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Tallaght, Castletymon and Mobile Libraries ACM Report

November 2026



October Stats - Tallaght library

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Footfall	23,391
Number of events	182
Number of event attendees	3,600
Number of items issued	8928
New members joined	530

Tallaght Library
Adult events, October

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Red Line Festival 2026

- Writing across genres workshop
- South County Dublin Through the Lens of the 1926 Census
- Film screening: The Charlie O'Leary story

Other events

- Black History Month: Black and Irish panel discussion
- Rare Dementia Network: 3rd Thursday month meetup
- Legal Literacy: Future planning, wills and power of attorney



Tallaght library,
October events for kids

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Red Line Family Fun day 17 October:

- Light Saber Duelling Green Screen Photobooth, Pirate Magic Show, Cartoonify Yourself with Philip Barret, Make a Superhero Mask, Pop Demon Hunter Show, Meet the Vikings, Ravens and Owls!

Children's Book Festival

- Class visits with authors Jen Wallace and Una Woods

Mid-term events

- Costume swap, design a tote bag, sensory session neuro-tastic Halloween, tummy time.
- Halloween Family Fun Day 31 October: Special toddler time, Meet a witch, juggling, face-painting, balloon modelling, thriller dance workshop



Tallaght library
November events for Adults

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- Age Friendly Acorn Training Wed 4th and 11th Nov 2.30pm
- Sound Bath Session Thurs 19th Nov 6pm
- Story of Christmas A Historical Lecture with Michael Fewer Mon 23rd November 6.30pm
- Coffee Chat and Craft Monday 23rd November 3pm
- Chair Yoga with Sally Wed 25th Nov 2pm

November events for Kids and teens

- Yoga and mindfulness ages 6-10 Sat 7th Nov 10.30am
- STEAM: Code your own LED light strip Sat 14th Nov 11am
- Parent and Baby / Toddler Sensory Session with artist Grainne O'Carroll 10th and 17th November 10.30am
- Scéal Festival of Puppetry and Storytelling workshop Saturday 21st November, Drop-in 10.30am, ticketed 2,30pm.
- Writing for Performance for teens. 5 week course Thurs 4th November 6pm

Tallaght library

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New projects

Tallaght Titans
Young adult book club in partnership with Down Syndrome Ireland meeting weekly in library

ISL meetup
Meeting on the 1st and third Mondays of the month to practise Irish sign language.

December sneak peak

Tallaght Library Christmas Market Saturday 5 December 10-4pm. Dance workshop and meet Santa!

Christmas Family Day 12 December, Magician, balloon modelling and face paints.





Castletymon Library
October statistics

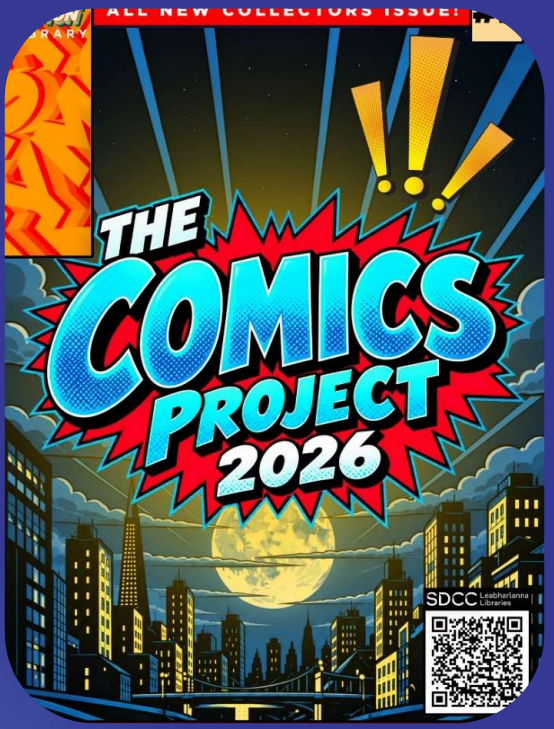
In October Castletymon issued 3735 items and joined up 89 new members. They hosted 47 events with 668 attendees and had 6337 visitors

November 2026 Highlights

Science Week

We have two class visits, one with The Magic of Science with Jay Ryan on the 9th and our second, The Secrets of Superhero Science with Barry Fitzgerald on the 11th November.





The Comics Project 2026

The return of our very successful project, launched in 2025 continues into November. This nine-week programme is aimed at dyslexic children and/or children with literacy needs in 4th to 6th class. They will work, over the nine weeks, with author Juliette Saumande and illustrator Elida Maiques, to create their own comic zine. As well as fostering creativity, the aim is to increase wellbeing with the participants and foster a positive relationship with books.

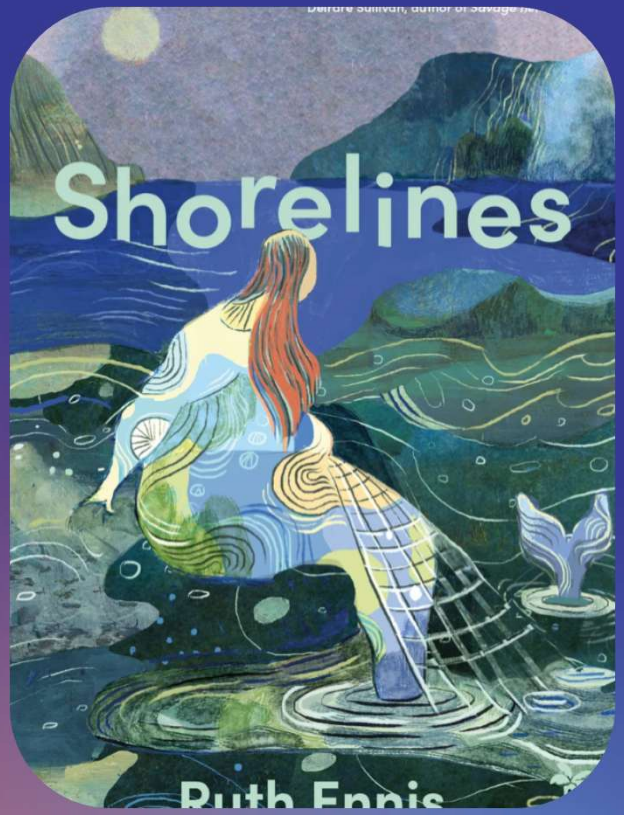
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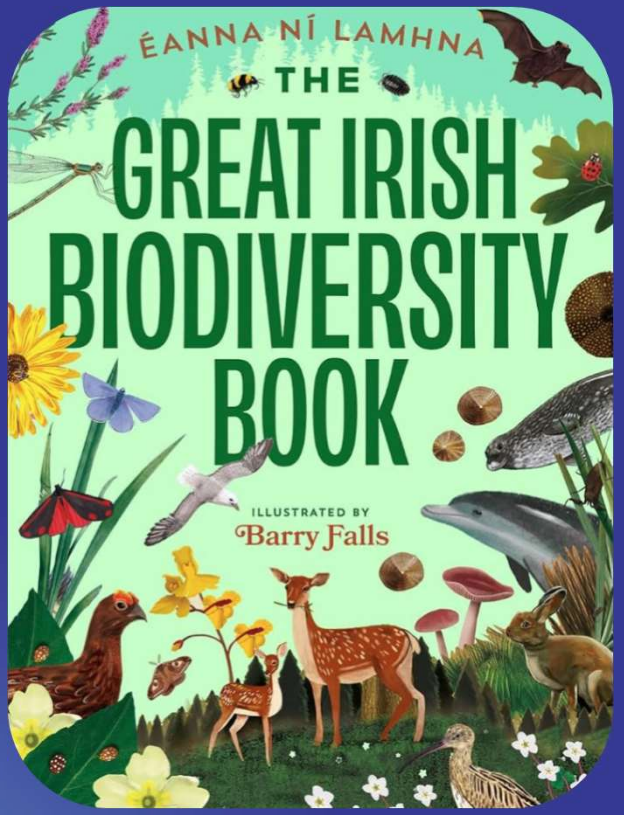
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Class Visit: Ruth Ennis
On 13th November, author Ruth Ennis will be bringing the world of her verse novel *Shorelines* to Castletymon Library in this session for secondary schools.

Class Visit: Éanna Ní Lamhna
Renowned biologist, environmental consultant and author Éanna Ní Lamnha will be returning to Castletymon Library to deliver a fascinating class visit to a secondary school on her bestseller *The Great Irish Biodiversity Book* on 16th November.





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Responding to Parenting Challenges When Your Family is Under Stress
This fascinating talk with Dr. Tara Kelly, co-presented with Tusla, will occur on 17th November.

Christmas Party Make-Up
On 18th November, Self Care Club's Edel Simpson will take you through all the top tricks and tips for stunning Christmas Party Make-Up.

Dublin as seen by James Malton: A Talk by Historian Catherine Scuffil
James Malton's prints capture how Dublin looked at the end of the 18th century, during one of the city's greatest periods of prosperity. Join us for a talk on this slice of Dublin's history with local historian Cathy Scuffil in Castletymon Library on 25th November.





Mobile Libraries

In October, the mobile libraries had 5,347 visitors. issued 7822 items and registered 138 new members

Mobiles Event highlight
The Happiness Programme – Magic Table

Mobile Libraries visited a lovely group in Kiltipper Nursing home for the first time with our new sensory friendly Magic table.

We also brought the Magic table event to Stewarts Special School which was a big hit with pupils and teachers who came aboard the Mobile Library to read and borrow books afterwards.

We will be visiting Kiltipper Nursing home with the Magic Table again in December and Bloomfield Hospital.





Mobile Libraries

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The Mobiles will be visiting two homeless hubs, Abberley Court and Finnstown House. This has now become a monthly visit.

We will be bringing story times to An Cosán preschool on November 12th and Oakview creche on November 23rd.

Mobile Libraries are supporting a DEIS school literacy project called ‘Reading Stars’ for Junior infants and their parents throughout November and December. The schools we will be visiting as part of Reading Stars are St. Brigids Junior National School, St. Anne’s Fettercairn and St. Thomas’ Junior National School. Three schools who didn’t make the programme have booked similar visits …Sacred Heart Junior National School Killinarden, Tallaght Community National School and St. Mary’s National School.

The Mobile Library will be visiting Liebermann Special School on November 26th.

Public Stop Change:
From November 5th we will be serving Dodderbrook 2.30 -3.20pm. It will replace the Rathfarnham Castle stop for the winter months on Thursdays until June 2027.

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REDLINE
BOOK FESTIVAL



15 YEARS

RED LINE BOOK FESTIVAL

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RED LINE 2026 AT A GLANCE

REDLINE BOOK FESTIVAL



40+ FESTIVAL EVENTS



2,700+ TICKETS BOOKED



2,400 FAMILY FUN DAY VISITS



98% POSITIVE AUDIENCE FEEDBACK

BASED ON 58 SURVEY RESPONSES

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



Family Fun Day in Tallaght Library



Red Wine and Crime in Priory Market



Cecelia Ahern and Ryan Tubridy
in the Civic Theatre



Songwriter in Residence Showcase
in Áras Chrónáin

FESTIVAL IMPACT

98%
Positive audience feedback

"I think the Red Line events are very accessible to all, and it's a wonderful idea to hold as many as possible in the library buildings, where they are free of charge. Even the nominal charge in the Civic is very low, and that venue is also very accessible."

"I enjoyed every minute and library staff were bright cheerful and professional"

"...we had a most enjoyable and entertaining evening and we both say A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ORGANISING THE RED LINE BOOK FESTIVAL. WE ATTEND EACH YEAR FOR THE PAST 15 years since it started. Highly recommend it to friends and family. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN 🥳🥳"

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