



Clondalkin Library

ACM Report | December 2024



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Clondalkin
Library
November
Statistics

5909 visitors

3868 items issued

243 new members



**My Brat Bhríde at
Clondalkin Library**
*Winner of National
Heritage Week Award
for South Dublin*

We were honoured to receive the news that the 'My Brat Bhríde' workshop in Clondalkin Library won the National Heritage Week County Award for South Dublin. As you can see from the photographs it was a very vibrant event and a worthy winner.

Facilitator Rita O'Loughlin will be back with us in January to work with the TY students from Coláiste Cillian on a project in anticipation of the annual Lá Fhéile Bhríde celebrations in Clondalkin



Exhibition : Reflections on Corkagh Park

From 1st – 15th November Clondalkin Library was delighted to host an exhibition by members of Sruleen Women's Art Group. Entitled ***Reflections on Corkagh Park*** This exhibition brought together a group of artist friends who have been celebrating all things artistic and creative for more than thirty five years.

Through an array of mediums, they explore and celebrate the beauty, resilience and spirit of the natural world that is on display in Corkagh Park

The artists involved in this exhibition were: Marie Dunne, Mary Mc Guigan, Marian Keogh, Christina McDonnell, Mary Wynne, Breda Greene, Christine Carey, Jacinta Mc Mahon and Jackie Keane.

ComicFest 2024

November 2024 saw the return of ComicFest to South Dublin Libraries for the fourth year. Between Nov 4th and 9th libraries hosted a range of talks and workshops by writers and illustrators working in the comics industry. With events for all ages to enjoy.

We also took the opportunity to promote the wide variety of comics, graphic novels and manga books available to borrow from our libraries with titles suitable for all ages.

In Clondalkin Library;

- **Maeve Devoy** delivered a workshop to our Junior Comics Club about how to plan and write a comic strip.
- Illustrator **Eva Kelly** gave a hands- on workshop for adults.
- Manga Artist **Amy Louise O'Callaghan** taught some budding artists how to draw their favourite Pokémon
- Artist **Elena Buttner** delighted our younger patrons with Superhero themed arts and crafts





Creative Writing at Clondalkin Library

In November Clondalkin Library promoted Creative Writing with workshops for Adults and Children.

Author **Louise Phillips** delivered a two- part introduction to creative writing workshop for adults.

Colm Keegan hosted a poetry writing workshop entitled '*Spit It Out*'

Poet **Fiona Bolger** brought *Dubylon; Poems about Dublin in as many languages* an intercultural poetry project to Clondalkin Library with a special talk workshop.

Children's Author **Juliette Saumande** made poetry with the children from St. Joseph's BNS 6th Class



Participant Feedback – '*I really enjoyed this workshop over the last couple of weeks. Louise was fantastic, I found the content very interesting and the interaction was great. I hope that there are further workshops on this subject.*' Sean

Library Labs

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.

In November Clondalkin Library hosted the following Library Labs events

- Introduction to Geocaching – Geocaching is a worldwide treasure hunt for adults.
- The Regeneration Generation - Climate workshops focused on sustainable travel for schools and public
- Nutty Scientists workshops for Schools



Family Time at Your Library

In December each year libraries across Ireland plan family events to encourage adults and children to read together and use library services.

In December Clondalkin Library will have several events as part of the Family Time programme including

- Christmas Colouring Competition
- Winter Stories from around the world – Bi Lingual storytelling with Roisín Murphy
- Christmas Storytime (Each Tuesday at 3.30pm)
- Christmas Family Fun day (20th December)
 - Toddler Time with Musical Tots
 - Festive Face Painting
 - Visit from Santa





Christmas at Clondalkin Library

Festive events

- Winter Storytelling from Around the world
- The Local Vocals Christmas Concert

Christmas Crafts

- For Adults with Martina Kirwan
- For Children with Elena Buttner
- Colouring competition

Christmas Science with Anyone4Science

- Chromatography
- Christmas Tree Crystals

Family Fun Day

- Musical Tots
- Meet Santa
- Facepainting

Mobile Libraries Highlights

In November the Mobile libraries issued 8672 items, registered 432 new members and had 7413 visitors.

Mobile Libraries have 36 weekly public stops and are consistently yielding a high footfall this winter. Acting on public feedback, the Fettercairn stop has been reinstated to an earlier time in December at 2.30pm and our new Elder Heath Green stop in Kiltipper is going to a slightly later time at 3.30pm.

We visited Tallaght Youthreach on 6th December. We will also make our last visits to St Michael's House and Citywest Hotel in 2024 festive visits with treats for our patrons. We will be visiting Bloomfield Care Home with a music session from The Christmas Crooners on 18th December to mark the opening of a newly refurbished area in the home. There is also a surprise event booked for 19th Dec for our last visit before Christmas to the Ukrainian community at Stonewell, Lucan. This stop has an average of 80 people visiting in the 40 mins that we are there, mostly young families.

