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April Statistics

Ballyroan Library had 23,273 visitors in February, with 14,925 items issued, and 481 new members registered.

Castletymon Library had 5261 visitors, with 3157 items issued and 37 newly registered patrons.

Mobile Libraries had 6106 visitors, with 7473 items issued and 104 newly registered patrons.



Cruinniú na nÓg – Saturday 7th June

We are delighted to welcome the **London Vegetable Orchestra** to Ballyroan library to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg. They will be doing fun, interactive workshop on how to make a musical instrument out of a vegetable at 11am for 7-9 year olds and at 2pm for 10-12 year olds.

The Orchestra will also play sets at 12.30pm & 3.30pm on the library floor.

To start the day, we will be launching our recently refurbished **MakerSpace** with William Davies, our Maker in Residence, who will facilitate a special workshop for children at 10am.



Pride at Ballyroan Library

Silver Screens at the Library – Monday 16th at 5.30pm

Join us to mark Pride month with a screening of the 1987 Merchant Ivory adaptation of the E.M. Forster classic novel ***Maurice***. Adults only.

Design your own tote bag teen workshop – Wednesday 18th at 6.30pm

Design your own colourful tote bag celebrating the LGTBQ+ community! For ages 12-17.

Pride Poetry Slam for Teens – Tuesday 24th at 5pm

In this special session of our teen write club we will be sharing poetry for Pride! Share your own poetry or a favourite poem celebrating the LGTBQ+ community. For ages 13-17.



Summer Stars Launch

We are launching our Summer Stars Summer Reading programme with two special events:

The Book Doctors! - Thursday 19th from 1.30 - 4.30pm

Pop along to Children's Books Ireland Book Clinic! Chat to the Book Doctor, consult on your favourite reads and leave with a prescription for your next book!

Jack Flash Magic and Fire Juggling Show - Saturday 28th at 2pm

Jack Flash will pull out all of the stops by performing funny magic tricks and daring juggling in this super family show.



Adult Events

Creative Writing workshop with Gill Perdue – Tuesday 10th at 6.30pm

Join author Gill Perdue for a creative writing workshop to launch our summer creative writing competition for adults! If you've always wanted to get started with creative writing or are working on a short story, this is the workshop for you! #Back to Books

Golden Moments Social Club: Ballyroan Bingo – Monday 16th at 2.30pm

Eyes down for some numbers fun and prizes along the way. Refreshments will also be available. Adults only. This event is part of our Golden Moments Social Club programme especially for older people. Come along with a friend, no need to book.



Adult Events

Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society – Tuesday 17th at 6.30pm

Join local historian Tony Corcoran for this talk exploring the origin and development of the Tenters estate in the Liberties, the first housing estate built by the new Free State in the 1920s.

A Celebration of Short Stories with Claire Hennessy – Tuesday 24th at 6.30pm

Join author Claire Hennessy for a talk exploring the value of short stories for readers and will discuss and make recommendations from her favourite collections. Claire will share her experience of writing in this tradition and will read from her latest collection *In the Movie of Her Life*. #Back to Books

Craic agus Ceol Open Music Session – Wednesday 25th at 6.30pm

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



Regular Adult Events & Exhibitions

Ballyroan Gardening Group - Friday 2nd at 10am.

Ciorcal Cainte with Tomás Maher – Wednesday 11th at 11am

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

The Reading Circle Thursday 19th at 7pm.

James Joyce Reading Group - Saturday 21st at 11am.

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.



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Exhibitions

Interactions by Peter Evers.

This photography exhibition runs from 26th May to 14th June.

DSPCA Rathfarnham: History of Rathfarnham DSPCA

Runs from 16th June to 5th July. Includes information boards about the DSPCA animal shelter in Rathfarnham, including its history and site. And also photographs from members of the public of their pets, from across the Ballyroan area.



Children and Families

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 3rd, 10th and 17th at 10am

Summer Crafts with Victoria – Wednesday 18th at 3pm

The children will make paper houses and creating a small village. Suitable for children 6+ of age.

Ballyroan Bookworms - Wednesday 18th at 3.30pm

Our book for this month is ***The World's Worst Teachers*** by ***David Walliams***. Once you have booked your place on Eventbrite the book will be available to collect in the library. Ages 8 – 10 years.



Children and Families

Multilingual Storytime - Saturday 21st at 3pm

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

Magic Baby Tummy Time – Friday 20th 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.

Baby Reflexology – Thursday 26th at 10am

A gentle (and enjoyable) way of calming and nurturing babies and children and supporting the baby and carer bond. Participants are asked to bring a yoga mat or baby blanket with them.



Castletymon Library June Highlights

Cruinniú na nÓg June 7th

11.30am

Join Na Píobairí Uilleann for a fun workshop based around the Uilleann Pipes.

Try the Pipes

- A brief history of the uilleann pipes.
- A demonstration by a proficient piper.
- An opportunity for attendees to try the instrument themselves.

3:00pm

Irish Music Workshop Fun for Families

Interactive Irish Music Workshop with musicians including Stephen Fagan. Children will listen to the music and try out the different traditional Irish instruments.



Castletymon Library June Highlights

11th June

6:30pm

Join us in Castletymon Library for an interesting talk and the launch of Jackie Mullen's Montecassino exhibition. The exhibit will be in the library until June 28th and can be viewed during opening hours.

14th June

2:00pm

Concert with The Firhouse Ukulele Group.



Castletymon Library June Highlights

25th June

6:30pm

A talk with Anne Marie Allen whose memoir **'Serve: My Lost Years at the Heart of Ireland's Opus Dei'** details her experiences in Opus Dei where she suffered pain, abuse and slavery before an intervention from family brought her home.

28th June

12:30pm

SubSounds Youth Music Festival 2025.
Join us in Castletymon Library for acoustic performances by the participants of the Youth Music Collective.



Mobile Libraries June Highlights

School Visits: Our regular visits (21 schools) will pause at the end of June and resume in September.

Library at Home: Promoted at the National Older People's Council Convention (Maldron Hotel) and featured in the new Age Friendly Library Services brochure, now being distributed to community centres and Meals on Wheels hubs.

Family Visits: Positive response from Citywest Hotel and City Ark Aparthotel on 10th May. Monthly weekend visits will replace Thursday Ukrainian visits: 14th June, 12th July, 16th August (1:30–3:00pm)

Events:

Africa Day – 24th May, Tymon Park

Dublin Pride Parade – 28th June

Summer Camps: Bookings underway for community centre programmes.

Summer Parks Programme launching July–August in SDCC parks: Corkagh, Tymon, Waterstown, Jobstown, Airlie, Griffeen, Collinstown, and Rathfarnham.





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Thank you