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October Stats Ballyroan, Castletymon & Mobile Libraries

Ballyroan library had 129 events attended by 2,397 people, issued 14,913 items and registered 559 new borrowers and had 22,503 visitors. This compares with 21,808 visitors in October 2024.

Castletymon Library had 54 events, issued 3,036 items and registered 992 new borrowers, they had 5699 visitors, this compares to 5677 visitors in 2024.

Mobile Libraries issued 7145 items and registered 53 new borrowers in October. Mobiles visited 21 schools with 8 classes per visit in November, they visited 17 crèches and did 84 library@home visits.



Ballyroan December Highlights – Families, Children and Teens

• **Monday 1st at 4.30pm – Sensory Explorers:** A fun, relaxed play session for neurodiverse children and their siblings

• **Wednesday 10th at 10am – Beag Bideach le Sadhbh Devlin.** Bilingual storytelling and craft session with local preschool group.

• **Saturday 13th at 2pm – Genie Mackers!** A Genie Mackers Magical show for Christmas with fun for all the family!

• **Monday 15th at 6pm – Christmas Pyjama Storytime.** Join library staff for some heartwarming Christmas bedtime stories. Pyjamas and teddies welcome!

• **Saturday 20th at 2pm – Relaxed Movie Time.** Everyone deserves the magic of movies. Join us for a screening of “The Polar Express” suitable for children and families with additional needs.

• **Regular weekly events continue including Toddler Time, Storytime and Chess and fortnightly Coder Dojo.**

Teens

• **Thursday 4th at 5.30pm – Earrings and Key rings.** Teen makerspace event with our Maker-in-residence.

• **Tuesday 9th at 5pm – Teen creative writing club** with author Claire Hennessy



Ballyroan December Highlights - Adults

- **Monday 1st at 5pm – Environmentally Friendly Crafts.** A self-led crafting session for adults using sustainable materials from the library.
- **Tuesday 2nd at 10am – Christmas Wreath-making Workshop.** Adult wreath-making workshop with Wicklow Willow.
- **Wednesday 3rd at 2pm – Golden Moments: Celebrating the Showbands.** Our monthly age-friendly event, this month featuring a presentation and music from the showband era.
- **Monday 8th at 6pm: Mastering the Multimeter.** An adult STEAM event with Jeffrey Roe.
- **Wednesday 10th at 6.30pm – The Joy of Reading.** Zoe Miller, Gill Perdue and Claire Hennessy in conversation. Part of Stop Scrolling, Start Reading
- **Tuesday 16th at 6.30pm – It's Not all Balls and Bonnets: Jane Austen at 250.** Lecture by Dr. Ellen Howley UCD
- **Wednesday 17th at 6pm – Jane Austen Dance & Tea Party.** Featuring music and period dress.



Ballyroan Library Christmas Market

Saturday 6th December 2025

Over 40 stalls of locally made
gifts and treats

Open from 10.30am to 3.30pm

12pm – Festive Music by RUGS
(Rathfarnham Ukelele Group)



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Castletymon Library December Highlights

For Adults:

Our traditional music session The Tymon Sessions returns for a special Christmas Edition on 10th December at 6.30pm with Mick and Martin. Feel free to bring along your own instrument and join in, sing along, or just listen!

We will be hosting a very special Christmas Watercolours class on the 8th and 10th December at 12pm. Places are limited for the Christmas edition of this very popular class.

Our regular knitting group continues into December on 4th, 11th & 18th

Our final Adult Book Club of the year meets on the 8th December.



Castletymon Library November Highlights

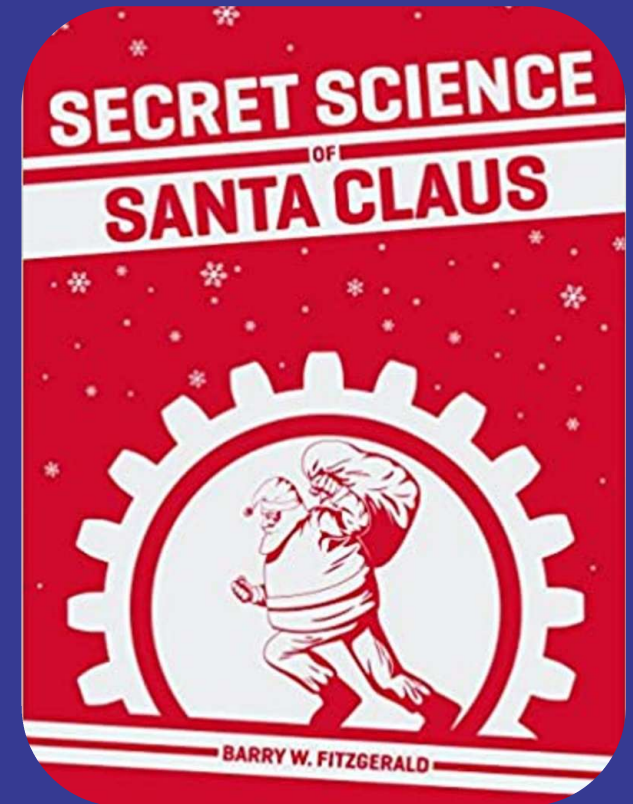
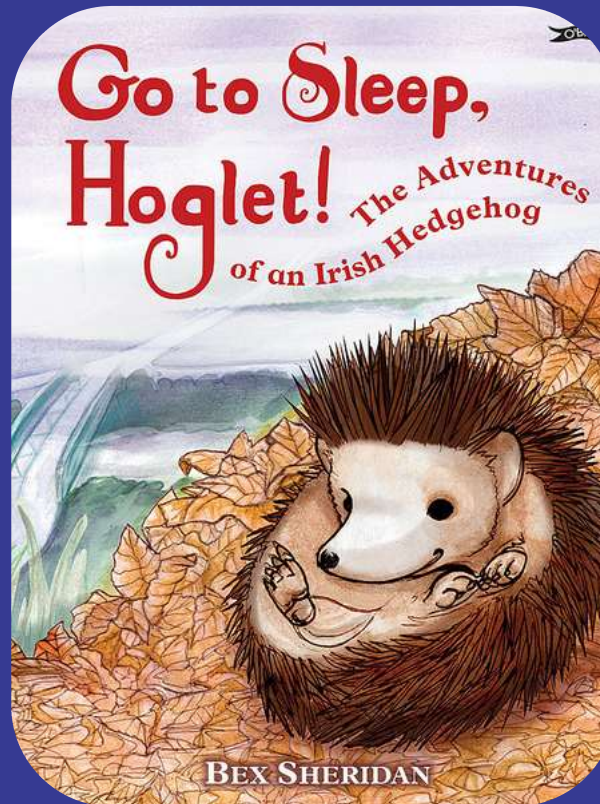
For Children:

On 3rd December, Anne from Suimhneas will be educating parents and their babies about the world of Baby Reflexology.

On 5th December for a class visit and on Sat 6th December in an open session, author Bex Sheridan will be doing a story time for little ones, reading from her book *Go to Sleep, Hoglet* and more.

On 6th December, scientist Barry Fitzgerald, The Superhero Scientist will be here to teach children aged 6+ about The Secret Science of Santa Claus.

Our regular toddler group continues on 4th & 11th of December but for our last of the year, on the 18th December, there may be a very special, perhaps holly jolly special guest!



Mobile Library Events Highlights November – 'Career speed-dating'

Mobile libraries proudly represented South Dublin County Council as an employer of choice at Mount Seskin Community College at their 'Careers speed-dating' event on November 21st alongside a group from other departments in SDCC. Our excellent Senior Library assistant spoke to students about career paths in SDCC Libraries.



Mobile Library Events November

In November Mobile Libraries visited An Cosán Preschool, Cocoon Childcare and Firhouse Community Centre Preschool with story times and songs.

The second visit to Finnstown Homeless service took place on Sat 15th at 2pm.

Mobiles visited 21 schools with 8 classes per visit in November and did 84 library@home visits.

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



Mobile Library Events December

The Mobile Library will be attending the Christmas Market in Lucan House on Sunday December 7th and the Christmas Market at Rathfarnham Castle on Sunday 14th.

We will be visiting Finnstown House Homeless Service with a face painter on Saturday December 13th.

Mobiles will have Santa Claus and his helper at Parklands Green, Citywest on Tuesday 16th December and Cúil Dúin Avenue, Citywest.



Firstival

Firstival – Try Something for the First Time!

January 12th–17th, 2026

Firstival returns to SDCC Libraries this January — a week-long celebration designed to encourage adults to try something for the first time.

Following the success of last year's debut, this year's programme offers an inspiring mix of hands-on workshops and fun experiences across our library branches.

Activities taking place include **terrarium crafting**, **Scottish folk dancing**, **paint and prosecco**, **needle punching** and the traditional Korean paper art **Joomchi** — plus plenty more to surprise and delight.

Whether someone wants to learn a new skill, meet new people, or simply do something different, *Firstival* is the perfect way to begin the year on a creative note.

All *Firstival* events open for booking on Friday, 2nd January @ 9am





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