

That this committee calls on the manager to report on the planned activities for One Dublin One Book 2025 in our libraries, including details of both in-library and outreach initiatives designed to engage children in reading and writing.

One Dublin One Book is an initiative of Dublin City Council which aims to get everyone in Dublin reading the same book during the month of April.

This year's chosen book is an anthology, *Dublin, written in our hearts*. As part of the programme, South Dublin Libraries is hosting a unique cultural event at the County Library, Tallaght, on Tuesday 8th April, 'Dublin You Are: Tallaght', which celebrates the spoken word voices of Tallaght and the One Dublin One Book anthology. The event features some of the best poets and theatre makers with a connection to, and love of, Tallaght, including Emmet Kirwan, Jan Brierton, Colm Keegan, Stephen James Smith and Sheila Ryder.

While the One Dublin One Book programme is not aimed at children, South Dublin Libraries organise events and outreach activities year-round aimed at engaging children in reading and writing.

Right to Read is a national programme to promote literacy and reading development for people of all ages and backgrounds. It was launched as part of the *Opportunities for All: the public library as a catalyst for economic, social and cultural development 2013-2017* libraries strategy.

Currently, the main focus of the Right to Read programme is support for children and families. South Dublin Libraries run a number of events and programmes to support Right to Read including seasonal programmes such as Spring into Storytime, Summer Stars, Children's Book Festival, Comic Fest, Ireland Reads and Family Time at Your Library. The annual Red Line Book Festival in October also has a specific strand for families and children. Other activities include regular Story Times, Parent and Toddler Groups, Baby Book Clubs, teen book clubs and writing groups, comics book clubs, children's writing workshops and much more.

Our mobile libraries have a busy schedule of school and creche visits, as well as public stops all over the county. Our Classroom Readers Collection is a Primary School level reading service set up to allow a class set of books to be borrowed by all primary schools within the South Dublin County Council catchment area for a period of two months. The service provides a selection of over 100 titles to choose from, with a diverse range of novels that cater for pupils from Junior Infants right through 6th class. All branches also offer wide-ranging themed stock collections to encourage adults and children of all abilities to read and trained staff can offer advice on reading development and book selection.