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# Lucan, North Clondalkin Library and Palmerstown January 2026 ACM

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# Statistics, Lucan Library, December

Visitors 9245

Issues 6749

New Members added 162

Number of events taking  
place 40

Number of attendees  
1,500

My Open Library 475



## Lucan library Firstival

There are three events planned for South Dublin Libraries Firstival in January 2026, all events booked up very quickly

Joomchi  
Tuesday 13 at 10.30am - 12.30pm  
Korean paper art workshop- a meditative, tactile craft experience with Art in Layers.

Make a Terrarium Wednesday  
14<sup>th</sup> of Jan, 6-8  
Discover the joy of tiny worlds and take home your own pocket-sized ecosystem

Mystery Craft workshop,  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 1.30- 3.00pm  
Brighten up your new year embracing your cracks and turning mental struggles into golden moments.



## Lucan library, more events for adults

Drop in chess for adults, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of January, 6.30pm and February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

Irish Sign Language Classes – Course for beginners with the Irish Deaf Society. Starting Thursday 29th January at 6.30pm ending 19<sup>th</sup> March. This will cover basic ISL & Deaf Awareness, it provides a stepping stone to those who wish to apply further to our accredited QQI ISL courses.

Introduction to Python for Adults – Learn how to create an interactive quiz using python with Coding Ireland. Friday 30th January at 10-11am.



# DROP-IN CHESS FOR ADULTS



Chess will 6.30pm meet on Mondays going forward

Drop-in to play chess with friends or new players. No need to book!



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## Lucan Library events for children

The first Sensory Saturday at the Library featuring items from the Neurodiverse South collection and the Magic Table was fully booked and took place on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Class visits with local St Thomas National School for their Book Week celebration is being carried out the week of 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.

2 school sessions with Wicklow Willow on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, showing students how to create their own St Brigid's Crosses from rushes.

## Exhibitions

**Kishoge Community College - Exhibition of Poetry:** Starting 07th January

**1960's Dublin Photo Exhibition:** Starting 12th January



# NCL

In December, NCL had 144 events attended by 2275 people. The library had 5953 visitors in December.

Firstival festival ran throughout the branch service in January- with NCL hosting a varied programme.

## Events offered included:

Punch needlecraft, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of Jan, 10.00- 1.00pm

Mystery craft (Into the grain)  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30pm

Paint and Prosecco, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan, 6.30pm

There was a great take-up from customers-with demand far out - weighing supply.



## Tradfest @NCL

Tradfest is Ireland's largest traditional & folk music festival. The festival runs from 21-15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in Dublin Ireland.

This year North Clondalkin library participated for the first time.

### Adult events :

Traditional Harp playing with local harpist Ann Tuite-accompanied by friends.

### Family events:

Trad jam & folk session with top musicians.

### Teenage events:

Music Workshop for T/Y group with singer/songwriter Luke Clerkin .



## Engagement with outside groups:

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

Women's Collective

Men's Heads Up Group (HSE)

La Leche League

ETB

Fibromyalgia Support Group

Stewarts Care

Irish Heart Foundation – Mobile Health Checks  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Hidden Hearing

VOICE Ireland & SDCC : Launch of Cloth  
nappy Scheme on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January



# NCL, All Things Literary

## Once Upon a Year !

### The Reading 2026 Challenge

12 months. 12 Books.

January Challenge:

A book from an author that's New to You!

### Silent Book Club for Teens: New !

Gather with like-minded Teens to read together on our cozy bean bags.

### Teen Film Book Club: New!

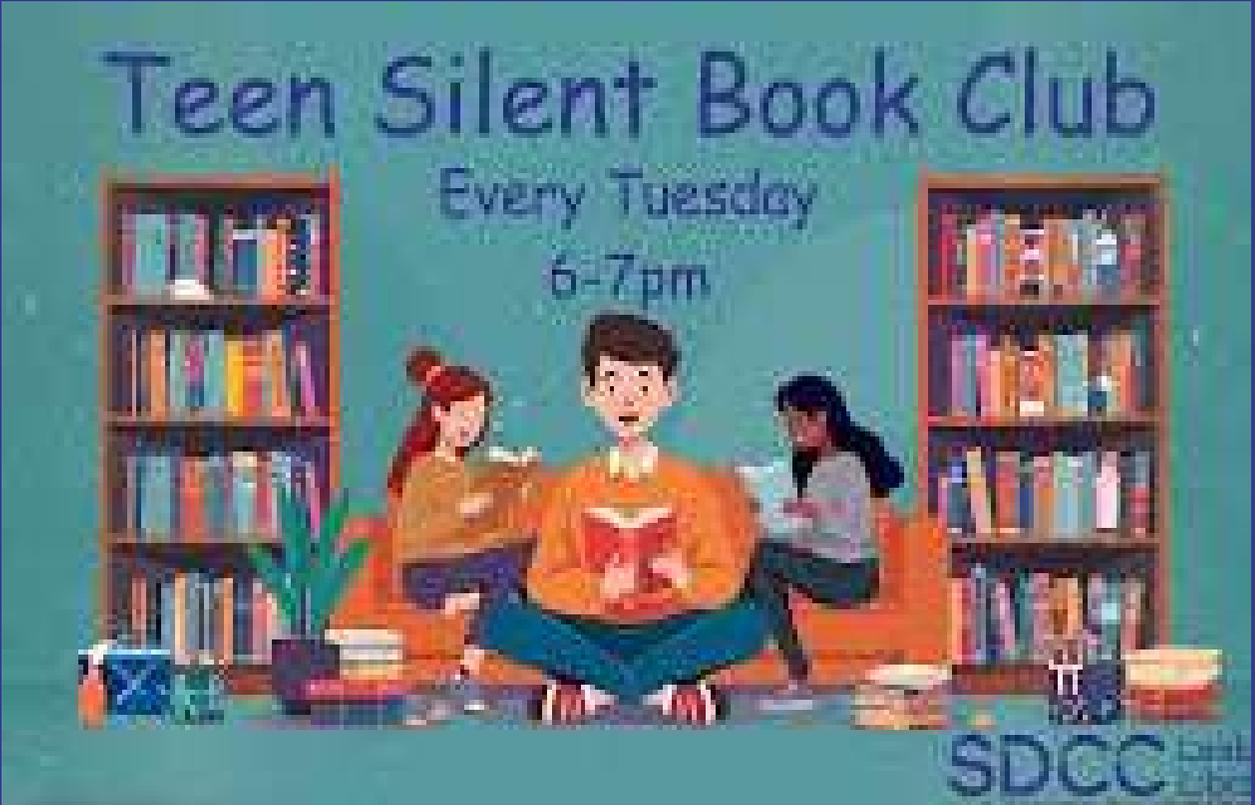
For 12 – 17- year- olds.

Each session will involve watching a movie that is adapted from a book – followed by discussion /chat on the movie.

### Junior Book Club

### Adult Book Club

### Crime Book Club



# Palmerstown Library

In December, Palmerstown library had 1,167 visitors and 17 events which were attended by 172 people.

Events for adults In January:

As part of Firstival a Punch Needle Crafting workshop for adults tis taking place on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January

Ongoing are the adult book clubs, knit & chat group & Family Tree Research Group who meet twice a month.

The exhibition for January is a Photo Exhibition by photographer Una O'Connor.

Palmerstown library are introducing a 'Phone Buddy' class every fortnight to help seniors negotiate their smart phones.



# Palmerstown Library

## Events for children

Musical Tots, Saturday 3rd January 10.30am  
Karen led a fun educational music workshop for children from 6 months to pre-schoolers with their parents/guardian.

Each Saturday morning the library runs workshops for kids ranging from Music workshops to Arts & Crafts.

Each Thursday class visits are held with the local primary schools

Weekly story time @ The Library with our resident storyteller for kids and Saturday morning events for kids are ongoing.



## 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 Events December

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Finnstown House Homeless Service

The Mobile Libraries team visited Finnstown House Homeless Service on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> and did two sessions of storytelling with a blend of English and Irish language with a mix of traditional folktales and legends.



# 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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