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Clondalkin & Mobile Libraries

ACM Report September 2026

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Statistics

June 2026

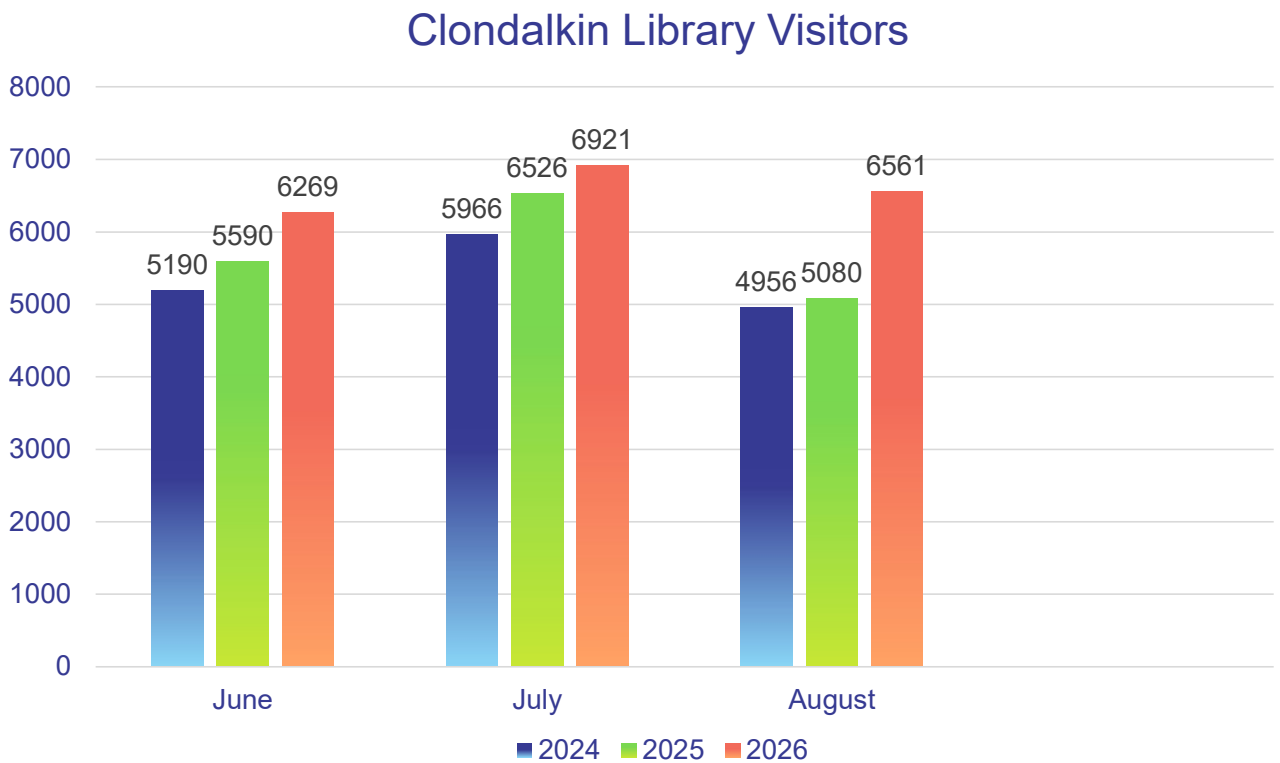
6,269 Visitors
2,783 issues
96 new members

July 2026

6,921 Visitors
3,476 issues
118 new members

August 2026

6561 Visitors
3212 issues
102 new members



Summer for families

June – August

131 Events

1970 Attendees

68 Children's Events :

1122 attendees

- Storytime x 13
- Toddler Time x 13
- Creative workshops x 16
- STEAM/ Maker workshops x 15
- Chess Club x 7
- Lego Club x 6
- Author Visits x 2



Summer for Adults

June – August

37 adult events

350 attendees

- Book club meetings x 9
- ISL conversation group x 6
- English Conversation group x9
- History and Heritage x 5



Heritage Week

National Heritage Week took place from 15th - 23rd August 2026

This year's theme was Heritage at Risk which encourages us to explore the built, natural and cultural aspects of our heritage that are endangered, for us to reimagine and revive these sites, artefacts and practices.

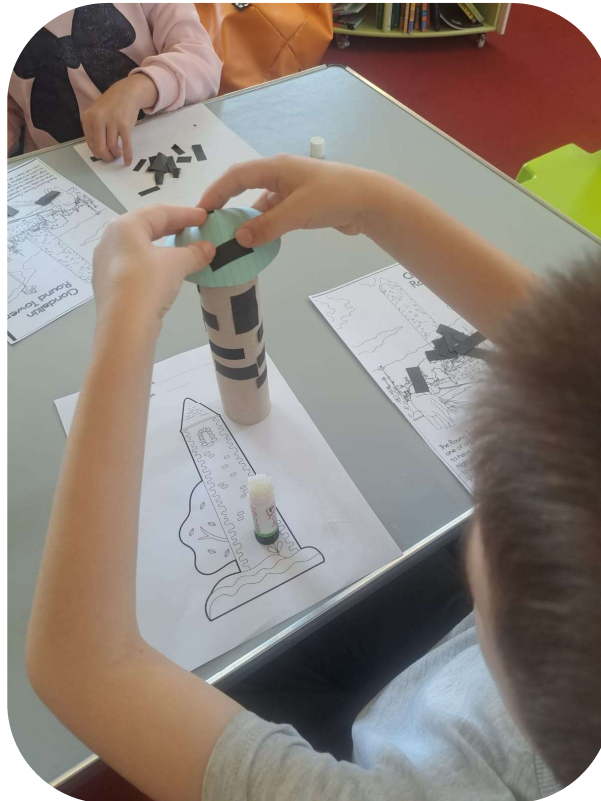
In Clondalkin Library we marked heritage week with the following activities and events

For children

- Clondalkin Round Tower crafts session with Esther (15 attendees)
- Little Irish History Heroes – author visit with Niamh Donnellan (20 attendees)

For Adults

- Antoine Giacometti – Archaeologist update on the excavations at De La Salle in Ballyfermot (40 attendees)
- DNA and family research talk with Claire Bradley (tie in with our monthly Genealogy and Family History group) (40 attendees)



Bronntonas 2026

SDCC Libraries is celebrating Bronntonas Festival along with Gaeilge 365 From 14th September – 4th October. Bronntanas is a celebration of the possibilities that the Irish language creates for families.

In Clondalkin library we're celebrating Bronntonas with the following events

Club Leabhair (28th Sept)– a new Irish language book club in collaboration with Arás Chrónaín. Meetings will take place in Arás Chrónaín and we're hopeful it will become a quarterly event.

Magical Storytelling Gaeilge-Béarla le Sarah Sparkles (1st Oct)

Help Sarah to create your own story using magic! Sing songs, meet her puppet friends and even help her perform some magic!

This event is suitable for children aged 3-8/families, will be Gaeilge-Béarla with the idea of introducing basic words and phrases as Gaeilge, encouraging families to use and speak the language in their every day lives.



BRONNTANAS

Dublin Festival of History 26th September – 11th October

Further Afield: The Tynan's of Whitehall by Albert Perris (Dublin Festival of History)

28th September 6.30pm

Albert Perris traces the Tynan and Cullen families back to Whitehall and Cheeverstown, tow of the finest period houses of Clondalkin and Tallaght and explores their impact on the cultural life of Ireland and Britain.

Dancehall Days in Clondalkin

Exhibition Launch 1st October 6.30pm

The Mayfair Ballroom was a popular Clondalkin late-night hot-spot in the 1950s and 1960s. Relieve the showbands era at this nostalgic exhibition.

Genealogy clinic with Ita O'Boyle

28th September

If you're interested in your family tree or want to get advice on where to start, you can book and one-to-one session with genealogist Ita O'Boyle. '(This event is funded and supported by the Irish Government's Département of Culture, Communications and Sport 2026 Commemorative Programme)



Upcoming for Adults

Computers and internet for beginners

An 8 week course facilitated by Dublin College. Starts 14th September.

Botanical soap making with Aoife Munn - 11th September 11.00 am

Make your own personalised soaps with eco-friendly materials in this hands on workshop.

'Managing Big Behaviours' with Melissa Moore – 22nd September 6.30pm

Melissa Moore (Accredited Play Therapist) looks at what parents/ carers can do to recognise, understand and respond to big emotions and behaviours



Upcoming for schools

A new school year means our schools programme starts once again and there's lots to look forward to including;

Author visits from

- Nicole Pierce
- Sine Quinn
- Nicola Reddy

Workshops for

- Space Week (4th – 10th October)
- Maths week (12 – 20th October)



Mobile Libraries, Summer statistics

June

Items issued 6554

New members 283

Mobile library visitors: 4372

144 public stops

July

Items Issues 6396

New Members 315

Mobile library visitors 6476

153 public stops

August

Items issued 5533

New Members 114

Mobile Library visitors 4336

152 public stops



Mobile Library Summer Events 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.



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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