Clondalkin Library

ACM Report | October 2024



Clondalkin Library September Statistics

5706 visitors

3552 items issued

147 new members

September Highlights

- BorrowBox demonstration session with John
- Neurodiverse South talk with Dr Dorothy Armstrong
- 4 week crochet class for teens
- The White Quakers of Newlands House with Albert Perris

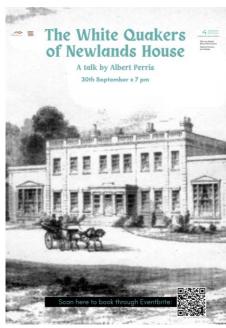
Regular Monthly activities resumed after summer break

- 2 Adult book clubs
- Writers Group
- Genealogy Group
- GIY Group
- Junior Comic Book Club
- Baby and Toddler Group













Culture Night took place nationwide on Friday 21st
September. Clondalkin Library opened late for two special events

Classical Kids concert for ages

 A three-piece string ensemble played for 25 parents and children. The children learned all about different instruments and the sounds they make. The trio delighted the audience with everything from Mozart to The Wheels on the Bus and the children even got to join in and make some noise with instruments of their own.

An Evening with The Local Vocals Choir

 We were delighted to welcome the Local Vocals Choir to Clondalkin Library once again for an evening performance. They played for an hour to a packed house and the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all.









Class visits

Our schedule of Class visits from Primary and Secondary schools have resumed with 12 Class visits already taking place in September including the Junior infants from Scoil Mhuire who enjoyed a story read by staff member Maria and collected their Little Library Bags during their visit.

Class visits take place most weekday mornings during term time. Teachers can book by contacting the library directly. We aim to facilitate as many as we can.



NATIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES OPEN DAY SAT 28 SEPT 2024 #FULLYBOOKEC' TakeacloserLook







National Public Libraries Open Day

Saturday 28th September was National Public Libraries open day. A national advertising and social media campaign encouraged people to #TakeACloserLook at all their local library has to offer.

South Dublin Libraries had a limited-edition tote bag to give to anyone who borrowed a book on the day.

In Clondalkin Library we had two family events on the day to celebrate

- Musical Tots with Karen for ages 0-4
- Engineering Sets free play for ages 6+





Red Line Book Festival Launch

The Red Line Book Festival was officially launched by Deputy Mayor of South Dublin County,

Councillor Alan Hayes in Work IQ, Tallaght Innovation Quarter on 10th September

The festival takes place between 14th – 20th October

There are over 40 events in fascinating performance venues including the Civic Theatre, Rua Red, Work IQ, Rathfarnham Castle, Pearse Museum, Brú Chrónáin-Round Tower Visitor Centre Clondalkin, The Old Courthouse, Rathcoole and The Coach House, Palmerstown with a variety of local cultural and historical offerings of events and workshops that will appeal to people of all ages and interests, from children to adults, casual readers to bookworms.

The Round Tower Visitor center will host

• The Last Disco – The True Story of the Stardust Tragedy (14th October)

Clondalkin Library will host two events

- Illustration workshop with PJ Lynch (15th October)
- Amanda Cassidy and Gill Perdue in Conversation (16th October)

Library Labs

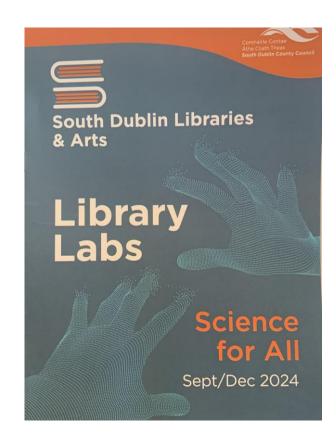
Library Labs STEAM returns for September – December!

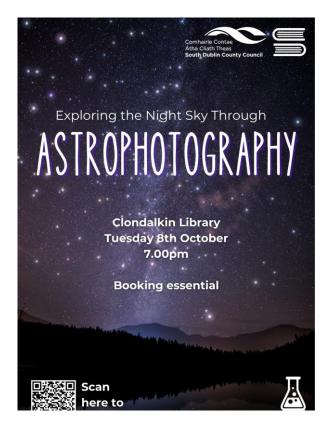
Library Labs is a year-long STEAM events programme aimed at promoting digital learning and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) resources across the county.

Library Labs has been nominated for a Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government award in the Innovation Category

In Clondalkin Library we will host Library Labs events for

- Space Week (Oct 4th -10th)
- Maths Week (Oct 12th 20th)
- Science Week (Nov 10th -17th)





What's happening in October

Library Labs

- Astrophotography Talk for Adults
- Family Science workshop
- CSI Maths workshops

Children's Book Festival

- Serena Molloy
- PJ Lynch
- John

Red Line Book Festival

- Amanda Cassidy and Gill Perdue
- PJ Lynch

Halloween Events

- Spooky Science
- Trick or Treat Badge Making
- Art with Elena

Media and Financial Literacy Talks

- Manage Your Money
- Be Media Savvy

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 Ukranians. We are booked to visit on 30th August.

