



Clondalkin Library

ACM Report | January 2025



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Clondalkin
Library
December
Statistics

4,467 visitors

2,697 items issued

73 new members



2024 in Clondalkin Library

68,707 – visitors

488 - events

46,208 - items issued



5823 - computer sessions



Schools Programme

In 2024 there were 142 class visits to Clondalkin Library.

Most of these were regular scheduled visits where children borrowed and returned library books

In addition Clondalkin Library had a full programme of events and activities specifically for school groups. These ranged from author Visits, hands on maths and science workshops, art workshops, local history talks and more.

Pictured are students from Gaelscoil na Camoige who visited the library in December and used our maker equipment to design and make badges for their school committees.



Christmas at Clondalkin Library



Clondalkin Library was in full festive mode throughout December.

Our adult crafters made table decorations. Roisin murphy told winter stories in Irish and English to an audience of Adults and Children.

The Local Vocals performed Christmas Classics to an audience of approx. 50

30 children had their faces painted and their picture taken with Santa in the library.

Our Christmas colouring competition had nearly 100 entries and 6 winners were chosen to receive a prize.



Firstival

13th – 18th January

Join us in South Dublin Libraries for a celebration of curiosity, creativity, and new experiences. Whether it's your first storytime, craft session, or dance workshop, there's something special waiting for everyone.

In Clondalkin Library we will host the following events as part of Firstival

- Bookbinding workshop (13th Jan)
- Tai Chi taster session (16th Jan)



Discover your new favourite activity at South Dublin Libraries this January



Firstival
13th - 18th January 2025

Comhairle Contae
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South Dublin County Council



TRAD FEST



IN SOUTH DUBLIN

Tradfest is celebrating it's 20th year and is coming to South Dublin for the first time. In addition to headline performances in venues across the county we are delighted to be hosting tie-in workshops in Clondalkin Library

Saturday 25th January

Try the Pipes with Na Pìobairì Uilleann Saturday
25th January 12.00pm

Bodhran workshop for kids Saturday
25th January 2.30pm Suitable for ages 7-12

In addition our adult book club is reading Peggy Seeger's Autobiography '*First Time Ever*' to tie in with her live in conversation event in Aras Chrónain.

What else is coming up

Starts and crafts for kids . Brigid's day with Elena (Jan 31st)

6 week Crochet Class for Adults (starts Feb 5th)

New Adult Book Club – Launching February

Ireland Reads
Feb 22nd

Songwriting workshop for Teens (Feb 18th)

Drop in smartphone help sessions

Mobile Libraries Highlights

Events booked for Jan 2025

Tuesday 14 January 2025	An Cosan (St Anne's Fettercarin)
Thursday 16 January 2025	Scoil Mochua Special School
Tuesday 21 January 2025	Startbright Greenhills
Thursday 23 January 2025	Stewarts Special School
Tuesday 30 January 2024	Citywest Hotel (Ukrainian Visit)
Tuesday 30 January 2024	Bloomfield Care Centre
Friday 31 January 2025	The Priory (St Brigids Cross Workshop)

There is a rise in requests for visits from special needs services and schools. These visits are unique in that the users are unable to visit libraries due to lack of appropriate transport or the nature of their needs. We are developing a specific service for this cohort using our multisensory toys and assigning staff who are experienced with special needs. It is very important to get this right as the visits are very much valued by the teachers and care workers as access to library resources.

Our visitors to public stops in 2023 totalled 27, 284 . In 2024 we had 35,722. A 31% increase. This is largely due to strategic planning and reaching out to new communities.

Overall footfall to schools, public stops and events increased by 26% ie 55,002 in 2023 to 69, 450 in 2024. We expanded our school outreach from September 2024 by introducing Friday visits.

