



Comhairle Contae
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County Council

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September Stats Ballyroan, Castletymon & Mobile Libraries

Ballyroan Library had 67 events attended by 1127 people, issued 16,404 items, registered 570 new members and had 20,809 visitors.

Castletymon Library issued 3554 items and registered 189 new members and had 6,345 visitors.

Mobile Libraries issued 9605 items, registered 257 new borrowers and visited 22 schools



Ballyroan September Highlights - Children, Teens and Families

Children

- 3rd September** – Coder Dojo returned – fortnightly coding workshops for children
- 8th September** – Sensory Explorers
- 9th September** – Toddler Time returned – weekly event for toddlers and parents
- 13th September** – Presentation of books made during summer book-making course
- 17th September** – Enable Ireland TTRS course
- 18th September** – Clever Little Handies – four-week baby sign language course for parents and toddlers
- 28th September** – Bunny vs Monkey Day
- 29th September** – Teddy Bear Sleepover

Teen

- 16th September**– Teen illustration workshop – In association with Knocklyon Literary Festival
- Ongoing**– Teen creative writing club with author Claire Hennessy



Ballyroan September Highlights - Adults

- 9th September** – Financial Literacy Talk with Aoife Gaffney
- 10th September** – History Hub – Monthly history documentaries and discussion group
- 15th September** – Classic Movie Club – Monthly movie screening and discussion group
- 16th September** – Golden Moments – Monthly age-friendly club – This month's topic was "Researching Family History" with historian Cathy Scufil
- 22nd September** – An Club Ghaelach – Monthly Irish language club – This month's topic was a quiz
- 23rd September** – Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society - "*The Legacy of Robert Emmet in the vision of Pádraig Pearse*"
- 23rd September** – Sustainable crafting – Global Goals Week
- 24th September** – Ceol agus Craic – Monthly traditional music session
- Exhibition** – *Delicious*, by Eva Kelly - Delicious food illustrations mix hand-drawn ink, printmaking

More for Less: the Art of Making Money Go Further with Aoife Gaffney



Ballyroan Library
Tuesday 9 September at
6.30pm

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Ballyroan – October Highlights for Families, Children and Teens

•Children

- Saturday 11th at 10am** – Junior Chess Club returning, running weekly thereafter
- Thursday 16th at 10.30am** – Do, Re, Mi with Hannah Lee – Four-week music class for little ones
- Saturday 18th at 11.30am** – LEGO family morning
- Tuesday 28th at 4pm** – Spooky movie for families

Children's Book Festival

- Friday 10th at 10am** – Chris Judge author and illustrator Workshop for Schools
- Wednesday 22nd at 10am** – Karen Harte author and illustrator Milly McCarthy drawalong Workshop for Schools

Schools

- Tuesday 14th at 10am** – Maths Week Workshop for Schools
- Thursday 30th at 11am** – Anyone4Science Halloween Workshop for Schools

•Teen

- Ongoing**– Teen creative writing club with author Claire Hennessy

Regular Events Continue:

- Weekly: Storytime, Sensory Time, Toddler Time. Fortnightly: Coder Dojo

DO, RE, MI!
MUSICAL FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

Age 0- 18 months

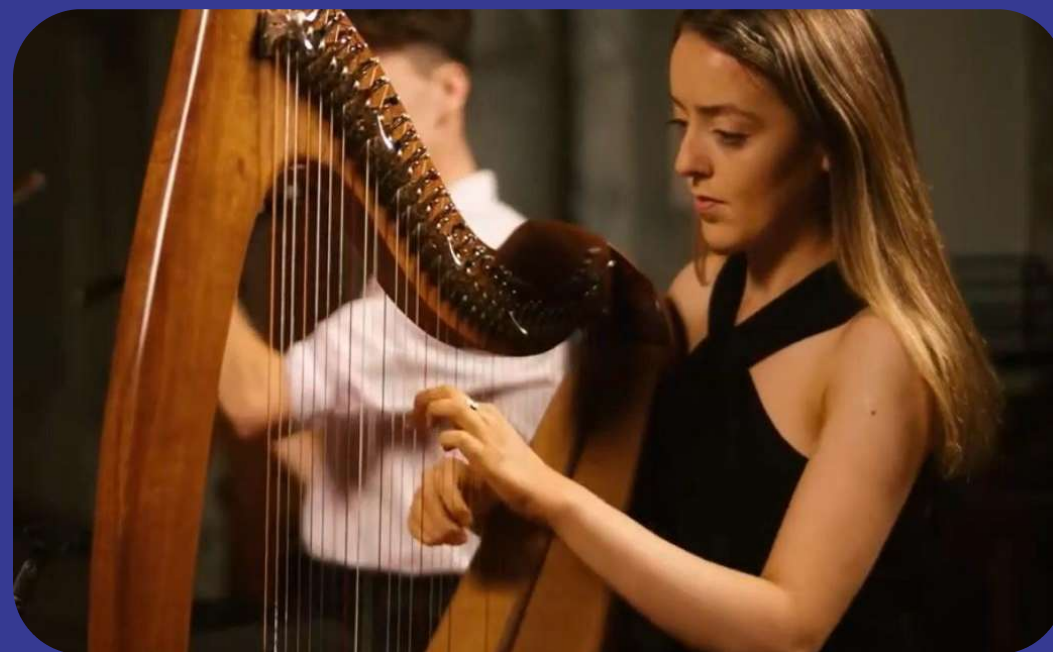
Starts October 16th for 4 weeks
10.30am

A fun music class for little ones!
Facilitated by Hannah Lee

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Ballyroan – October Highlights for Adults

- **Monday 6th at 2:30pm** – Golden Moments: Cyber Security Talk - Avoid scams & stay safe online – with SDCC IT
- **Saturday 16th at 6.30pm** – Fussy Eating in Children – Talk by Samantha Forrest
- **Monday 20th at 5pm** – Environmentally friendly crafts for adults
- **Tuesday 21st at 6:30pm** – Halloween Tote Bag making workshop for adults
- **Wednesday 22nd at 6.30pm** – Harp recital with Sophie Ní Riain – in association with Harp Ireland
- **Adult Education Courses In association with DDLETB:**
- **Introduction to Basic DIY** – Starting Tuesday 30 September
- **Crafting for Christmas** – Starting Thursday 2 October
- **Chair Yoga** – Starting Monday 13 October
- **Regular Events Continue:**
Stitched Together, Ciorcal Cainte, History Hub, Film Club, and Craic agus Ceol.

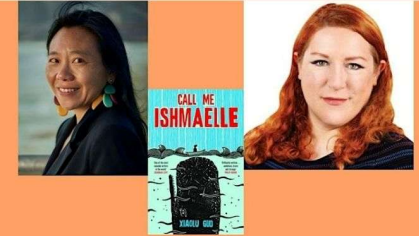


Ballyroan – Red Line Book Festival

- **Monday 13th at 6:30pm** – Launch of illustration exhibition “Picture a Story” – showcasing work created through recent illustration workshops led by the Red Line Book Festival illustrator in residence Celina Buckley
- **Tuesday 14th at 6.30pm** – Call Me Ishmaelle – Xiaolu Guo discusses her life, career and new book with journalist Tanya Sweeney
- **Wednesday 15th at 11am** – Crafting compelling fiction: a one hour workshop with Róisín O’Donnell
- **Friday 17th at 2:30pm** – Wired Our Own Way: Nuala O’Connor, Niamh Garvey, and Jen Wallace in conversation with Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan



Red Line Book Festival Ballyroan Library Events



Call Me Ishmaelle: Xiaolu Guo in conversation with Tanya Sweeney
Ballyroan Library
Tuesday 14th October 2025



What does it mean for a story to be unputdownable?
Come and discover new approaches and invigorate your writing practice with this one -hour fiction writing workshop with Róisín O'Donnell
Ballyroan Library
Wednesday 15th October 2025



RED LINE BOOK FESTIVAL 2025

WIRED OUR OWN WAY

An Exploration of Autism and Neurodiversity in Ireland

Nuala O'Connor, Niamh Garvey and Jen Wallace
in Conversation with Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan

Ballyroan Library Friday 17th October 2.30pm

Booking on Eventbrite



Castletymon Library, October Events for children

Maths Week- Glow Group facilitating three maths sessions (13th), including one specifically for a neurodiverse class.

For teens as part of Black History Month, Leon Diep, author of *Black and Irish* will be here discussing his book on the 20 of October for a class

A nine-week Comics Project with writer Juliette Saumande and illustrator Elida Maiques has begun with children that require additional literacy needs and will continue into December, when it will end with publication of their comics.

For Halloween- Mask-Making for children 6+ (28th), a talk on Irish bats for adults with Aoife Munn (29th) and Face painting (29th).

Baby Boppers + Rhythm Rascals returns on (22nd)



Castletymon Library, October Events for Adults

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Red Line Book Festival-

Poetry Night (15th) featuring our Poetry Panel with Damien B Donnelly, Kevin Graham, Molly Twomey and Keith Payne, with readings from the Red Line Poetry Competition introduced by judge Aifric Mac Aodha.

Movie of Her Life with author Claire Hennessy (16th) in conversation with Zoe Miller.

Climate Literacy Initiative- two events on 6th, one on making your own wax wrap, another on growing your own salad.

New course covers tstarting on 21st Oct – Foundation Photography covers basics of photography and runs for six weeks.

Discussion with Carsten Krieger, about his new book *Ten Thousand Years Deep: The Story of Ireland's Peatlands*, who will be in conversation with historian Cathy Scuffil.

Soap Making workshop for adults (25th) (28th & 31st)

Two computer sessions organised for Cyber Security Month



Mobile Libraries

Some highlights from September

First ever visit to The National Ploughing Championships for 3 days (16th to 18th). We were alongside other government Departments representing the Library Services. Many visitors were from local authorities in the West and the South as well as the Midlands. It was a great opportunity to showcase our outreach work in SDCC libraries and to network with other library authorities as well as An Teagasc libraries.

Colour Dash on Sat 13th September. Very busy day for with families visiting the van. The Nutty Scientists performed experiment before the race began so that there was something for children who didn't get to take part in the run.

Mobiles are involved with maintaining the new Lib Cabinet in Tallaght hospital and will service the requests and returns on alternate Fridays and Saturdays from October.



Mobile Libraries, October highlights

In October, as well as the usual school and creche visits, mobiles will be at The Jobstown Mental health Fair on 10th .

Will be visiting a homeless service at Finnstown House in Lucan for the first time on Saturday 11th at 2pm. It is hoped to have a monthly service if there is sufficient interest.

The NCAD are making a short film on Mobile Libraries and will be filming and interviewing at Mobiles on Thursday 9th.





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