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September Stats Ballyroan, Castletymon & Mobile Libraries

Ballyroan library had 101 events attended by 1,670 people, issued 15,313 items, registered 595 new borrowers and had 20,809 visitors.

Castletymon Library had 41 events, issued 3131 items, registered 189 new borrowers and had 6345 visitors.

In September Mobile Libraries issued 9605 items and registered 258 new borrowers. They had 111 public stops with 3047 visitors at these stops

Mobiles visited 22 schools with 8 classes per visit in September and did 84 library@home visits.



Ballyroan November Highlights – Music at the library

In November there are three music events in Ballyroan library.

On Saturday the 1st at 2pm we have an Uilleann Pipes Recital. This involves a demonstration by Na Píobairí Uilleann as part of International Uilleann Pipes day. A short recital, followed by questions and a chance for people to try the instrument.

On Tuesday 25th at 6.30pm there will be a musical evening with the Niamh Keane Trio. Enjoy classic tunes with vocals, guitar, violin, piano and cello! All welcome.

On Wednesday 26th we have Ceol agus Craic with Martin and Mick – a lively session of Irish traditional music. All welcome.



Ballyroan November Highlights – Families, Children and Teens

- **Monday 3rd at 4.30pm – Sensory Explorers:** A fun, relaxed play session for neurodiverse children and their sibling
- **Saturday 8th at 2pm - Relaxed Movie Screening.** Everyone deserves the magic of movies in a comfortable setting. Join us to watch 'Elio', in a setting which is suitable for children with additional needs and their families.
- **Thursday 13th at 3pm – Michael Rosen Day.** We are celebrating beloved children's poet Michael Rosen with the theme Funny Food: A Feast of Poems. Become a poetry chef and cook up some fun food rhymes!
- **Wednesday 19th at 3pm - Crafts for Kids.** Join us for a fun woolly project to keep you warm and entertained.
- **Thursday 20th All Day – Big Bear Planetarium.** Embark on an exciting exploration of the universe presented by Carl O 'Beirne, one of Ireland's leading astronomers and astrophotographers.
- **Friday 28th at 10am – Magic Baby Tummy Time.** Join other parents to give baby some tummy time practice using our Magic Table light projector and toys. For babies not yet crawling.
- **Regular weekly events continue including Toddler Time, Storytime and Chess and fortnightly Coder Dojo.**

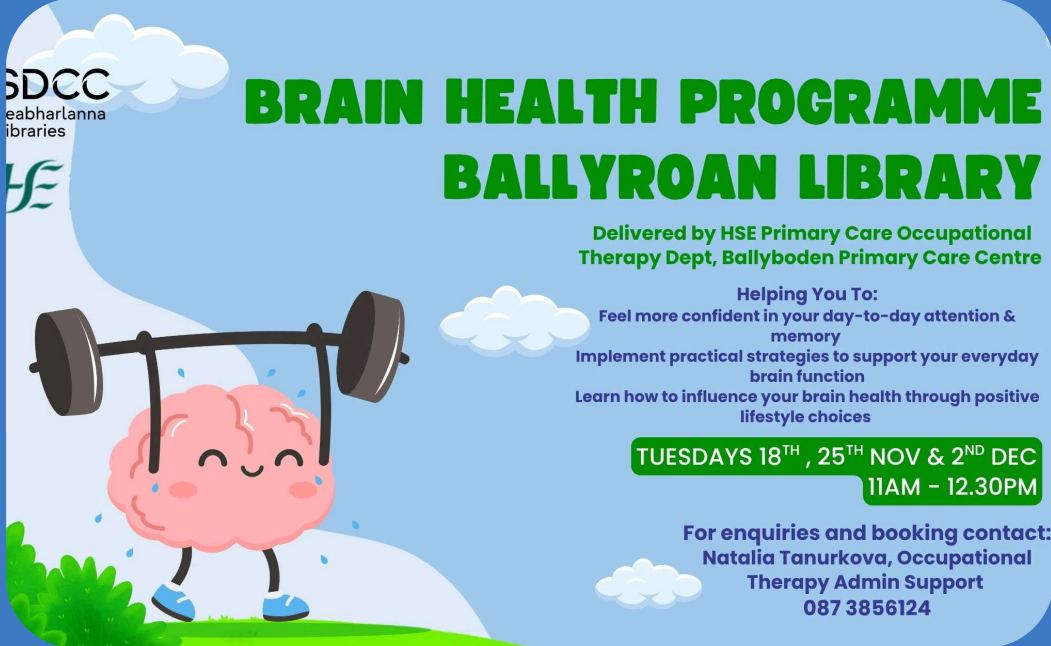
Teens

- **Tuesday 11th at 5pm –** Teen creative writing club with author Claire Hennessy
- **Tuesday 25th at 5pm –** Teen Creative Writing Workshop with Triona Farrell



Ballyroan November Highlights - Adults

- **Monday 3rd at 6.30pm - Who Gives a Focal.** A fascinating talk by author Colin Murphy on the origins of words used in Hiberno-English.
- **Wednesday 9th at 10.30am – Adult Art Course.** 6 week Adult Art Course with Siobhán Buckley.
- **Monday 10th at 6.30pm – Pension Talk.** A community-focused pension information event focusing on the upcoming auto-enrolment law starting in January 2026 with Sprout Plans.
- **Wednesday 12th at 1.30pm: History Hub – *Ballroom Blitz*.** Charting the rise and fall of Irish showbands.
- **Wednesday 12th at 6.30pm – Ideas & Getting Started in Writing.** Creative Writing Workshop with crime writer Louise Phillips.
- **Thursday 13th at 6pm – Learn to Wire a Plug.** A hands-on workshop where you'll learn a practical and empowering skill—how to wire a plug and build your own extension lead.
- **Saturday 15th – Jesmonite Mould Making.** Cast a Jesmonite Luminaire House ornament in this Maker-in-residence workshop.
- **Tuesdays 18th to Dec 2nd – Brain Health Programme.** Learn how to influence your brain health through positive lifestyle choices. Delivered by the HSE.



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**BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAMME
BALLYROAN LIBRARY**

Delivered by HSE Primary Care Occupational
Therapy Dept, Ballyboden Primary Care Centre

Helping You To:
 Feel more confident in your day-to-day attention &
 memory
 Implement practical strategies to support your everyday
 brain function
 Learn how to influence your brain health through positive
 lifestyle choices

**TUESDAYS 18TH, 25TH NOV & 2ND DEC
11AM - 12.30PM**

For enquiries and booking contact:
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Ballyroan November Highlights – Adults continued

- **Tuesday 18th at 6.30pm - Britain, Ireland and the making of a United Kingdom: How The Act of Union 1800 changed the course of Irish History** with John Phelan. Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society monthly lecture.
- **Wednesday 19th at 2pm – Quiz Time.** A Golden Moments event.
- **Saturday 22nd at 11am - Comic Making for Well-Being.** Learn how to make your own diary comic as a tool for self-reflection and elevate your creative practice.
- **Monday 24th at 6.30pm - Neuro Diverse Talk – ADHD.** Explore how to support your child with ADHD while celebrating their unique strengths.
- **Wednesday 26th at 6.30pm – Laser Cut Christmas Decorations.** A work shop with our Maker in Residence.
- **Saturday 29th at 2pm and 3pm – MakerSpace Drop-in Sessions.** Come and meet William our Maker in Residence to find out about our cool new MakerSpace.

Regular events continue throughout the month including Ciorcal Cainte, Stitched together, Silver Screens film club, Gardening Group, Reading Circle and Scrabble.

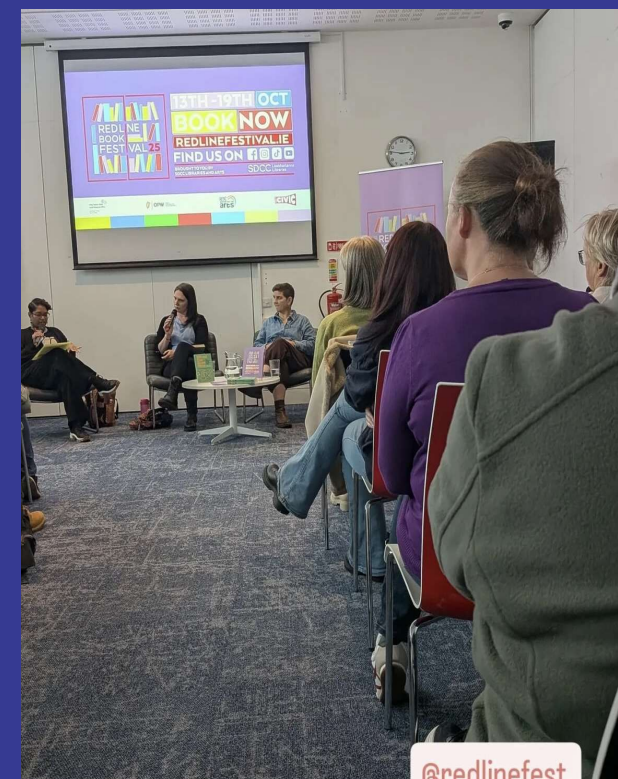
Exhibitions

20 October - 15 November

Still running up that hill Blanaid Lynam celebrating 50 years of painting

17 November - 5 December

Rathfarnham Photography Society



Castletymon Library November Highlights

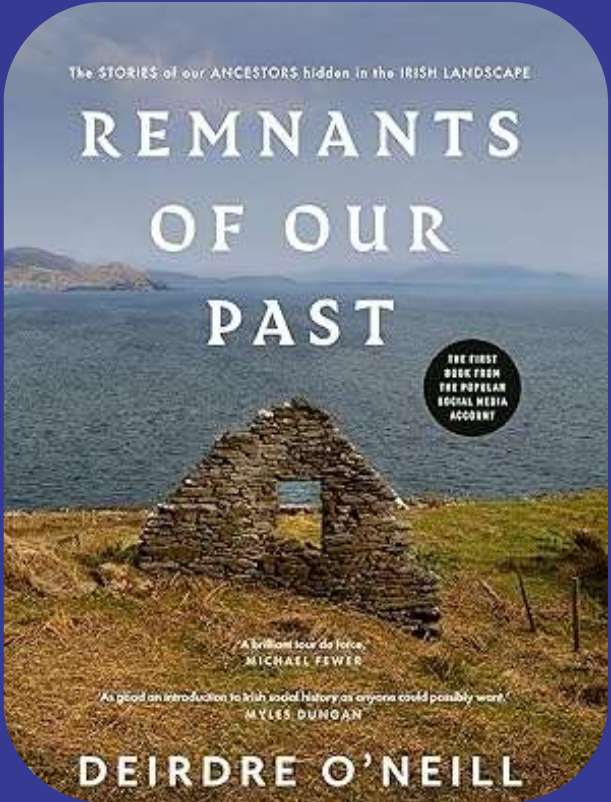
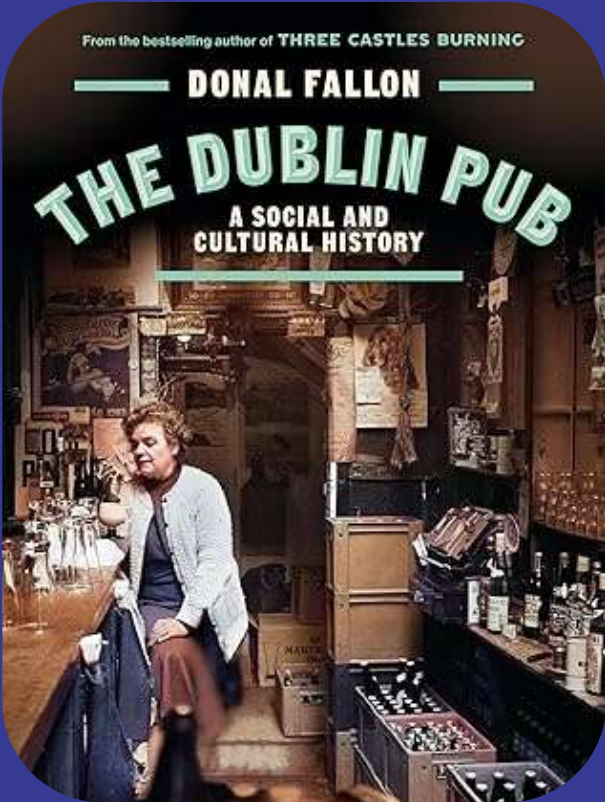
For Adults:

Therapist Gillian Fagan will be here on 5th November for her talk *Living Out Loud: Thriving as a Late-Discovered Neurodivergent Adult (or Ally)*, delivered as part of Neurodiverse South Dublin.

Donal Fallon, author of *Three Castles Burning*, will be talking about and reading from his new book *The Dublin Pub: A Social and Cultural History* on 12th November.

Horticulturist Aoife Munn will also return with a talk on how best to Create a Tranquil Garden (19th).

Our final talk for adults of the month is from author Deirdre O'Neill, who will be reading from and discussing her book *Remnants of Our Past* (26th).



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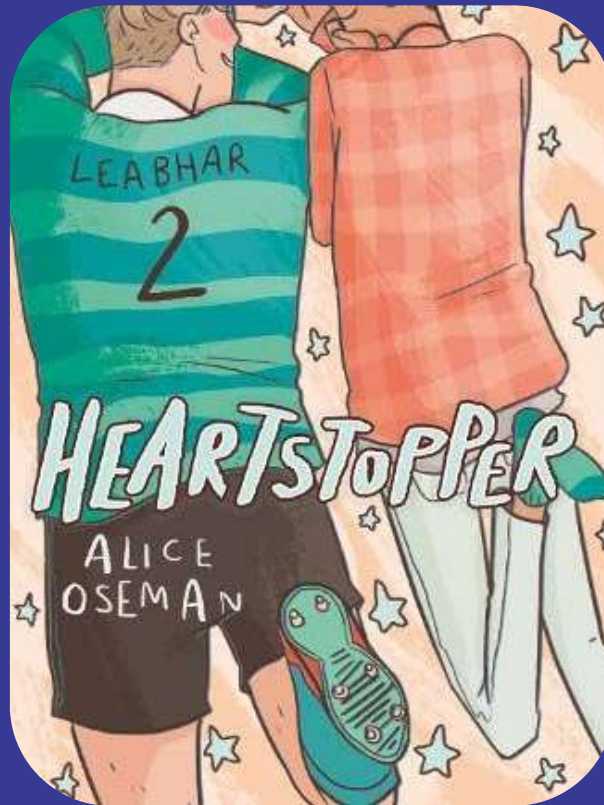
For Schools

We have Eoghan Kelly, translator of Heartstopper into Irish coming to teach a Translation Workshop for TY on the 4th.

We also have YA author Claire Hennessy delivering a session on Writing Dystopias for TY on the 28th.

We also continue The Comics Project, our nine-week programme with writer Juliette Saumande, illustrator Elida Maiques and children with additional literacy needs wherein they learn how to write and draw comics, which will be assembled in a publication at the project's conclusion.

Finally for Science Week, we have four events from Anyone4Science, two sessions of Pharmaceutical Technician Workshops (11th) and two sessions of Colour Families (12th).



Castletymon Library November

Our current classes continue with:

- Beginners' Spanish (until 11th Nov)
- Spanish Conversation (until 12th Nov)
- Digital Literacy Skills (until XXX)
- Foundation Photography Course (until XXX)

Our regular groups continue with:

- Knitting (every Thursday)
- Book Club for Adults (2nd Monday)
- TouchTypeReadSpell (for children, Thursdays)



**BEGINNER
SPANISH**
STARTING 9TH SEPTEMBER

10 week course
Every Tuesday
12:30pm - 1:30pm

BOOKING REQUIRED

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Mobile Libraries

Mobile libraries continue the schools service in November with visits to 21 schools Monday to Friday and 32 public stops 2.30pm to 7.30pm Monday to Thursday.

Please note that the Rossmore Road stop outside Bishop Galvin school in Templeogue has changed from Monday to Tuesdays at 2.45pm to 3.20pm.

There will be 85 deliveries to the Library at Home patrons.

On 31st October, there will be a special Halloween Mobile Library visit to the adults at St Michaels house in Templeogue at 10.30am. That day there will also be a visit to teenagers at Tallaght Youth Reach bringing a Laser cutting workshop for 20 students.



Mobile Libraries Highlights

The monthly visit to Bloomfield Health services is on Saturday 1st November at 3pm.

Sunday 2nd November, mobiles will be providing a quiet space at the Spookdalkin event at The Round Tower in Clondalkin.

There will be 2 visits to Early Learning Centres in November - An Cosan Preschool in Fettercairn on 6th Nov and the preschool at Firhouse Community Centre on 27th Nov.

17 creches will be visited as part of the creche lending service on the 3rd and 17th of November

Our second visit to the homeless service at Finnstown House in Lucan will be on Saturday 15th November.



Red Line Book Festival 2025 - Highlights

The festival celebrated its 14th year in 2025 and took place from 13th - 19th October in libraries and venues all across South Dublin.

The Red Line Family Fun Day remains a significant event in the festival. The day saw over **2,000 people** attend events in Tallaght Library, the Civic theatre and outdoor space in Parthalán Place.

The Illustrator in Residence program saw 15 participants exhibit their work in Ballyroan Library following a 5-week mentorship programme with artist Celina Buckley

The prestigious Red Line bi-lingual poetry competition saw over **500 entries** from all over Ireland, with the winning poem "*Schooner*" coming from Galway poet James Anthony.



Festival Highlights

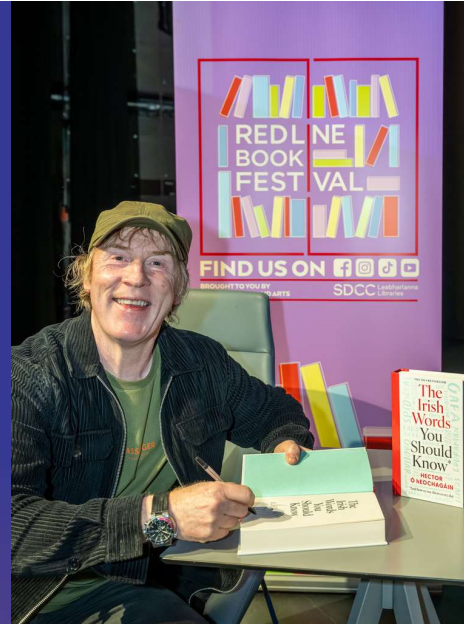
The festival lineup featured a host of national and international authors, while also platforming local and emerging writers.

Bridget Jones creator **Helen Fielding** spoke to a sold-out audience in Rathfarnham Castle, interviewed by Tallaght native Vicky Notaro.

Gavan Reilly and **Jennifer Bray** enthralled a full capacity crowd in Rua Red with tales of *Leinster House*

Irish language author and advocate **Hector O'Eochagáin** in conversation with presenter **Muireann O'Connell** brought lively banter and laughter to a raucous Civic theatre

The End of the Line: A Spoken Word Celebration featured 10 acclaimed poets from across Ireland in a rousing closing event to the festival



Accessibility

Irish sign language played an important part in increasing accessibility for this year's festival.

ISL interpretation was provided for 4 main events in the Civic theatre and Rathfarnham Castle.

Feedback for provision of this service was excellent, both from attendees and event participants. We aim to increase the provision of ISL to more events in 2026.



Engagement and Participation

There were **45** events delivered across **12** venues for the 2025 festival. **17** events **booked out**.

Total attendance was approx. **5,500** people, a **10% increase** on 2024.

Social media engagement **increased by 31%** on select channels. Follower numbers **increased by 23%**.

Media engagement was significant in 2025, with festival coverage appearing in national outlets including Newstalk, the Sunday Independent, the Irish Times, the Journal and RTE.ie





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