

Rathfarnham-Templeogue Firhouse-Bohernabreena ACM

Libraries Report | March 2025



January Statistics

- Ballyroan Library had 21,572 visitors in December, with 16,285 items issued, and 457 new members registered.
- Castletymon Library had 5246 visitors, with 3865 items issued and 46 newly registered patrons.
- Mobile Libraries had 6929 visitors, with 8204 items issued and 93 newly registered patrons.



Seachtain na Gaeilge at Ballyroan Library

The strength of sweets! Tuesday 11th March

Anyone4Science will deliver 2 x bilingual class workshops. The children make a force meter and test the strength of jelly sweets. They learn about pulling forces, fair testing, repeatable and reliable testing and how incredibly strong jelly sweets are.

A journey Through the Landscape of the Irish Language/ Turas trí thírdhreach na Gaeilge Tuesday 11th at 7pm

A talk for adults from Garry Bannister, author of the book What's that as Béarla: An Irish-English Phrasebook. Language is a means of understanding the world around us. We reveal this world to ourselves through speech and our daily usage of the language we speak. Our experience of reality greatly depends on which language we are speaking. There are gems and treasures galore to be found in the Irish language, some of these will be revealed in this public lecture. The talk (in English) will last 45 minutes and there will be 15 minutes at the end for questions. Questions may be asked in either English or Irish.

Ciorcal Cainte Wednesday 12th at 11am

An informal Irish language conversation group with Tomás Maher where all levels of Irish are catered for and everyone is given a chance to speak.

Bilingual Storytime Wednesday 12th

Two interactive bilingual story times. Carmel Ni Cheallaigh will read her four picture books and discuss the themes and characters with 2x school classes.. The children will then do some colouring sheets of scenes from the books.



Seachtain na Gaeilge at Ballyroan Library ctd.

Craic agus Ceol Open Music Session

Wednesday 12th at 6.30pm

Singers and musicians of all ages, abilities and levels are welcome to come and join our special Seachtain na Gaeilge music session. Bring your instrument, the words of your favourite song, or just join us for some music.

Scéalta Béaloideas/Irish Legends and Folklore with storyteller Róisín Murphy

Thursday 13th at 3.30pm

Celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge with storyteller Róisín Murphy as she delves into much loved Irish stories. This is a bilingual event.

Unveiled

Thursday 13th at 4pm

From 'Cúchulaínn' to 'The Children of Lir', a talk by writer and technologist Niall Austin, on how Artificial Intelligence can bring Ireland's rich mythology to life for emerging generations.



Library Labs: Engineers Week and Astronomy Week at Ballyroan Library

Engineer's Week:

Make a Town Monday 3rd at 6:30pm

What environmental, infrastructural, cultural or n political considerations go into planning out a town layout? This introduction to civil engineering for adults will include a workshop element where participants will get the opportunity to try to design a town.

Make a Da Vinci Bridge Tuesday 4th March 10.00 & 11.00

Schools event. Discovered in the 1970s in the margins of Leonardo Da Vinci's "Codex" notebook, researchers at MIT determined that this "doodle" by Da Vinci actually depicted a simple, practical, self-supporting structure that needed no fastening - held together by gravity alone.

Participants in this workshop can fully experience Da Vinci's genius using little more than a stack of pencils (and elastic bands to stop them sliding). Concepts imparted include structural integrity, general mechanics, teamwork and cooperation.

Irish Astronomy Week:

An Introduction to Astronomical Sketching Saturday 8th at 2.30pm

Adult event from Darren Devereux who is a lecturer at Dun Laoghaire College for Art and Design and does beautiful sketches of Galaxies and Nebulae from his back garden observatory in Dundrum.



Library Labs:
Engineers Week: Make a town
Workshop for Adults

Ballyroan Library
3 March at 6.30pm

Comhairle Contae
Átha Cliath Theas
South Dublin County Council

International Women's Day, World Book Day at Ballyroan Library

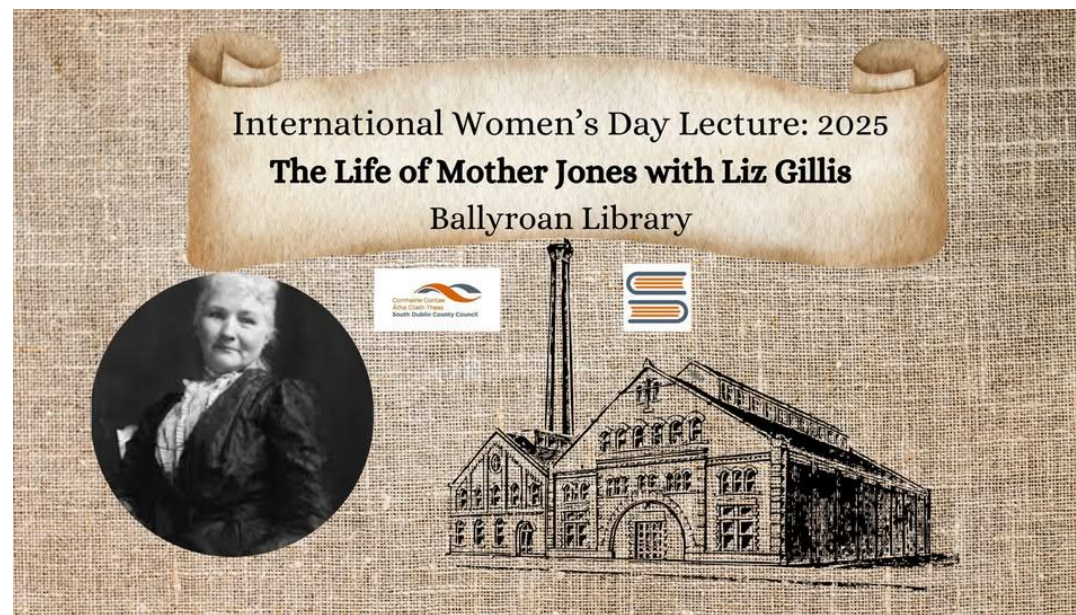
International Women's Day

The Life of Mother Jones Monday 10th at 6.30pm

Join historian Liz Gillis for this lecture on the life of Mother Jones, the Irish-born American labour organiser.

World Book Day

There will be a number of storytimes during World Book Day (6th) including Zoom storytimes to 12 local schools.



Adult Event Highlights at Ballyroan Library

St Patrick.....probably with Tony Duffy Tuesday 4th at 6.30pm

Tony Duffy: Touched by Faith, Surrounded by History. Join local historian Tony for this talk full of twists and turns which will take us on surprising journeys!

The Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society Spring Lecture Series. Tuesday 25th at 6.30pm.

A Most Outrageous Rebel: Constance Markievicz with Lindie Naughton.

Stella, George & Charles: An Artist, a Writer and an Architect, in a Portrait of Tymon Lodge Wednesday 26th 6pm (TBC)

A talk by Albert Perris. In 1905 a young English Artist of some promise, lived in Tymon Lodge, Firhouse, Co. Dublin. While there she was courted by one of Ireland's most notable writers of growing international repute, a key-figure in the Irish Literary Revival, and often considered the first "Modern Irish Novelist". Among the other visitors to call on "Stella" in Tymon Lodge was the City of Dublin Architect. This is a story of the arts, romance and ultimate tragedy in Tymon Lodge. The work of all three characters can still be seen or read in Dublin today. No need to book to attend this Golden Moments event for older people.



Regular Adult Events & Exhibitions

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Ballyroan Gardening Group - Friday 7th at 10am.

History Hub Wednesday 12th at 1.30pm

The only murders in the library - True crime podcast club 19th at 6.30pm

The Reading Circle Thursday 20th at 7pm

James Joyce Reading Group - Saturday 22nd at 11am.

Silver Screens at the Library Monday 24th at 5.30pm - All About Eve

Stitched Together - Every Monday from 11am to 12.30pm and every Thursday from 6.30pm to 8pm

Scrabble – Every Wednesday at 11am.

Exhibitions

24 Feb - 14 March

Men's Shed - Local Heroes: Photographs of local notables.

18 March -5 April

Local schools - Junior Cert History reports.



Events for Children and Teens at Ballyroan Library

Teen Creative Writing Club Tuesdays 4th and 18th

Join the library's creative writing group for teens. For ages 13-17.

Multilingual Storytime Saturday 8th at 3pm

Children with their parents and guardians are invited to meet and read with other multilingual families. Stories in Spanish, Italian, Galician and more. No booking required.

Sensory Explorers: play session for Neurodiverse children and their siblings Monday 10th at 4.30pm

A fun play session in a relaxed environment.

St Patrick's Crafts with Victoria Wednesday 12th at 3pm

Fun craft activities to get ready for St Patrick's day. Suitable for children of 6-10 of age.

Ballyroan Bookworms Junior Bookclub Wednesday 19th 3.30pm

Our book for this month is *The World's Worst Children* by David Walliams and Terry Denton. Once you have booked your place on Eventbrite the book will be available to collect in the library. For ages 8-10.



Regular events for Children at Ballyroan Library

- Storytime – Every Monday at 3.30pm
- Toddler Time – Tuesdays at 10am
- Coderdojo – Every second Wednesday at 6pm
- Junior Chess with Fred Saturdays at 10am
- Sensory Evening – Mon 10th, 17th, 24th from 6pm



Castletymon Library February Highlights

We look ahead to a very busy March. Our regular classes and groups, **Beginners Spanish**, **Spanish Conversation and Knitting**, alongside our monthly **Adult Book Club** all continue.

Alongside this we will also have our **STEAM for those with Additional Needs** on 22nd and our heat of the **Annual Schools Quiz** on the 13th. We will also be hosting a two-part workshop on **Creating Your Own Vision Board** on 24th & 26th. Finally, in our general events, we will be hosting author **Ann Murtagh** for a Class Visit on the 25th.

The rest of our many events celebrate the many special weeks in March. Firstly, for International Women's Day, we will be hosting a **Make Your Own Eco Shampoo Bar** workshop with Aoife Munn on the 8th.

As Part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, we will be hosting **Storytime with Sadhbh Devlin** for little ones on the 5th, a **Bilingual Storytime with Carmel Ní Cheallaigh** on the 10th, and the return of **The Tymon Sessions** trad session on the 12th, with more events currently in-planning.

For Astronomy Week, we will be hosting Michael McCreary from Irish Astronomical Society with his talk **The Birth of a Solar System** (3rd), with another event currently in-planning.

For Engineers Week, we will feature **Engino with Sean** on 6th, with **Bioplastics with Anyone4Science** on the 4th.

Finally, as part of Eco Week, we are hosting photographer and author James Crombie to talk about his photographic book, **Murmurations** on the 24th, and Aoife Munn on the 26th with a talk on **Herbs and their Uses**.



Mobile Libraries

February Highlights

Author visit to Scoil Mhuire Ballyboden for World Book Day week (2 sessions)	3rd March 2025 9.45am and 10.30am
Choice Childcare, Newcastle -creche visit	5 th March 2025 10am
Scoil Caitlin Maude – Gaelscoil visit	6 th March 2025 10am
Stewarts school, Rosscourt. Event for World Book day week with mobile library staff storyteller visit.	7 th March 2025 tbc
St Michaels House Special adult services	7 th March 2025 10.30am
St Patricks Day parade in Tallaght	17 th March 11.30am to 3pm (in situ)
St Kevins GNS, Kilnamanagh creche visit	20 th March 10am
Ballyboden Resource centre preschool visit	27 th March 10am
Scoil Mhuire Ballyboden preschool group visit	27 th March 11am
Bloomfield Health Services visit	27 th March 3pm
St Annes Fettercairn Parent education group	31 st March 9.15am
Liebermann Spiritan visit	TBC
Play and Learn Childcare and Education City West	TBC

The Mobile libraries will be at “Ireland reads at Rathcoole” event on Saturday 22nd February from 12 noon to 4pm. This will be held at Rathcoole Community Centre.

The projection for March is 86 Library@Home deliveries, 15 school visits and 134 public stops.

Plans are in the process for a Mobile Library truck to be in the parade in Tallaght on St Patricks Day.

