Library

SUMMER ACTIVITIES (20th July – 2nd August)

Our annual two-week **Summer Activities for Children** ran from 20th July – 2nd August. This fifteen-event programme catered for children, from babies right up to older teenagers. First up was our **STEAM for those with Additional Needs** (20th) teaching Spin Painting.

The first full week started with **Plant Pot Painting** (22nd) and continued with two visits from **Rediscovery Centre** on **Energy + Circuits**, for ages 6-12, and **Sustainable Fashion**, for ages 12-18 (both 23rd). **Gymboree** were here for the little ones on the mornings of 24th and 31st.

Week one continued with **Seaside Arts & Crafts** (24th), a **LEGO Building Session** for our **LEGO Competition** (25th), the return of our popular **Badgemaking Session** (26th) and closed out with a show from the amazing **Danny Magic** (27th).

Week two featured **Rediscovery Centre** with two more sessions: Space, for ages 6-12, and Engineering, for those with additional needs aged 8+, both on 29th. We had a **Face Painting** session on the 30th and author **Alan Nolan** joined us on the 1st August. Finally, closing out the programme, we had **Luke Clerkin** delivering his **Louder Voices: Songwriting and Mental Health workshop** for older teens.



Castletymon Library

OTHER AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

Our **Spanish Conversation Class** continued into August with good attendance each week, as did our **Weekly Knitting Group** and our **Monthly Adult Book Club**.

We also featured lots of visits from various **Summer Camps** throughout July and August. We also have our monthly **STEAM for those with additional needs** event, which this month is on **Non-Newtonian Fluids**.

For **Heritage Week**, we have three events. First, on the 19th, we have the third in our seasonal series, **Autumn Gardening with Aoife Munn**. Next, we have **Tómas Maher leading a Watercourse Walk** on the morning of the 21st, and that evening, we will have **Historian Cathy Scuffil** delivering a talk entitled **Down By The River Poddle**.

Finally, the last week of August is our **End of Summer Party**. For adults we have the return of our popular **Tymon Music Sessions**, and for children, we have three events across Fri 30th Aug – **Jack Flash: Imagination Exploration**, our **Summer Stars Prizegiving Ceremony** and finally, for Back to School, we have **Healthy Smoothies with The Smoothie Bike**, the latter in conjunction with South Dublin Partnership.



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER

Looking forward to September, we have a new exhibition from **John Mullen** entitled **Postal History Celebration of the Northern Ireland Peace Agreement**, which runs until 27th September, with an **Exhibition Launch** on 2nd September.

Aoife Munn will be returning with a **Grow-It-Yourself** gardening workshop for teens on 10th. Also, for teens, **Feebee Foran** will be leading a **Local Area Foraging Walk** on the 17th and a workshop on **Starting Your Own Medicinal Herb Garden** on the 24th.

We will be hosting a two-part **Sunset Watercolour Workshop for Beginners** on 16th & 18th, a workshop with **Fiona Hall** on **Decluttering and Recycling**



Mobile Libraries Highlights

Park days in August will run until 23rd. Extra events were booked for the week leading up to the bank holiday and the week before schools open. So far we have been lucky with the weather with only 2 cancellations because of rain.

Schools service will resume in Sept. It will be expanded to include Fridays ie 4 new Deis schools will receive a service every 4 weeks. A further 3 schools that are not Deis and are close to Tallaght library and Palmerstown Hub will be dropped from the list and replaced with 3 Deis schools that have been waiting for several years.

Weekend events for August are Glenshane Community Day, Adamstown Community Day and The Colour run in Tymon Park.

We have been distributing the Little Library Bags at our Early Learning Centre visits and Summer camp visits. Two new public stops will be introduced from Sept in 2 new areas, Seven Mills and St Edmunds Square. A third one may be replaced based on its performance in August.

Latest new initiative is a new visit to Backstown in Lucan near the new Celbridge Link road where there are modular homes housing 500 Ukrainians. We are booked to visit on 30th August.

