

Rathfarnham- Templeogue Firhouse-Bohernabreena ACM

Libraries Report | May 2025



March Statistics

- Ballyroan Library had 20,642 visitors in February, with 13,571 items issued, and 450 new members registered.
- Castletymon Library had 5446 visitors, with 3287 items issued and 47 newly registered patrons.
- Mobile Libraries had 8218 visitors, with 9022 items issued and 110 newly registered patrons.



Bealtaine Festival: An Age & Opportunity Arts Initiative

Ballroom Blitz! – Thursday 8th at 1pm

Get your dancing shoes on and try out some Ballroom steps with this lively dance class! No prior experience is needed - just a willingness to try something new! Booking through Eventbrite from 23 April at 10am

Needle Felting Workshop with Martina – Friday 9th at 11am

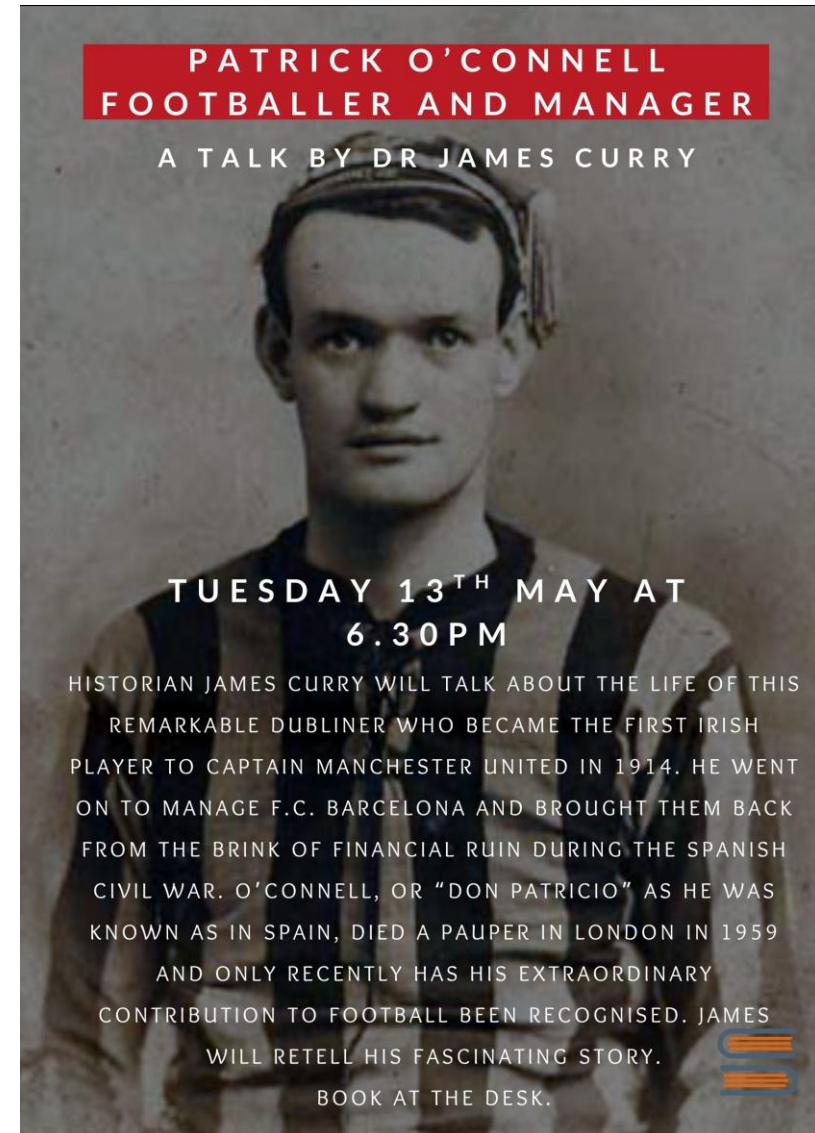
In this 2 hour needle felting workshop you will learn how to create a picture with wool. Using a special barbed needle, you will continuously push wool roving or batting (long strands of pure wool) through felt fabric to create beautiful landscapes.

Paint A Seascape with Christine – Monday 12th at 2pm

With a little creativity and a lot of passion, you can transform a blank canvas into a breathtaking seascape masterpiece. All materials supplied.

Patrick O'Connell: Footballer and Manager - a talk by Dr James Curry – Tuesday 13th at 6.30pm

Historian James Curry will talk about the life of this remarkable Dubliner who became the first Irish player to captain Manchester United in 1914. He went on to manage F.C. Barcelona and brought them back from the brink of financial ruin during the Spanish Civil War. "Don Patricio" died a pauper in 1959 and only recently has his extraordinary contribution to football been recognised.



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History Hub – Wednesday 14th at 1.30pm

Join us every month to watch an episode from a landmark documentary series and afterwards we'll discuss the content over tea and coffee.

RUGS Ukulele Group Live – Saturday 24th at 12pm

Enjoy the uplifting sound of a ukulele orchestra. The ever-popular Rathfarnham Ukulele Group are back to brighten up your day.

The Great Gatsby Evening with The Cotton Club Quartet - Tuesday 27th at 6.30pm

Our annual Bealtaine showcase event is back. Enjoy music from the golden age of Jazz with the Cotton Club Quartet. Why not dress up for the occasion 1920s style with beads, feathers and fringes! Drinks reception from 6.30pm and Band from 6.45pm. All welcome.



Library Labs: Ballyroan Library

Dublin Climate Action Week

Sashiko Mending with Nikki Collier – Monday 12th at 6.30pm

Sashiko mending is like giving your clothes a stylish hug from history! This beautiful, time-honoured Japanese technique turns rips and tears into wearable art with intricate running stitches that whisper, “I’m not just patched; I’m fabulous!”

Climate Action Week Family Fun Day Saturday, 17th

All About Bees! At 1pm

In this workshop children will learn about bee anatomy and will create an anatomically correct edible bee cookie. Educational and delicious! Ages 5+ adult supervision required

Make a solar oven! At 2.30pm

Join Anyone 4 Science and make a solar oven to take home and test over the summer days ahead. And learn about alternative forms of renewable, environmentally friendly energy sources. Ages 8+ adult supervision required.

Literary Threads at 2.30pm

Upcycled Book Inspired T-Shirts: Children will bring a plain or lightly patterned T-shirt and transform it into a unique piece of wearable art inspired by their favourite books! Ages 7+

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Monday 12 May at 6.30pm
An event for Climate Action Week



Courses for Adults in association with the DDLETB

Smart Phone Course for Older Adults – From Tuesday 6th at 2.30pm

This 6-week course is learner-led and covers such things as protecting yourself online, accessing WIFI, accessing and downloading apps (e.g. bus timetable) accessibility tools, microphone, enlarging font. Each participant will need their own phone.

Chair Yoga – From Thursday 15th at 2.30pm

This 6-week course provided by the DDLETB is a blend of movement, Yoga poses, seated Pilates, meditation, mindfulness and breathing practices that have been specifically tailored to ensure that everyone can enjoy and benefit from all that Yoga has to offer.



Adult Events at Ballyroan Library

Ballyroan Gardening Group - Friday 2nd at 10am.

Ciorcal Cainte with Tomás Maher - Wednesday 14th at 11am.

History Hub Wednesday 14th at 1.30pm - *Invasion: The Normans* is this month's documentary.

The Reading Circle Thursday 15th at 7pm.

James Joyce Reading Group - Saturday 17th at 11am.

Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society - Tuesday 20th at 6.30pm

Dr Ruth Ferris will present a talk on Mother M. Michael Corcoran's (IBVM. Loreto Sisters) extraordinary archive of photographs taken during her time in Loreto Abbey and on the missions.

Biodiversity Week: Wild Waterways with Robert O'Leary - Wednesday 21st at 7pm

Join photographer Robert O'Leary as he brings us down the Dodder and introduces us to photos of its wild residents.

Silver Screens at the Library Monday 26th at 5.30pm - *Rebel Without a Cause*.

Craic agus Ceol Open Music Session – Wednesday 28th at 6.30pm.

Singers and musicians of all ages, abilities and levels are welcome to come and join our music session

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.

Rathfarnham & Ballyroan Historical Society

Spring Lecture Series 2025



**Mother Michael Corcoran: Loreto
life through a photographic lens
with Dr. Ruth Ferris**

**Tuesday 20 May at 6.30pm
Ballyroan Library**

Child and Family Events at Ballyroan Library

Storytime – Every Monday at 3.30pm

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

Toddler Time – Tuesdays at 10am

Junior Chess with Fred -Saturdays at 10am

Crafts with Victoria – Wednesday 14th at 3pm. Fun and easy summer crafts for kids. 9+ years.

Coderdojo –Wednesday 14th at 6pm

Ballyroan Bookworms - Wednesday 21st at 3.30pm

Our book for this month is ***Kensuke's Kingdom***. Once you have booked your place on Eventbrite the book will be available to collect in the library. Ages 8 – 10 years.

Multilingual Storytime - Saturday 24th at 3pm

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

Magic Baby Tummy Time - Thurs, 29th at 10am

Join other parents and babies for some tummy time practice using our Magic Table light projector and toys. Parent led. For babies not yet crawling.



Teen Events and Exhibitions at Ballyroan Library

Teens

Teen Creative Writing Club - Tuesdays 13th and 27th at 5pm

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

Exhibitions

7 April - 2 May

Ballyroan Art group – Watercolours.

6 May - 24 May

Connections Art Centre

26 May - 14 June

Interactions. Photography exhibition by Peter Evers.



Castletymon Library

May Highlights

We will have **poet Nell Regan** on 1st May doing a poetry workshop for 5th/6th class. This will also be happening in two other branches on the same day, and two other poets – **Gustav Parker Hibbett** and **Katie Donovan** - will be visiting the Adult Book Clubs in South Dublin Libraries during April/May.

For **Biodiversity Week**, we have a session for schools with **Eanna Ní Lamhna** on 19th as well as a session with horticulturist **Aoife Munn** on 20th. Finally, for adults, we will have a talk on **The Curious History of Irish Dogs** from author **David Blake Knox** on 20th.

As part of **Bealtaine**, we will have the return of our **Tymon Sessions** on 14th and our **Watercolours for Adults** on 12th & 13th. Finally, we will have a four-week course on **Chair Yoga** beginning on the 7th.

We will have more class visits with author **Paráic Kerrigan** speaking to a TY class on the 6th and, for **Tech Week**, The Inventors Club return with two sessions on **Rube Goldberg Machines**.

To celebrate **Climate Action Week**, we have three events. **Anyone4Science** will be doing three sessions with classes on 16th on **Bees** (including a neurodiverse session). For adults, we have an **Interactive Talk on Sustainable Fashion** on the 17th and horticulturist **Aoife Munn** returns with a talk on the 19th on **Gardening for a Changing Climate**.

We will also have our regular events which include **STEAM for People with Additional Needs** (17th), **Knitting Group**, **Book Club** and more.



Mobile Libraries April Visits & May Highlights

Reflecting on April 2025, we had 0 cancelled stops of 144 public stops welcoming 3989 people to our mobile libraries. We visited 20 schools and brought in an extra school. It is Lir, a small Gaelscoil that currently shares a yard with Rathcoole ETNS. We hope to continue this service after Rathcoole ETNS move to a new location.

Over Easter, we visited three Easter camps.

- The park Community Centre, Firhouse with none other than The Easter Bunny.
- Glenasmole Community centre with author Niam Donnellan (Little Irish Folklore)
- Citiwise in Jobstown with The Nutty Scientists -an interactive workshop.

We also paid a visit to Respond for children to visit during their school break.

Our booked schedule for May so far will include 21 schools in the regular school daily visits. We have 85 drops scheduled for our library at Home service.

8 th May	Stewarts School	Visit with storytime
9 th May	St Michael house	Visit to adults in the service.
13 th May	StMochua's Clondalkin	Visit to special needs classes
22 nd May	Liebermann School	Visit to autistic children
24 th May	Africa Day	Tymon/Corkagh Park with Community Dept.

We have plans to take park in Cruinnui na Og day combined with Ruaille Buaille in Lucan House on Sat 7th June

