

# Tallaght, Castletymon and Mobile Libraries

January ACM report 2025



# 2024 December Tallaght Library

Visits: **13,875**

Events: **100**

With **3041** attendees

Issues: **5,632**

New Borrowers: **217**



# December Highlights

## Christmas at Tallaght Library

Christmas Craft fair, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Over 1,600 people walked through the door

59 craft stands

Music, entertainment & Santa Clause

Santa letters

Christmas flower arranging

Christmas Bingo

Family Movie

Christmas Singalong with Rachel Drew

Magic Show with Joe Daly

Arts and crafts for adults

Music with the Christmas Crooners,

Silent Disco for children,

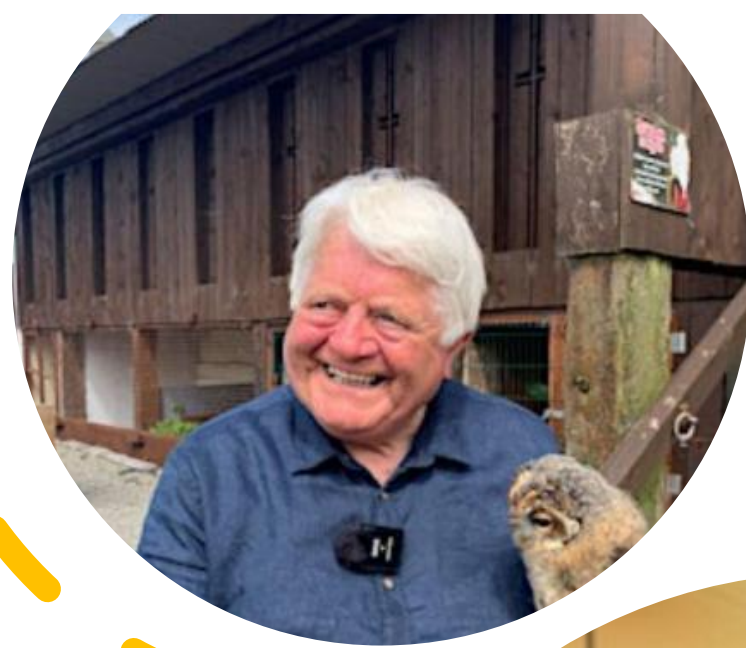
Festive Face Painting

And much more...



# Firstival: 13 – 18 January

- New Festival for January 2025 across all South Dublin Libraries.
- Try Something New in January.
- Events in Tallaght Library:
  - **Paint and Prosecco, 13 Jan**
  - **Draw Along with Don Conroy, 14 Jan**
  - **Coppers: The Workout, 15 Jan**
  - **Samba Drumming Workshop, 16 Jan**
  - **Sashiko Mending with Nicki Collier, 16 Jan**



# TradFest in Tallaght Library

- **Saturday, 25 January**
- 12 pm: Talk | **Digitisation of historic recordings of Irish Traditional Music**
- 1 pm: Open Trad Session | **With Alison Gough (fiddle) and Martin Nolan (uilleann pipes)**
- 2 pm: Screening | **Tommie Potts: The Fireman Fiddler of the Coombe**



# Healthy Ireland Fair, Wed 29 Jan

## LIBRARY SQUARE

**9.30 – 5 pm** Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Unit

**10 – 4 pm** Marie Keating Mobile Health Unit

## LIBRARY FLOOR

- **9.45am** Sarah Glennon | CNM2 Infant Feeding/Lactation | HSE Dublin South West Community Healthcare Breast Feeding and New Mothers Support
- **10.30 am:** Baby Dance & Movement
- **11.30 am :** Karl Henry Key Note Talk
- **12.30 pm :** Chair Yoga Taster Session
- **1.30 pm :** Your Health, Your Choice Talk – Marie Keating Foundation
- **2 – 4 pm :** Smoothie Bike
- **2.30 pm :** Tai Chi Taster Session
- **3.30 pm and 4.30 pm:** Children’s Silent Disco and Dance
- **3.30pm:** Sensory Explorers (Neurodiverse Play Session)
- **6.30 pm** ADHD Talk (ADHD Connections)



## More Events...

- **Nollaig na mBan**, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of January, evening featuring short movie and poetry readings
- **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
- **St Brigid's Day** Children's art workshop with Kim Jenkinson using a mix of fabric, wire and natural materials to create a traditional Brídeog doll to celebrate St. Brigid's day.
- **D24 Reads** returns in February 2025.



# Castletymon Library January Highlights

We have a full range of classes, clubs and groups for adults starting afresh this month: a new series of **Beginners Spanish** (starting 14<sup>th</sup> Jan) and its more advanced counterpart **Spanish Conversation** (starting 8<sup>th</sup> Jan). We also have the return of the always popular five-week course **Healthy Food Made Easy** (starting 8<sup>th</sup> Jan) and a new series of our **Computer Classes** in partnership with the DDLETB (starting 10<sup>th</sup> Jan). Finally, our **Knitting Group** and **Adult Book Club** continue.

For little ones we have the return of our **Early Years Music Classes** for ages 0-18 months and 18 months to 4 years (both starting 9<sup>th</sup> Jan). We also have a **St Brigid's Arts and Crafts** for ages 3-8 (30<sup>th</sup>) and for those with additional needs, we have our monthly **STEAM session**, which this month is Balance Robots (25<sup>th</sup>). Finally, we are hosting a session on **Podcasting** with Createschool for teens (21<sup>st</sup>).

Finally, we are taking part in two festivals this month. For **Firstival**, we are hosting a **Tai Chi** session (10<sup>th</sup>) and a workshop on **Bookbinding** (15<sup>th</sup>) and for **Tradfest**, we are hosting a talk by historian **Cathy Scuffil on St Maelruain's** (22<sup>nd</sup>), which this year is a Tradfest venue, and a special edition of our regular trad session, **The Tymon Sessions** (23<sup>rd</sup>).





# 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.

