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# Clondalkin & Mobile Libraries

ACM Report December 2025

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# Statistics, Clondalkin Library

November 2025

- Visitors: 6430
- Issues: 2808
- New Members: 118
- Events: 61

Jan-Nov 2025

- Visitors: 67,202  
(Jan-Nov 24: 64,240)
- Issues: 34,793
- New members: 1386
- Events : 643





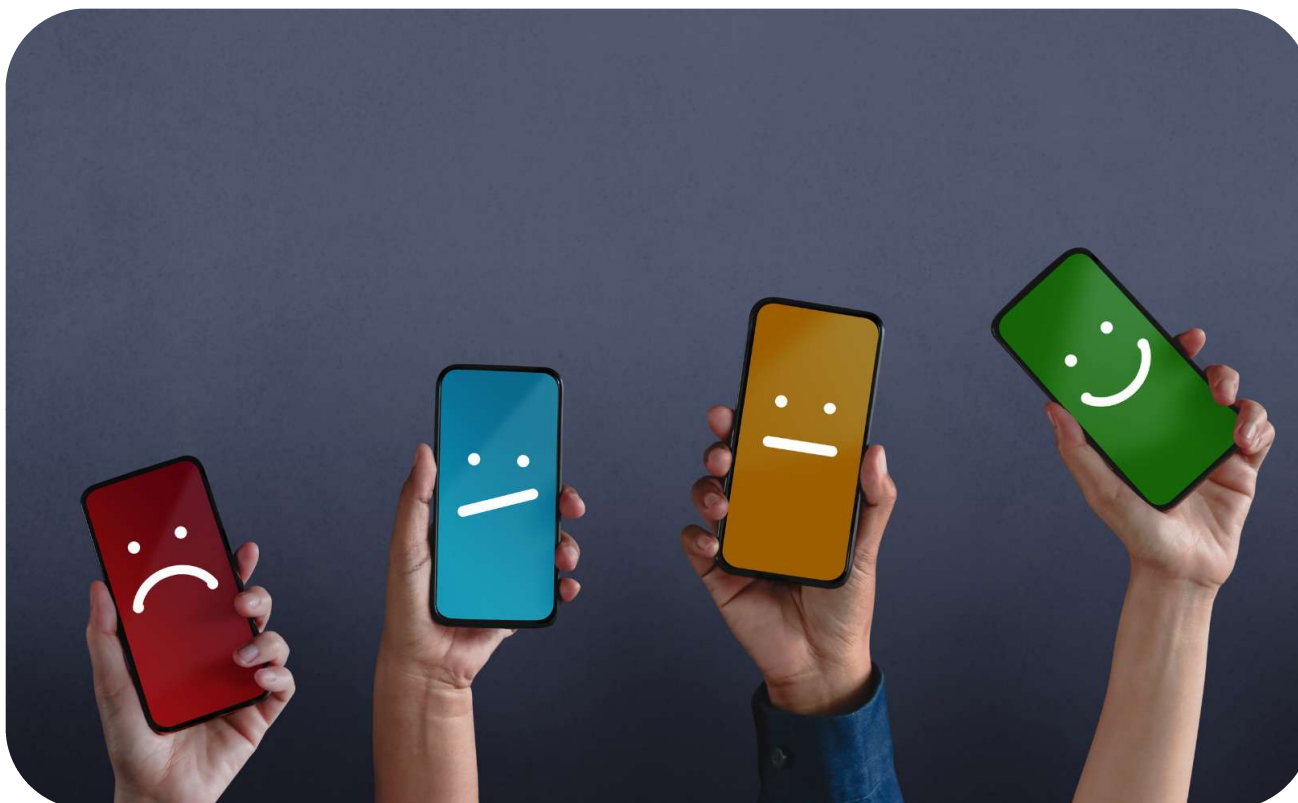
# 1 to 1 Smartphone help

In January 2025 Clondalkin Library began offering 1-to-1 smartphone sessions in response to a need noticed by staff when helping members of the public at the library desk.

Anyone who needs help getting to grips with their smartphone can make an appointment with a member of staff to get 45 minutes of 1 to 1 help. And can make a follow up appointment if they wish.

From help with WhatsApp or emails to downloading boarding passes, no query is too small.

68 sessions have taken place since January 2025



# Accessibility Week

Accessibility week takes place from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Accessibility Week celebrates wellbeing and accessibility initiatives happening across South Dublin County and raises awareness about disability, equality, and inclusion.

In Clondalkin Library we're highlighting our **ISL Conversation Group** – which meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Clondalkin Library

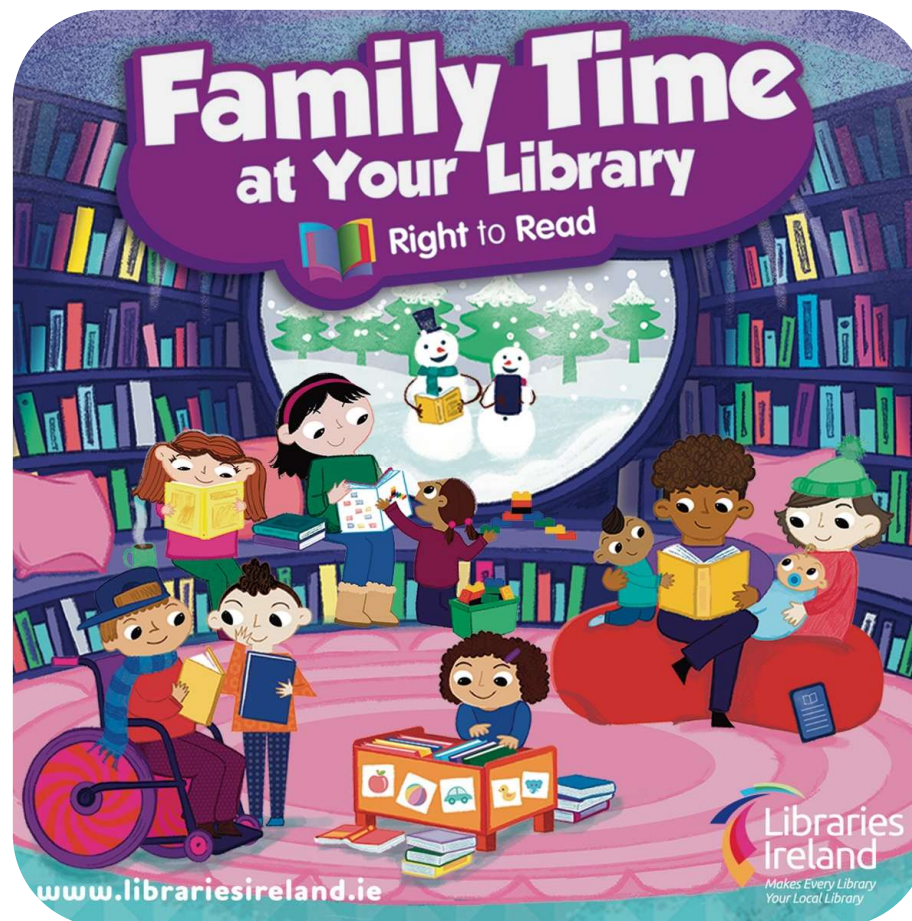
**Magic Table** – The magic table is the latest in our assistive technologies. We will be doing demonstrations of the Magic Table all day on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Other assistive technologies available at Clondalkin Library:

- Neurodiverse South toy catalogue available to borrow
- C-Pen readers available to borrow
- Acorn tablets
- Audiobooks, large print and dyslexia friendly books



- **Weekly Storytime** – every Tuesday at 3.00pm featuring seasonal stories in December
- **Christmas Crafting session for ages 8-12** make and decorate clay ornaments (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm)
- **Visit from Santa.** Children can meet Santa in the library and get a special balloon from our talented balloon modellers. (19<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 – 4.00pm)





# Festive events for adults

## **Watercolour Christmas cards workshop**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 12.00pm

## **Wreath making workshop**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 12.00pm

## **Local Vocals choir performance**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm



# Looking ahead to 2026

**Tradfest** - Returns to South Dublin and to Clondalkin Library in January 2026

Continuation of our **Clondalkin Library oral history project** – moving on to record people's memories with the help of Liz Gillis

Classes planned for Spring 26

- **English as a second language**
- **Irish**
- **Crochet**
- **Computers for beginners**
- **1 to 1 smartphone help**





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

Mobile libraries 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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