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June and July Stats Ballyroan, Castletymon & Mobile Libraries

Ballyroan Library

In June and July 222 events took place attended by 3491 people, 35,169 items were issued, 1,369 new borrowers were registered and there were 42,085 visitors

Castletymon Library

In June and July Castletymon had 58 events, attended by 711 people, they issued 6,534 items, registered 131 new borrowers and had 11,148 visitors

Mobile libraries

In June and July mobile libraries issued 12,950 items and registered 598 new borrowers.

There were 10,848 visitors to the mobile library vans. There were 297 public stops and there were 150 housebound visits.



Summer Stars 2026 at Ballyroan Library

Another successful year for the Summer Stars Reading Programme! It was fantastic to see how many children signed up, how many books they were reading, and how they enjoyed the huge variety of events we organised for them.

At Ballyroan Library we celebrated the end of the Summer Stars programme with a high-energy visit from entertainers Genie Mackers on Saturday 22nd of August. Lots of fun was had by all!



Ballyroan September Highlights – Families, Children and Teens

- Friday 11th September, 3pm – Roald Dahl Storytime celebrating Roald Dahl's Birthday
- Saturday 12th September, 2pm – Dance Workshop for Parents and Toddlers with Conta Dance
- Monday 28th September 6.30pm – Teddy Bear's Sleepover at the Library
- Regular weekly events continue including Toddler Time, Sensory Explorers, Storytime and Chess as well as fortnightly Coder Dojo.

Teens

- Saturday 26th September – Manga Club for Teens

Bronntanas Festival:

- Dé Luain/Monday 21ú Méan Fómhair 3.30pm – Storytime
- Dé Máirt/Tuesday 22ú Méan Fómhair All Day – Irish board games
- Dé Sathairn/Saturday 26ú Méan Fómhair 10am – Draíocht an Cheoil



Ballyroan September Highlights - Adults

Wednesday 2nd September, 6.30pm – The People of Rathfarnham: Stories from the 1926 Census with historian Liz Gillis

Monday 14th September, 6.30pm – Club Cúpla Focal le Seamie O'Neill

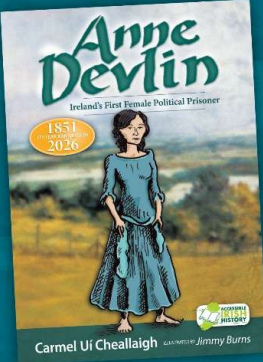
Wednesday 16th September, 2pm – Golden Moments Club: Bingo, always a fun afternoon!

Wednesday 16th September 6.30pm – Musical

Wednesdays: Join Martin Nolan (Uilleann Pipes) and Mick Dunphy (Guitar) for an informal musical session

Thursday 17th September, 6pm – Launch of “Anne Devlin: Ireland’s First Female Political Prisoner” by author and former DLR librarian Carmel Uí Cheallaigh. Special guest author Martina Devlin.

Tuesday 22nd September, 6pm – Stay Organised, Get Ahead A practical workshop using simple digital tools to make real progress on goals with Ana Stamato, the Systematic Mind.



Elm Books cordially invites you to the launch of

Anne Devlin
Ireland's First Female Political Prisoner

on **Thursday 17 September, 6pm**

in **Ballyroan Library**
Orchardstown Avenue,
Rathfarnham, D14 VY33

Special Guest: **Martina Devlin**

RSVP 14/9/26
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All Welcome!



Castletymon Library

September 2026 highlights

Alan Nolan 15th September

Alan will be doing a workshop for primary school children based on his wonderful book 'The Grand Central Cinema Club' based in 1930s O'Connell Street.

Spanish for Beginners and Spanish Conversation

Staff member Jackie will be bringing some Español to a new group of eager learners and carrying on her always popular conversation group

Local History Walk 7th September

Local historian, Michael O'Toole, will lead people on a walking tour of the Dodder River.



**Alan Nolan, author
and illustrator.**



Castletymon Library September Highlights

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Colouring as Gaeilge 17th September

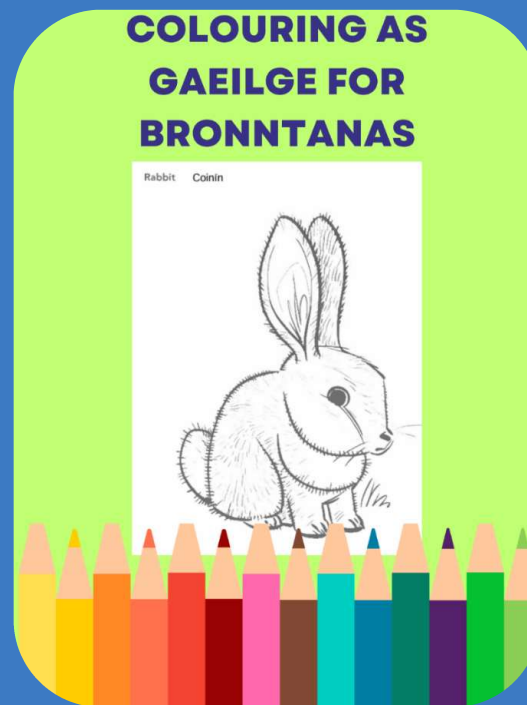
Staff member Dáithí will be doing a session of colouring as Gaeilge for children as part of Bronntanas.

Kids can enjoy this fun activity while picking up a cúpla focal to encourage the use of the Irish language.

Culture Night 2026 18th September

Concert with Firhouse Ukulele Group

Join us for Culture Night with the perennially popular Firhouse Ukulele Group.



Mobile Library Summer Highlights

The Mobile Library attended many Summer events in the community. We were at The Square's Community Services Day, National Heritage Week event The Big Dig at Griffeen Park, Summer Solstice event at Seán Walsh Park, Dublin Markets, The Park Community Colour Dash and many weekend Family Fun days. During the week, we were out at creches, summer camps and at several July Provision venues.

Mobiles planned and organised 18 amazing Park Mornings in SDCC parks including Corkagh Park, Tymon Park, Airlie Park, Tandy's Lane, Rathfarnham Castle, Jobstown Park, Collinstown Park and Waterstown Park with outdoor play, games, book borrowing, face painting, family bingo and balloon sculpting. These mornings promote our libraries and the fantastic outdoor spaces we have in SDCC.

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Mobile Libraries, September

Mobile Libraries from September onwards are introducing a new public stop on Tuesday evenings at Ballycullen Green.

Upcoming weekend Mobile Library events include;

Outdoor Cinema events at Airlie Park and St. Cuthberts Park

Phillfest A Community Rugby Festival at Jobstown Park

Corkagh Market and Family Day

Rathfarnham Village Festival

Scéal Trail at Rathfarnham Castle

Mobile Libraries will resume their school visits with a total of 23 scheduled for September.

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