

# Rathfarnham/ Templeogue/ Firhouse/ Bohernabreena ACM

Libraries Report | November 2024

  
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Ballyroan Library had 19,266 visitors in September, with 15,257 items issued, and 478 new members registered.



# Library Labs: Science Week 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Nov

## Tuesday 12th (2 x Events for Schools)

The Ice Age Show with the Nutty Scientists

The kids will help our scientists overcome incredible challenges within the secret forest of Merlin the Wizard by performing amazing experiments. They will learn about the amazing properties of CO<sub>2</sub> and dry ice, getting to know sublimation, chemical reactions, pressure, density, weight, osmosis and more.

Tuesday 12th at 3pm

## Recycling to Regenerate

This engaging, drama-based workshop from As Creatives, specially developed for Science Week Ireland, explores some of the questions around climate change – and asks what we can actually do about it. Suit 8-10 year olds.

Wednesday 13th at 3:45pm

Hexagon Art workshop for 11-14 year olds.

Participants must be able to use a compass. Booking required.

## Thursday 14th at 5pm

Soldering workshop for Teens

Join Aidan Fitzmaurice for a STEAM soldering workshop. Learn to create your own working device for Science Week 2024.



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**Saturday 16th at 11.30am**

Superhero Science for Families!

Dr Barry W. Fitzgerald takes you on a captivating journey through the science behind the superpowers of some of your favourite superheroes. You'll learn about genetically engineering the X-Men, the science Tony Stark needed to develop the incredible Iron Man suit and the science behind producing spider silk just like Spider-Man. For families with children age 6+.

**Wednesday 20th (2 x Events for Schools)**

LEGO Robotics

The LEGO Spike workshop introduces students to the world of robotics and coding through hands-on activities using LEGO Spike Prime. Participants will build and program their own robots, learning core STEM concepts such as engineering, problem-solving, and basic coding in a fun and interactive way. Perfect for sparking creativity and innovation in young learners!



# Be Money and Media Savvy

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We will be delivering Financial and Media Literacy talks across the branch network in October and November in association with the DDLETB with funding received through the Collaboration and Innovation Fund. In Ballyroan the talks are as follows and booking on Eventbrite:

**Let's Talk Money with Caz Mooney** (@irishbudgeting) on Monday November 4th at 6.30pm





# Book Swap



# Adult Highlights November

## Wednesday 6th at 6pm

Classic movie screening: Misery

Kathy Bates plays one of cinema's all-time great villains, Annie Wilkes, in this taut classic adaptation of Stephen King's "Misery". Over 18s. Booking required.

## Friday 8th at 11am

Tai Chi for Adults with Ross Cousens

Tai Chi practice invigorates from within and provide a powerful antidote to stress.

## Tuesday 12th at 6.30pm

Adult Book Swap

This is a fantastic opportunity to discover new tomes, clear some of your unwanted titles and expand your personal library for some cosy winter reading.

## Monday 18th at 6.30pm

100 Years Ago Today - The Suicide of Millie Figgis in Rathfarnham - a talk by Albert Perris

On 18 November 1924 Millie (much admired for her participation in prisoner support activities and her nursing of wounded Volunteers) killed herself, using a revolver given to her by Michael Collins. Some implied that she had been in a state of permanent anxiety since a raid on her home and this explained her suicide; however, this was not the only plausible explanation. Join us for a fascinating talk on Millie Figgis, wife of Darrell Figgis who was a TD, in the first Dáil.



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**Tuesday 19th at 6.30pm**

How the Irish took over Boston

Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society presents a talk from Gerry Hogan. Booking essential.

**Wednesday 20th at 6.30pm**

Craic agus Ceol Open music session

Singers and musicians of all ages, abilities and levels are welcome to come and join our music session.

Bring your instrument, the words of your favourite song, or just join us for some music and refreshments. Funded by Creative Ireland.

**Tuesday 26th at 6.30pm**

**Kieran Swords Memorial Lecture**

Join historian Frank Tracy for a talk on Queen Victoria's visit to Killarney in 1861. This event is dedicated to the memory of Kieran Swords, late County Librarian for South Dublin County.

Booking required.

**Saturday 29th All Day**

Ballyroan Christmas Market.

**Monday 2nd December at 2pm**

Golden Moments - Quiz Time!

Early notice of our very popular quiz. All welcome - adults only.

21st Annual Kieran Swords Memorial Lecture

**Queen Victoria's visit to Killarney in 1861**

Lecture from historian Frank Tracy

Ballyroan Library



Tuesday 26 November at 6.30pm



*Christmas Market*

Ballyroan Library  
Saturday 30 November 2024





# Adult Highlights November

## Regular Adult Events

Ballyroan Gardening Group - Friday 1st at 10am.

Ciorcal Cainte – Wednesday 13th at 11am.

History Hub – Thursday 7th at 1.30pm (Fire in the Blood: The Vikings in Ireland documentary film and discussion).

James Joyce Reading Group - Saturday 16th at 11am.

The Reading Circle – Thursday 21st at 7pm.

Stitched Together - Every Monday from 11am to 12.30pm and every Thursday from 6.30pm to 8pm.

## Exhibitions

Damian Byrne is exhibiting until 8th and the Rathfarnham Photography Group photo exhibition will run then until 29th.





# Child/Teen Highlights November

## **Saturday 2nd at 2.30pm**

4 frame comic workshop for teens with artist Shota Kotake.

## **Monday 4th for 4 weeks at 4.30pm**

Songwriting for teens with NOISE Music

Join NOISE music for this 4 week course to learn the fundamentals of songwriting and music making. For ages 13-17 only. Booking required.

## **Tuesdays 5th and 19th at 5pm**

Teen Creative Writing Club

Join the library's creative writing group for teens. For ages 13-17. Get inspired! Booking required.

## **Monday 11th at 4.30pm**

Sensory Explorers play session

Sensory play for neurodiverse children and their siblings. Suitable for ages 5+. Booking required.

## **Wednesday 20th at 3.30pm**

Ballyroan Book Worms: Junior Book Club

Our book for this month is *The Worst Witch* by Jill Murphy. Once you have booked your place on Eventbrite the book will be available to collect in the library from 27 October. For ages 8-10.

## **Thursdays 21st for 5 weeks**

Musical Fun for Little ones

Hannah Lee from Music Generation hosts this 5-week series.

Age 0-18 months 10.30 - 11am

Age 18 months – 4 years 11.15 -11.45am





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## Regular Events for Children

Baby Book Club Friday 22nd at 10am

Toddler Time – Every Tuesday at 10am

Junior Chess with Fred - Every Saturday at 10am

Storytime – Every Monday at 3.30pm

Coderdojo – Every second Wednesday at 6pm





# Castletymon Library

Looking forward to in November

We've a very busy November! First up, we will have two events for Comic Fest on 4th November (Hugh Madden: Exploring Comics using Haiku, for TY) and 9th November (Eva Kelly: Drawing workshop for adults and older teens). Also for teens, we will have author Tanya Farrelly teaching a creative writing workshop (5th) and Create School will be here on the 12th with a workshop on Podcasting.

Our regular classes continue with Beginners Spanish, Spanish Conversation, Computer Classes with the DDLETB, TTRS (Touch-Type-Read-Spell), as new courses, Chair Yoga with Sally Dune (starting 7th) and Baby Sign Language with Claire Dunne (starting 14th) and Colouring and Relaxation for Adults (starting 18th). Our regular groups Toddler and Knitting also continue. As do regular and frequent class visits from many local schools in the area.



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Science is a big thing this month with our Season of Science events. We'll have a STEAM Day with Rediscovery Centre on 8th November where they'll be delivering workshops on Climate Heroes and Sustainable Living. As Creatives will be here with all things Regeneration on 11th November with three workshops on Saving Planet Earth! and Regeneration Journeys. The Nutty Scientists will be here on 12th with an event for neurodiverse children, The Ice Age Show. We will also have our monthly STEAM for those with additional needs session, which this month is on making Fake Snow!

Season of Science also has plenty to look forward to for adults with author Richard Nairn talking about restoration and his book Future Wild on 13th, living legend Don Conroy will be here with a talk, Drawn to Nature, on 14th and a Natural Dye Eco-Printing Workshop on 16th.

Our talks for adults this month includes Only a Soldier Knows, where author and soldier Ray Lane will be interviewed about his memoir of the same name by soldier and historian Michael J Whelan on 18th, as well as, on the 27th, a talk with author David Burke who will be here discussing his new book, The Puppet Masters: How MI6 Masterminded Ireland's Deep State Crisis.





# Mobile Libraries Highlights

The mobile library service had almost 4,000 visitors to its public stops in September, in addition to 20 school visits and 96 Library @ Home Deliveries.

A new stop at the Ukrainian modular housing at Stonewell, Lucan has been hugely popular, with 120 people signing up for library membership on the first day, and an average of 95 people borrowing books each week since.

During the October mid-term break, the mobile library has attended Hallowe'en camps at Knockmitten Community Centre, and the Park Community Centre, Firhouse, as well as visiting the cadets at Casement Aerodrome, where over 50 signed up for library membership.

