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Clondalkin & Mobile Libraries

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Clondalkin Library Statistics

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December 2025

- Visitors: 4943
- Issues: 2060
- New Members: 59
- Events: 32
- Attendees: 509



Statistics

2025

- Visitors: 71,972
- Issues: 37,099
- New members: 1,452
- Events: 675
- Attendees: 8,471
- Class visits: 139
- Event attendees: 3,230



Firstival 12th – 17th January

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

In Clondalkin Library we held the following events as part of Firstival:

Wednesday 14th January 6.30pm

Scottish Folk Dancing

Thursday 15th January, 10.30- 12.30

Terrarium Crafting



Trad Fest 21st – 25th January

Tradfest returns to South Dublin in January 2026 with events taking place in venues throughout the county.

At Clondalkin Library we are delighted to be taking part in Tradfest again with some interactive events

Try the Pipes with Na Piobairí Uillean

Wednesday 21st January 6.30pm

Join us for a 'Try the Pipes' session in Clondalkin Library; a short uilleann piping recital followed by a chance for attendees to get hands on and try the instruments out for themselves

Instrument making workshop for kids age 8-12

Saturday 24th January 2.00pm

Join the crew from Rediscovery Centre to explore the topic of waste, how much we make and how we can creatively reuse it. Learn how to make your own musical instruments from recycled materials.



Poetry Reading

In January we're delighted to welcome Poet Rafael Mendes to Clondalkin Library for a poetry reading.

This reading follows on from our series of intercultural poetry workshops in 2024 and 2025

Rafael Mendes is a Brazilian-Irish poet whose work has recently appeared or is upcoming in *Banshee*, *Wasafari*, and *gorse*. He was selected for Poetry Ireland Introductions 2023 and the Irish Writers Centre Evolution Programme 2025-2026. He's a PhD candidate in Latin American Studies at Trinity College Dublin and an Early Career Fellow at the Trinity Long Room Hub.

Rafael will be giving a reading in Clondalkin Library **on Thursday 22nd January at 6.30pm**



St. Brigid's Day

Bridóg doll making workshop (adults)

29th January 10.30am

Clondalkin Library is delighted to present a workshop on Making Bridóg dolls with Wicklow Willow as part of our St. Brigid's Day celebrations.

Join Aoife from Wicklow Willow for this traditional Bridóg making workshop. This traditional doll was made for St. Brigid's Day and brought the Light of Spring into a household.

Using sustainably harvested rushes, you will make your own Bridóg doll during this workshop and learn about the traditions surrounding our patron St. Brigid.



Mobile Library statistics December

Issued 5441 items,

111 new members joined

12 school visits

80 library @ home visits

104 public stops which had 1853 visitors

Mobile library Statistics for 2025

89, 034 items issued

6,728 new members joined

163 school visits

1004 library @ home deliveries

1534 public stops which had 38007 visitors



Mobile Library Events December

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Santa Visits the Mobile Library

Santa Claus and his helper visited the Mobile Library at the Parklands Road public stop and the Cúil Dúin public stop on December 16th and 17th, bringing joy to our borrowers!



Mobile Library Events December

Lucan House Christmas Market

250 people visited the Mobile Library, that provided a quiet space, opportunity to join the library and borrowing books at the Lucan House Christmas Market on Sunday December 7th.

Finnstown House Homeless Service

The Mobile Libraries team visited Finnstown House Homeless Service on December 13th , gifting crayon sets and colouring pages and bringing a face painter as entertainment with a total of 57 children and adults attending the Mobile Library.



Mobile Library Events December

Mobile Libraries Author Visit with Storyteller Róisín Murphy

Róisín Murphy visited GaelScoil Lír on December 8th and did two sessions of storytelling with a blend of English and Irish language with a mix of traditional folktales and legends.



Mobile Library Events January 2026

Mobiles will be visiting Bloomfield Nursing Home on January 3rd.

The Mobile Library will be visiting Happy Days Creche and Giraffe Childcare Preschool.

Mobile Libraries will be visiting 22 schools, having added one new school to their list for 2026.



SDCC Libraries Overview 2025

Average number of active borrowers per month – **60,669**

Some key successes:

2025 saw **972,403** visits to libraries, an increase of almost 3% from 2024.

Over **150,000** people attended **8,496** events

Use of online resources (Borrowbox, Irish Newspaper Archive, Pressreader, Kanopy etc) almost doubled in 2025 with **696,349** issues.

Social Media Reach

Overall social media engagement decreased by **10%** from 2024. However, **link clicks increased by 70%**, indicating a shift towards more purposeful engagement with library services and events.





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