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Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse, Bohernabreena ACM report, May 2026

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Ballyroan Library March Statistics

Ballyroan hosted 128 events, attended by 2195 people, issued almost 14,000 items and registered 564 new borrowers. They had 14,081 visitors to the library

May Highlights Across South Dublin Libraries

Bio-Diversity Week 15-24 May: All branches will have workshops for adults and children highlighting Bio-Diversity.

Bealtaine: A varied and engaging programme of events are planned in all our library branches for our older patrons during the Bealtaine Festival.

Staff Conference: Our libraries will close on Thursday 7th May to facilitate the annual Libraries Staff Conference

My Open Library (MOL):

The installation of the MOL technology in Ballyroan is planned to begin on 5th May, so hopefully we will have an exciting update soon!



Ballyroan May Highlights – Families, Children and Teens

- Saturday 9th May – Dublin Climate Change Week Event: Family CO2 event.
- Saturday 16th May – Relaxed Film Screening for Families. A monthly event
- Thursday 21st May – Bio-Diversity for Children: An event for a school group. Learn about Irish Wildlife with Aoife Munn, a fun interactive session.
- Regular weekly events continue including Toddler Time, Sensory Explorers, Storytime and Chess as well as fortnightly Coder Dojo.

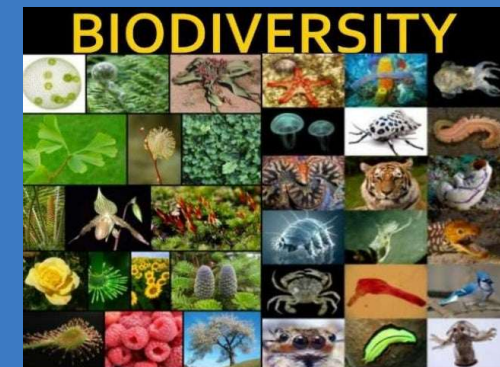


Teens

- Saturday 9th May – New! Manga Club for Teens
- Tuesday 5th May – Creative Writing for Teens with Claire Hennessy

Families:

Saturday 23rd May (all day, drop in) – Making the Invisible Visible: South Dublin Radio Club will showcase live spectrum displays, satellite signal demonstrations, digital modes and Morse, simple IoT workflows. A Dublin Tech Week 2026 event.



Ballyroan May Highlights - Adults

•Bealtaine Highlights:

- Wednesday 6th May – Intro to Painting with Siobhan Buckley (6 wks)
- Thursday 14th May – Revisiting the Classics with Roslyn Hickey (5 wks)
- Wednesday 20th May – **Power Up:** Exercise, dietary and lifestyle advice to support muscle strength, muscle mass and prevent sarcopenia (Healthy Ireland event)
- Thursday 21st May – **Gardening for Bio-Diversity with Aoife Munn** (Bio-Diversity 2026 event)
- Monday 25th May – **Let's Misbehave:** A 1920s-inspired evening with live Jazz and Dancing. Prize for best dressed! Our Bealtaine Finale event.

•History Highlights:

- Monday 18th May –A talk on Heaney's work **Death of a Naturalist**, by Dr Rosie Lavan, Associate Professor of English at Trinity College Dublin.
- Tuesday 19th May – **History Talk: The Sweetness of Lemons.** Dr Cormac Moore takes us through the history of the famous Lemon & Co



Just one example from the Family Portrait Session which took place in April – lots of laughter at this No Phone Zone event!

Castletymon Library

Castletymon Library Statistics March

Castletymon hosted 41 events,
attended by 448 people

Almost 14,000 items were issued

564 new members were registered

There were 5806 visitors to Castletymon
library



Castletymon Library May 2026 Highlights

Biodiversity Week: Creating a Sensory Garden with Aoife Munn

Join horticulturist Aoife Munn on 21st May, in this talk for adults, as she tells you how to create a wonderful sensory garden for yourself, your family or school garden.

Neurodiverse South Dublin: Recognising, Understanding, Managing Big Behaviours & Feelings at Home

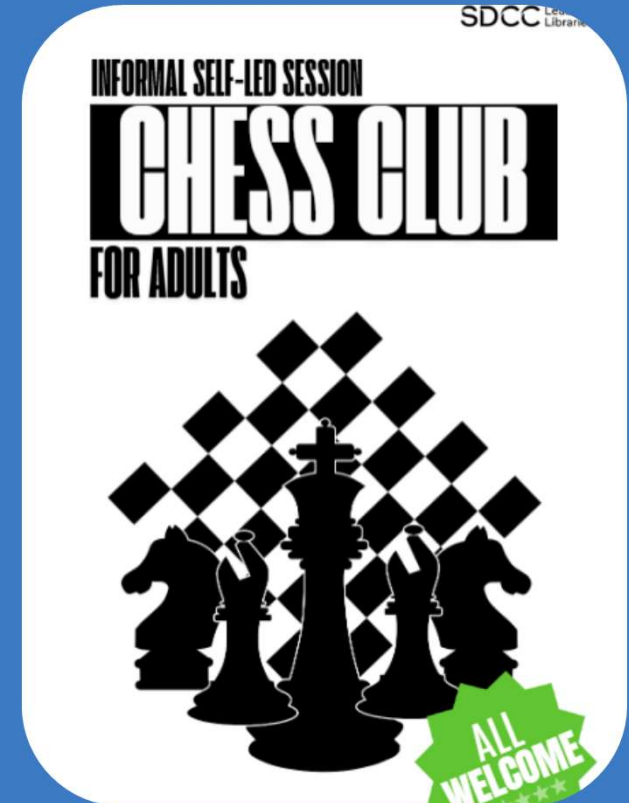
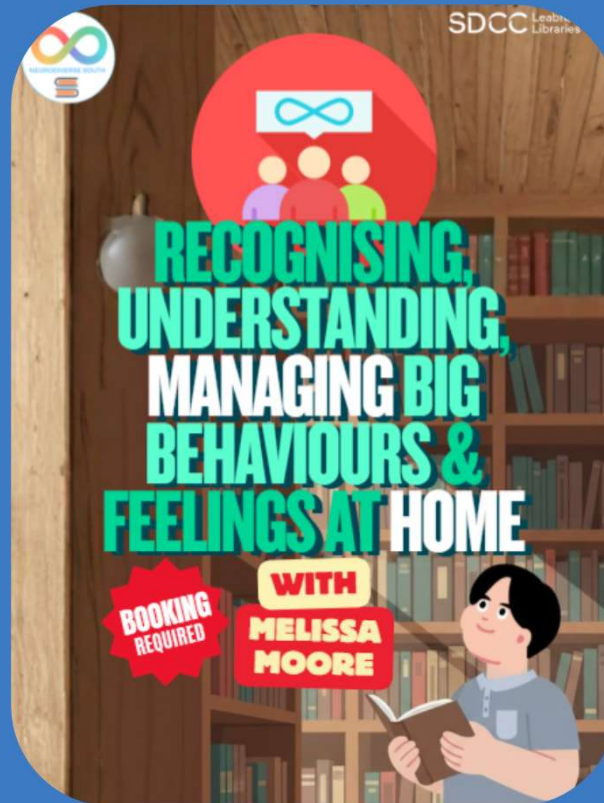
with play therapist Melissa Moore on 6th May.

Chess for Adults

Join us for this informal self-led session where you can play chess with other adults on 18th May.

The Quakers of Newlands House: A talk with Albert Perris

On 27th May, Historian Albert Perris will explore the history of Newlands House, once home to Lord Kilwarden, and later occupied for a number of years in the mid-19th century by Joshua Jacob, the eccentric founder of the White Quakers, and his community of religious followers.



Castletymon Library May 2026 Highlights

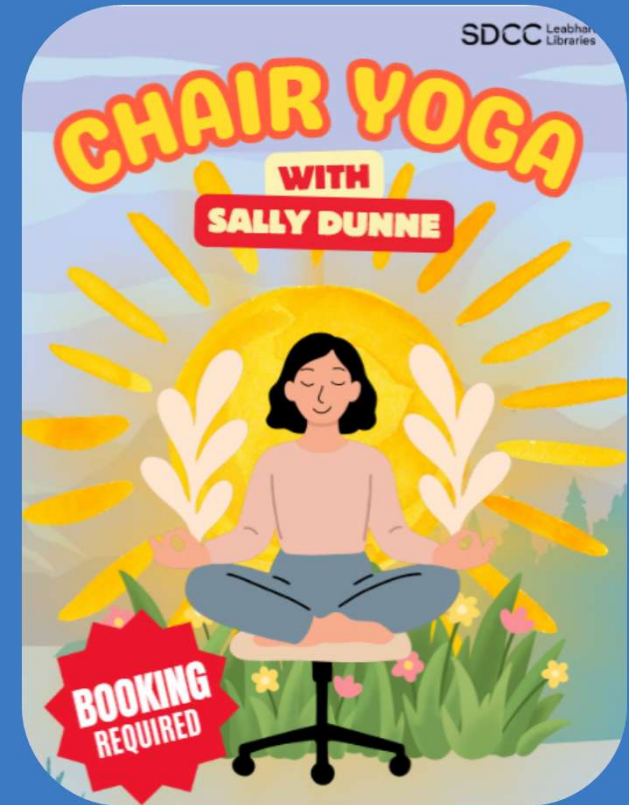
Bealtaine

Starting Weds 6th and running for four weeks, we will have the return of the ever-popular Sally Dunne with her course on Chair Yoga.

AMO Health will be here on 13th May with their workshop Fit and Fearless showing you the best exercises, diet, and lifestyle changes to strengthen muscles, joints, and bones.

We will have a two-part Watercolours workshop on 18th & 20th May with Jen, where you will learn how to paint cherry blossoms for a seasonal landscape.

Finally, our popular traditional music night, The Tymon Sessions, will return on 20th May for this special Bealtaine edition.



Mobile Library Stats March 2026

The Mobile Library had 141 Public stops in March with 3442 visitors.

Mobile Libraries made 78 Library at Home visits

In March Mobiles visited 19 schools and welcomed 2910 children



Mobile Libraries

Welcomed our SDCC Historian in Residence, Liz Gillis, on board to visit TY students at Coláiste Cilliain in Clondalkin



Mobile Libraries

Mobile Libraries will be visiting:

Saint Michael's House on Friday May 8th.

Bloomfield Nursing Home bringing a new event with the 'Tovertafel' Magic Table on Saturday May 9th.

St. Mary's Saggart National School as a one-off visit on Tuesday May 12th.

The Homeschool Liaison at St Brigid's Junior National School in Brookfield Tallaght on Wednesday May 13th for their 'Chatter Matters' course for Junior Infant parents and children to highlight parents' crucial role in their children's literacy development.

St. Martins de Porres National School as a one-off visit to their Junior and Senior Infant classes and Special Education classes on Monday 18th June.

Africa Day in Tymon Park on Saturday 23rd May.

Holy Family National School Rathcoole for their Afterschool Club on Wednesday 27th May.

Scoil Mochua on Thursday 28th May.





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