

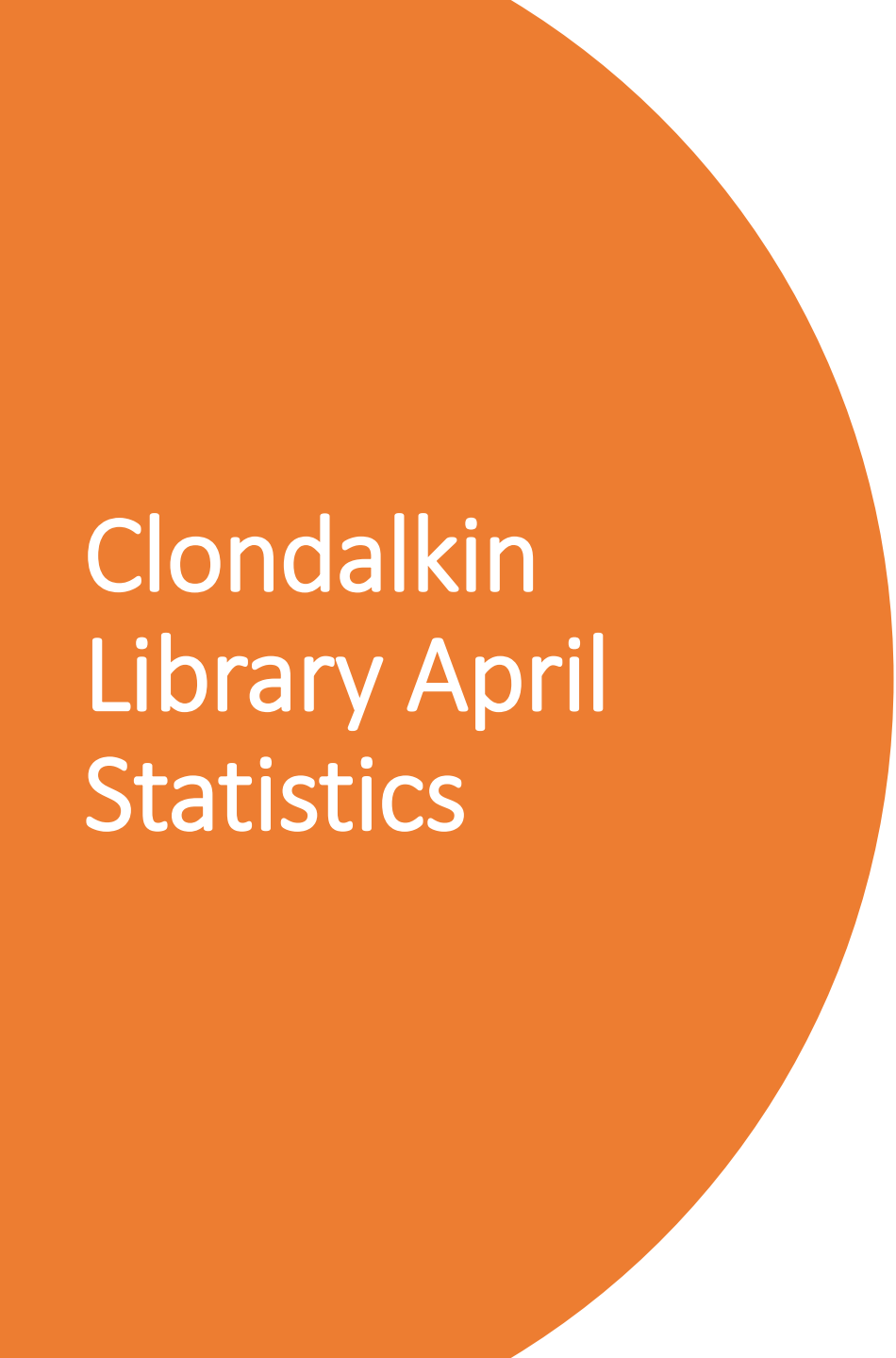


# Clondalkin Library

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ACM Report | May 2025



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## Clondalkin Library April Statistics

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5,810 visitors

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3,446 items issued

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113 new members

## April Highlights

### Rhyme & Sign Storytime

A group of Parents and Babies took part in a special Rhyme and Sign Storytime on **4<sup>th</sup> April** with Claire Glynn or Clever Little Handies. Claire will return to Clondalkin Library to teach a four week course of baby sign to parents and babies in June.

### Meet Matrescence

On **30<sup>th</sup> April** Psychotherapist specialising in women's mental health and wellbeing Martina Williams gave a talk about Matrescence – ie: the transition into motherhood and how women can better understand this time of change. This talk was presented as part of the Healthy Ireland programme.



## Meet Matrescence

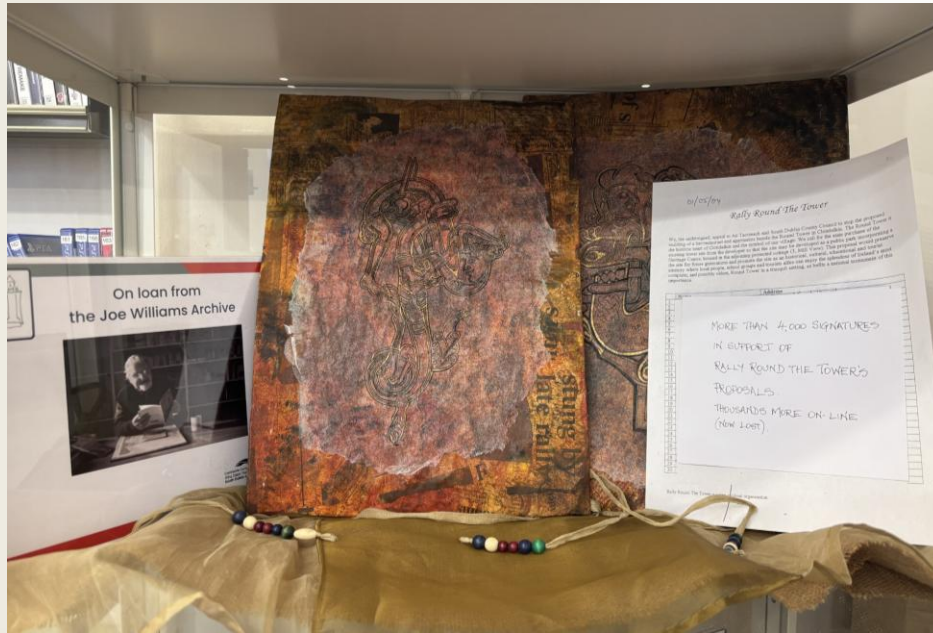
### Understanding your transition to motherhood

–with Martina Williams (accredited psychotherapist)

Wednesday 30 April @ 6.30 pm







## Annual Joe Williams Lecture

This year's Joe Williams lecture took place on 16<sup>th</sup> April with a talk given by Cllr. Francis Timmons on the topic of 'Mother and Baby institution vaccine trials; One man's experience'

The Joe Williams Lecture is organized by Monica McGill of the Joe Williams Archive each year in April to mark Joe Williams' birthday.

### Annual Joe Williams Lecture 2025



#### ***Mother and baby institution vaccine trials: One man's experience***

A talk from personal experience by Cllr. Francis Timmons  
(suitable for adults only)

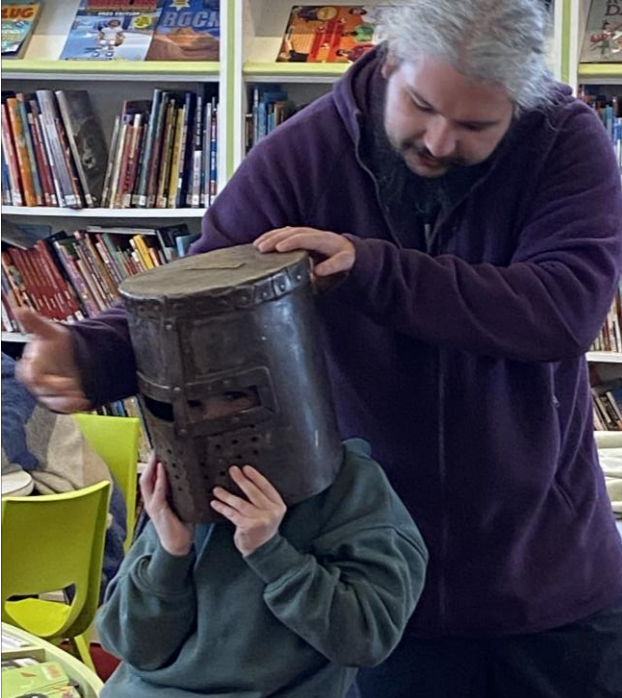
Presented by The Joe Williams Archive

**Wednesday 16th April 6:30pm**



Clondalkin Library also hosts a rotating display of material on loan from the Joe Williams Archive in our Local Studies section – currently on display is the petition which was gathered in 2004 in support of saving the Clondalkin Round Tower





## Easter Family Activities

During the Easter school holidays we had a full programme of fun and educational activities for families. Approximately 180 adults and children attended the various activities in the library.

Highlights include:

- Pokemon drawing workshop (14<sup>TH</sup> April)
- Easter Storytime and facepainting (15<sup>th</sup> April)
- Easter Science workshops; Easter egg chromatography & Strong Structures challenge (16<sup>th</sup> April)
- Learn to be a knight with Knight for Hire (23<sup>rd</sup> April)
- Animal Superpowers with National Reptile Zoo (24<sup>th</sup> April)
- Family Board games freeplay (25<sup>th</sup> April)
- SNAP circuits freeplay (26<sup>th</sup> April)





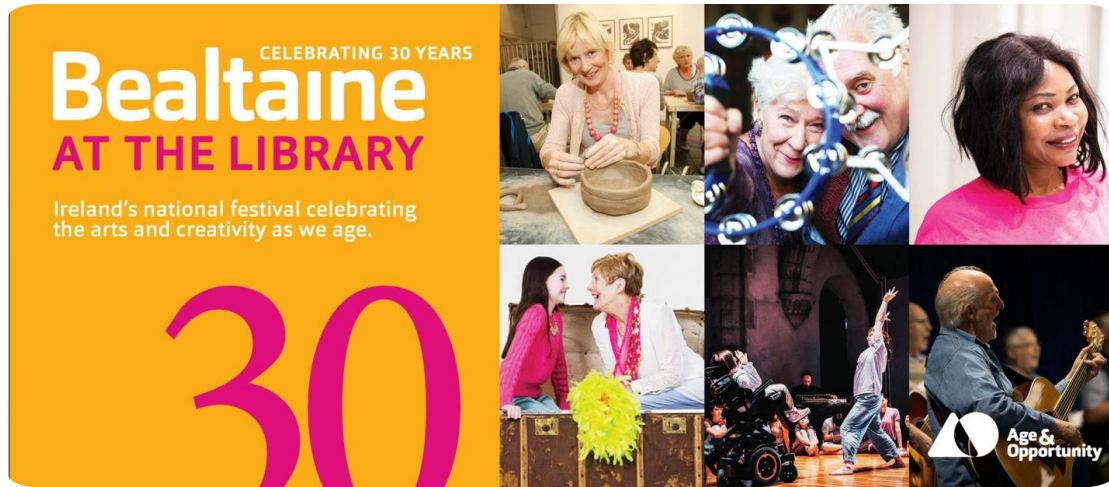
## Poetry Day Ireland

Poetry Day Ireland takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 and this year's theme is May Day

Poet & essayist Gustav Parker Hibbert will meet with one of our book clubs on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April to discuss their debut poetry collection '*High Jump as Icarus Story*' which the book club have been reading in April

Poet Nell Regan will lead a poetry workshop for a primary school class group on 1<sup>st</sup> May





# Bealtaine 2025

Bealtaine; Ireland's national festival celebrating the arts and creativity as we age is celebrating it's 30<sup>th</sup> year in 2025. Activities are taking place across South Dublin Libraries

In Clondalkin Library we're marking Bealtaine with the following events

- Eco Soap making workshop with Aoife Munn (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am)
- Making a Will Demystified - Information talk with solicitor Natasha McKenna (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm)
- An evening with the Local Vocals Choir (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm)



# 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 <sup>th</sup> May	Stewarts School	Visit with storytime
9 <sup>th</sup> May	St Michael house	Visit to adults in the service.
13 <sup>th</sup> May	StMochua’s Clondalkin	Visit to special needs classes
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Liebermann School	Visit to autistic children
24 <sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> June

