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South Dublin
County Council

Clondalkin Library ACM Report

JUNE 2025



May 2025

Clondalkin Library May Statistics

6968 Visitors

2938 Items issued

110 New Members

SDCC

Schools programme 24/25

107 Class visits to the library (60 since January 2025)

29 workshops / events for school groups for festivals such as Maths Week, Seachtain na Gailege, Children's Book Festival etc.

Approximately 1700 students have visited Clondalkin Library with their school since January 1st

9 TY work experience students for 1 week placements



Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of creativity for young people which takes place in June. This year on 7th June South Dublin Libraries is celebrating Cruinniú na nÓg with a events themed around 'Loud at the Library'

In Clondalkin Library we will host an interactive classical concert for kids of all aged by *Classical Kids* as well as a Ukulele taster session for kids age 8-10 with local musician Claire Sherry



Biodiversity Week

As part of the Library Labs STEAM programme Clondalkin Library celebrated Biodiversity week from 17th -24th May

On 21st May Brian Murray of the MicroWild project gave a fascinating talk on Irish Bees including an overview of all species of bees found in Ireland with specimens for the audience to view

On 22nd May 2 primary school classes attended a botany workshop facilitated by Anyone 4 Science in which they learned about propagating peas

On 24th May children learned how to make natural perfume bars and lip balm using native Irish flowers and plants.

Also on 24th May Junior Einstiens amazed us with incredible hands on nature themed including making slime!!



Little Library Bags

The Little Library Bag initiative is back for 2025 as part of the Right To Read programme.

Children who are starting Junior Infants in September 2025 are invited to visit their local library where they can collect their Little Library Bag as well as their very own library card if they don't have one already.

Each Little Library Bag contains two specially chosen picture books as well as information on the transition to big school for children and caregivers.

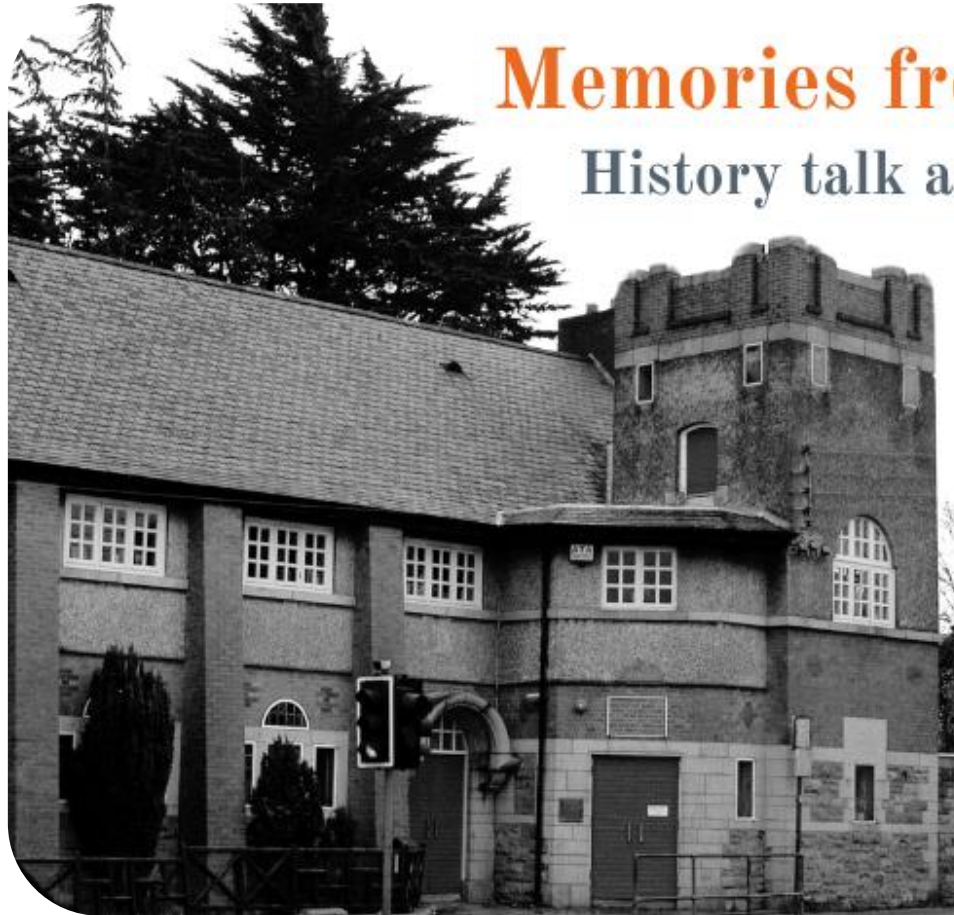


Memories from the Library

We are delighted to be launching a new history project in Clondalkin Library this June as part of the Clondalkin Village Festival

Clondalkin Library has been serving the community of Clondalkin since 1911 and in that time, generations of families have passed through the doors and used our services. We're calling on the community to share their memories and experiences of Clondalkin library with us, whether from 5 years ago or 50 years ago. This call for submissions will be open throughout the summer.

On the day historian Liz Gillis will be giving a talk on the history of Clondalkin Library and we will be displaying memorabilia and photographs from over 100 years of Clondalkin Library.



Memories from the library
History talk and project launch

Friday 20th June
@ 11am

Looking ahead at Summer

Friends of Corkagh Park – Digital Photography exhibition (Launching 21st June)

Pride Month – talk by Páraic Kerrigan author of Reeling in the Queers, tales of Ireland's LGBTQ past (Monday June 23rd 6.30pm)

ISL Conversation Group – 5 sessions during summer starting on Wednesday 9th July 6.30pm.

Summer Music Sessions – Starting with a classical guitar recital by Chien Buggle (July 15th 6.30pm)

Summer Stars reading challenge and activities for families (July & August)

Intercultural poetry workshops – Fiona Bolger and Rafael Mendes return to Clondalkin Library to deliver two more workshops focused on writing and sharing poetry in multiple languages (June 28th & July 5th)

History and Heritage week – talk on Ireland's Textile History with Vawn Corrigan (August 18th 6.30pm)



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