## Lucan, North Clondalkin Library and Palmerstown December ACM

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North Clondalkin Library, November Statistics

Footfall: 9,637

Events: 232

Event attendees: 5043





## NCL 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday

North Clondalkin Library celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

To celebrate, a number of events were held in the library on the day and Cllr Pamela Kearns, Mayor of SDCC was on hand to start proceedings.

**Events included:** 

Launch of Library Communication Board

(Accessibility Week)

Sensory explorer sessions with Rebecca Mc Dermott

Children's Author visit.

And lots more fun activities throughout the day.





## Christmas Events at North Clondalkin Library

We had a wide of events organized in December to bring the Festive Spirit into North Clondalkin:

#### Adult events:

Christmas Wreath making workshop:

#### **Family events**:

Christmas Movie screening Christmas Concert The Secret Science of Santa with Dr. Barry Fitzgerald – The Super-Hero Scientist

#### Junior events:

Christmas Themed story time & craft session Christmas Cooking Design your own Christmas mug



## Engagement with outside groups:

We continue to engage strongly with outside groups and organizations and offer spaces :

Groups worked with in December include:

Women's Collective (Vigil to remember Gender Based Violence)

Men's Heads Up Group (HSE)

La Leche League

ETB

Fibromylagia Support Group

**Stewarts Care** 







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## Lucan Library November Statistics

Footfall: 12,201

Events: 66

Event attendees: 1066

Number of items issued: 9478

Number of new members

added: 574

Number of people who visited

MOL: 527



## Christmas at Lucan Library Lucan Library

**Christmas Musical tots**, took place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of November with a musical sing along for little ones

Lucan Library is excited to be hosting our annual Christmas
Craft Fair on Saturday 13th of December from 10am - 4pm

Local crafters will be selling plenty of handmade gifts, offering the perfect opportunity to pick up some one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting local small businesses.

There will be fun for all ages, with face painting from 10am-12pm and a magic show from 12.30-1.30pm and festive music with sing-a-longs on the day

**Wreath Making Workshop** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm, a fun and festive wreath making workshop for adults. All materials are provided.

Healthy Santa Treats with Cool Food School for ages 9-12 - Friday 19th December at 2.30pm. Come along to make something healthy for Santa to nibble upon on Christmas Eve!





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## **Lucan Library**

#### Highlights from end of November/ December

Saturday 29th November at 2pm - Poet's Perch Book Launch

Natalie established the Poets' Perch in December 2023 – a local poetry group who meet in Lucan Library once a month to drink tea, chat, and delight over words.

This collection of 39 poems are from people that Natalie has encountered on her journey

**The Disconnect Project Talk** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45pm.

Join us for an empowering and relatable talk on how adults can take back control from their phone.

Smartphone overuse has become one of the quietest, yet most powerful challenges of modern life. It is impacting how we focus, rest, and connect with others.

Join Eleanor O'Dwyer, founder of The Disconnect Project, for an empowering and relatable talk on how adults can take back control from their phone. Drawing on her own experience of breaking free from smartphone overuse, Eleanor explores how constant scrolling affects our wellbeing and shares simple, evidence-based tools to help you create a healthier relationship with your smartphone.



## **Lucan Library**

#### **Exhibitions**:

Exhibition by **Society of Old Luca**n - Soldier's Commemoration exhibition – all month

Exhibition of artworks by **Local Lucan Art Class** – all month

Christmas themed exhibition, from second week in December, celebrating the weird & wonderful uniquely Irish Christmas traditions that have stood the test of time, from the Christmas day swim to the laden table



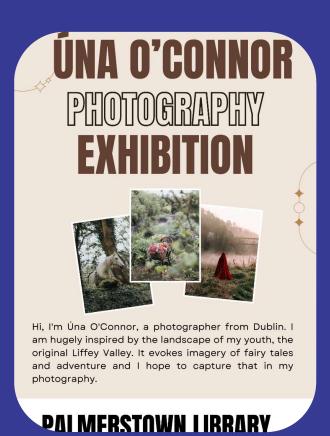


## Palmerstown Library

In November 22 events took place in Palmerstown library with 235 attendees

Coming up in December: a **Festive Wreath-Making Workshop** Friday 5th December 2-4pm with Aoife from Wicklow Willow. Participants will learn to weave a wreath base using our organically-grown willow rods. Decorate wreath with sustainably sourced foliage types from our own woodland.

December's **exhibition** in Palmerstown is from **Una O'Connor**. Una is a photographer from Dublin and is hugely inspired by the landscape of the original Liffey Valley



## Palmerstown Library Highlights for Children

A great morning was had by all at a Christmas postcards workshop with Elena on Saturday 22nd November. Children had fun crafting and creating their very own Christmas postcards.

Festive musical tots will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of December- a music workshop for children from 6 months to pre-schoolers with their parents/guardian.

Baby Reflexology Friday 12th December 10.00am reflexology with Anne O' Connor for babies from birth to pre crawling

Storytime @ The Library takes place on Wednesday 3rd, 10th, December @ 2.30pm. Join our resident storyteller as she introduces children to the joys of reading! For 3-5 years

Crafts & Storytime with Catherine Saturday 20th December 10.00am Join Catherine for some fun crafting and stories. For 3-6 years of age.



## 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 Libraries issued 8222 items in November and registered 1005 new borrowers



## 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 **Joomch**i — 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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