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# Tallaght, Castletymon and Mobile Libraries ACM Report December

DEC 2025



# November statistics for Tallaght, Castletymon and Mobile libraries

Tallaght library had 20,091 visitors ; there were 165 events attended by 2,198 people and 8144 items issued. There were 655 new members

Castletymon Library issued 3277 items, registered 308 new members and had 5623 visitors. They held 46 events attended by 629 people.

Mobile Libraries issued 8222 items, registered 1005 new borrowers and visited 21 schools



## Tallaght library: November Highlights for Kids & Teens

- Science Week 2025: Secret Science of Superheroes family show, Anyone 4 Science Colourful Chemistry Workshops
- Yoruba Storytime
- Transition Year: Levers Project collaboration between TCD and SDCC Libraries Makerspace





# Tallaght library: November Highlights for Adults

## D24 Reads

- 'Whodunnit, murder mystery and suspense lecture' with crime author Zoe Miller

## Jane Austen 250

- Pride and Prejudice Book Club

## Heritage

- Nicola Pierce 'Great Irish Wives.'

## Skills for Life

- Coding and gaming workshops with SDCC Partnership



# Tallaght library, December: Christmas, Family & Kids Events

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## TALLAGHT LIBRARY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**BARBERSHOP CHOIR AT 11 AM**

**MOVE WITH CARLA AT 12 NOON**

FAMILY DANCE PARTY - BOOKING ON EVENTBITE

**MURPH THE MAGICIAN AT 2 PM**

FAMILY MAGIC SHOW - BOOKING ON EVENTBITE

**A VERY SPECIAL GUEST AT 3 PM**

**CRAFT FAIR ALL DAY**



**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**BALLOON MODELLERS &  
FACE PAINTERS FROM 12.30 PM**

**JACK FLASH MAGIC AT 12.30 PM**

**CHRISTMAS CROONERS AT 1.30 PM**

FESTIVE MUSIC QUARTET

**SILENT DISCO AT 2 PM & 3 PM**

BOOKING ON EVENTBITE

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# Tallaght library: December for Adults

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## Heritage

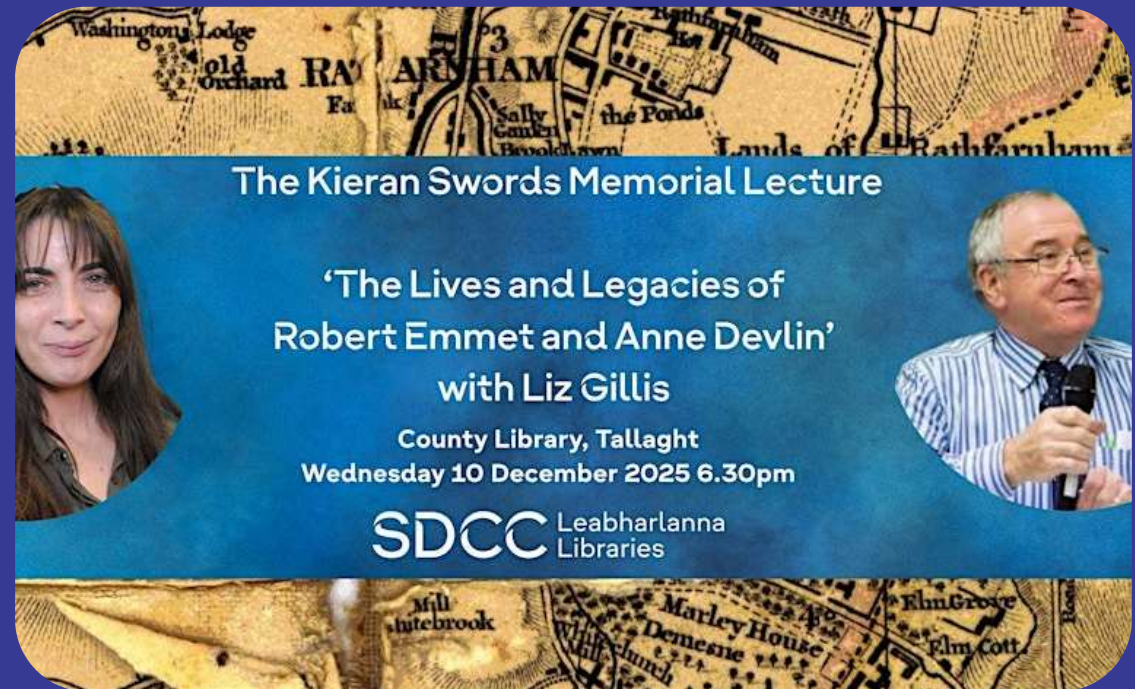
- Kieran Swords Memorial Lecture with Historian Liz Gillis

## Age Friendly

- Christmas Bingo

## Literacy

- Reading to children workshop: learn how to be a storyteller



# January sneak peek!

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## Firstival

Events will include hands-on arts and crafts and movement

## Trad Fest

- Children's Bodhrán Session
- Try the Pipes with Na Píobairí Uilleann

The logo for TRAD Fest 2026 is displayed on a light beige rectangular background. The word "TRAD" is in a large, bold, dark green sans-serif font. Below it, "Fest" is in a similar font, with the "T" stylized to incorporate a harp. To the right of "Fest", the year "2026" is written vertically in a smaller, dark green font. At the bottom, the dates "21 - 25 JAN" are written in a bold, dark green sans-serif font.

# Castletymon Library December Highlights

## For Adults:

Our traditional music session The Tymon Sessions returns for a special Christmas Edition on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm. Places are limited for the Christmas edition of this very popular class.

Our regular knitting group continues into December on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Our final Adult Book Club of the year meets on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.





# Castletymon Library December Highlights

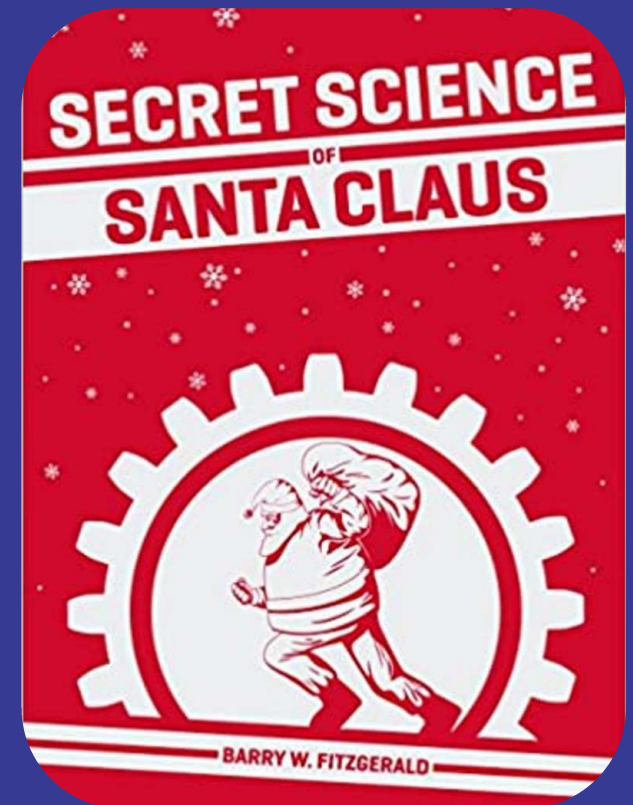
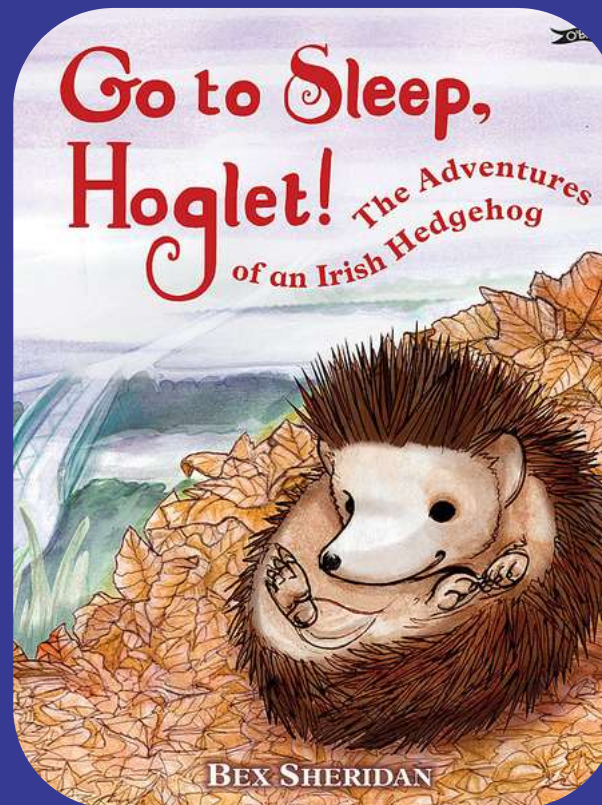
## For Children:

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

On 5<sup>th</sup> December for a class visit and on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of December but for our last of the year, on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, there may be a very special, perhaps holly jolly special guest!



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

We proudly represented South Dublin County Council as an employer of choice at Mount Seskin Community College at their 'Careers speed-dating' event on November 21<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Market at Rathfarnham Castle on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mobiles will have Santa Claus and his helper at Parklands Green, CityWest on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> January @ 9am





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