

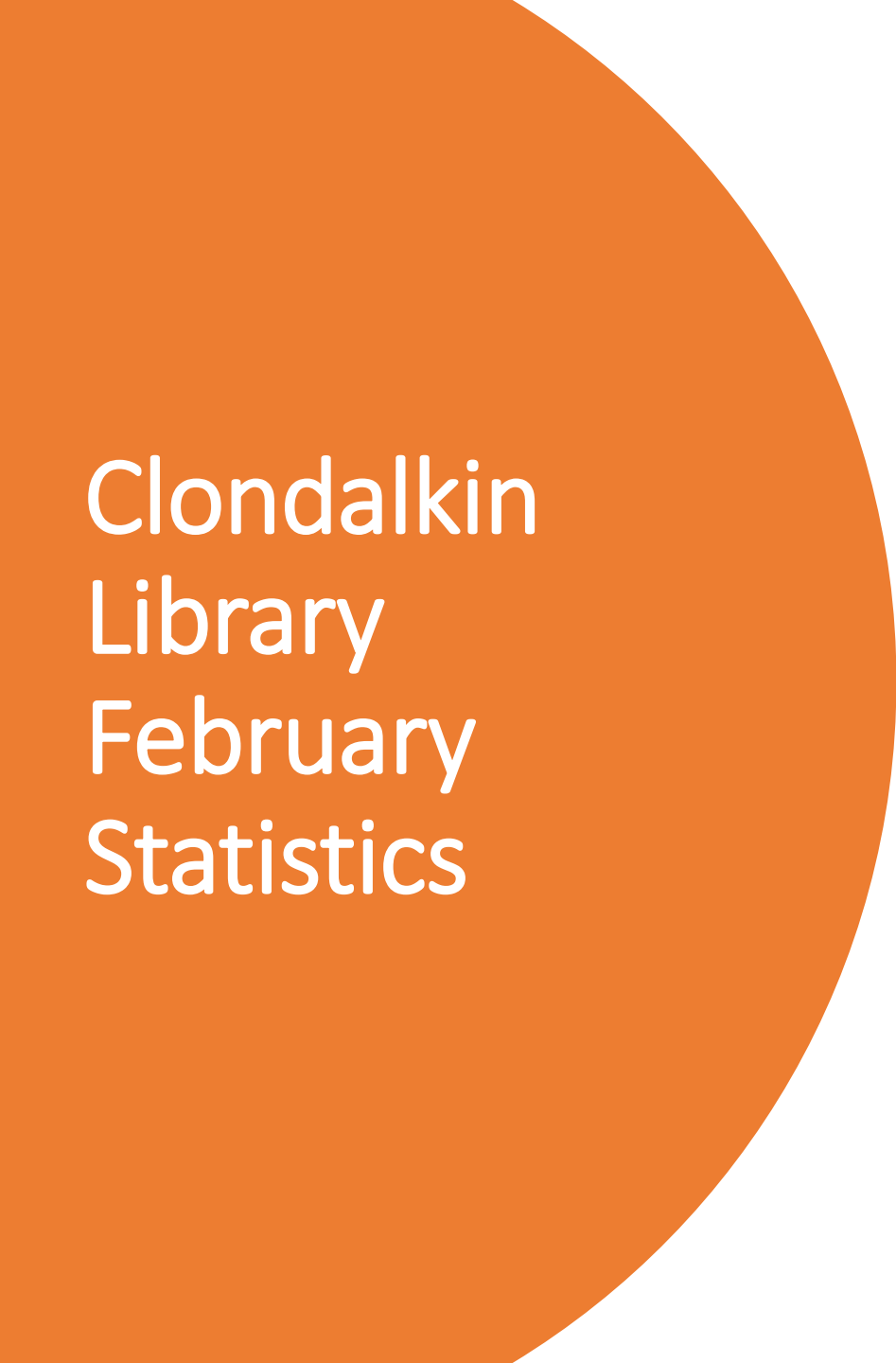


# Clondalkin Library

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ACM Report | March2025



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# Clondalkin Library February Statistics

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5,401 visitors

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3,941 items  
issued

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155 new members



## Some February Highlights

We had 13 visits from local primary school classes in February.

14 adults learned to crochet at our 5-week course.

Reine from Change Clothes taught a class how to repair their clothing.

Our library staff led Lunar new year Storytime & crafts.

214 adults and children attended our Mid Term family events programme. Highlights included an Origami workshop, family board games, SNAP circuits freeplay and Captain HoHo's pirate magic show.





# Ireland Reads at Clondalkin Library

In Clondalkin Library we marked Ireland Reads Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

In the morning 18 babies and their grown ups attended Musical Tots with Karen.

Around 100 books were donated to our book Swap which was held in the afternoon.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February we launched a new adult book club with 10 inaugural members.





## Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas

The SnaGÁCT festival was launched officially on 24 February at North Clondalkin Library by Cllr Liona O' Toole joined by Bernard Dunne, patron of this year's festival and Gaeilge365 Ambassador Ciarán Ó Feinneadha of Na Gaeil Óga. They were joined by pupils from St Peter Apostle Senior National School. The programme will run from 1– 17 March with lots of events taking place in our libraries!

### In Clondalkin Library we're celebrating SnaGÁCT with the following events

- Badge Making as Gaeilge workshop for children aged 6+ (5<sup>th</sup> March)
- Craic agus Ceol – an evening of traditional Irish music in Clondalkin Library (11<sup>th</sup> March)
- Bilingual Storytime with Author Carmel Ni Cheallaigh for Junior / Senior infants (13<sup>th</sup> March)
- Launch of Beginners Irish classes for adults (6 week course)





# One Photography, Many Stories

Local History talk with Cathy Scuffil

March 6<sup>th</sup>

Historian Cathy Scuffil found a rare photograph of Patrick Pearse in South Dublin Library's archive and investigated the background to the image, taken in Dolphin's Barn just over a century ago.

In this talk Cathy explains her findings and reveals the fascinating story behind the image and the links to local, national and international events.

A local history talk and detective story rolled into one!



Pearse Speaking at Dolphin's Barn, August 30th, 1916

# What else is coming up

Author visit from  
Niamh Donnelan

Inter Library  
Schools Quiz

Spring into  
Storytime

Jeans upcycling  
workshop

History Talk –  
excavations at  
De La Salle

Easter school  
break Activities



# Mobile Libraries celebrate Ireland Reads

The mobile Libraries team celebrated Ireland Reads with a Family Fun Day in Rathcoole Community Centre on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

The mobile library van was parked up for people to join, browse and borrow books and staff were on hand to answer questions and promote library services.

As well as the mobile library the team brought a magician, a face painter, a balloon modeler and Spiderman!

Around 200 people attended the event throughout the afternoon.





# Mobile Libraries

## February Highlights

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

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

The Mobile Library will be at The Park Community Centre on Saturday 8th March for International Women's day.

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

