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South Dublin
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Clondalkin and Mobile libraries

ACM Report September 2025

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Statistics

June 2025

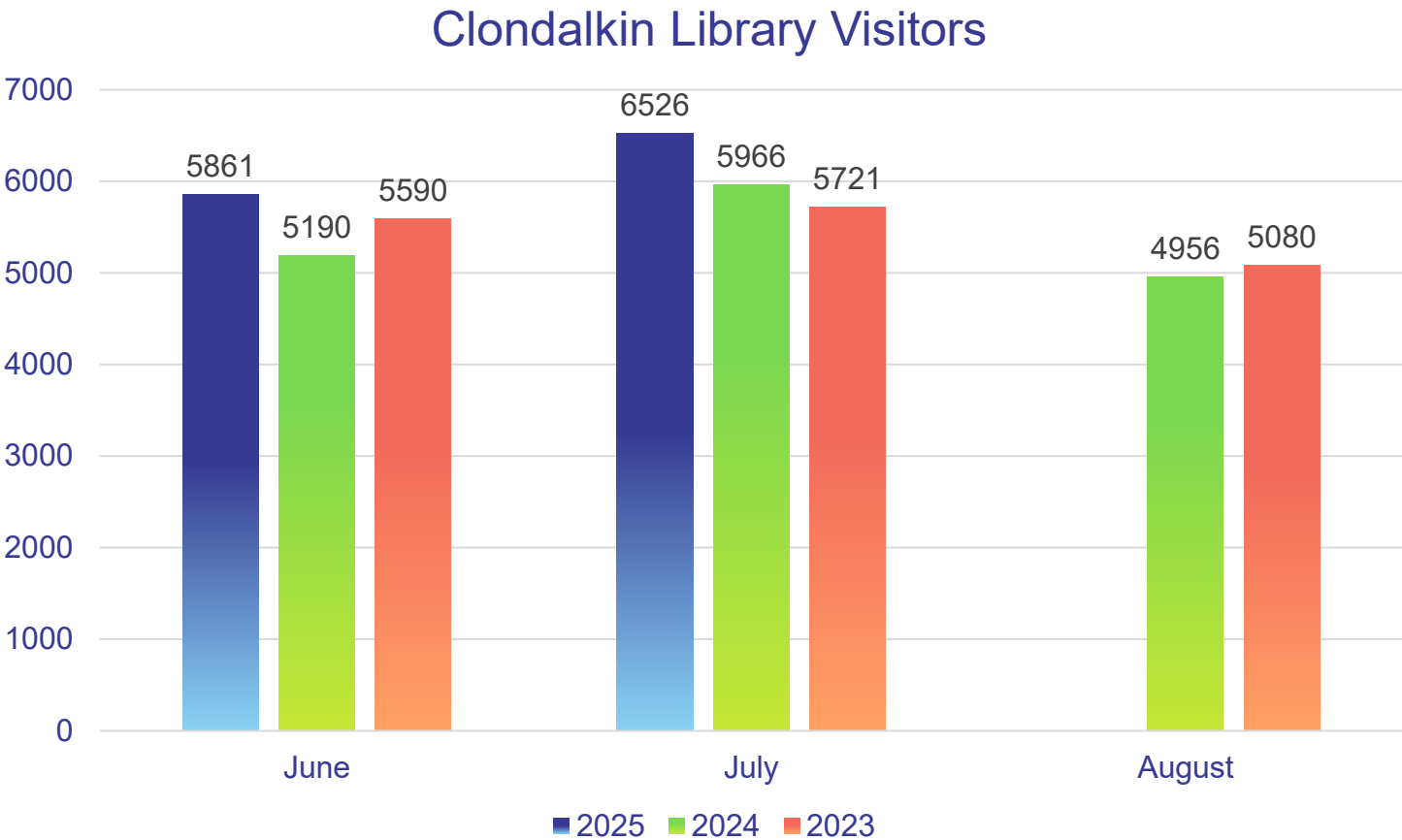
5,861 Visitors
3,348 issues
93 new members

July 2025

6,526 Visitors
4,313 issues
111 new members

August 2025

5,100Visitors
3960 issues
130 new members



Memories from the Library

In June we were delighted to launch Memories from the Library – a project calling on members of the public to share their recollections of Clondalkin Library in years gone by.

We were also honoured to be joined by members of the Errity family. Trish Errity gave a presentation about her grandparents Patrick and Lillie. Patrick was the first caretaker of Clondalkin Library and lived in the library with his wife and 9 children.

We are planning to put information about Patrick and Lillie on display in Clondalkin Library.

We are also now beginning to contact people who have gotten in touch to compile their memories of the library over the years.



Summer Stars programme for families

During the month of July Clondalkin Library organised a three-week programme of activities for children and families as part of our Summer Stars reading programme.

544 parents and children attended 27 events over the three week period.

Highlights included:

Weekly storytime & crafts

Gymboree music and play sessions

National Reptile Zoo Animal Encounter

Family Bingo

Teddy bear Sleepover

Board Games Club

Friendship bracelet workshop

Badge Making workshop

Our Summer Stars Programme wrapped up with a pop up library, magic show and facepainting in the garden of Brú Chronain on 30th August



Summer programme for Adults

ISL Conversation group

- In July we held the first meeting of a self-led group for ISL users at all levels to meet and chat. This group will continue to meet every second Wednesday 6.30pm

Summer Sessions – Live music in Clondalkin Library

- Classical Guitar recital with Chien Buggle (15th July)
- Niamh Keane and Ailbhe Kehoe (16th & 25th August – Funded by South Dublin Live)

Heritage Week

- Irelands Textile Heritage with Vawn Corrigan (18th August)

Watercolour Painting workshop for Adults (22nd August)



Events Brochure Redesign

In August we redesigned our monthly events brochure

Each month the front cover will feature an image submitted by a member of the community.

If anyone would like to submit a picture to be our cover image they can email it to clondalkinlibrary@sducobco.ie

Photos can be of any subject but should have a Clondalkin connection. All photos will be properly credited.



September family programming

- **PEEP Playgroup**

Thursdays 10.30 - 11.00am. 7 weeks from 11th September

Blue Skies Initiative is bringing their PEEP playgroup sessions to Clondalkin Library in September. Peep groups are for parents/carers and their children together and aim to support families with their children's early learning in a simple and enjoyable way.

Language Explorers

- **Saturdays 2.30 – 3.30 pm. 6 weeks from 13th September.**

Mother Tongues is bringing their award-winning Language Explorers programme back to Clondalkin Library. Specially designed for children aged 3-6 and their parents. Facilitated by specially trained multilingual artists, the workshops provide a welcoming space for families from all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Saturday's 2.30 – 3.30 pm for 6 weeks starting 13th September.

Magical Storytelling Gaeilge-Béarla (Brontonnas – Scéal agus Sproi)

- **Friday 26th September 2.30pm**

Help Sarah to create your own story using magic! Sing songs, meet her puppet friends and even help her perform some magic!

This event is suitable for children aged 3-8/families, will be Gaeilge-Béarla with the idea of introducing basic words and phrases as Gaeilge, encouraging families to use and speak the language in their every day lives.



Skills for Life: A series of talks focusing on financial and digital literacy



Don't Get Scammed - with Helen Cleary

Wednesday 10th September @ 6.30pm

Helen Cleary from DDLETB delivers some essential dos and don'ts for avoiding online scams.

Keeping Your Kids Safe Online - with Páraic Kerrigan

Tuesday 23rd September @ 6.30pm

Páraic Kerrigan from UCD is an expert on the dangers faced by children and teenagers in the online world.

MABS: An Overview

Wednesday 17th September @ 6.30pm

An overview of the services available from Ireland's Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS).

Be Media Smart - Stop Think Check

Monday 29th September @ 6.30pm

Digital Literacy Ireland will outline the best strategies for knowing what kinds of media to trust and when to be sceptical.

Mobile Libraries

9 Visits to Summer Camps

- Schools, community centres, and preschools
- Included an event with the *Nutty Professor* at St Brigid's J.N.S., Brookfield

Library at Home

- Continued throughout the summer
- 2 visits to Bloomfield Hospital
- 1 visit to St Michael's House, Templeogue (4th July)

Family Visit

- City Ark IPAS and Citywest Ukrainian Hub (12th July)

Events

•Summer Parks Programme

- 15 visits to family days, markets, and cinema screenings at Collinstown, Corkagh, Tymon, Waterstown, Jobstown, Airlie, and Adamstown

•Community Day at the Square – 19th July

•Clondalkin Festival at the Round Tower – 26th July



Mobile Libraries – August Highlights

Library at Home

Continued throughout August

Regular visits to Bloomfield Hospital

Family Visits

Respond Family Hub – 6th August

City Ark Aparthotel & Citywest Hotel Mobile Visit – 7th August

Summer Parks Programme

7 visits to community/family days, Dublin Markets, and cinema screenings

502 visitors to the mobile libraries in South Dublin Parks during August

The Big Dig, Rathfarnham – 15th August

Adamstown Festival – 17th August

Dublin Maker Event, Leopardstown Showcase of maker equipment led by South Dublin Libraries Maker in Residence. Visitors created personalised chains using the laser cutter. 3D models from the libraries' makerspace were on display

Coming in September

Service to schools resumes

Mobile Libraries attending **Corkagh Park Colour Dash** – 13th September





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Thank you