

A photograph of a busy library children's area. In the foreground, a woman is playing an acoustic guitar. In the background, several people are sitting at tables, some reading and some talking. There are bookshelves, a computer workstation, and a sign that says "Children's Fiction". A book titled "THREE CASTLES BURNING" by DONAL FALLON is prominently displayed on the left. The room is decorated with colorful items and has large windows in the background.

# Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin ACM

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Libraries Report | January 2025



# December Stats NCL, Lucan, Palmerstown & Mobile Libraries

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- NCL had 108 events attended by 2040 people, issued 2194 items and registered 60 new borrowers and had 5758 visitors.
- Lucan Library had 42 events, issued 7064 items and registered 131 new borrowers and had 8302 visitors.
- Palmerstown Library issued 541 items and registered 25 new borrowers and had 1014 visitors.
- Mobile Libraries issued 4851 items and registered 98 new borrowers and had 4106 visitors.

In December NCL, Palmerstown and the Mobile Libraries closed at 8pm on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lucan Library remained open to My Open Library borrowers throughout the Christmas period.







# January at NCL: Firstival

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South Dublin Libraries festival of taster workshops for adults. Here at NCL we are offering taster sessions in:

- ***Coppers the Workout January 14<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Bookbinding for Adults January 14<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Go for Life Games January 14<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Slow Stitch Broaches workshop January 15<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Hammer & Plant Workshop January 15<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Lego Comic Workshop for Adults January 16<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Orienteering session in the Park January 18<sup>th</sup>***

For more detail and to book please see [southdublin.spydus.ie](https://southdublin.spydus.ie)



**Discover your new  
favourite activity at  
South Dublin Libraries  
this January**



**Firstival**  
13th - 18th January 2025

Comhairle Contae  
Átha Cliath Theas  
South Dublin County Council



# January at NCL:

## 2025 A to Z Reading Challenge:

- Challenges customers/staff to read 25 Books in 2025.
- Throughout the year we will be hosting visiting authors to promote the reading programme.

## First Fortnight Festival:

- Pod Cast with Luke Clerkin
- Infinity Healing with Mandy
- Display (Elephant in the Room) & Book Display.



NCL IS HAPPY TO PROMOTE FIRST FORTNIGHT FESTIVAL  
SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH THE ARTS



# January at NCL: St. Brigid's Day Events

Events and activities in the week running up to St. Brigid's Day include:

St Brigid Cross Making

St Brigid Cloak Patches (Kids can decorate squares added to the growing St. Brigid Cloak!)

Natural Facials with Barbara Mc Ateer:  
Monday 27th January. (Women's Event)

Bi-lingual Storytelling with Roisin Murphy:  
Wednesday 29th January.





# My Open Library at Lucan Library

## My Open Library:

The Christmas Closure period was our first experience of **My Open Library**. Everything went smoothly. Some of the library members who have attended the mandatory induction sessions did use the library for changing books or study. Library Staff continue to carry out inductions a few times a week, so the access to My Open Library is constantly increasing.





# January at Lucan Library

- **Firstival** – South Dublin Libraries festival of taster sessions for adults. Here at Lucan we are offering taster sessions in: Drumming / Modern Calligraphy / Bollywood Dancing. Details on Lucan Library Eventbrite.
- **Beat the January Blues** – a Self-Care talk by Gillian Fagan, psychologist (Thursday 23rd January, 7pm)
- Kick Start 2025 with a **Money Power Hour** with Aoife Gaffney of Prudence Money Coaching. No jargon, just practical tips. (Friday 24th January, 11am).

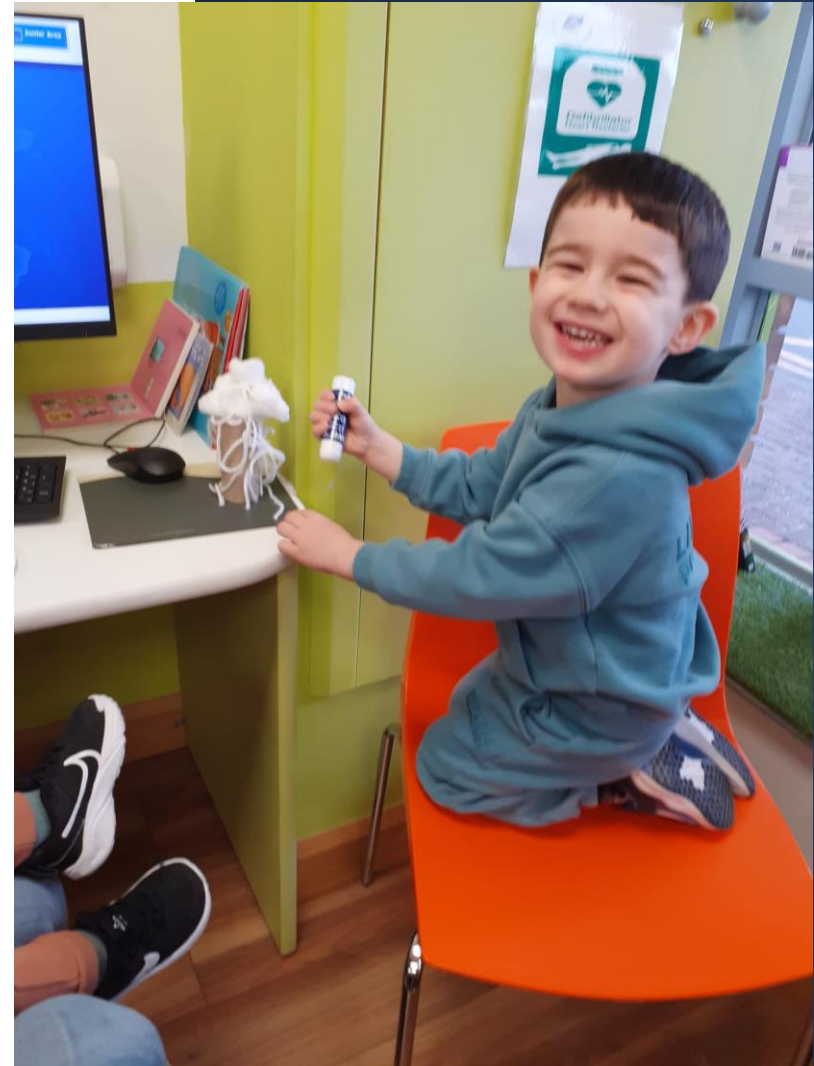




# January at Palmerstown Library

Palmerstown Library held approximately 15 events in January 2025 - ranging from information talks to bookclubs to craft workshops for adults and children.

- Each Thursday we hold class visits with the local primary schools.
- In conjunction with Firstival Festival, we are hosting a Macramé workshop with Martina Kirwan and a taster session for The Reading Circle.
- Ongoing are our book clubs, adult and junior and Family Tree Research Group who meet twice a month.
- We are hosting a information talk with solicitor, Natasha McKenna on 'Making a Will'.
- Weekly storytime @ The Library with our resident storyteller for kids and Saturday morning events for kids are ongoing.



# 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.

