



Comhairle Contae  
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South Dublin  
County Council

# Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse, Bohernabreena ACM, February 2026

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# December Statistics

## December Stats – Ballyroan Library

Visitors 16,708

Number of events 94

Items issued 11472

New members joined 163

## December Stats Castletymon library

Visitors 4250

Number of events 29

Issued 2580 items

Registered 155 new members

## December stats for Mobile libraries

Issued 5441 items,

111 new members joined

12 school visits

80 library @ home visits

104 public stops which had 1853 visitors



# Ballyroan February Highlights – Families, Children and Teens

- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm – Valentine's Crafts for Kids:** A fun, crafting session for children.
- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm – Family Lego Event.** Families work together to build and create amazing Lego creations.
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – Alan Nolan.** Ireland Reads Day!
- **4-week programme commencing Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am – Do Re Mi, with Hannah Lee.** Join Hannah Lee for a 4-week music programme for babies and pre-schoolers
- **Regular weekly events continue including Toddler Time, Storytime and Chess and fortnightly Coder Dojo.**

## Teens

- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm – Teen STEAM event:** A fun Makerspace event for teens



## Ballyroan February Highlights - Adults

- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – Remnants of Our Past.** A talk by historian Deirdre O’Neill on the historical artefacts that can be found all around us.
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – Irish Poems we Learned at School.** A look at Irish poems from school days past!
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm – How to Wire a Plug.** A Makerspace workshop with TOG Hackerspace.
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – Walking the Camino.** A Golden Moments talk with Andrea Ryan.
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30pm: Love & Friendship On The Page - An Evening With Vicki Notaro.** Author Vicki Notaro joins us to discuss her writing on the topics of love and friendship. A “Stop Scrolling” event.

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Libraries

### Walking the Camino

A talk by Andrea Ryan

Ballyroan Library  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
2pm  
A Golden Moments Event



# Castletymon Library February 2026 Highlights

**Do Re Mi: Early Years Classes**

Brought to us by Music Generation, this six-week programme for ages 0-18 months and 18 months to 4 years continues into February.

**Spanish**

Our popular Spanish language classes continue with Beginners' Spanish and Spanish Conversation, throughout February.

**Book Club**

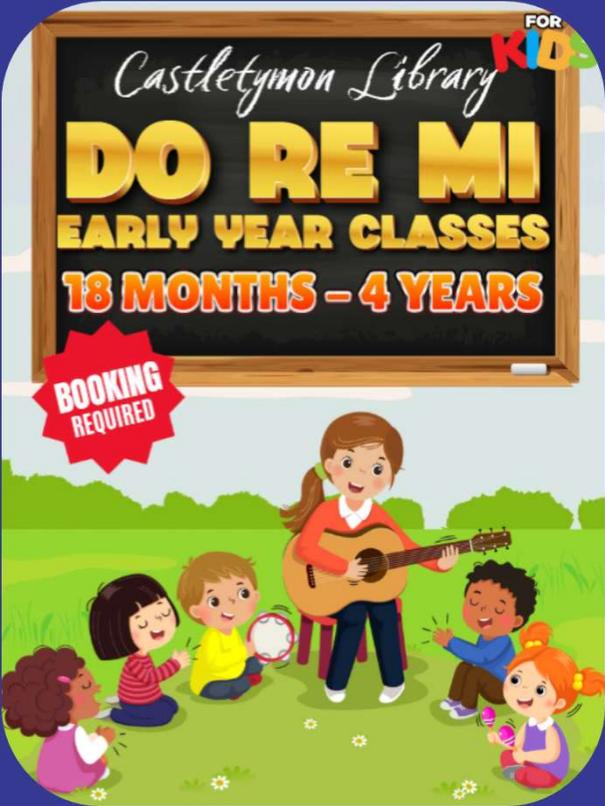
Our second Book Club meeting of the year on the 9th will be discussing Kristin Hannah's *The Four Winds*.

**Mobile Health Unit Checks**

On 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, the Irish Health Foundation will be outside the library from 10am until 3.45pm, offering free blood pressure and pulse checks.

**International Women's Day (4<sup>th</sup> March)**

Join author Nicola Pierce as she gives a talk for adults on her new book, *Great Irish Wives: Remarkable Lives from Irish History*.





**Irish Heart Foundation**  
The National Stroke & Heart Charity



**2 in 3**  
adults over 50 have **high blood pressure**, but half don't know it.  
*Get checked, before damage is done...*

**FREE Blood Pressure and Pulse Checks**

**Location: Castletymon Library,  
Castletymon Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24,  
D24EC1X**

**Date: Thursday 5th February  
Time: 10am - 3:45pm**



**What to Expect:**  
During a heart health check our expert nurses will check your blood pressure and pulse, and provide heart health information and advice to help reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke.  
*Find out more on [irisheart.ie](http://irisheart.ie)*

# Castletymon Library February 2026 Highlights

## Mid-Term

*Mon 16<sup>th</sup>* – Spring Arts & Crafts (for ages 3+)

*Tues 17<sup>th</sup>* – STEAM: Egg-Drop Engineering (for ages 8-12)

*Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>* – Badgemaking Workshop (for ages 6+)

*Fri 20<sup>th</sup>* – Paint Your Pet Workshop (for adults)

All events are at 2.30pm, with more events currently being finalised.

## Ireland Reads: The Joy of Stories (ages 13+)

This creative writing workshop for Ireland Reads will draw on our own favourite stories (books, film, etc) and what makes them appealing (favourite tropes, genres, etc), and use this as a jumping-off point for our own writing in this workshop with author Claire Hennessy.



# Mobile Library Events January/February 2026

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

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

Montessori Matter Griffeen visit Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10am

Tallaght Priory Youth Centre – 3 D workshop and mobile library visit 10.30am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Finnstown House Homeless service visit with face painter – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb at 2pm



# Mobile Libraries

Ireland Reads Day at the Park Community Centre, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of February

Mobile libraries will visit the Park Community Centre on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>.

There will be Children's activities and the afternoon will also include an event involving the book clubs in the centre to celebrate the opening of their new Book Nook



# 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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# Thank you

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