

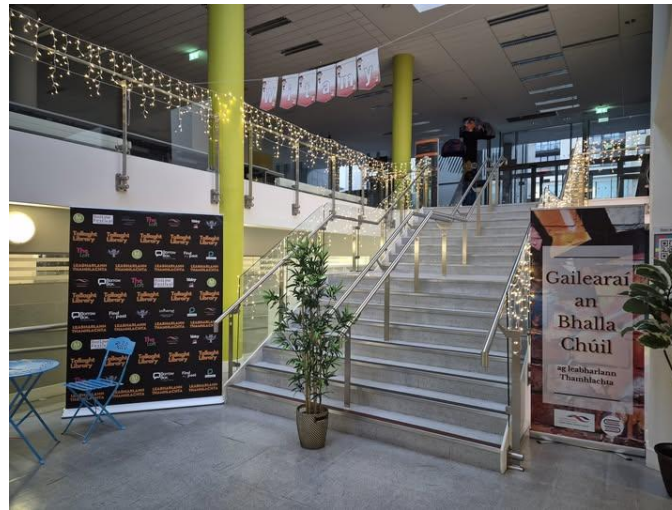
# Tallaght, Castletymon and Mobile libraries

December ACM report 2024



# 2024 November Tallaght Library

Visits: 19407  
Events: 170  
Issues: 8823  
New Members:  
538





## Highlights Late November @Tallaght library

27<sup>th</sup> of November: Home Energy Saving Talk

There was plenty of great advice at our home energy saving talk by Gobnait from Codema, Dublin's energy agency, where participants were shown how to use the library's home energy savings kit and home energy queries were answered.

If you are looking to save energy and to help keep your house snug this winter, you can request a kit from the library - email us at [tallaghtlibrary@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:tallaghtlibrary@sdblincoco.ie) or enquire at the main library desk.

In a STEAM workshop with Aidan Fitzmaurice in Tallaght Library, children built a machine that can make a ball float in mid-air using a very simple circuit.



## December @Tallaght library

- Drop your letter to Santa into our red post box in Tallaght Library and he will send you a reply by post. Staff in Tallaght Library will be passing on the letters to Santa at the North Pole. Last day for letters to arrive to Tallaght library is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of December
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of December, Christmas digital coffee morning, 11.00- 1.00pm.
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of December, music in the library from Christmas Crooners, Silent Disco for children 3.00pm and 4.00pm, with festive face painting 3.00pm – 5.00pm.
- Tallaght Library Christmas Craft Fair, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of December from 11.00am – 3.00pm featuring craft stalls, appearance from Santa, Ninja Bread Man puppet show and music from Mellow Cords
- 11<sup>th</sup> of December 3.00pm, family movie, the Muppets Christmas Carol.
- Christmas flower arranging workshop 1.30- 3.00pm, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of December.
- Christmas bingo, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of December.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of December, Christmas sing along with Rachel Drew, 11.00am.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of December, magician Joe Daly will be in the library at 2.00pm.
- 17<sup>th</sup> of December, arts and crafts for adults with Kim Jenkinson making Christmas paper poinsettia decorations.
- 17<sup>th</sup> of December, Christmas sing along, 11.00am.





# D24 Reads

- A reading Challenge run through Tallaght library and Castletymon library in 2024,
- Readers were challenged to read up to 24 books.
- When patrons signed up for the challenge, they received a loyalty bookmark & collected stamps for every book read.
- When participants reached each milestone, they received a prize!
- Anyone to read 24 books has received a €24 book voucher.
- 280 people signed up for the challenge in Tallaght and Castletymon libraries.
- D24 Reads Author visits and book themed events have also taken place.
- Latest event- D24 reads Christmas book chat featuring blind date with a book, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.



# Coming soon in January

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of January, **Nollaig na mBan** evening featuring short movie and poetry readings.
- **Healthy Ireland Fair**, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of January, Tallaght library.
- **Mapping Tallaght's Future: An Artistic Community Project for Schools.** Workshops for two local primary schools on history and heritage, urban planning and a creative workshop with artist Eva Kelly.
- **Tradfest** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Tallaght library. Talk about digitisation of music records an open trad session and a Film Screening of *"Tommie Potts: The Fireman Fiddler of the Coombe"*







# Castletymon Library December Highlights

In November Castletymon Library issued 3534 items, registered 74 new members and had 5575 visitors.

For Children and Teens, we have **Glow Group: Robotics and Coding** for TY on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, a **Christmas Picturebook Storytime with Julianne McKeigue** on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, as well as a **Visit from Santa** on Weds 11<sup>th</sup> for our regular **Parent and Toddler Group**. Finally, we have **Christmas Crafts for Kids with Kim Jenkinson** (16<sup>th</sup>).

Our very popular **Christmas Craft Fair** returns on 7<sup>th</sup> December from 11am – 4pm, with a special Christmas performance from **Danny Magic** at 12pm.

For Adults, our regular **Spanish Conversation, Knitting Group** and **Adult Book Club** continue into December. For Christmas, we are focussed on music with the **Christmas Edition of our Music Session** (11<sup>th</sup>) and a special performance of **Christmas Songs by the Firhouse Ukulele Group** on Sat 14<sup>th</sup>. To round out the season, we have a two-part **Christmas Watercolours Workshop** on 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.



# 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.

