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Clondalkin & Mobile Libraries

ACM Report October 2026

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Statistics for Clondalkin Library

September

7417 Visitors

3517 issues

160 new members

39 events



Dancehall days in Clondalkin

On 1st October, 71 years since the opening of the Mayfair Ballroom in Clondalkin, we were delighted to welcome the Mayor to launch an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia from the Ballroom.

This exhibition put together by Tommy Keogh & Adair Cowan will be on display in Clondalkin Library until 21st October



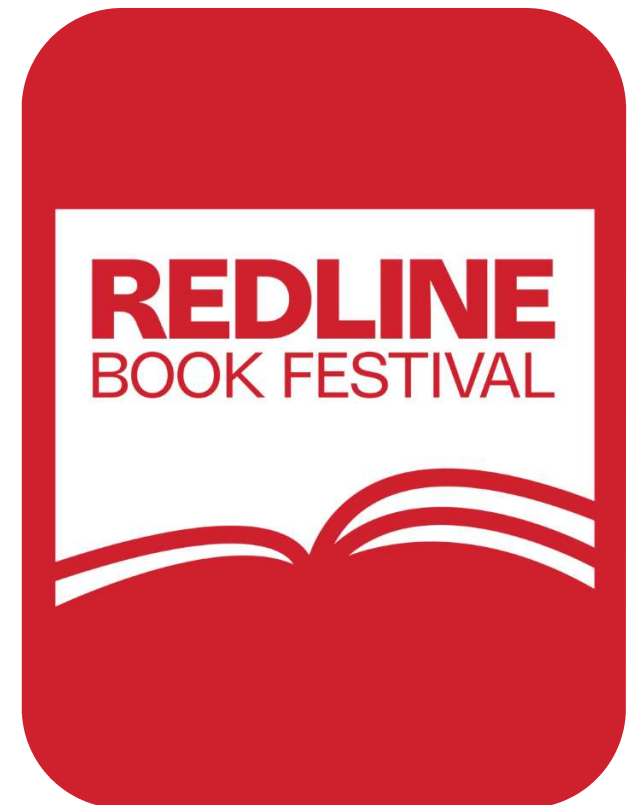
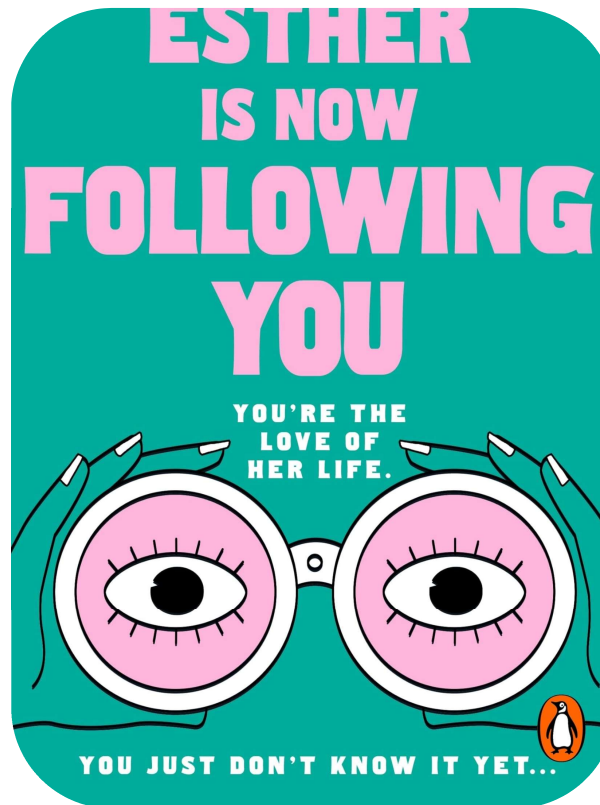
Red Line book festival

The 15th annual Red Line Book Festival took place from 12th -18th October with over 40 events in venues across the county.

In Clondalkin Library we will host the following events as part of the Festival:

Creative writing workshop with Tanya Sweeney (Author of Esther is now Following you)

Saturday 17th October



Children's Book Festival and Schools programme

Author visits:

Nicola Pierce; Author of *Spirit of the Titanic*.
visit to school (9th October)

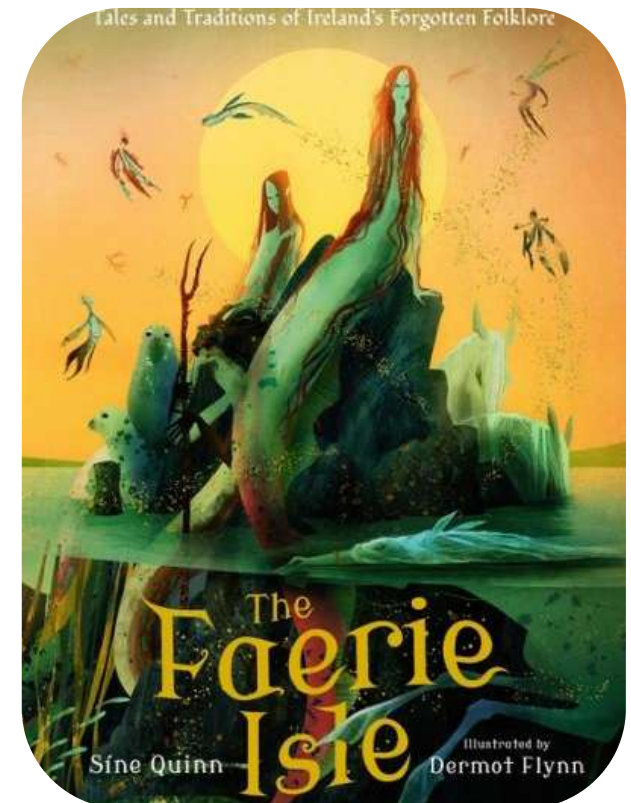
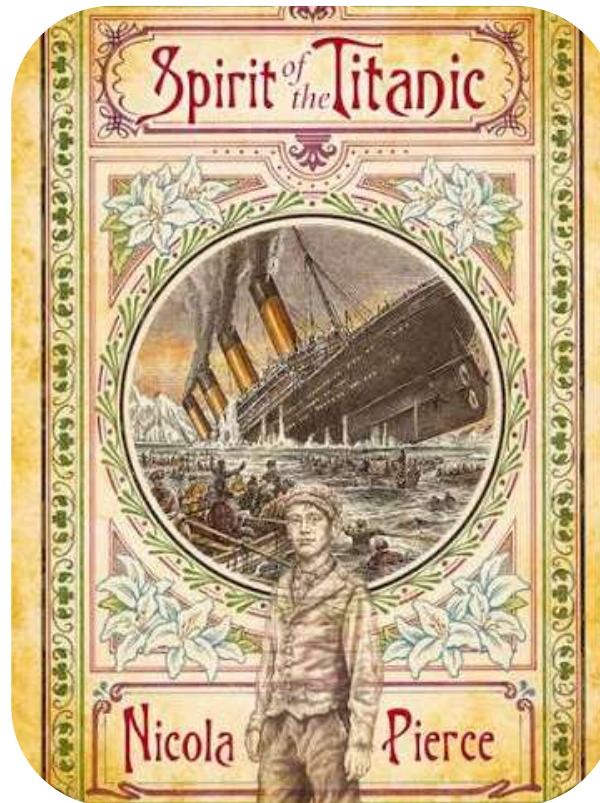
Sine Quinn; Author of *The Faerie Isle: Tales and Traditions of Ireland's Forgotten Folklore*
(9th October)

Nicola Reddy; Author of *That's It! Said the Dandelion* author visit (22nd October)

STEAM Workshops

Space week – Astronaut's dinner workshop
x 2 (8th October)

Maths Week – Mind Reading Maths
workshop x 2 (16th October)



Halloween at Clondalkin Library

Halloween Costume swap

Drop off old costumes and choose from a selection of gen

Mid term break activities:

Let's sing! Sing-a-long toddler time with Rachel Joyce

Spooky Storytime and crafts

Cardboard skull mask makerspace workshop

Trick or treat treasure hunt

Facepainting and Balloon modelling



Legal Literacy

As part of the Adult Literacy for Life programme SDCC Libraries organised a series of talks focused on legal literacy

In Clondalkin we held two talks in collaboration with the Free Legal Aid Centre.

21st October: Everyday Rights that People Get Wrong:

Consumer Rights ~ Recording People in Public ~
CCTV Misconceptions ~ Garda Powers Simplified ~
Neighbour Disputes ~ Contracts People Enter
Accidentally ~ Small Claims Court Explained

19th October: Future Planning: Wills / Probate /
Enduring Power of Attorney / Assisted Decision
Making Act / General overview of Legal Aid



Mobile Library Events Highlights

Mobiles attended the launch of Scéal Trail as part of Bronntanas Festival 2026 in Rathfarnham Castle Park on September 22nd, a special thank you to the Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr Francis Timmons, for joining us on the day.

Mobiles attended many special outreach events in September including Outdoor Cinema events at Airlie Park and St. Cuthberts Park, Phillfest A Community Rugby Festival at Jobstown Park and Corkagh Market and Family Day.



Mobile Libraries

In September mobile libraries had 8232 visitors, they issued 9711 items and 263 new members joined

Mobiles are scheduled to visit 17 schools in October up until the mid term break on 23rd .

We are booked for storytime and a Mobile library visit to TUI creche on 14th October. We are also visiting Kiltipper Nursing home on 23rd October with our new sensory friendly Magic table.

The Homeless hub service will resume to Abberley Court and Finnstown House on Saturday 3rd October after a break since June. These 2 centres will receive a monthly Saturday visit until next summer.

With Ballyroan library's closure for 2 weeks, we expect to accommodate extra visitors on the Rathfarnham route on Thursdays and the Ballycullen route on Tuesdays to support patrons in the interim.

Redline book festival at the family day on Sat 17th October

We will be attending Spookdalkin at the round tower in Clondalkin on 1st November





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