



Samhradh i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2025

Go leor le feiceáil...go leor le déanamh!

Summer in Fingal Libraries 2025

So much to see...so much to do!



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What's on in Fingal Libraries?

Cuir tús le do Shamhradh le turas chuig an leabharlann. Your summer starts with a trip to the library.

Check out the free talks, workshops and services available in Fingal Libraries that will inspire, motivate and support you this summer.

Summer Events at a Glance

| EVENT | LOCATION | START TIME |
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| MONDAY, 16TH JUNE | | |
| Create your own Summer Stars 'stained glass' | Malahide Library | 3:30pm |
| TUESDAY, 17TH JUNE | | |
| Create your own Summer Stars 'stained glass' | Malahide Library | 3:30pm |
| Circular Weaving | Baldoyle Library | 2:00pm |
| THURSDAY, 19TH JUNE | | |
| Stained Glass Painting Workshop | Balbriggan Library | 3:30pm |
| MONDAY, 23RD JUNE | | |
| Summers Stars Celebration Day | Baldoyle Library | All day |
| TUESDAY, 24TH JUNE | | |
| Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles | Blanchardstown Library | 11:00am |
| DNA Workshop | Fingal Local Studies & Archives | 2:30pm |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Baldoyle Library | 3:00pm-For more dates, please see page 17 |
| THURSDAY, 26TH JUNE | | |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Baldoyle Library | 3:00pm-For more dates, please see page 17 |
| TUESDAY, 1ST JULY | | |
| Freeplay Lego | Blanchardstown Library | 3:00pm |
| WEDNESDAY, 2ND JULY | | |
| Summer Smartphone Sessions | Swords Library | 10:00am-For more dates, please see page 24 |
| Penguin TV Doodle | Rush Library | 12:00pm |
| Haiku Impromptu | Howth Library | 3:00pm |

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| THURSDAY, 3RD JULY | | |
| Sensory Play Hour | Howth Library | 10:30pm |
| Introduction to Calligraphy | Baldoyle Library | 10:00pm |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Blanchardstown Library | 3:00pm-For more dates, please see page 17 |
| Pretty Posey Craft Workshop | Balbriggan Library | 3:00pm |
| Build your own Star Dome | Blanchardstown Library | 11:00am |
| FRIDAY, 4TH JULY | | |
| Tai Chi | Balbriggan Library | 10:00am-For more dates, please see page 31 |
| Tai Chi | Blanchardstown Library | 2:00pm-For more dates, please see page 31 |
| Chair Yoga | Baldoyle Library | 10:30am-For more dates, please see page 30 |
| Family Coding Workshop | Blanchardstown Library | 10:30am |
| SATURDAY, 5TH JULY | | |
| The Book Clinic | Blanchardstown Library | 12:00pm |
| Make an Arcade Game | Donabate Library | 2:00pm |
| Mobile Library at Flavours of Fingal | Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate | 11:00am |
| SUNDAY, 6TH JULY | | |
| Mobile Library at Flavours of Fingal | Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate | 11:00am |
| MONDAY, 7TH JULY | | |
| Garden Design | Swords Library | 11:00am |
| Construction Club | Rush Library | 3:00pm |
| Fingal Volunteer Centre Pop-up Information Sessions | Balbriggan Library | 2:00pm |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Baldoyle Library | 2:30pm |
| TUESDAY, 8TH JULY | | |
| Magic Show | Blanchardstown Library | 3:00pm |
| DNA Workshop | Fingal Local Studies & Archives | 2:30pm |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Swords Library | 2:30pm |

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| Author Visit & Craft Workshop | Baldoyle Library | 3:00pm |
| Dave Rudden - How to be a Master of Monsters | Howth Library | 11:45am |
| How To Be A Great Dungeon Master | Howth Library | 2:00pm |
| Laser Cut Lanterns with Adobe Illustrator | Blanchardstown Library | 5:30pm |
| WEDNESDAY, 9TH JULY | | |
| Create a Woodland Animal | Howth Library | 3:00pm |
| Creative Writing | Balbriggan Library | 2:00pm |
| Macramé Workshop | Baldoyle Library | 2:00pm |
| THURSDAY, 10TH JULY | | |
| Active Lego | Blanchardstown Library | 12:00pm |
| Sensory Play Hour | Swords Library | 6:30pm |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Howth Library | 3:00pm-For more dates, please see page 18 |
| Create like Mondrian Art Workshop | Blanchardstown Library | 3:00pm |
| SATURDAY, 12TH JULY | | |
| Sensory Play Hour | Malahide Library | 2:00pm |
| Autonomous Car Lesson | Blanchardstown Library | 11:00am |
| MONDAY, 14TH JULY | | |
| Create a Woodland Animal | Swords Library | 2:30pm |
| Sensory Play Hour | Donabate Library | 2:00pm |
| Race Autonomous Cars | Malahide Library | 2:00pm |
| TUESDAY, 15TH JULY | | |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Donabate Library | 3:00pm |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Rush Library | 3:00pm |
| Summer Treasure Hunt | Swords Library | 2:30pm |
| Author Visit & Craft Workshop | Howth Library | 11:00am |

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| WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY | | |
| Family Yoga | Rush Library | 10:00am & 11:15am |
| Summer Stars Junior Storytime | Balbriggan Library | 10:30am |
| Dungeons & Dragons Summer Club | Donabate Library | 2:30pm |
| THURSDAY, 17TH JULY | | |
| Neurodivergent Active Lego | Blanchardstown Library | 3:00pm |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Howth Library | 10:30pm |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Donabate Library | 3:00pm |
| Clay Date Kids Pinch Pot Workshop | Balbriggan Library | 3:00pm |
| SATURDAY, 19TH JULY | | |
| Active Lego | Skerries Library | 10:30pm |
| Makeup Masterclass | Balbriggan Library | 2:30am |
| Summer Clothes Swap | Balbriggan Library | 10:00pm |
| MONDAY, 21ST JULY | | |
| Cartoon Workshop | Garristown Library | 2:00pm |
| Teddy Bear Sleepover & Storytime | Rush Library | 3:00pm |
| TUESDAY, 22ND JULY | | |
| Sensory Play Hour | Rush Library | 10:30pm |
| Teddy Bear Sleepover & Storytime | Rush Library | 3:00pm |
| Dot Mandala Art | Baldoyle Library | 2:00pm |
| WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY | | |
| Children's Chess Tournament | Balbriggan Library | 2:00pm |
| THURSDAY, 24TH JULY | | |
| Kite-Making Workshop | Malahide Library | 2:15pm |
| Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Play-Dough Workshop | Malahide Library | 3:30pm |
| Introduction to Pattern Sewing | Blanchardstown Library | 5:45pm |

| EVENT | LOCATION | START TIME |
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| FRIDAY, 25TH JULY | | |
| YA Creative Writing Workshop | Blanchardstown Library | 11:00am |
| SATURDAY, 26TH JULY | | |
| Musical Tots | Baldoyle Library Sensory Garden | 12:00pm |
| Musical Tots | Skerries Library | 10:30am |
| TUESDAY, 29TH JULY | | |
| Summer Stars Storytime & Quiz | Swords Library | 2:30pm |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Baldoyle Library | 3:00pm |
| WEDNESDAY, 30TH JULY | | |
| Sarah Sparkles | Balbriggan Library | 11:00am |
| Sarah Sparkles | Swords Library | 2:00pm |
| Sensory Play Hour | Baldoyle Library | 11:30am |
| THURSDAY, 31ST JULY | | |
| Chair Yoga | Malahide Library | 12:00pm-For more dates, please see page 30 |
| FRIDAY, 1ST AUGUST | | |
| Lego Pixel Printmaking | Blanchardstown Library | 2:00pm |
| TUESDAY, 5TH AUGUST | | |
| Summer Treasure Hunt | Swords Library | 2:30pm |
| WEDNESDAY, 6TH AUGUST | | |
| Silk Painting | Malahide Library | 5:30pm |
| THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST | | |
| Sun Prints Workshop | Balbriggan Library | 3:00pm |
| Fingal Volunteer Centre Pop-up Information Sessions | Balbriggan Library | 10:00am |
| Zine Club | Blanchardstown Library | 2:30pm |
| FRIDAY, 8TH AUGUST | | |
| Family Coding Workshop | Blanchardstown Library | 10:30am |
| SATURDAY, 9TH AUGUST | | |
| Musical Tots | Malahide Library | 2:00pm |

| EVENT | LOCATION | START TIME |
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| MONDAY, 11TH AUGUST | | |
| Etching on Glass | Balbriggan Library | 2:00pm |
| Introduction to Calligraphy | Rush Library | 2:00pm |
| Zine Club | Blanchardstown Library | 2:30pm |
| Junior eServices Clinic | Swords Library | 2:30pm |
| Introduction to Sewing Machines | Blanchardstown Library | 11:00am |
| TUESDAY, 12TH AUGUST | | |
| Nordic Walking | Rush Library | 11:00am-For more dates, please see page 31 |
| Sensory Play Hour | Blanchardstown Library | 11:00am |
| Summer Teddy Bear Sleepover | Blanchardstown Library | 6:00pm |
| Having A Yarn! | Swords Library | 2:00pm |
| Creative Writing | Donabate Library | 2:00pm |
| Dave Rudden-Master of Monsters | Malahide Library | 12:00pm |
| How To Be A Great Dungeon Master | Malahide Library | 2:00pm |
| WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST | | |
| Cyanotype Workshop | Donabate Library | 2:30pm |
| Sensory Play Hour | Balbriggan Library | 11:00am |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Swords Library | 2:30pm |
| THURSDAY, 14TH AUGUST | | |
| Sensory Play Hour | Garristown Library | 11:30am |
| Summer Treasure Hunt | Howth Library | 10:30am |
| Create Like Frida Art Workshop | Blanchardstown Library | 3:00pm |
| Summer Stars Quiz | Swords Library | 2:30pm |
| FRIDAY, 15TH AUGUST | | |
| Jewellery Making Class | Balbriggan Library | 10:30am |
| SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST | | |
| Seed Saving Workshop | Blanchardstown Library | 10:00am |

| EVENT | LOCATION | START TIME |
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| MONDAY, 18TH AUGUST | | |
| Nature Workshop | Baldoyle Library | 11:00am |
| Nature Workshop | Malahide Library | 3:00pm |
| Linocut Printing | Baldoyle Library | 2:00pm |
| Facts About Bats | Donabate Library | 6:30pm |
| TUESDAY, 19TH AUGUST | | |
| Getting started with Genealogy | Fingal Local Studies & Archives | 2:30pm |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Donabate Library | 3:00pm |
| Summer Stars Storytime & Quiz | Swords Library | 2:30pm |
| WEDNESDAY, 20TH AUGUST | | |
| Author Visit: Ann Murtagh | Swords Library | 10:00am |
| Author Visit: Ann Murtagh | Donabate Library | 2:00pm |
| Archive Open Days | Fingal Local Studies & Archives | 10:00am |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Rush Library | 3:00pm |
| Cyanotype Photography | Blanchardstown Library | 11:00am |
| THURSDAY, 21ST AUGUST | | |
| Archive Open Days | Fingal Local Studies & Archives | 10:00am |
| A French Journal | Skerries Library | 6:30pm |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Donabate Library | 3:00pm |
| Exhibition: The Sale of Balbriggan | Bremore Castle, Balbriggan | 10:00am |
| Fabulous Fish Craft | Balbriggan Library | 3:00pm |
| FRIDAY, 22ND AUGUST | | |
| Exhibition: The Sale of Balbriggan | Bremore Castle, Balbriggan | 10:00am |
| SATURDAY, 23RD AUGUST | | |
| Teen Textile Meet Up | Blanchardstown Library | 11:00am |
| THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST | | |
| Summer Stars Super Quiz | Donabate Library | 2:00pm |
| FRIDAY, 29TH AUGUST | | |
| Supporting Children's Return to School | Blanchardstown Library | 6:30pm |



Summer Events for Children

Book Clinic with Children's Books Ireland

Want ideas for what to read next? Do you want funnier books, scarier books, fantastic books or ones based on true stories? The Book Doctor from Children's Books Ireland is here to give children and families one-to-one advice on books they will love.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Blanchardstown Library | Saturday, 5th July | 12pm-4pm |
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Magic Show with Waffles the Wonderful

Come and celebrate the summer holidays with a special treat - a magic show with Waffles the Wonderful! Fun for all the family.

No booking required.



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| Blanchardstown Library | Tuesday, 8th July | 3pm - 4pm |
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Family Yoga with Óga Yoga

Join us for family-friendly yoga sessions (with a few words in Irish) based on the yoga book *Diarmuid agus an Mata Yoga: Draíochta sanamasóin*. Parents/guardians can take part in these sessions with their children.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Rush Library | Wednesday, 16th July | 10am - 11am 11:15am - 12:15pm |
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Create a Woodland Animal with Michelle Power

This beginner-friendly workshop introduces children to basic hand-sewing techniques while they create felt woodland animals. All materials supplied.

Ages 7+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Howth Library | Wednesday, 9th July | 3pm-5pm |
| Swords Library | Monday, 14th July | 2.30pm-4.30pm |

Cartoon Workshop with Aidan Courtney

Sa cheardlann dátheangach seo, taispeánfaidh Aidan Courtney conas stiallghreannáin a chruthú agus conas cartúin a tharraingt. Píosa spraoi cruthaitheach do gach duine! In this bilingual workshop, Aidan Courtney will show you how to create comic strips and draw cartoons. A bit of creative fun for everyone!

Ages 8+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Garristown Library | Monday, 21st July | 2pm-3:30pm |
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Summer Events for Children

Penguin TV Doodle with Niamh Sharkey & Owen Churcher

Come and meet Niamh and Owen to celebrate their new picture book, *Penguin TV*. Inspired by the real-life penguin cam at Dublin Zoo, young readers will laugh along with these prima donna penguins, each with their own character and charm!



To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Rush Library | Wednesday, 2nd July | 12pm-1pm |
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Make an Arcade Game with Coding Ireland

Learn the concepts behind game design and create an arcade game in code with Coding Ireland. Children will load their created game onto handheld computers to play and see who gets the highest score! No prior coding experience is needed. *iPad/Tablet or Chromebook/laptop required.



Ages 8-12. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Donabate Library | Saturday, 5th July | 2pm-3pm |
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Race Autonomous Cars with Coding Ireland

Learn how to program toy cars to follow the lines around a track. Each team will get test runs and the cars will then compete in a series of fun races. Children will get an introduction to coding, microcomputers, autonomous cars and how to use sensors to follow a track.

Ages 10-13. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Malahide Library | Monday, 14th July | 2pm-3pm |
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Kite-Making Workshop with Anyone4Science

Learn the science of flight and how objects stay in the air. Use your new knowledge to design and make your very own kite to take home.



Ages 8+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Malahide Library | Thursday, 24th July | 2:15pm-3pm |
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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Play-Dough Workshop with Anyone4Science

In this fun, literature-inspired science workshop, learn the science behind flour, cocoa, and the ingredients needed to make your own chocolate play-dough. Make lots of fun chocolate-inspired shapes to take home!

Ages 8+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Malahide Library | Thursday, 24th July | 3.30pm-4.15pm |
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Summer Events for Children

A Little Birdie Told Me... with Tarsila Krüse

Children's author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse will read from her new book *A Little Birdie Told Me...* Then, let's use our hands and creativity to make some adorable birdie-inspired crafts! There's going to be a party! All the birds are going, from the little robin to the graceful swan.

Ages 6+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Baldoyle Library | Tuesday, 8th July | 3pm-4pm |
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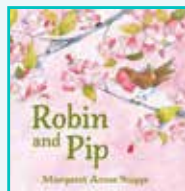


Robin and Pip with Margaret Anne Suggs

Children's author and illustrator Margaret Anne Suggs will read from her new book *Robin and Pip* – a story about an anxious little bird, Robin, and his friend Pip, a wise apple tree. Children will then make their own Robin puppets!

Ages 4+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Howth Library | Tuesday, 15th July | 11am – 12pm |
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Creative Writing with Fighting Words

In these creative writing workshops from Fighting Words, children will work together to create an original story with an emphasis on fun. Everyone can be a writer!

Ages 7-10. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Balbriggan Library | Wednesday, 9th July | 2pm-4pm |
| Donabate Library | Tuesday, 12th August | 2pm-4pm |



Dave Rudden - Master of Monsters

Join author Dave Rudden for fun and fast-paced workshop centred around his new horror novel for kids, *Conn of the Dead*, starring an eleven-year-old with ADHD and a love of horror versus the ferocious Celtic monster known as the Abhartach. Perfect for horror and fantasy fans, Dave's workshops are packed full of writing tips and advice on how to put your monsters to work for you.

Ages 8-12. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Howth Library | Tuesday, 8th July | 11:45am – 12:45pm |
| Malahide Library | Tuesday, 12th August | 12pm – 1pm |





Summer Events for Children

Family Coding Workshop with OurKidsCode

OurKidsCode is a fun way for parents of primary school aged children to explore creative computing with their kids. Parents and kids work together in this coding workshop where they will learn to craft a dance mat. No previous coding experience is necessary. Please bring a laptop Chromebook with a USB port - **tablets & iPads will not work for this activity.*



Please note: At least one parent/ guardian must be with their child for the whole workshop. Ages 7-12. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Friday, 4th July Friday, 8th August | 10:30am-12:30pm |
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Dungeons & Dragons Summer Club

Delve into the world of fantasy tabletop roleplay with Dungeons & Dragons in Donabate Library.

Ages 9+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Donabate Library | Wednesday, 16th July Wednesday, 23rd July Wednesday, 30th July | 2:30pm-4:30pm |
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Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles

Join Sarah Sparkles for a fully interactive show for little ones, including singing, dancing and movement.

Ages 0-5. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Tuesday, 24th June | 11am-12pm |
| Balbriggan Library | Wednesday, 30th July | 11am-12pm |



Magic Story Time with Sarah Sparkles

Join Sarah Sparkles for interactive, fun storytelling-sing songs, meet her puppet friends and help create a unique story and perform some magic.

Ages 4+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Swords Library | Wednesday, 30th July | 2pm-3pm |
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Junior eServices Clinic

Join us for our drop-in junior eServices Clinic where kids can explore our fun and educational digital services. Perfect for curious minds who love to learn and play online!

No booking required.

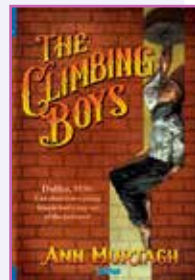
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| Swords Library | Monday, 11th August | 2:30pm |
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The Climbing Boys with Ann Murtagh

Join children's author Ann Murtagh as she shines a light on the amazing lives of children in the past in her book *The Climbing Boys*, set in Dublin in 1830. 'Climbing Boy' Scholar O'Dare is forced to leave school and work with his brothers cleaning chimneys. He crosses paths with another climbing boy living in dire circumstances. Will Scholar be able to save this boy? This is a story of hardship but also one of friendship and hope.

Ages 10+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Swords Library | Wednesday, 20th August | 10am-11am |
| Donabate Library | Wednesday, 20th August | 2pm-3pm |

Nature Workshop with Rediscovery Centre

Learn all about Ireland's biodiversity, ecosystems, food webs, and animals in this fun workshop. Find out how people can protect the natural environment around them.

Ages 6-12. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Baldoyle Library | Monday, 18th August | 11am-12:30pm |
| Malahide Library | Monday, 18th August | 3pm-4:30pm |





Sensory Friendly Events

Active Lego with Sensory Explorers

Lego Sessions with a twist! Children can find focusing or staying seated for an entire Lego session too difficult. Active Lego includes floor stations with STEM sets and gross motor skill obstacle courses while the session takes place.



Ages 6+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Thursday, 10th July | 12pm-1pm |
| Skerries Library | Saturday, 19th July | 10:30am-11:30am |

Neurodivergent Active Lego with Sensory Explorers

While neurodivergent families are welcome in all Active Lego sessions, this session is specially catered to neurodivergent families and will have a smaller group size.



All ages. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Thursday, 17th July | 3pm-4pm |
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Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan

This workshop is a fun, developmental, musical activity for all children and more specifically children with additional sensory needs. Join us for singing, dancing, listening and instrument playing in a gentle environment.



Ages 0-7. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Baldoyle Library Sensory Garden | Saturday, 26th July | 12pm-1pm |
| Skerries Library | Saturday, 26th July | 10:30am-11:30am |
| Malahide Library | Saturday, 9th August | 2pm-3pm |

Construction Club with Messy Adventures

Explore construction with safe children's cardboard tools. This workshop gives children an opportunity to build a world they imagine. Working in a team helps develop communication and creativity.



Ages 4-8. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Rush Library | Monday, 7th July | 3pm-4pm |
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Sensory Friendly Events

Sensory Play Hour with Fingal Additional Needs

This sensory play session for children with additional needs fosters creativity, social interaction, and relaxation. Activities take place in an engaging environment to stimulate the senses while promoting development and fun.

Ages 4-12. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Howth Library | Thursday, 3rd July | 10:30am-11:30am |
| Swords Library | Thursday, 10th July | 6:30pm-7:30pm |
| Rush Library | Tuesday, 22nd July | 10:30am – 11:30am |
| Malahide Library | Saturday, 12th July | 2pm- 3pm |
| Donabate Library | Monday, 14th July | 2pm- 3pm |
| Baldoyle Library | Wednesday, 30th July | 11:30am-12:30pm |
| Blanchardstown Library | Tuesday, 12th August | 11am-12pm |
| Balbriggan Library | Wednesday, 13th August | 11am-12pm |
| Garristown Library | Thursday, 14th August | 11:30am-12:30pm |





Summer Stars is the national reading programme that runs throughout the school summer holidays. Join the reading adventure and check out Fingal Libraries Summer Stars events and activities!

Balbriggan Library

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | AGES |
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| Stained Glass Painting Workshop | Thursday, 19th June | 3:30pm-4:30pm | Ages 7-12 |
| Pretty Posey-make your own flowers with pipe cleaners | Thursday, 3rd July | 3pm-4pm | Ages 6-10 |
| Clay Date Kids Pinch Pot Workshop - Create air-dry clay pinch-pots (Remember to bring an apron or wear old clothes, it's mucky work!) | Thursday, 17th July | 3pm-4pm | Ages 7-10 |
| Chess Tournament (Please note, a basic level is needed to enter the tournament) | Wednesday, 23rd July | 2pm-3pm | Ages 8-12 |
| Fabulous Fish Craft - Create a rainbow-coloured fish with paper plates, tissue paper, paint & glitter! | Thursday, 21st August | 3pm-4pm | Ages 5-8 |

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Baldoyle Library

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | AGES |
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| Summers Stars Celebration Day - Sign up for Summer Stars & enjoy a treasure hunt, Storytime sessions, sensory toys & colouring sheets! | Monday, 23rd June | All day | All Ages |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Tuesday, 24th June | 3pm | Ages 4-10 |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Monday, 7th July Wednesday, 23rd July Wednesday, 6th Aug | 2:30pm | Ages 4-10 |
| Heritage Week Crafts | Wednesday, 20th Aug | 3pm | Ages 4-10 |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Thursday, 26th June Tuesday, 29th July | 3pm-3.30pm | All Ages |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Monday, 11th August | 10:30am | All Ages |
| Heritage Week Storytime | Thursday, 21st Aug | 3pm | All Ages |

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Blanchardstown Library

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | AGES |
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| Summer Stars Storytime | Every Thursday | 3pm | Ages 4-8 |
| Summer Teddy Bear Sleepover | Tuesday, 12th August | 6pm | |
| Create like Mondrian Art Workshop | Thursday, 10th July | 3pm | Ages 10-12 |
| Create like Frida Art Workshop | Thursday, 14th August | 3pm | Ages 8-12 |
| Freeplay Lego | Tuesday, 1st July Tuesday, 5th August | 3pm | Ages 5-8 |
| Freeplay Lego | Monday, 28th July Monday, 18th August | 3pm | Ages 8-12 |

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Donabate Library

| EVENT | DATE | TIME | AGES |
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| Summer Stars Crafts | Tuesday, 15th July Tuesday, 19th August | 3pm-4pm | Ages 5-10 |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Thursday, 17th July Thursday, 21st August | 3pm-4pm | Ages 4-7 |
| Summer Stars Super Quiz | Thursday, 28th August | 2pm-4pm | Family friendly /All ages |

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Garristown Library

Please contact the library for details.

Howth Library

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| Summer Stars Storytime | Thursday, 17th July Thursday, 14th August | 10:30am -11am | Ages 3-7 |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Thursday, 10th July Thursday, 7th August | 3pm-4pm | Ages 4-7 |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Thursday, 24th July Thursday, 21st August | 3pm-4pm | Ages 8-11 |

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Malahide Library

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| Create your own Summer Stars 'stained glass' with jewel coloured paper | Monday, 16th June | 3:30pm | Ages 4-7 |
| Create your own Summer Stars 'stained glass' with jewel coloured paper | Tuesday, 17th June | 3:30pm | Ages 8-12 |
| Add a colourful fish to the Malahide Library craft aquarium! | Tuesday, 1st - Tuesday, 8th July | All Ages Welcome | |
| Summer Stars Junior Storytime | Wednesday, 16th July | 10:30am | |
| Create your own lighthouse bookmark | Tuesday, 5th- Tuesday, 12th August | All Ages Welcome | |
| Seaside summer selection of jigsaws in the reading room | | | |

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Rush Library

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| Teddy Bear Sleepover & Storytime | Monday, 21st July Tuesday, 22nd July | 3pm-4pm | All Ages |
| Summer Stars Storytime | Tuesday, 15th July | 3pm-4pm | All Ages |
| Summer Stars Crafts | Wednesday, 20th August | 3pm-4pm | Ages 5-8 |
| Design a Bookmark | Contact library for details | All Welcome | |
| Summer Scavenger Hunt | Contact library for details | All Welcome | |

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Skerries Library Please contact the library for details.

Swords Library

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| Summer Stars Crafts | Tuesday, 8th July Wednesday, 13th August | 2:30pm | Ages 6-11 |
| Summer Stars Quiz | Thursday, 14th August | 2:30pm | Ages 6-11 |
| Summer Stars Storytime & Quiz | Tuesday, 29th July Tuesday, 19th August | 2:30pm | Ages 4-8 |
| Summer Treasure Hunt | Tuesday, 15th July Tuesday, 5th August | 2:30pm | Ages 6-12 |

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Mobile Library Summer Tour

The Fingal Mobile Library will be on the road again this summer visiting festivals and events all over Fingal!

Make sure to visit us when we are at the following events:

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| Lusk Summer Festival (featuring facepainting and a show from Reuben the Magician) | Saturday, 21st June |
| Flavours of Fingal, Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate (featuring facepainting and a magic show from Waffles the Wonderful) | Saturday, 5th July & Sunday, 6th July |
| The Teddy Bears' Picnic in Huntstown Community Centre | Thursday, 21st August from 11am-1pm |

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.





Summer Events for Teens

YA Creative Writing Workshop with Adiba Jaigirdar

Join award-winning Young Adult author Adiba Jaigirdar for a creative writing workshop, perfect for beginners or aspiring authors. You will learn writing tips and participate in a dynamic workshop with the author of *Four Eids* and *a Funeral, Rani Choudhury Must Die*, *The Henna Wars* and more.

Ages 13-17. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Blanchardstown Library | Friday, 25th July | 11am-1pm |
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Makeup Masterclass with Erin Burke

Join makeup artist Erin Burke for a masterclass! Erin has perfected the art of creating flawless looks that not only enhance natural beauty but make a statement. This is an opportunity to learn professional makeup techniques and discover your creative side. Whether you're a beginner or want to refine your skills, this masterclass will be fun, informative, and hands-on.

Ages 16+. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Balbriggan Library | Saturday, 19th July | 2:30pm-4pm |
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Critical Hit - How To Be A Great Dungeon Master with Dave Rudden

Always wanted to try Dungeons & Dragons but unsure how to start? Want to level up your performance and writing skills to deliver an adventure worthy of the Sword Coast? Professional RPG and fantasy writer Dave Rudden will give you tips on improve your campaigns and delight/horrorify your players. Bring some dice and difficult questions, and you might win a prize!

Ages 13-17. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Howth Library | Tuesday, 8th July | 2pm-3pm |
| Malahide Library | Tuesday, 12th August | 2pm-3pm |

Zine Club

A zine is a homemade publication about anything you're interested in. There are all kinds of zines including fanzines (a zine about something or someone you love), cookery zines, comic zines, art zines, poetry zines, and personal zines where people write about their daily lives. Come along and meet up with other zine makers and artists. Bring any materials that you might like to use.

Ages 13-17. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Monday, 7th July Monday, 11th August | 2:30pm-4pm |
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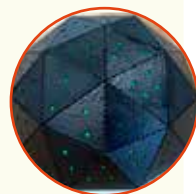
To reserve a place for any of these Makerspace events and find out about more events, please follow the QR code.

Makerspace Events for Children and Teens

Build your own Star Dome

This workshop is perfect for anyone interested in space, electronics, and the fun parts of geometry problem solving. You will learn about basic electronics and the functions and uses of LEDs to create your very own Star Dome lantern.

No experience necessary. Ages 9-12.



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| Blanchardstown Library | Wednesday, 2nd July | 11am-1pm |
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Blueprints of Light – Intro to Cyanotype Photography

Dive into the magic of alternative photography in this cyanotype workshop! Learn how to create stunning blue and white prints using sunlight, light-sensitive chemicals, and your own objects or negatives.

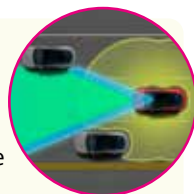
Ages 9-12.



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| Blanchardstown Library | Wednesday, 20th August | 11am-1pm |
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Autonomous Car Lesson

Learn how to programme an autonomous car. Participants will learn about how autonomous cars work, create a Scratch project, add and manipulate a car sprite, draw a test track, and program the car to navigate the track autonomously.



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| Blanchardstown Library | Saturday, 12th July | 11am -12pm: Ages 10 – 12 1pm-2pm: Ages 12 – 14 3pm-4pm: Ages 15 – 17 |
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Lego Pixel Printmaking for Teenagers

Unlock your creativity in this block printing workshop using LEGO bricks! Discover how everyday toys can become artistic tools as you design and print bold, colourful patterns on paper. This session covers the basics of block printing.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Friday, 1st August | 2pm-4pm |
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Introduction to Sewing Machines for Teenagers

If you have a sewing machine but don't know how to use it or if you have always wanted to learn to sew but don't know where to start, this course is for you. Join us for hands-on sewing workshops where you will make a tote bag. Suitable for beginners and those with some experience.



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| Blanchardstown Library | Monday, 11th August Tuesday, 12th August | 11am-1pm |
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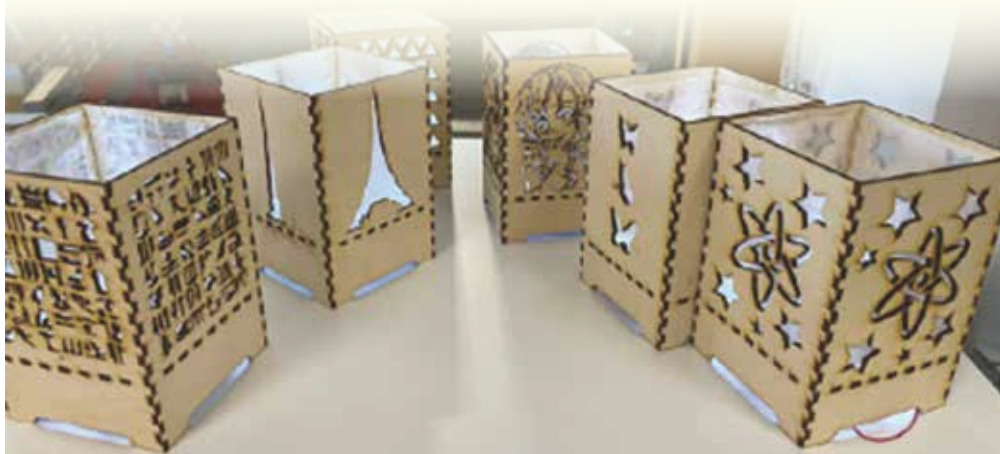
Teen Textile Meet Up

Join us each month for our textile & sewing meetup for teens aged 13-17! This gathering is perfect for young enthusiasts who are eager to dive into the world of textiles. Whether you're a beginner or handy with a needle and thread, our meetup provides a space to explore and enhance your skills.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Saturday, 23rd August | 11am-1pm |
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Makerspace Events for Adults



Light & Lines – Laser Cut Lanterns with Adobe Illustrator

Light meets design in these two hands-on workshops where you'll create a glowing lantern using Adobe Illustrator, laser cutting, and simple electronics. No prior experience needed- just a spark of creativity! All materials and guidance provided.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Tuesday, 8th July Tuesday, 15th July | 5:30pm-7:30pm |
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Introduction to Sewing Machines for Adults

Learn how to use and understand a sewing pattern. Our experienced tutor will take you step by step through the process. This class is suitable for anyone interested in using commercial sewing patterns for clothing or other textiles, no experience needed.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Thursday, 24th July | 5.45pm-7.45pm |
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Parenting Event

Summer Events for Adults

Supporting Children's Return to School after the Holidays

with Melissa Moore

Returning to school after summer holidays can be difficult for many children. Melissa offers parents practical advice on how to support children who may be struggling with anxiety during this time.



Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 3rd September

6:30pm-7:30pm

Summer Smartphone Sessions with Sabine McKenna

All you want to know about using your Smartphone in four easy sessions! Sabine will guide you through how to get the best out of your phone. Each session will be followed by a 30-minute Q&A where you can bring any smartphone-related questions. You can attend just one session or all four.

Week 1: Smartphone Basics You May Not Know. Make your phone easier to use – and find what you need quickly.

Week 2: Email, Internet & Other Useful Apps. Send emails, browse the web, and use the Play Store with confidence.

Week 3: Using WhatsApp – Chats, Groups & Security. Stay connected while keeping your account safe.

Week 4: Out and About – Maps, Photos & Handy Tools. Find your way and make the most of your phone's camera.

Please note: These sessions are focused on Android phones (e.g. Samsung, Nokia, Google Pixel). iPhone users are welcome but may not benefit as fully.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Swords Library

**Wednesday, 2nd July
Wednesday, 9th July
Wednesday, 16th July
Wednesday, 23rd July**

10am-11:30am

Haiku Impromptu with Máighréad Medbh

The haiku is a short poetic form in which we transform careful observation into a crystalline moment. There are only seventeen syllables, so each one is precious. Haiku has been called a way of connectedness. It is also a way of enjoyment, because ordinary things become extraordinary. In this workshop poet Máighréad Medbh will discuss the method and philosophy of haiku, and then you can try your hand at writing your own.



To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Howth Library

Wednesday, 2nd July

3pm-5pm



Summer Events for Adults

DNA Workshop – Explore your Family History with Claire Bradley

Have you had a DNA test done but are unsure how to interpret your results and move forward with your genealogical research? Genealogist Claire Bradley will guide you in using your DNA results for family history. To participate, you need to have received your DNA test results already and have access to them on the day.



To reserve a place, please contact Fingal Local Studies & Archives;

E mail: archives@fingal.ie or phone 01 8704486.

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| Fingal Local Studies & Archives, 46 North Street, Swords | Tuesday, 24th June Tuesday, 8th July | 2:30pm-4pm |
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Garden Design with Unwind with Plants

Learn how to design and improve your garden, including: the five rules of good garden design, carrying out a site survey, planning a bed or border, types of plants, styles of planting, and the importance of light and shade.

You are sure to take away some great ideas from this presentation!

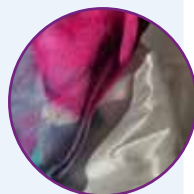


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| Swords Library | Monday, 7th July | 11am-12:30pm |
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Silk Painting with Catherine McCourt

Explore the gentle art of painting on silk. Learn how to paint on 100% pure silk material using procion dyes and inks. Discover how to apply and fix the colours to create colourful vibrant pieces. Each participant will design their own unique silk fan to take home.



To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Malahide Library | Wednesday, 6th August | 5:30pm-7:30pm |
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Etching on Glass with Catherine McCourt

Join Catherine McCourt for a glass etching workshop! Personalise a wine glass, vase, or compact mirror using stencils and etching cream. You'll learn to prepare the glass, add colour, and etch two pieces. Glass is provided but you can bring your own piece if you wish. Please bring an apron and tweezers for weeding stencils.



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| Balbriggan Library | Monday, 11th August | 2pm-4pm |
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Introduction to Calligraphy with Siobhán Campbell

Join Siobhán Campbell for an introduction to calligraphy. Learn the basics of the ancient Irish script UNCIAL and create cards and bookmarks. All materials will be provided. Participants are invited to bring along any short quote or greeting they might like to use.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Baldoyle Library | Thursday, 3rd July | 10am-1pm |
| Rush Library | Monday, 11th August | 2pm-5pm |

Cyanotype Workshop with Andrew Carson

This workshop introduces participants to the art of homemade analogue photography, creating blue-toned prints using a simple creative process. We will learn how daylight, photosensitive chemicals, and various materials can unite to produce unique, nature-inspired images.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Donabate Library | Wednesday, 13th August | 2:30pm-4:30pm |
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Sun Prints Workshop

Make sun-printed tote bags using cyanotype. Cyanotype is the process of using the power of sun and a special dye placed over natural materials like ferns. In a short space of time, a naturalistic photo of the foliage will appear on the cotton material making an adorable carrier.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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| Balbriggan Library | Thursday, 7th August | 3pm-4pm |
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Summer Clothes Swap

Embrace Sustainability-join us in Balbriggan Library for our first swap shop. Bring up to five items of new or nearly new women's clothing, collect your tokens and swap! Drop your clothes donation into Balbriggan Library ahead of the event in exchange for tokens on Thursday, 17th July from 2pm-6:30pm.

Please note no underwear, nightwear or sportswear.

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| Balbriggan Library | Saturday, 19th July | 10am-12:30pm |
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Summer Events for Adults

Jewellery Making Class with Beach Jewels by Bernie

Join Beach Jewels by Bernie for jewellery making classes for adults. Take home some fantastic pieces of your own handmade jewellery. All materials will be provided.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Baldoyle Library | Friday, 15th August | 10:30am-11:30am |
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Summer Crafts for Adults at Baldoyle Library

Join us in Baldoyle Library for these wonderful craft workshops for adults. All are suitable for beginners and all materials are provided. Places are limited so booking is essential.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Circular Weaving: learn how to warp and weave on a hoop to create circular tapestries. | Tuesday, 17th June | 2pm-4pm |
| Macramé (beginners & intermediate): learn macramé knots to create wonderful items for your home. | Wednesday, 9th July | 2pm-4pm |
| Dot Mandala Art: learn the techniques to create dot art & mandalas. | Tuesday, 22nd July | 2pm-4pm |
| Linocut Printing: learn every step from design to print. Create your own relief print in this 2-day workshop. | Monday, 18th August Tuesday, 19th August | 2pm-4pm |

Having A Yarn!

Join us for a relaxed and creative time at Having a Yarn! Whether you're a seasoned knitter, an avid crocheter, or a beginner just learning the ropes, this is the perfect place to share tips, inspire each other, and work on your latest projects. Bring your needles, threads, and ideas. This is a family-friendly event for all ages.

No booking required.

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| Swords Library | Tuesday, 12th August | 2pm-4pm |
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Summer Snap Competition

Submit your favourite summer themed photo for our summer snap competition.

Ages 18+

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| Malahide Library | Tuesday, 1st July – Friday, 15th August (Prizegiving Thursday, 28th August) |
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Seed Saving with Anna Browne

Join Anna Browne of Big Sky Flowers to unlock the secrets of seed saving and cultivate your own sustainable garden! Saving seeds is a heritage skill that has been forgotten. Rediscover this practice and how it yields healthy strong plants. Learn practical tips, connect with fellow seed enthusiasts, and embark on a journey of seed stewardship. Participants will go home with a selection of recently saved seeds.



To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Blanchardstown Library | Saturday, 16th August | 10am-12pm |
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A French Journal by Marianne Taylor, transcribed by Elizabeth Balcombe and read by Oona Roycroft, Skerries Historical Society

Marianne Taylor was one of the Ardgillan Castle Taylor family and this talk is based on the travel diary from the family's trip to France in the 1830s. It is a fascinating insight into how the other half lived-or at least holidayed-at that time!

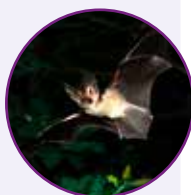


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| Skerries Library | Thursday, 21st August | 6:30pm-7:30pm |
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Facts About Bats with Bat Conservation Ireland

Join us at Donabate Library for a Heritage Week talk about bats. Discover the fascinating truths and debunk the myths surrounding these incredible flying mammals. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the vital role our native bats play in our environment.



To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Donabate Library | Monday, 18th August | 6:30pm-7:30pm |
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Exhibition: The Sale of Balbriggan, 1875

150 years ago, the sale of the estate of George Alexander Hamilton took place at the Landed Estates Court on Inns Quay, Dublin. The estate was divided into 22 lots and included the entire town of Balbriggan. The auction became known as 'The Sale of Balbriggan' and is of historic significance due to the transfer of ownership of the town from the Hamilton family to a new entrepreneurial class. Curator Brian Kavanagh from Fingal Local Studies & Archives will be onsite to answer questions. All welcome.



To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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| Bremore Castle, Balbriggan | Thursday, 21st August Friday, 22nd August | 10am-4pm |
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Heritage Week at Fingal Local Studies & Archives

Fingal Local Studies & Archives is located at:
46 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 F6Y3



Archive Open Days at Fingal Local Studies & Archives

Go behind the scenes of Fingal Local Studies & Archives and view a variety of interesting and unusual items from our collections. Find out what resources are available for local and family history. Our staff will be present to answer questions and guide you through the displays. All Welcome.

**Fingal Local Studies
& Archives**

**Wednesday, 20th August
Thursday, 21st August**

10am-5pm

Getting Started with Genealogy with Brian Kavanagh

Ever wondered how to start your family tree? Join Brian Kavanagh from Fingal Local Studies & Archives to learn more about using the resources available to uncover your family history.

Booking required. Please e-mail: archives@fingal.ie or call: (01) 8704486.



**Fingal Local Studies
& Archives**

Tuesday, 19th August

2:30pm-3:30pm



**National
Heritage Week**
A Heritage Council programme





Eachtraí Éire Shláintiúil i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall/ Healthy Ireland Events in Fingal Libraries

**Fingal Libraries brings you these free events
under the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.**

Chair Yoga with Yoganamara

In these gentle exercise classes over four weeks, you will increase your flexibility, reduce stiffness, de-stress and find more energy. You will use a chair to practise modified versions of traditional Yoga postures.

**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.
Please note: This workshop involves physical movement. If you have
issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help
you decide if this event is right for you.**



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| Malahide Library | Thursday, 31st July | 12pm-1pm |
| | Thursday, 7th August | |
| | Thursday, 14th August | |
| | Thursday, 21st August | |

Chair Yoga with Enda Greene

Unlock your inner energy from a chair in this uplifting yoga experience. Through gentle movement, breathwork, yogic meditation and focused awareness, you'll awaken your vitality and clarity. We will finish the class with soothing sound-healing instruments, allowing you to deeply relax. All levels welcome - just bring some water and a blanket (optional).

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Please note: This workshop involves physical movement. If you have issues
with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if this
event is right for you.**



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| Baldoyle Library | Friday, 4th July | 10:30am-11:30am |
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Tai Chi with Stephen Pentony

Tai Chi is a low impact, slow motion exercise. In this four-week course, Stephen Pentony will guide you through the graceful movements and health benefits of this Chinese practice. Comfortable clothing and footwear are recommended.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Please note: This workshop involves physical movement. If you have issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if this event is right for you.

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| Balbriggan Library | Friday, 4th July | 10am-11am |
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| Blanchardstown Library | Friday, 4th July | 2pm-3pm |
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Nordic Walking with Jurgita Ramanauskaite

Learn the Nordic Walking technique in 4 easy steps!

How can you benefit from Nordic Walking?

- Using walking poles engages 90% of the body muscles, turning your walk into a workout!
- Reduces impact on lower body joints and spine while walking.

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Please note: This workshop involves physical movement. If you have issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if this event is right for you.



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| Rush Library | Tuesday, 12th August | 11am - 12:15pm |
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Inclusive Creativity

Inclusive Creativity - a collaboration between Fingal Libraries and Creative Fingal - is continuing over the summer months. Adults supported by Prosper Fingal are taking part in sustainable arts & crafts workshops in library branches with Aga Hutcheson. Workshops include upcycled art, eco-friendly 3D art, textile arts, nature crafts and green gardening. This collaborative programme will also offer workshops to older age groups in libraries and other community settings over the coming months.



Summer eServices Clinics

Learn how to use Fingal Libraries wide range of free eServices, including e-books, audiobooks, online newspapers, and databases, on your tablet or smart phone. At these drop-in eServices clinics, staff will help you download the apps and show you how to get the best out of these fantastic services!



All welcome.

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| Balbriggan Library | Last Wednesday of every month | 2:30pm-3:15pm |
| Baldoyle Library | Monday, 30th June Monday, 28th July Monday, 25th August | 10am |
| Blanchardstown Library | Every Wednesday | 2pm-4pm |
| Howth Library | Third Thursday of every month | 3pm-3:30pm |
| Malahide Library | Third Thursday of every month | 2pm-3pm |
| Rush Library | Wednesday, 16th July | 2pm - 4pm |

Fingal Volunteer Centre Pop-up Information Sessions

Are you interested in volunteering? Join Fingal Volunteer Centre in Balbriggan Library for pop-up information sessions on meaningful volunteer opportunities in the Fingal area.

All welcome.

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| Balbriggan Library | Monday, 7th July | 2pm-4:30pm |
| | Thursday, 7th August | 10am-12:30pm |

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SWORDS CASTLE-SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Regular Events at your Local Fingal Library

Discover a fabulous range of recurring events at your local library – we're sure we have an event to inspire you! Contact your local library for more information.

Balbriggan Library

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| Scrabble Club (adults) | Every Monday | 11am-12:30pm |
| Knitting and Crotchet Club (adults) | Every Monday | 6pm-7pm |
| Irish Conversation Group (adults) | Every Monday | 6:30pm-8pm |
| Balbriggan Book Club (adults) | Last Wednesday of every month | 6pm-7:30pm |
| Young Adult Book Club (ages 12 – 17) | Meets monthly on Saturdays (contact library to check next meetup) | 3pm-4pm |
| Creative Poetry Writing Club | Every Tuesday | 6:30pm-7:45pm |
| Sensory Friendly Quiet Time | Every Monday | 6:30pm-7.30pm |
| Warehouse Writers Group (adults) | Every Friday | 2:30pm-4pm |
| eServices/Digital Services Drop-in Clinic | Last Wednesday of every month | 2:30pm-3:15pm |
| Balbriggan Library Film Club | First Saturday of every month | 2pm-4pm |
| LGBT+ Book & Film Club (adults) | Last Saturday of every month | 10:30am-12:30pm |
| Academic Referencing Sessions | Contact library to book an appointment | |
| Virtual Reality (VR) drop-in sessions (age 13y+) | Last Tuesday of every month | 3pm-4pm |
| Family Storytime (all welcome) | Every Saturday | 10:30am-11am |
| 3D Printer Workshop | Last Thursday of every month | 3pm-4pm |
| HSE Balbriggan Breastfeeding Group | Every Thursday | 11am-12pm |

Baldoyle Library

Please contact Baldoyle Library for details.

Blanchardstown Library

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| Sensory Friendly Quiet Time | Every Monday | 6:30pm |
| eServices Clinic | Every Wednesday | 2pm-3pm |
| Peaceful Playtime | Every Wednesday | 3pm-4pm |
| Parent and Toddler Meetup | Every Thursday | 11am-12:30pm |
| Storytime (4 yrs +) | Every Thursday | 3pm |
| Craft Circle (adult) | Fortnightly, Tuesday | 6:30pm-7:45pm |
| Age Action | Every Friday | 10am-1pm |
| Local History Consultation with Jim Lacey | Every Wednesday (From 25th June) | 10am-12pm |
| Breast Feeding Support Group | Every Wednesday | 11am-1pm |
| French Conversation Group (adults) | Every Saturday | 10am-12pm |
| Irish Conversation Group (adults) | Every Saturday | 12pm-1pm |
| Older & Wiser Ukrainian Group | Every Monday | 10:30am-12:30pm |
| Virtual Reality (VR) Drop-in Sessions (13 yrs +) | Third Monday of every month | 2pm-3:30pm |
| Baby Book Club | Third Tuesday of every month | 11:30am-12pm |
| Chess Club | Second Thursday of every month | 3:30pm |
| Blanchardstown Library Film Club | Tuesdays, monthly (10th June, 8th July, 19th August) | 11am-1pm |
| Irish Heart Foundation Peer to Peer Support Group | Fridays, Monthly (13th June 11th July) | 10:30am-12:30pm |

Donabate Library

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| Sensory-friendly Quiet Time | Every Monday | 5.30pm-6.30pm |
| Caint agus Comhrá | Third Monday of every month | 6:30pm-7:30pm |
| Monday Evening Book Club | Last Monday of every month | 6:30pm-7:30pm |
| Donabate Community Crafters | Every second Friday | 11:30am-1pm |
| Donabate Junior Bookish Club (Ages 11-14) | Every second Wednesday | 3:30pm-4:30pm |
| Knitting Group (adult) | Every Thursday | 11am-1pm |
| Junior Chess Club (Ages 5-10) | Every Friday | 3:30pm-4:30pm |
| Chinkwell Writers Group | Every second Saturday | 11am-1pm |

Garristown Library

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| Chess Club | Monday and Tuesdays | 3:15pm-4:30pm |
| Scrabble Club | Every Thursday | 3:15pm-4:30pm |
| Storytime | Every Wednesday except the last Wednesday of the month | 3:45pm-4:45pm |
| Junior Readers Book Club | Last Wednesday of every month | 3:15pm-4:45pm |

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| Storytime | Every Tuesday | 10am-10:30am |
| Scrabble Club | Every second Tuesday | 3:30pm-4:30pm |
| eServices Clinic | Third Thursday of every month | 3pm-3:30pm |

Malahide Library

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| French for Beginners | Contact library for details | |
| Community Jigsaw | Contact library for details | |
| Junior Chess Club | Contact library to register interest | |
| Spanish Conversation Group | Every Thursday | 6pm-7:30pm |
| Sensory Quiet Time | Every Thursday | 5:30pm-6:30pm |
| Toddler Time | Every Thursday | 10am-11:30am |
| eServices Clinic | Third Thursday of every month | 2pm-3pm |
| Age Action Computer Classes | Every Thursday | 12pm-2pm |
| Afternoon & Evening Bookclubs | Contact library for details | |
| Afternoon & Evening Film Clubs | Contact library for details | |
| Saturday Matinee | Contact library for details | |
| Eckhart Tolle Meditation Morning | Every Saturday | 11am-12pm |
| Virtual reality sessions | Contact library for details | |
| Knitting and crochet supplies available for on-the-spot crafting in Malahide Library reading room. | | |

Rush Library

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| Ciorcal Comhrá-Irish Conversation Group (Adults) | Every second Tuesday | 6:30pm-7:30pm |
| Community Art Group | Every Friday | 2pm-4pm |
| Rush Library Book Club (Adults) | First Wednesday of every month | 6:30pm-7:30pm |
| Rush Library Baby Book Club | Second Wednesday of every month | 10am-11am |
| Guided Meditation | Last Saturday of every month | 10:30am-12:30pm |
| Meet Me at the Altar - Local Musician Performances | Regularly on Saturday afternoons | 3pm-4pm |
| Age Friendly Social Club | Every second Thursday | 11am-1pm |
| Scrabble Club | Every Thursday | 6:30pm-7:30pm |
| Spanish-English Language Exchange Group | Every second Wednesday | 6:30pm-7:30 pm |

Skerries Library

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| Baby Book Club | Every second & third Monday | 10:30am |
| Crochet & Knitting Group | Every Tuesday | 2:30pm-4:30pm |

Swords Library

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| Baby Book Club | Alternate Tuesdays (June & July, taking a break in August) | 10:30am-11:30am |
| Sensory Quiet Time | Every Thursday | 6:30pm-7:30pm |
| Irish Conversation Group | Every Wednesday | 6:30pm-7:30pm |

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