



Clondalkin Library

ACM Report | September 2024

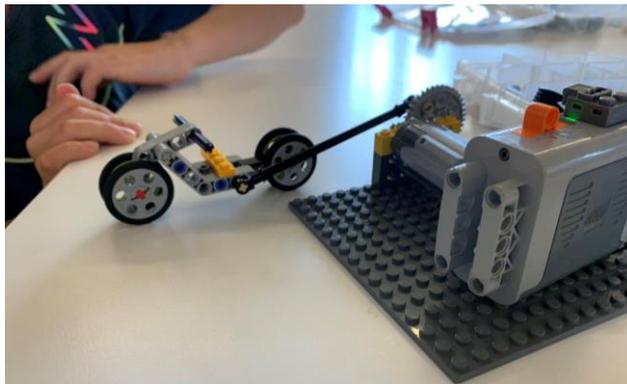


Clondalkin
Library
Statistics
January – July
2024

41,475 visitors

25,468 items issued

2,172 new members



Summer Activities for kids

Clondalkin Library hosted a two-week series of Summer activities for kids in July. 15 events were attended by 239 kids. Highlights included

- **Trading card swap**
- **Badge Making workshop**
- **Arts & Crafts sessions**
- **Lego robotics workshops**
- **Eco gardening for kids**
- **Author visit with Alan Nolan**
- **Gymboree play and music**
- **Roald Dahl Science**

Our summer concluded with a comedy magic show from the hilarious Reuben The Entertainer in the garden of the Round Tower Clondalkin on August 23rd. Over 100 people attended.

Summer Stars

Public Libraries across the country encouraged kids to read during the school holidays with the Summer Stars reading challenge. Kids are encouraged to read 8 books during the summer and can collect rewards along the way.

At the end August we chose 5 random runners up and 1 random grand prize winner from all the entries received





Seachtain Naisiunta na hOidhreacht
Clár den Chomhairle Oidhreachta

From the Rally to Right Now

20 years of Heritage Networking in Clondalkin

Family FUN Day
Domhnach 25/08/2024
1.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.

Áras Chrónáin-D22X856 & Brú Chrónáin-D22DV56

- Ceol - Music**
- Bréigéide - Fancy Dress**
- Taispeántais - Exhibitions (over 10 stands)**
- Péinteáil Éadan - Face Painting**
- SAOR - FREE**

Aíonna - Special Guests
Mayor Baby Pereppadan & Bernard Dunne



Is This What They Fought For? Women and Independent Ireland

With Liz Gillis

Clondalkin Library
Monday 19th August
6.30pm

Booking essential via Eventbrite

National Heritage Week
A Heritage Council programme



National Heritage Week 17th- 25th August

Is This What They Fought For? Women and Independent Ireland.

We were joined by Historian Liz Gillis who explored what life was like for women in the early years of the Irish Free State.

Create your own Brat Bride:

Artist Rita O'Loughlin is working to revive the tradition of leaving scarves and shawls out for St. Brigid to bless. In this workshop she teaches how to embroider and decorate second hand scarves.

From the Rally to Right Now

We were delighted to be invited to take part in this family fun day to mark 20 years of heritage networking in Clondalkin. Aoife and John from Clondalkin Library hosted an information table in Áras Chronáin to promote our local history resources.

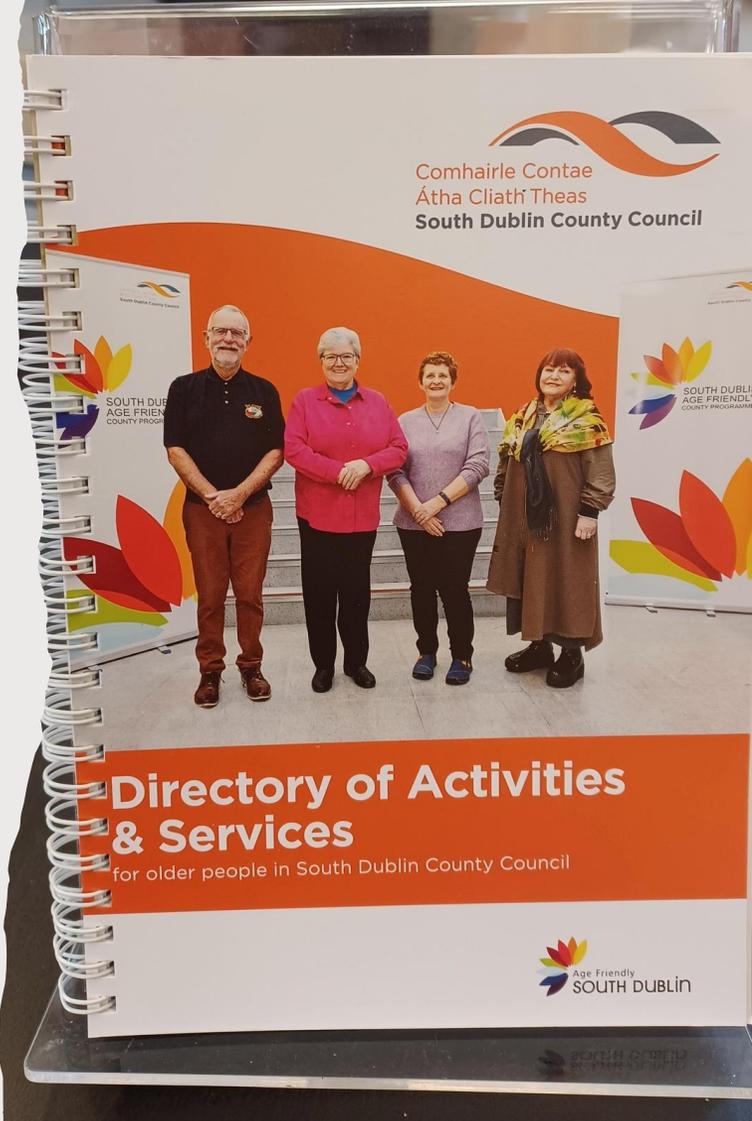
New History and Heritage Newsletter

We launched a brand-new newsletter dedicated to promoting History and Heritage offerings in Clondalkin Library



Age Friendly Initiatives

- Acorn tablets; with simplified user interface available to borrow for two months from South Dublin Libraries with your library card. Training and support provided
- Dedicated age friendly noticeboards with information
- Reading glasses and magnifying glasses available to use in the library
- Directory of Activities and Services
- One to one smartphone help sessions with library staff





There's a Little Library Bag for every child!

Pick up their **FREE** Little Library Book Bag at your local library



Little Library Bags

Libraries Ireland are once again offering a free My Little Library Book Bag to every child starting Junior Infants this September.

The bag contains a book as well as information for parents about helping children adjust to primary school.

The bags can be collected from any public library.

Upcoming classes & courses at Clondalkin Library

TTRS – Typing course
for kids / teens returns
in September

4 week learn to crochet
for Teens starts 18th
September

6 week course of
Computers for
beginners with DDLETB
starts 7th October

6 week course of Irish
for beginners with
Patricia Fogarty starts
22nd October

What's happening in September

The Neurodiverse Umbrella with Dr. Dorothy Armstrong

- A talk on neurodiversity and how adults can make home and school more inclusive of neurodivergent children and teens

Introduction to Borrowbox 18th September

- Get to grips with our e-book and audiobook app Borrowbox in this interactive session with library staff

Culture Night 20th September

- 4.00pm - Classical Kids Concert for kids age 3-8
- 6.30pm - An Evening with The Local Vocals Choir

Public Library Open Day 28th September

- Discover all your library has to offer.

Junior Comic Book Club 30th September

- Our monthly Comic Book Club for kids age 9-12 returns

The White Quakers of Newlands 30th September

- Local history talk with Albert Perris

Mobile Libraries Highlights

Schools service has resumed. It has been expanded to include Fridays ie 4 new DEIS schools will receive a service every 4 weeks.

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

Little Library Bags were distributed at our Early Learning Centre visits and Summer camp visits.

Two new public stops will be introduced from September in 2 new areas, Seven Mills and St Edmund's Square.



Enhancing Accessibility and Functionality at Clondalkin Library

Plans for refurbishment and access improvements for Clondalkin Library, which were communicated to local Councillors early this year, have now progressed with proposed designs set to proceed to Part 8 statutory consultation this month.

Interested parties can make submissions on the proposals for a six-week period after which final plans will be presented to the Council for approval, with approval sought for a new lift-block on the west elevation of the existing building to facilitate universal access as well as restoring the first floor to its full floorspace and repairing ground floor windows.

