

A photograph of a library interior. Four adults are standing in the background, facing a group of children sitting on the floor in a circle. The adults are diverse in age and appearance. The children are also diverse, wearing various clothing and hats. The library has tall bookshelves filled with books on both sides. The text 'Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin ACM' is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin ACM

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Libraries Report | March 2025

February Stats NCL, Lucan, Palmerstown & Mobile Libraries

- NCL had 212 events attended by 1784 people, issued 3978 items and registered 136 new borrowers and had 9185 visitors.
- Lucan Library had 62 events, issued 9,908 items and registered 221 new borrowers and had 10,421 visitors.
- Palmerstown Library issued 905 items and registered 35 new borrowers and had 1536 visitors.
- Mobile Libraries issued 7764 items and registered 84 new borrowers.



March at NCL

March was a busy month in North Clondalkin Library. In total over 100 library-organised events took place. Demand for room bookings by individuals and organisations continues to increase.



Seachtain na Gaeilge at NCL

Launch held on 24th February

Events included:

- Two Céilí sessions
- Try the Pipes with Na Píobairí Uilleann
- Little Irish Folklore Friends with author Niamh Donnellan
- Thursday Trad Session
- Irish Day: Go Green or Go Home
- 'Unveiled' talk on bringing Irish Mythology to life with AI



International Women's Day at NCL

- MNÁ8 Exhibition, this Decade of Centenaries project features prominent women from South Dublin during the Irish Revolutionary Period. The artist Eva Kelly gave a talk on 6th March.
- An IWD coffee morning took place on 7th March
- Podcast 'Inspirational Women in Neilstown'



IRISH ASTRONOMY WEEK

- Engineers Week and Irish Astronomy Week took place in March.
- Highlights included:
- Space-themed story time and arts and crafts session
- Moon Macramé Hanger workshop
- Schools Engineers Week Events
- Irish Astronomy Week Family Fun Day



March at Lucan Library

Highlights for March include:

Library Labs Irish Astronomy Week: The Life and Times of a Star, a talk by Dr Donnacha O'Driscoll of the Irish Astronomical Society. Thursday 6th March. Astronomy is always a popular subject!

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Try the Uileann Pipes workshop for a local school group / Staff Member Méabh will hold a bi-lingual craft workshop creating a Bug Hotel for 5-7 year olds / For adults, we have author and comedian Colm Murphy taking an entertaining look at the Irish language in his talk Who Gives a Focal?! We will also have a book display of Irish books.

International Women's Day: Saturday 8th March. A Macramé Workshop for adults is fully booked and we will have a book display of women's authors.

Liaison with External Agencies:

- Irish Cancer Society Relay for Life: Information session to increase awareness in the community on this unique fundraiser
- Lucan House Public Consultation Sessions continue
- HSE and Age-Related Care providing a talk on Keeping Our Brains Healthy



March at Palmerstown Library

- Palmerstown Library held approximately 18 events in March 2025 - ranging from information talks to book clubs to craft workshops to school visits for adults and children.
- Each Saturday morning we run workshops for kids ranging from Lego Stem workshops to Arts & Crafts. Each Thursday we hold class visits with the local primary schools.
- To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge , we are hosting a 'Make a Felted Irish Love Knot' Workshop for adults with artist Niki Collier and 'Yoga as gaeilge' for kids.
- Workshops for school classes include 'Bioplastics', 'Astronauts Dinner' and a visit from the Mobile Music school.
- Ongoing are our book clubs, adult and junior and Family Tree Research Group who meet twice a month, weekly storytime @ The Library with our resident storyteller for kids and Saturday morning events for kids.



Mobile Libraries March Highlights

Author visit to Scoil Mhuire Ballyboden for World Book Day week (2 sessions)	3 rd 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 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.

