

Rathfarnham-Templeogue Firhouse-Bohernabreena

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Libraries Report | April 2025



February Statistics

- Ballyroan Library had 19,834 visitors in February, with 14,970 items issued, and 436 new members registered.
- Castletymon Library had 5313 visitors, with 3392 items issued and 52 newly registered patrons.
- Mobile Libraries had 6067 visitors, with 7764 items issued and 84 newly registered patrons.



Mid-Term Events at Ballyroan Library

Sarah Sparkles – Wednesday 16th at 12pm

Join Sarah Sparkles for a special story and music time with songs, stories, rhymes and lots of fun. For preschool children.

Easter Crafts with Victoria - Wednesday 16th at 3pm

Fun craft activities to get ready for Easter. Suitable for children of 9+ age, comfortable to use a pair of compasses.

Jungle Dave – Thursday 17th at 2pm and 3pm

A once in a lifetime chance to meet some amazing animals from snakes to tarantulas! Ages 6+ with an adult.

Active Lego – Tuesday 22nd at 11am

A fun active Lego session for neurodiverse children along with their parents and siblings. Ages 5+.

Sensory Explorers: Play session for neurodiverse children and their siblings - Tues 22nd at 12.30pm

A fun play session in a relaxed environment Ages 6+ accompanied.

Junior Einsteins - Thursday 24th at 11am

A fun and exciting hands-on science workshop for children. Ages 5+.



Schools Quiz Final at Ballyroan Library

This year Ballyroan library is hosting the final of the South Dublin libraries Schools Quiz. 18 teams from primary schools across the County will be competing in the final which takes place on Wednesday 2nd.



Events for Children and Families at Ballyroan Library

Storytime – Every Monday at 3.30pm

Toddler Time – Tuesdays 1st, 8th and 29th, at 10am

Coderdojo –Wednesday 9th and 30th at 6pm

Junior Chess with Fred -Saturdays at 10am

Sensory Evening – Every Monday, from 6pm. Lights are dimmed, noise is reduced and additional resources (sensory toys, magic table) are available on request.

Multilingual Storytime - Saturday 5th at 3pm

Children with their parents and guardians are invited to meet and read with other multilingual families.

Musical Fun for Little ones - Thursday 10th and 17th

With Hannah Lee from Music Generation.

Age 0-18 months 10.30 - 11am

Age 18 months – 4 years 11.15 -11.45am

Ballyroan Bookworms - Wednesday 16th at 3.30pm

Our book for this month is Worst Week Ever: Monday. Once you have booked your place on Eventbrite the book will be available to collect in the library. Ages 8 – 10 years.



Events for Teens at Ballyroan Library

Teen Creative Writing Workshop - Tuesday 1st at 5pm

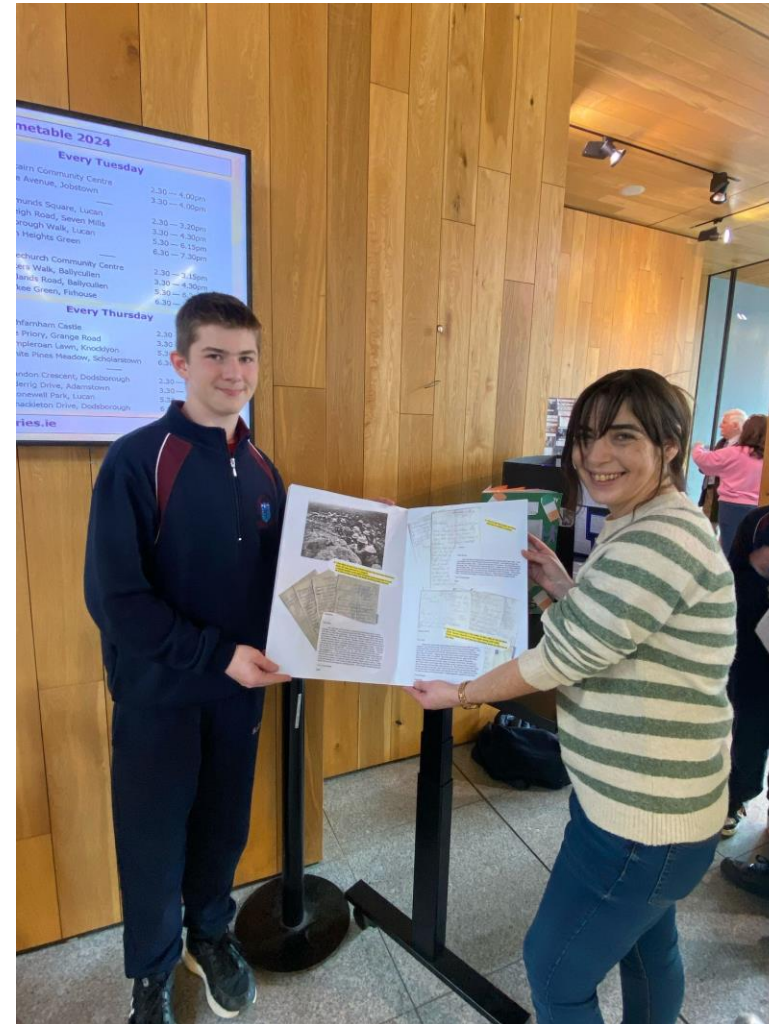
Join writer Claire Hennessey for a special workshop on creating dialogue. Age 13+.

Teen Creative Writing Club - Tuesdays 15th and 29th at 5pm

Come along to our Ballyroan Library Teen Write Club where you'll meet other writers and aspiring writers. Age 13+.

Film Screening: Shawshank Redemption – Wednesday 16th at 5pm

Join us for a showing of this iconic film adaptation of the Stephen King novella, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Part of the Leaving Certificate syllabus. Over 16s only.



Adult Event Highlights at Ballyroan Library

Author Event with Martina Devlin - Tuesday 8th at 6.30pm

Join novelist Martina Devlin as she discusses her book *Charlotte*, a novel exploring the later life of Charlotte Brontë, including her marriage to Irish curate Arthur Bell, her honeymoon in Ireland and the Brontë family's Irish origins. Part of our Stop Scrolling and Start Reading programme.

Infant Development Workshop – Wednesday 9th at 10am

Join Anne O'Connor, RGN, PHN, and a practicing nurse with over 25 years of nursing experience, for this warm and informative session on your baby's development between 3 and 9 months.

Make a Macramé plant holder with Martina Kirwan – Wednesday 9th at 6pm

In this adult craft class, you will learn how to make a simple plant holder with each participant getting a macramé kit including rope, beads, and wooden ring. Your tutor, Martina Kirwan is an artist who works in adult education, primary schools and also creates her own work from her studio in Dublin 8.

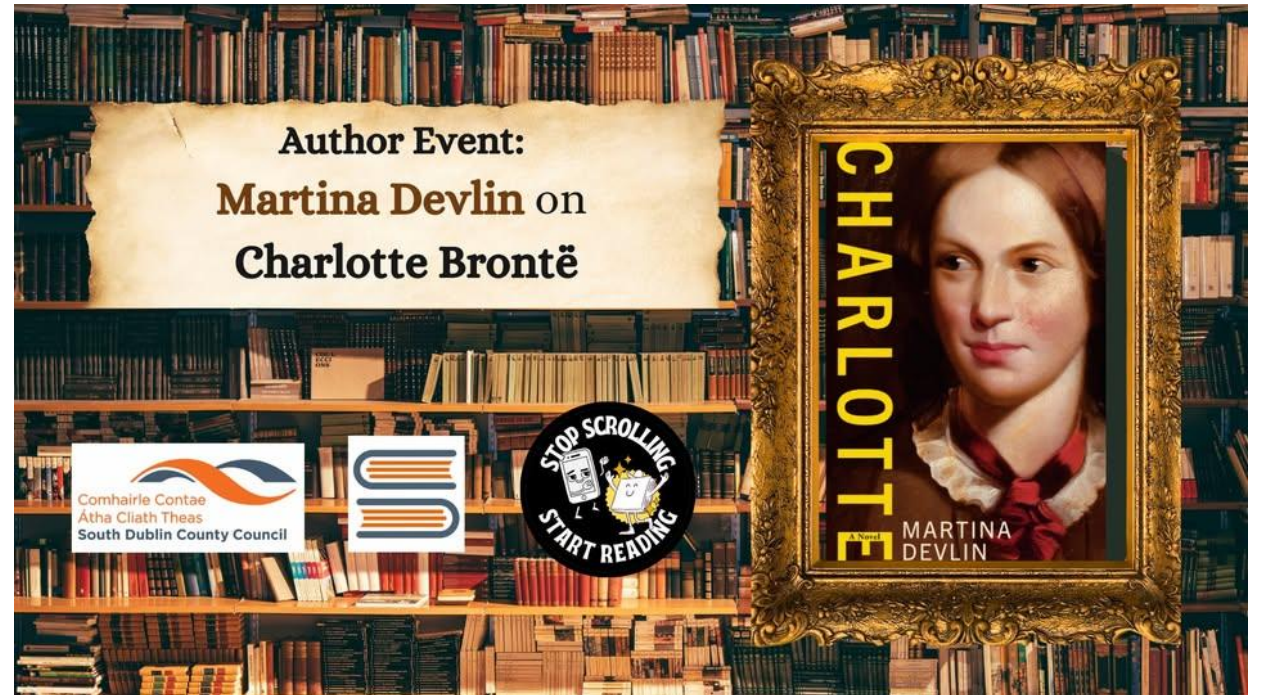
Golden Moments: It's Quiz Time! - Monday 14th at 2pm

Our ultimate quiz is back. Bring a friend along for some trivia fun and some prizes too. This is part of our Golden Moments programme for older adults. There will be tea/coffee and refreshments available during the quiz.

The Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society Spring Lecture Series – Tuesday 15th at 6.30pm David Gunning brings us on an illustrative journey of the history of the big estate houses built in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Rathfarnham during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Craic agus Ceol Open Music Session - Wednesday 23rd at 6.30pm

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



Regular Adult Events & Exhibitions

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Ballyroan Gardening Group - Friday 4th at 10am.

Ciorceal Cainte with Tomás Maher - Wednesday 9th at 11am.

History Hub Wednesday 9th at 1.30pm - Invasion: The Normans is this month's documentary.

Monthly Adult Chess Club - Wednesday 9th at 6pm.

The only murders in the library: True crime podcast club 16th at 6.30pm

The Reading Circle Thursday 17th at 7pm.

James Joyce Reading Group - Saturday 26th at 11am.

Silver Screens at the Library Monday 28th at 5.30pm - The Poseidon Adventure.

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

Scrabble – Every Wednesday at 11am.

Age Action Computer Classes – Every Thursday at 10.30am.

Exhibitions

18 March -5 April

The Past in my Place: Junior Cert History projects – St. Colmcille's CS.

7 April - 2 May

Ballyroan Art group – Watercolours.



Castletymon Library

April Highlights

As we move into Spring, we see the return of our very popular Spring into Storytime initiative. Throughout April, we will have Saturday Storytimes with two story times by staff on 5th and 26th and on the 12th, picture book author Paul Nugent will be reading from his book Spring Chicken and others.

For older children, author Ray Lane will be talking about his memoir and life as a soldier on 11th with a local TY class.

For adults, we will have two sessions on Scrapbooking on 7th & 8th and historian Cathy Scuffil returns with her talk on The River Poddle, due to popular demand, on 30th.

Finally, we have two full weeks of events to celebrate Easter.

- In our first week:

On Mon 14th, we will have an Easter Egg Crafts and Painting session. On Tuesday 15th, puppeteer Julie Rose McCormick will be here with a puppet show for families. On Weds 16th, Sarah Sparkles will be leading our toddler group in songs, stories and play and, in the afternoon, Sarah Tully will be doing a session on Meditation and Mindfulness for Adults. To get ready for Easter, on Thurs 17th, we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt.

- In our second week:

On Tues 22nd, picture book author Tarsila Kruse will be reading from her book, A Little Birdie Told Me. On Weds 23rd, we will have a session on Junk Journaling for Kids. On Thurs 24th, we will show you how to Make Your Own Kite. On Fri 25th, the Reptile Zoo will be here teaching us all about Snakes. And finally, on Sat 26th, we will have a STEAM session for those with additional needs.



Mobile Libraries March Visits & April Highlights

Saturday 1 March 2025	Bloomfield Care Centre	3pm
Monday 3 March 2025	Scoil Mhuire Ballyboden - Author Visit	10.30am
Monday 3 March 2025	Greenhills Community College	10.30am
Wednesday 5 March 2025	Choice Childcare, Newcastle	10am
Thursday 6 March 2025	Scoil Caitlin Maude	10am
Friday 7 March 2025	St Micheals House	10.30am
Saturday 8 March 2025	The Park Community Centre (IWD)	12noon
Wednesday 12 March 2025	Stewarts School	10am
Thursday 13 March 2025	Citywise Afterschool Project	2.30pm
Monday 17 March 2025	St Patricks Day Parade, Tallaght	1.30pm
Thursday 20 March 2025	St Kevins GNS - Creche FRC	9.30am
Wednesday 26 March 2025	Scoil Mochua Special School	10am
Thursday 27 March 2025	Ballybodan Resource Centre ELC	10am
Thursday 27 March 2025	Bloomfield Care Centre	3pm
Monday 31 st March 2025	Parent Day @ St Annes Fettercairn	9.30am
Saturday 29 March 2025	Citywest Hotel (Ukrainian Families Visit)	1pm

Note new arrangement with City west hotel. Our visit has changed to a monthly Saturday afternoon from March to accommodate all families.



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April	Mobile Libraries	
12 regular school visits in April	Schools are closed for 2 weeks for Easter	1 new school added , Gaelscoil Lir by kind agreement with Rathcoole ETNS. They share the same car park and will give up half an hour of their school visit time to accommodate this small Gaelscoil with 50 pupils.
2 nd April	Liebermann Special school	Mobile Library visit 10am to 12noon
4 th April	St Michaels House adult services	10.30am
16 th April	The Park Community Centre	Easter Camp Mobile Library visit 10am to 11.30am
24 th April	Citywise, Jobstown	Easter Camp Mobile library visit 1030am to 12.30. Nutty Scientists event 11am to 12 noon
24 th April	Bloomfield Health Service	3pm Mobile library visit
Saturday 26 th April	City West Hotel	Ukranian Families Visit 1pm to 3pm
TBC	Glenasmole Community centre	Easter camp visit by staff member as part of membership drive , story time and colouring activity.
TBC	Priory Youth reach Tallaght	Easter visit

