



Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM

Libraries Report | November 2024



November at NCL

North Clondalkin Libraries had 10,210 visitors in October 2024.

North Clondalkin Library held approximately 130 events in November 2024 - ranging from music to book clubs, STEAM events to line dancing and much more.

ComicFest

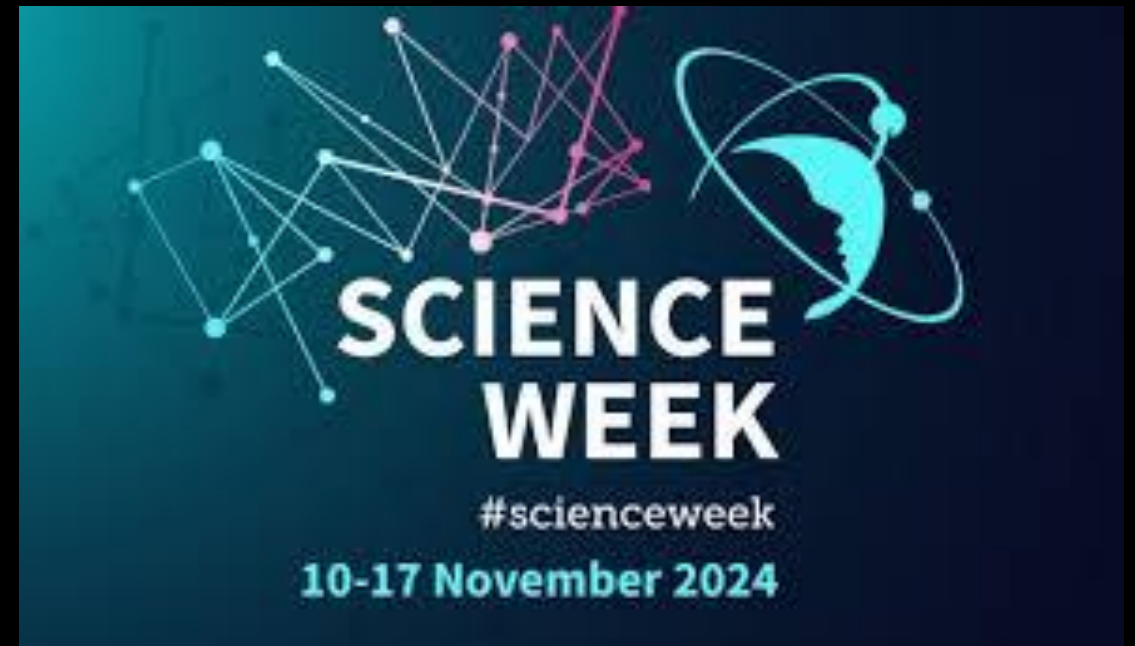
Comic Fest was celebrated throughout the County in November. This is the third year of the festival and it is going from strength to strength with events organised throughout the branch Network. North Clondalkin Library successfully ran two events:

Tuesday 5th November: Author visit with author and Graphic Artist Alan Nolan - attended by two senior classes from local primary schools.

Saturday 9th November: Pokeman Drawing Workshop with illustrator Amy Louise Callaghan for 7–9-year-olds .

November at NCL

- **Library Labs: Science Week**
- Science Week takes place from 10th – 17th November and features events for both children and adults.
- For Schools we have The Regeneration Generation: Regeneration in Practice on 14th.
- For Neurodiverse children we have The Ice Age Show with the nutty Scientists on 15th.
- For Children and families, we have Regeneration Generation: Recycling to Regenerate on 14th November and Superhero Science with Dr. Barry Fitzgerald on 16th.





November at NCL

Christmas Craft Fair and Family Fun Day: Saturday 23rd November

- With over 25 stalls from Local Crafters – there was lots to keep both children and adults entertained on the day.
- Children's events included a seasonal Go Fly Your Kite sessions (10.30 am/ 11.30am); Family Magic Show (12.30pm); Visit from Santa (1.30pm) along with Musical entertainment from the Clondalkin Recovery Choir.

November at NCL

Africa History Month Ireland

- To celebrate Africa History Month, North Clondalkin Library will host 2 days of events- including an Exhibition, music, dance, storytelling sessions.
- Local Primary Schools were invited along to the Friday sessions with Saturday sessions open to members of the public.



October at Lucan Library

Lucan Library had 11,816 visitors in October 2024.

October saw us celebrate Children's Book Festival, Space Week, Maths Week, Dublin History Festival and Halloween! We also hosted 3 events for Red Line Book Festival. November will also be busy with Adult Literacy for Life Finance and Media talks; Comic Fest; Science Week; a Christmas Jumper Swop; History Talk and Parenting Talk.

Red Line Book Festival

Once again, a very successful Festival with all 3 of Lucan's events fully booked. We hosted author Martina Devlin in conversation with Dr Jarlath Killeen and Sinead Cuddihy, as they discussed Martina's new novel based on Charlotte Bronte. Colm Keegan shared his insights on the spoken word in a poetry workshop and Ellen Brickley led a workshop on personal essay writing.



October at Lucan Library

Other highlights included:

- **Childrens Book Festival** received a great response from local schools with groups coming from all over Lucan area to author visits. We also had an illustrator from Wales, Thomas Dougherty, giving a workshop after school which was fully booked.
- **Halloween:** there was plenty of fun activity on offer for local children with The Cool Food School, Arts and Crafts, Creative Writing and a Halloween afternoon with Genie Mackers Magic Show and Face Painting.
- **Music at the library:** we were delighted to welcome Universal Dream as part of South Dublin County Live. These 4 vocalists and musicians were from Ukraine, Ireland and Africa and all who attended enjoyed it immensely.



November Highlights at Lucan Library

- **Lucan Lions Peace Poster Prize Giving:** Tuesday 12th November at 7pm – Lucan library will host the prize giving ceremony for the Lucan Lions Peace Poster competition. We are displaying the shortlisted entries for all the community to view these works by Lucan young people, which highlight the importance of peace, unity and kindness in our world.
- **Adult Literacy for Life Talks** – Be Money and Media Savvy. Lucan Library hosted 2 talks in early November, funded by the Adult Literacy for Life Collaboration fund. Aoife Gaffney, money coach behind Prudence Moneypenny website, shared her tips and experience on managing your money. Martina Chapman, from Media Literacy Ireland, provided a timely talk on identifying fact from fiction in today's world of misinformation and fake news. Participants received a goody bag with pen and notebook, along with some useful handouts.
- We received a call today from a member of the public who had attended both talks and wanted to thank us for the very interesting and valuable sessions.



November Highlights at Lucan Library

*Library Labs: Science Week 10th – 17th
November*

- *For Schools: Regeneration Generation: Regeneration – As Easy as it Sounds? Friday 15th*
- *For neurodiverse children: The Ice Age Show with the Nutty Scientists. Wed 13th*
- *For Children & Families: Regeneration Generation: Regeneration Journeys, Friday 15th. Colourful Chemistry Sat 16th.*
- *For Adults: Inside Forensics with Dr. Craig Mullen of Forensic Science Ireland.*



Monday 1
November

7pm

Inside Forensic Science

Celebrating Season of Science



November Highlights at Palmerstown Library

Palmerstown Library had 1676 visitors in October.

Palmerstown Library held 20 events in November 2024 - ranging from music to book clubs to author interviews.

- In conjunction with The Coach House, we are hosting an author interview with Christine Dwyer Hickey.
- For 4 weeks Clever Little Handies are delivering a fun and interactive baby sign language classes.
- Ongoing are our book clubs, adult and junior and Family Tree History Research Group.
- Comic Fest is being celebrated with Making Manga Comics with Amy Louise O'Callaghan and a Superhero Facepainting session.
- For Science Week The Nutty Scientists are hosting an Ice Age Show
- Weekly storytime for kids and Saturday morning events for kids are ongoing.



NO EVENING WITH CHRISTINE DWYER HICKEY

Christine Dwyer Hickey in conversation with Librarian Máirín McCrystal about her latest book, Our London Lives.

The Coach House,
Palmerstown
Thursday 7th
November at 7:00pm

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.

