



Fómhar/Geimhreadh i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2025

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Autumn/Winter in Fingal Libraries 2025

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



Check out the free programmes, events, and services in Fingal Libraries that can inspire, motivate and support you.

Autumn Events at a Glance

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER		
Digital Discovery Hub	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
THURSDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER		
Rush Library Summer Stars Awards Ceremony	Rush Library	3:30pm
Yoga for Calm	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
One 2 One Connect	Balbriggan Library	10:00pm
Leaf by Leaf, Page by Page Bookmark Craft	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER		
Digital Discovery Hub	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Culture Night	Balbriggan Library	5:30pm
Culture Night	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm
Culture Night	Malahide Library	6:00pm
Culture Night	Swords Library	6:00pm
Culture Night	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	6:00pm
Culture Night: Wavin' Words Poetry Slam	The Chapel, Swords Castle	6:00pm
Culture Night	The Atrium, County Hall	6:00pm
MONDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER		
Block Print a Tote Bag	Blanchardstown Library	1:00pm
TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER		
Composting Talk	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
Magic of Stories Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER		
Digital Discovery Hub	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Clay Craft Workshop	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
FRIDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER		
Féile Bronntanas: An Leabharlannaí Craiceáilte	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Féile Bronntanas: Rithim agus Raic	Swords Library	3:00pm
Féile Bronntanas: Póta Peataí	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Digital Discovery Hub	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
SATURDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER		
Magic of Stories Festival	Swords Castle	11:00am
Birds and Biodiversity in your Garden	Donabate Library	2:00pm
Seed Saving	Malahide Library	3:00pm
Féile Bronntanas: Rithim agus Raic	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
Féile Bronntanas: Pictiúir Draíochta	Malahide Library	10:30am
Féile Bronntanas: An Mol Ceol	Rush Library	3:00pm
Féile Bronntanas: Mistéir	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm
MONDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am
From Blue to Brew: Cyanotype Toning	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
Fingal Future Visions	Malahide Library	10:00am
TUESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER		
Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Sensory Time	Rush Library	3:00pm
Introduction to Poetry Writing	Swords Library	6:30pm
WEDNESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER		
Facts About Bats	Rush Library	6:30pm
Digital Discovery Hub	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am



EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
THURSDAY, 2ND OCTOBER		
Migraine Seminar	Balbriggan Library	6:30pm
Chair Yoga	Baldoyle Library	10:30am
FRIDAY, 3RD OCTOBER		
Chair Yoga	Blanchardstown Library	2:30pm
SATURDAY, 4TH OCTOBER		
History at the Library Day	The Carnegie	10:00am
MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER		
Art Course	Rush Library	10:30am
Fingal Volunteer Centre Pop-up Information Session	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
Art Exhibition	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
Chair Yoga	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Chair Yoga	Donabate Library	10:00am
WEDNESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER		
Getting Started with Genealogy	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
Nature Mandala Art	Baldoyle Library	5:30pm
Big Bear Planetarium	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
SATURDAY, 11TH OCTOBER		
Sensory Time	Baldoyle Library	11:00am
Home is Where the Heart is	Rush Library	12:00pm
Home is Where the Heart is	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
Children's Halloween Costume Swap Shop	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER		
Chair Yoga	Rush Library	10:00am

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER		
Understanding AI: Risks, Realities & Why Literacy Matters	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
Yoga for Calm	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER		
Jewellery Making Class	Balbriggan Library	10:30am
SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER		
Understanding AI: Risks, Realities & Why Literacy Matters	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
Strong but Lonely: Book Launch	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER		
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Skerries Library	3:30pm
WEDNESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER		
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Skerries Library	3:30pm
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm
Cross Stitch workshop	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER		
Digital Photography Course	Malahide Library	6:00pm
Halloween Story Time	Rush Library	3:00pm
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER		
Therapeutic Sensory Play	Malahide Library	12:30pm
Therapeutic Sensory Play	Howth Library	2:30pm
Sew a Halloween Hand Puppet	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Malahide Library	3:00pm
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Family Friendly Halloween Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm



EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER		
Halloween Quiz	Swords Library	2:30pm
D&D Halloween Horrors	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
Family Friendly Halloween Movie	Malahide Library	11:00am
Family Friendly Halloween Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
THURSDAY, 30TH OCTOBER		
Halloween Monster Masks	Garristown Library	3:30pm
Sensory Musical Tots	Garristown Library	12:00pm
Introduction to Sewing Patterns	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm
Halloween Story Time	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Swords Library	2:30pm
Spooky Halloween Crafts	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Family Friendly Halloween Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER		
Little Irish Folklore Friends	Rush Library	2:00pm
Little Irish Folklore Friends	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Halloween Storytime and Pumpkin Collage	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Halloween Creative Writing	Howth Library	11:30am
Halloween Creative Writing	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
Halloween Spooky Storytime	Swords Library	3:00pm
A Haunting We Will Go!	Malahide Library	11:00am
A Haunting We Will Go!	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER		
Sensory Musical Tots	Donabate Library	12:00pm
Chair Yoga	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Art Exhibition	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
MONDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER		
Sensory Musical Tots	Swords Library	10:30am
TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER		
Be Social Media Savvy	Malahide Library	6:30pm
Wear it Your Way: Custom Tees	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
SATURDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER		
Bilingual Puppet and Magic Show	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Intro to 3D Printing Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
WEDNESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER		
Getting Started with Genealogy	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
Science Week Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER		
Yoga for Calm	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
Into the Other World: Coraline Doll Making	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
FRIDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER		
Neurodivergent Sensory Explorers Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm
Active Lego with Sensory Explorers	Blanchardstown Library	2:15pm
SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER		
Songwriting Workshop	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Write Time Showcase	The Carnegie	12:30pm
Baldoyle Library Clothes Swap	Baldoyle Library	10:30am



EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
SUNDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER		
Write Time Showcase	The Carnegie	12:30pm
TUESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER		
eServices Clinic	Rush Library	2:00pm
WEDNESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER		
Sensory Time	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm
THURSDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER		
Be Media Smart	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
An Evening with Oein DeBháirdúin	Balbriggan Library	6:30pm
FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER		
'Hands and Tales' Story Time for All	Skerries Library	10:30am
Copper Art Workshop	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER		
Laser-Cut 3D Box Christmas Cards	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
THURSDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER		
Vintage Teddy Bear Hand-Sewing Workshop	Balbriggan Library	6:30pm
FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER		
Eco Gift-wrapping Made Easy	Donabate Library	10:30am
Eco Gift-wrapping Made Easy	Howth Library	3:30pm
SATURDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER		
Winter Wardrobe Swap Shop	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
MONDAY, 1ST DECEMBER		
Christmas Calligraphy	Swords Library	5:30pm
Christmas Paper Crafts	Garristown Library	5:45pm
TUESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER		
Festive Story Time	Howth Library	10:00am
Christmas Quiz	Swords Library	3:30pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Garristown Library	6:15pm
Christmas Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm
THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER		
Seasonal Wreath-Making	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
Festive Story Time	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Christmas Teddy Bear Sleepover	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
SATURDAY, 6TH DECEMBER		
Funky Christmas Tree Collage	Donabate Library	2:30pm
Santasaurus Storytelling & Christmas Crafts	Baldoyle Library	10:30am
Christmas Magic Show	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Festive Story Time	Malahide Library	10:00am
Festive Story Time	Balbriggan Library	10:30am
Christmas Jumper Swap Shop	Swords Library	10:30pm
MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER		
Seasonal Wreath-Making	Malahide Library	2:00pm
TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER		
Scandinavian Christmas Wreath-Making	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Festive Story Time	Howth Library	10:00am
Christmas Crafts	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Christmas Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm
Christmas Crafts	Baldoyle Library	6:00pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER		
Dublin Gospel Choir – Christmas Extravaganza Concert	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Getting Started with Genealogy	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
Festive Story Time	Skerries Library	10:00am
Festive Story Time	Swords Library	3:30pm
Festive Story Time	Donabate Library	3:30pm
THURSDAY, 11TH DECEMBER		
Festive Story Time	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Christmas Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm
Christmas Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER		
Magical Pop-up Forest Christmas Crafts	Swords Library	11:00am
Magical Pop-up Forest Christmas Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Howth Harbour Christmas Crafts	Howth Library	11:00am
Christmas Magic Show	Malahide Library	12:00pm
Teen Maker Meet-up	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Festive Story Time	Skerries Library	10:00am
MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER		
Menopause: Your Questions Answered	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Festive Story Time	Rush Library	3:00pm
Christmas Crafts	Malahide Library	3:00pm
Festive Family Movie	Rush Library	5:30pm
Festive Family Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER		
Festive Story Time	Howth Library	10:00am
Christmas Crafts	Skerries Library	3:30pm
Christmas Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Christmas Crafts	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Christmas Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
Christmas Teddy Bear Sleepover	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
Christmas Quiz	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Festive Family Movie	Malahide Library	4:00pm
Festive Family Movie	Rush Library	5:30pm
Festive Family Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER		
Christmas Crafts	Skerries Library	3:30pm
Christmas Teddy Bear Sleepover	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
Festive Family Movie	Rush Library	5:30pm
Festive Family Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER		
Festive Story Time	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Christmas Crafts	Donabate library	3:30pm
Festive Family Movie	Rush Library	5:00pm
Festive Family Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm



EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER		
Festive Story Time	Balbriggan Library	10:30am
MONDAY, 22ND DECEMBER		
Christmas Harp Recital	Rush Library	6:00pm
Festive Story Time	Baldoyle Library	11:30am

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CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night 2025 Balbriggan Library

Fingal Libraries are delighted to present a programme of free cultural events on Culture Night, Friday 19th September.

Balbriggan Gospel Choir

Balbriggan Gospel Choir was founded in 2018 to bring people together through music. Their repertoire consists of well-known songs in their own style. Under the tutelage of Musical Director Shane McVicker, this performance promises to be memorable and enjoyable. All welcome.

6:30pm - 7:15pm



From Celtic Roots to African Beats

Join Dr. John Nutekpor and Darren Rogers with special guests Teresa Connolly and Joe Sheehan for an uplifting fusion of African and Irish traditional and folk music. All welcome.

7:30pm - 8:15pm



Face Painting & Balloon Modelling with Marzena and Malgorzata

Marzena & Malgorzata from Really Cool Parties will work their facepainting magic to turn your little ones into fantasy animals, princesses and superheroes, and wow them with wonderful balloon creations!

6:00pm - 8:00pm



eServices Clinic

Fingal Libraries provide a wide range of free e-services including e-books, audiobooks, and online newspapers. You can learn how to use these services at this eServices clinic. All welcome.

5:30pm - 6:30pm



Virtual Reality Showcase Sessions

Would you like to experience incredible immersive worlds on an Oculus Virtual Reality (VR) device? The Balbriggan Library VR Champions will show you how to use this exciting technology. Age 13+.

5:30pm - 6:30pm



Colouring & Activity Pages for Kids

Kids can enjoy fun colouring & activity pages in the library.

5:30pm - 8:00pm





CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night 2025 Blanchardstown Library

Summer Stars Awards

Come along and get your certificate and medal for being an amazing Summer Star in 2025 and reading lots of books all summer!

5:45pm - 6:45pm

Draw-Along with Alan Nolan

Join children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan for a Summer Stars draw-along!

5:45pm - 6:45pm



Blanchardstown Brass Band

Blanchardstown Brass Band are back for Culture Night in Blanchardstown Library, as is our tradition. One of the oldest bands in Ireland, the Blanchardstown Brass Band is committed to fostering an interest in brass music in the youth of the community. All welcome.

7:30pm - 8:30pm



Makerspace Info Sessions

Drop by to talk to our makers about upcoming events and projects in the Blanchardstown Library Makerspace.

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Balloon Modelling & Face Painting

Join us for Culture Night fun for all the family. You may even see a stilt-walker!

5:45pm - 7:30pm



Exhibition/Information Stands

There will be range of interesting exhibition and information stands in Blanchardstown Library on Culture Night to inform, educate and spark curiosity.

5:45pm - 8:45pm

Dublin 15 Speedcubers

will show off their skills! Speedcubing or speedsolving is a competitive mind sport centered around the rapid solving of various combination puzzles such as the 3x3x3 puzzle, commonly known as the Rubik's Cube.





CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night 2025 Blanchardstown Library

Teen Zine Meetup

Our local Teen Zine Makers will display their skills and discuss their work. A zine is a self-published, handmade, or small press booklet for sharing ideas, interests, and experiences.

Irish LEGO User Group LEGO Exhibition

Members of the Irish LEGO User Group will display their LEGO models - both official sets and custom builds. A great opportunity for all LEGO fans, adults and kids alike, to see fantastic brick creations.



ChildVision Exhibition Stand

Staff from ChildVision National Education Centre for Blind Children will showcase books in alternative formats such as tactile and braille. There will also be fun games and activities such as braille your name, a smell station and puzzles.

Dungeons and Dragons Info Stand

Learn about the wonderful world of Dungeons and Dragons.



Craft Group

Meet the library craft group, watch some live crafting demonstrations and admire their work.

African Network Info Stand

The African Advocacy Network promotes social justice and advocacy interventions within the African community in Ireland. Drop by the stand to find out more.



Older and Wiser Info Stand

The Older and Wiser Ukrainian volunteer group aims to reduce social isolation by promoting education, activities, workshops, and community projects. Drop by to learn more.

African Radio Network Info Stand

The African Community Radio creates and shares community-focused content around news, entertainment, events and projects. Drop by to hear more.



Fingal Volunteer Info Stand

Fingal Volunteer Centre provides a wide range of supports and services to volunteers and volunteer involving organisations in Fingal. Drop by to find out about volunteering opportunities.



Garda Community Liaison Service Info Stand





CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night 2025 Malahide Library

Harp Music Recital with Patricia Daly

Listen to the beautiful sounds of the harp, played by Patricia Daly, a former All Ireland harpist, professional musician, and music teacher. All welcome.

6:00pm - 7:00pm



Face Painting with Romina Roe

Romina will work her magic to transform you into an enchanting fairy or fantastical creature in this fun facepainting experience.

6:00pm - 8:00pm



Reuben the Entertainer

Back by popular demand! Don't miss Reuben's high-energy Comedy Variety Show! Reuben will have the whole family in stitches with his magic, puppets, funny toys, daft voices and bendy body!

All welcome. **7:00pm - 8:00pm**



Pop-Up Art Gallery

Contribute to a montage of the local area by colouring in a local scene and adding it to our Pop-Up Art Gallery. **6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Collect your Summer Stars Certificate

After a summer of reading, pop along to the library on the evening of Culture Night to collect your Summer Stars Certificate.

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Drop-In eServices Clinic

Do you want to know more about the online resources available from Fingal Libraries? Drop-in to our eServices Clinic to find out how to access these great, free of charge, resources.

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Culture Night 2025 Swords Library

Creative Mask Making with Tarsila Krüse

Age 7-12

Join author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse and use collage techniques to craft decorative animal masks. Choose your favourite animal or invent a fantastical creature of your own!

6:00pm - 7:00pm.

Booking via Swords Library



Write Your Own Story with Conor Kostick

Age 12-16

Creating stories to entertain others is a real joy but it is also a challenge to use the written word to convey that story. Award winning children's author and creative writing teacher Conor Kostick will discuss topics like choosing the right narrative voice and character development to help you write your own stories. **7:00pm - 8:00pm.**

Booking via Swords Library



Summer Stars Awards

Come along and receive your certificate and medal for taking part in Summer Stars 2025 and for being such great readers! **6:00pm - 7:30pm**



Culture Night 2025 Swords Library

Face Painting

Join Rosie from Magic Wand Face Paint for some face painting fun here in Swords Library! Suitable for all ages. **6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Culture Night 2025 Fingal Local Studies & Archives

Culture Night in Fingal Local Studies & Archives

46 North Street, Swords

Go behind the scenes of Fingal Local Studies & Archives and view interesting and unusual items from our collections. Find out what resources are available for local and family history. Our staff will be present to guide visitors through the displays. Genealogist Claire Bradley will also be on hand to answer your family history questions.

6:00pm - 8:00pm



Culture Night 2025 Culture Night in The Atrium, County Hall, Swords

Exhibition: Politics and Democracy in Fingal, 1924-39

Fingal Local Studies and Archives present an exhibition based on Dr. Declan Brady's book *Politics and Democracy in Fingal, 1924-39*, in the Atrium, County Hall. **6:00pm**



Forget Me Nots Choir

Enjoy a performance by The Forget Me Nots Choir, an inclusive community choir for older people. Everyone is welcome to what promises to be an uplifting musical experience.

6:00pm



Culture Night 2025 The Chapel, Swords Castle

Wavin' Words Poetry Slam

The Chapel inside the grounds of Swords Castle is the setting for a Culture Night Wavin' Words poetry and music event hosted by Sheila Ryder. Young artists from Fingal will perform alongside the current Fingal Poetry Slam Champion Kev Kennedy. For those with an urge to perform, there'll be a chance for audience participation!

Age 14+. All Welcome.

7:45pm - 9:00pm





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29th Meán Fómhair –
11th Deireadh Fómhair

FINGAL FESTIVAL OF HISTORY

29th September –
11th October

Welcome to Fingal's ninth annual Festival of History which will run from Monday, 29th September to Saturday, 11th October 2025 throughout our library branches. This year we have incorporated 13 exciting talks plus a heritage tour into our programme. Topics included cover Loreto Convent Balbriggan, Luttrellstown Castle, a culinary experience at Newbridge House and the history of Bremore Graveyard. Household names such as Myles Dungan (Land and the Irish Free State 1922-39), Turtle Bunbury (Vanishing Ireland) and Flor MacCarthy (From Ireland to the Stars) will also speak. The fascinating lives covered in the Bad Bridget podcast and book will be recounted in a lively discussion by the authors Dr. Elaine Farrell and Dr. Leanne McCormack, facilitated by Dr. Derville Murphy.



History at the Library Day takes place on Saturday, 4th October in The Carnegie Library on North Street Swords. Our four speakers will cover such diverse topics as the history of Swords Carnegie Library, Gentours Holiday Camp, Skerries, using DNA test results for family history, and Dublin's last Theatre Royal.

We hope that there will be something of interest for everyone. All events are free to the public, but places may be limited so booking is advised. Scan the QR code to view the full programme of events or pick up the Festival of History brochure at your nearest Fingal library.



Am Scribhneoireachta

Ceiliúradh ar Chruthaitheacht & Scríbhneoireacht i bhFine Gall

The Write Time

A Celebration of Creativity & Writing in Fingal

Thursday, 6th November - Sunday, 16th November

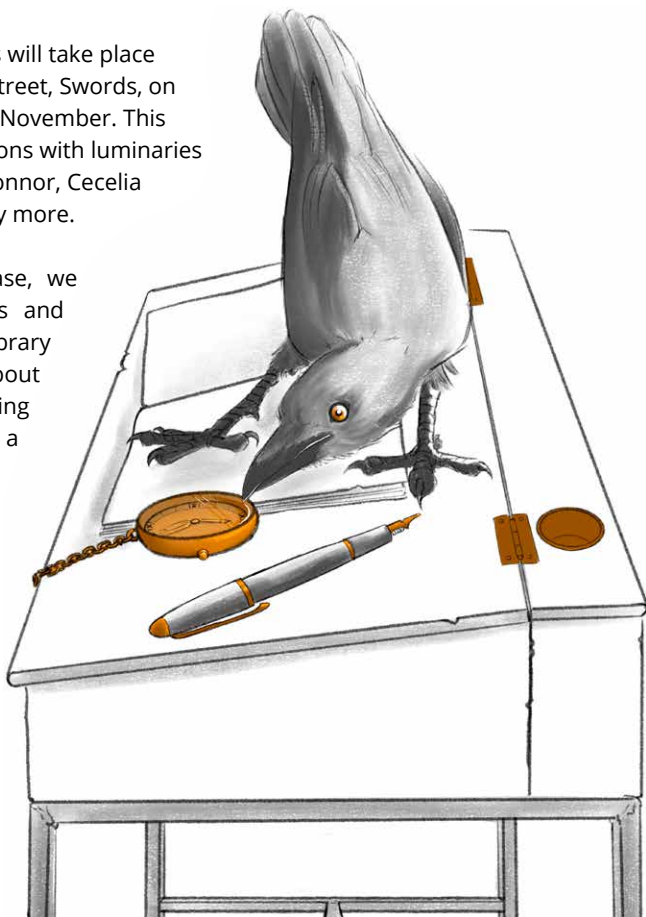
Why is a raven like a writing desk? Find out at the Write Time Literary Festival, presented by Fingal Libraries.

The showcase of bookish events will take place in The Carnegie Library, North Street, Swords, on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November. This weekend will feature conversations with luminaries such as Kevin Barry, Joseph O'Connor, Cecelia Ahern, Lisa McLnerney and many more.

In the lead-up to the showcase, we will be holding literary events and expert-led workshops in our library branches. Attendees will learn about the writing process, improving their craft, and how to make a living in the industry.

Whether you're a reader or a writer, a poet or a playwright, a novice or a wordsmith, there's something for all book lovers at the Write Time festival. Tickets are free and will be available from Friday, 17th October.

The Fingal raven is watching the clock...





I mí Mheán Fómhair, beidh Leabharlanna Fhine Gall i bpáirt le Gaeilge365 ag óstáil Bronntanas, féile nua a cheiliúránn na féidearthachtaí a chruthaíonn an Ghaeilge do theaghlaigh. Tá gach ócáid deartha ar bhealach a chuirfidh tuistí agus páistí ag cruthú cuimhní trí Ghaeilge, is cuma cén túsphointe teanga atá acu.

This September, Fingal Libraries joins with Gaeilge365 to host Bronntanas, a new festival celebrating the possibilities the Irish language creates for families. Every event is designed to help parents and children create memories through Irish, regardless of their language ability.

Aoine / Friday 26 Meán Fómhair

An Leabharlannaí Craiceáilte / The Crazy Library Panto

Taibhiú greannmhar idirghníomhach le Seán T. Ó Meallaigh a thugann beocht don leabharlann trí gheamaireacht, spraoi agus teanga bhríomhar. Oiriúnach do pháistí 7-12. Fáilte roimh siblíní.

A hilarious interactive show with Seán T. Ó Meallaigh bringing the library to life through panto, fun, and lively Irish. Best for ages 7-12. Siblings welcome.

No booking necessary. All welcome.

Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 26th September	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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Rithim agus Raic / Rhythm and Rock Workshop

Ceardlann bodhráin do theaghlaigh le Brian Walsh – cluichí rithime agus léiriú gairid. Níl taithí riachtanach. Oiriúnach do pháistí 5-12. Fáilte roimh siblíní.

Bodhrán workshop for families with Brian Walsh – rhythm games and a short performance. No experience needed. Suitable for children aged 5-12. Siblings welcome.

Cinntigh d'áit tríd teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

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

Swords Library	Friday, 26th September	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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Póta Peataí / Pet Pot Pottery Workshop

Ceardlann photaireachta spráúil le Cormac Ó Breartúin. Bainfidh teaghlaigh sult as samhlaíocht agus lámhcheardaíocht. Oiriúnach do pháistí 5-12. Fáilte roimh siblíní.

A fun pottery workshop with Cormac Ó Breartúin. Families will enjoy creativity and hands-on fun. Suitable for children aged 5-12. Siblings welcome.

Cinntigh d'áit tríd teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

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

Donabate Library	Friday, 26th September	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Satharn / Saturday 27 Meán Fómhair

Rithim agus Raic / Rhythm and Rock Workshop

Ceardlann bodhráin do theaghlaigh le Brian Walsh – cluichí rithime agus léiriú gairid. Níl taithí riachtanach. Oiriúnach do pháistí 5–12. Fáilte roimh siblíní.

Bodhrán workshop for families with Brian Walsh – rhythm games and a short performance. No experience needed. Suitable for children aged 5–12. Siblings welcome.

Cinntigh d'áit tríd teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

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

Baldoyle Library

Saturday, 27th September

10:00am - 11:00am

Pictiúir Draíochta / Magic Pictures Workshop

Teaghlaigh ag fiosrú ealaín thraidisiúnta agus intleacht shaorga le chéile. Oiriúnach do pháistí 2+. Fáilte roimh siblíní.

Families explore traditional art and artificial intelligence together. Best for children aged 2+. Siblings welcome.

Cinntigh d'áit tríd teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

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

Malahide Library

Saturday, 27th September

10.30am - 11.30am



An Mol Ceol / The Music Hub

Triail spraíúil ar cheol traidisiúnta do theaghlaigh. Oiriúnach do pháistí 5–12. Fáilte roimh siblíní.

A fun introduction to traditional music for families. Suitable for children aged 5–12. Siblings welcome.

Cinntigh d'áit tríd teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

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

Rush Library

Saturday, 27th September

3:00pm - 4:00pm



Pictiúir Draíochta / Magic Pictures Workshop Mistéir / Mystery Game

Cluiche mistéir idirghníomhach le Aideen McQueen & Louisa Ní Éidéáin. Oiriúnach do pháistí 6–10. Fáilte roimh siblíní.

Interactive mystery game with Aideen McQueen & Louisa Ní Éidéáin. Best for ages 6–10. Siblings welcome.

Cinntigh d'áit tríd teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

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

Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 27th September

3:00pm - 4:00pm



Autumn/Winter Events for Children

Bilingual Puppet and Magic Show

with Magician Quentin Reynolds

Seó draíochta agus puipéad lán spraiúla le go leor rannpháirtíochta ón lucht féachana, curtha i láthair i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla. Tar linn agus b'fhéidir go bhfoghlaimeoidh tú cúpla focal nua i nGaeilge fiú.

A fun-filled magic and puppet show with lots of audience participation, presented in Irish and English. Come along and you might even learn a few new words in Irish.

No booking necessary. All welcome.



Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 8th November	11:00am - 11:45am
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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. Age 0-5. **No booking necessary.**



Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 30th September Tuesday, 28th October Tuesday, 25th November Tuesday, 9th December	11:00am - 12:00pm
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Rush Library Summer Stars Awards Ceremony

with Éadaoin Bryson

Rush Library is delighted to host a sparkling celebration of our Summer Stars! Join Éadaoin for an Oscars-themed awards ceremony where our Summer Stars will be awarded their certificates. **No booking necessary.**



Rush Library	Thursday, 18th September	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Baldoyle Library Crafts

Fun craft sessions in Baldoyle Library for children aged 4-8.

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

Magic of Stories Crafts	Tuesday, 23rd September	3:00pm
Science Week Crafts	Wednesday, 12th November	3:00pm

Kids' 3D Printer Workshop

Following our successful 3D printing workshops this summer, Balbriggan Library will continue hosting workshops for children using our brand new updated 3D printer. Age 5+.

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

Rush Library	Thursday, 18th September	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Autumn/Winter Events for Children

Into the Other World: Coraline Doll Making

Bring a bit of Coraline's world to life by crafting your very own button-eyed doll!! In this creative, hands-on workshop, you'll design and build a custom doll inspired by the iconic character - from wild yarn hair to tiny clothes and spooky details. Age 10-14. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 13th November	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Leaf by Leaf, Page by Page Bookmark Craft

Never lose your page again, 'leaf' your mark with a one-of-a-kind bookmark made by you! Give as a gift or just for yourself.

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

Rush Library	Thursday, 18th September	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Open House Junior

Open House Dublin is Irish Architectural Foundation's festival of architecture taking place from 11-19th October. The festival includes a dedicated weekend for children and young people, Open House Junior.

Home is Where the Heart is with Margaret Anne Suggs

Author and illustrator Margaret Anne Suggs will facilitate workshops where children create paper birdhouses based on their ideas of home. The birdhouse relates to ideas of migration, belonging, and the sometimes ephemeral nature of a home. Age 6-10.

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



Rush Library	Saturday, 11th October	12:00pm - 12:45pm
Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 11th October	3:00pm - 3:45pm

Fingal Future Visions: Exhibition

As part of Open House Junior, Malahide Library will display Fingal Future Visions, a time capsule art project curated by children's author and illustrator Chris Judge and created by schoolchildren from Holy Family SNS Swords, Old Borough NS Swords, and St. Sylvester's IS Malahide. The project envisions what Fingal will look like in twenty years through the eyes of children from Fingal. Through creative worksheets, brainstorming sessions, and hands-on artistic collaboration, the students explored ideas around advancements in technology, biodiversity, the environment and community, as well as their personal dreams for the future. The Exhibition will be on display in Malahide Library from Monday, 29th September to Saturday, 11th October.



Event for Teens

Songwriting Workshop for Teens with Ryan O'Shaughnessy

Interested in the art of crafting a song? Ryan O'Shaughnessy will host an interactive musical workshop to get the creative juices flowing. Ryan will guide you through all the steps of songwriting, including structure, melody & theme. Ages 14 - 17.

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



Malahide Library	Saturday, 15th November	2:00pm - 3:30pm
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Sensory Friendly Events

Therapeutic Sensory Play with Snugz Play

Join Snugz Play for a special Halloween-themed workshop! Enjoy therapeutic, play-based activities with sensory elements designed to engage, relax, and delight. Age 3+.

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

Malahide Library	Tuesday, 28th October	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Howth Library	Tuesday, 28th October	2:30pm - 3:30pm



Neurodivergent Sensory Explorers Workshop

This workshop is catered towards neurodivergent children and has a smaller group size. It encompasses all elements of play, fun and discovery, including themed sensory trays that will excite and delight all the senses! All ages.

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

Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 14th November	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Active Lego with Sensory Explorers

Lego Sessions with a twist! Children can find 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. Age 6+.

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

Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 14th November	2:15pm - 3:15pm
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Sensory 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. Age 3 months - 7 years.

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

Garristown Library	Thursday, 30th October	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Donabate Library	Saturday, 1st November	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Swords Library	Monday, 3rd November	10:30am - 11:30am



Sensory Time with Fingal Additional Needs

A fun, child-led play session filled with lights, textures, movement, and creative activities. From fibre optics and lava tiles to kinetic sand and calm corners, children can explore and relax.

Ages 4-10. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Rush Library	Tuesday, 30th September	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 11th October	11:00am - 12:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 19th November	3:00pm - 4:00pm



HALLOWEEN



Halloween Monster Masks with Tarsila Krüse

Get ready for a spooktacular workshop with author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse! Join a fun-filled session crafting Halloween-inspired monster masks using paper plates and collage! Age 5+.

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



Garristown Library	Thursday, 30th October	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Little Irish Folklore Friends with Niamh Donnellan

Join children's author Niamh Donnellan for Halloween story time and arts and crafts based on her new book, *Little Irish Folklore Friends*, about six creatures from Irish folklore, all using their powers in unexpected ways! Age 4-7.

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

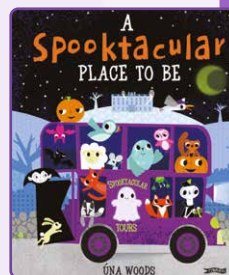


Rush Library	Friday, 31st October	2:00pm - 2:45pm
Donabate Library	Friday, 31st October	3:30pm - 4:15pm

Halloween Storytime and Pumpkin Collage Workshop with Úna Woods

Join children's author Úna Woods for this fun Halloween story time and collage workshop. Úna will read from her book, *A Spooktacular Place to Be*, and children will create their own spooktacular pumpkin collages! Age 6-10.

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



Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 31st October	11:00am - 12:00pm
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Halloween Creative Writing Workshop with Megan Wynne

Join children's author Megan Wynne for a creative writing workshop, inspired by her new book, *The Spirit of Loughmoe Abbey*, about a troubled girl who doesn't fit in at boarding school until she encounters a mysterious ghost! Children will learn about how to write a brilliant spooky story. Age 10-15.

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



Howth Library	Friday, 31st October	11:30am - 12:45pm
Baldoyle Library	Friday, 31st October	2:00pm - 3:15pm

Halloween Spooky Storytime with Simone Schuemmelfeder

Join storyteller Simone from StoryGate in this spooky Halloween session! Shivers and laughter are guaranteed when Simone and her story-bird, Gimme the Vulture, share their best Halloween tales. Interactive storytelling and puppetry for the whole family. Age 6-10.



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

Swords Library	Friday, 31st October	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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A Haunting We Will Go - Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins in the Library! Halloween Storytelling with Pat Ryan

Storyteller Pat Ryan will share spooky, silly, scary and funny stories. For over 45 years, Pat has been telling old folk and fairy tales and legends in libraries all over Ireland. Celebrate the season with Pat! Age 4 – 12.



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

Malahide Library	Friday, 31st October	11:00am - 12:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Friday, 31st October	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Halloween Story Time

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 30th October (Age 4-8)	3:00pm
Rush Library	Thursday, 23rd October	3:00pm - 4:00pm

No booking necessary.

Halloween Quiz

Fun Halloween quiz for ages 8-12.

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

Swords Library	Wednesday, 29th October	2:30pm - 3:30pm
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D&D Halloween Horrors

Join Freddie and Megan in Balbriggan Library for a Dungeons & Dragons Halloween shot. This horrifying adventure is perfect for spooky season but beware, you never know what might await you. Please be advised this is a horror one-shot, some players may find gameplay disturbing at times. Ages 10+ and 14+ (the event will consist of two separate games).

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

Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 29th October	2:00pm - 4:30pm
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HALLOWEEN



Spooky Halloween Crafts

Library	Date	Times	Ages
Skerries Library	Tuesday, 21st October	3:30pm	Age 4-7
Skerries Library	Wednesday, 22nd October	3:30pm	Age 8-12
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 28th October	3:00pm - 4:15pm	Age 4-7
Malahide Library	Wednesday, 29th October	2:00pm - 2:45pm	Age 7-10
Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 23rd October	3:00pm	Age 4-7
Rush Library	Wednesday, 29th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Age 5-8
Swords Library	Wednesday, 22nd October	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 4-7
Swords Library	Thursday, 30th October	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Age 8-11
Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 29th October	3:00pm	Age 4-8
Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 16th October	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 8-11
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 28th October Thursday, 30th October	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 5-10

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

Family Friendly Halloween Movies

Malahide Library	Wednesday, 29th October	11:00am - 12:30pm	Come along in Halloween fancy dress!
Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 28th October Wednesday, 29th October Thursday, 30th October	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Age 5+

No booking required. All welcome.

Children's Halloween Costume Swap Shop

Trick or Treat! Do you want a new Halloween costume for your children but want to save money? The Costume Swap Shop is making a spooky debut at Balbriggan Library on Saturday 11th October. Here you can swap your child's old Halloween costume for a new one, without spending a penny! Drop your Halloween costumes donation into Balbriggan Library, in exchange for tokens on **Thursday, 9th October from 2pm-6:30pm. Children's Halloween costumes only.**



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 11th October	10:00am - 12:30pm
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SPACE WEEK

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Big Bear Planetarium

Classes from primary schools in Balbriggan will visit the **Big Bear Planetarium** to celebrate Space Week! The Big Bear Planetarium offers an exciting exploration of the universe, featuring stunning graphics and advanced computer simulations. Discover the many fascinating facts about our universe in a fun, interactive learning environment. There will also be an opportunity for all children to visit the Planetarium after school!



Balbriggan Library

Wednesday, 8th October

3:30pm - 5:00pm

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

Anyone4Science Workshops

Classes from primary schools in Howth, Garristown, Donabate and Malahide will visit their local library for **Astronauts' Dinner** workshops with Anyone4Science. Children learn about life on the international space station where food was very different to that eaten by most families at the time of the first space missions.

MATHS WEEK

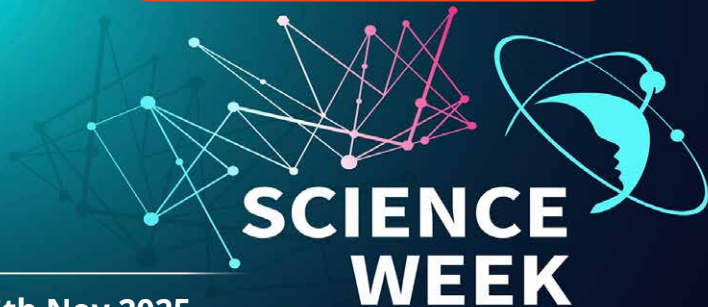
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Maths Week

Primary school students from Skerries will take part in a **Cypher Wheel** workshop with Anyone4Science to celebrate Maths Week. No one will be able to unlock the code unless they have the secret key! Children from a local primary school will visit Blanchardstown Library for a **Geodesic Dome** architectural maths workshop where students work in teams and using paper build a dome with great strength to weight ratio.





9th-16th Nov 2025

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Coding Ireland Workshops

Primary schools in Rush, Swords and Baldoyle will visit their local libraries to celebrate Science Week! Children will have the opportunity to create a story-based flow chart with Coding Ireland to help them understand coding. There will also be an **Algorithm Adventure** game in which students 'programme' a robot together. In Coding Ireland's **Race Autonomous Cars** workshop students are taught to program cars to follow lines around a track, practicing teamwork and creativity.

Continuing Your Online Journey with CybersafeKids

CyberSafeKids will facilitate interactive workshops on how to stay safe online for first year students invited to Malahide, Balbriggan, Swords, and Rush libraries from local schools. These sessions will explore issues such as encountering harmful content, cyberbullying, and developing critical thinking skills when spending time online.

Dave Rudden – Master of Monsters

For this year's National Children's Book Festival, we are bringing school classes together for two MEGA events with author and veteran performer Dave Rudden in The Lark Theatre, Balbriggan on Tuesday, 21st October and Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown, on Wednesday, 22nd October. Dave's fun and fast-paced show is full of jokes, writing advice and readings from his monstrous new bestseller **CONN OF THE DEAD** - a short and snappy horror novel R.L. Stine called 'my kind of book'.

Family Literacy Project

Fingal Libraries continues its family literacy project this Autumn. Literacy experts, Stephen Brett and Colm O'Donovan will work with a group of children and parents from a local school in Dublin 15 over a four-week period from 29th September to 20th October. The project will feature literacy exercises for children, and support for parents to assist their children at home, as well as encouragement for families to read together for fun. The Mobile Library service will be onsite at the school so families can join the library. Each child will be gifted a bag of specially selected books from Fingal Libraries.



#FINGAL InclusionWeek

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Fingal Inclusion Week

17th - 23rd November

'Hands and Tales' Story Time for All with Imogen Carter

Join Imogen for a fun, inclusive story time using the spoken word and Lámh signs. Suitable for all children aged 0-6, with and without additional needs.

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



Skerries Library

Friday, 21st November

10:30am - 11:30am

Sensory Time with Fingal Additional Needs

To celebrate Fingal Inclusion Week, Fingal Libraries invites ASD units from local schools in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown to sensory hour at the library with Fingal Additional Needs. These are fun, child-led play sessions designed to engage the senses through lights, textures, and creative activities.



Show Racism the Red Card

As part of Fingal Inclusion Week, the Immigrant Council of Ireland will deliver a 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshop in Blanchardstown Library to a class from a local school. Covering topics such as diversity, the impact of racism, and ways to combat prejudice, the workshop encourages children to think critically and work together to build an inclusive community.





The annual Europe Direct Regional Soapbox Competition will take place in November 2025 at Blanchardstown Library. Contestants will compete in one of two categories: 1) 16 and under 2) 17 and over. A regional winner from each category will be selected to go forward to the national final.

Participants will be invited to deliver a 3-minute speech, 'Likes, Lies and Legal Limits: Is It Time the EU Banned Social Media for Under-16s?.'

The regional winners will receive a prize and go through to the national final with a chance of winning €1,000!

For application form and rules for the competition, please contact:
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Intro to 3D Printing Workshop (Teens)

Step into the world of 3D printing! Learn the fundamentals of designing and printing your own 3D creations. Experiment with shapes, patterns, and objects, and bring your ideas to life. Age 13-17.



Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 8th November

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Teen Maker Meet-Up

Calling all teen makers! Bring along a project you've been working on, or revisit techniques you've learned in our Makerspace classes. Whether it's 3D printing, laser cutting, coding, or something completely your own, this is your time to experiment, share ideas, and connect with other makers.



Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 13th December

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Sew a Halloween Hand Puppet (Children)

This workshop is a great introduction to hand sewing. Each puppet is constructed from pre-cut felt pieces, children will enjoy assembling the pieces and stitching them together. Age 8-12.



Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 28th October

11:00am - 1:00pm

Wear it Your Way: Custom Tees (Children)

Design your own wearable art! Kids will make custom T-Shirts using iron-on vinyl. Choose your colours, shapes, and designs to create a unique T-shirt that shows off your personality. Age 9-12.



Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 4th November

5:30pm - 7:30pm



Sustainable Development Goals Week

18th September - 8th October



Facts About Bats with Bat Conservation Ireland

Join us in Rush Library for a fascinating talk about bats with Bat Conservation Ireland. Discover the fascinating truths and debunk the myths surrounding these incredible flying mammals.



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

Rush Library

Wednesday, 1st October

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Birds and Biodiversity in Your Garden with Unwind with Plants

Learn how to care for the birds in your garden and about the best plants to encourage more biodiversity. Then find out how to create a rustic, hanging bird table and cereal feeders from minimal materials and recycled packaging.



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

Donabate Library

Saturday, 27th September

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Composting Talk with Lee Geoghegan, GLAS Community Garden

Join us for a workshop that will cover everything you need to know about composting and reducing your own household waste! Learn about the dos and don'ts of composting, nitrogen vs. carbon compost ratios, how to construct compost bays, and avoid vermin.



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

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 23rd September

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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! Learn practical tips 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.



Malahide Library

Saturday, 27th September

3:00pm - 4:30pm



Skills For Life

Grow the skills you need at your local Library

Understanding AI: Risks, Realities & Why Literacy Matters with Páraic Kerrigan

Artificial Intelligence is no longer science fiction. It's part of our everyday lives, shaping everything from what we see online to how healthcare and education operate. But what do we really understand about AI? And how can we prepare ourselves for the risks it presents?

In this talk, we'll demystify Artificial Intelligence, exploring its potential and pitfalls, from deepfakes to biased algorithms, job automation to surveillance technologies. At the same time, we'll explore the urgent need to understand, question, and make informed choices about the technologies shaping our society.



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

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 16th October	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 18th October	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Be Media Smart with Aoife Barry

Media, especially digital media, is central to our lives and the technology behind it is changing all the time. During this talk, Aoife Barry, a freelance journalist and broadcaster, will explore topics such as AI, verifying information and protecting our data, as well as avoiding digital pitfalls like scams and misinformation. Aoife is the author of *Social Capital*, about the impact of social media on our lives in Ireland, which was nominated for an Irish Book Award in 2023. Given her extensive experience in the sector, she is keen to give an insider's view into how the media works and affects our daily lives.



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

Baldoyle Library	Monday, 8th September	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 20th November	6:30pm - 7:30pm

Be Social Media Savvy: Recognising Baits, Scams & Fake News with Barry O'Carroll

Learn how to recognise various baiting methods on social media as well as spotting the signs of financial and other scams. Gain skills in how to spot fake news and techniques for finding reliable sources of information online.

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

Malahide Library	Tuesday, 4th November	6:30pm - 7:45pm
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Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone with Sabine McKenna.

Learn to get more from your smartphone – one step at a time.

This friendly, hands-on course is designed to boost your confidence using your Android phone (such as Samsung, Nokia, or Google Pixel). Over four weekly sessions, we'll explore everyday tasks like messaging, email, apps, maps, and photos – with plenty of time for questions and one-to-one support. Your instructor, Sabine McKenna of cccSkeries, will tailor the content to the needs and interests of those attending – so come along from the start and bring your questions!



Please note: These sessions focus on Android phones. iPhone users are welcome but may find that some topics don't apply.

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

Swords Library	Monday, 29th September Monday, 6th October Monday, 13th October Monday, 20th October	10:00am - 11:30am
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 7th October Tuesday, 14th October Tuesday, 21st October Tuesday, 28th October	10:00am - 11:30am
Garristown Library	Wednesday, 3rd December Wednesday, 10th December Monday, 15th December Wednesday, 17th December	6:15pm - 7:45pm

One 2 One Connect: Digital Literacy Sessions with Balbriggan Adult Education Services

Balbriggan Library and the Balbriggan Adult Education Service are running a digital help hub at Balbriggan Library called One 2 One Connect. The sessions offer one-to-one digital support to the community. If you need some help with your phone, tablet or computer, book a 45 minute session today by emailing balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie or calling 01 870 440.



Balbriggan Library	Every Thursday from 18th September to 27th November	10:00am - 12:15pm
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When & Where?



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When?	What Date?	What time?	With our special guests:
Tuesday	19/08/2025	10:00 - 12:30	Community Credit Union
Thursday	21/08/2025	10:00 - 12:30	An Post
Tuesday	26/08/2025	10:00 - 12:30	Bank of Ireland
Thursday	28/08/2025	10:00 - 12:30	MABS
Tuesday	02/09/2025	10:00 - 12:30	AIB
Wednesday	17/09/2025	10:30 - 13:00	Community Credit Union
Friday	19/09/2025	10:30 - 13:00	An Post
Wednesday	24/09/2025	10:30 - 13:00	Bank of Ireland
Friday	26/09/2025	10:30 - 13:00	MABS
Wednesday	01/10/2025	10:30 - 13:00	AIB

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Digital Photography Course with Barry O'Carroll

Join Barry O'Carroll for a 6-week digital photography course suitable for beginners to intermediate level. The course will cover: the exposure triangle, camera settings, composition, and understanding light.

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



Malahide Library	Thursday, 23rd October	6.00pm - 7:45pm
	Thursday, 30th October	
	Thursday, 6th November	
	Thursday, 13th November	
	Thursday, 20th November	
	Thursday, 27th November	

3D Printer Workshop

If you're an adult and want to know more about using our 3D printer, Balbriggan Library will host the first Adult 3D printer workshop using our brand-new updated 3D printer! To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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Balbriggan Library	Last Wednesday of every month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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eServices Clinic

At this drop-in eServices clinic, library staff will show you how to use Fingal Libraries wide range of free eServices, including e-books, audiobooks, online newspapers, and databases, on your tablet or smart phone. No booking necessary All welcome.

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

Rush Library	Tuesday, 18th November	2:00pm - 3:00pm
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#FINGAL InclusionWeek

17th – 23rd Nov

An Evening with Oein DeBháirdúin

Oein DeBháirdúin is a writer and educator with a passion for the stories and folklore rooted in the of Traveller oral tradition. He is the author of several books, including the award-winning *Why the moon travels*, *Weave*, *The Slug and the Snail* and *Twiggy Woman*. Oein is the Traveller Culture Collections Development Officer with the National Museum of Ireland and seeks to pair community activism with cultural celebration, recalling old tales with new connections.



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

Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 20th November	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Copper Art with Balbriggan Traveller Project

Take part in a fantastic workshop for adults led by Balbriggan Traveller Project, and create your own piece of traditional copper art. This is a unique opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate a vibrant part of Ireland's national heritage.

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

Balbriggan Library	Friday, 21st November	11.00am - 12.00pm
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Autumn/Winter Events for Adults

Getting Started with Genealogy

Join us in Fingal Local Studies & Archives for a workshop on how to trace your family history. We will explore the online resources freely available through Fingal Libraries and how these can be used in your search.

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

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

Fingal Local Studies & Archives, 46 North Street, Swords	Wednesday, 8th October	2:30pm - 3:30pm
	Wednesday, 12th November	
	Wednesday, 10th December	



Art Classes with John Carpenter

Would you like to learn to paint and draw? Take this opportunity to learn a craft that will give you, and others, years of contentment and enjoyment with John Carpenter's four-week art course for adults.

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

Rush Library	Monday, 6th October	10:30am - 12:00pm
	Monday, 13th October	
	Monday, 20th October	
	Monday, 3rd November	



Nature Mandala Art with Pankti Amin

Get creative and connect with nature! Shyakti Arts presents a landscape mandala workshop that will guide you through the process of creating intricate designs inspired by the natural world.

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

Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 8th October	5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Vintage Teddy Bear Hand-Sewing Workshop

Follow a vintage sewing pattern to hand sew an articulated teddy bear! This workshop is for adults only and will take place across three sessions. Participants must attend all three sessions.

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

Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 27th November	6:30pm - 7:30pm
	Thursday, 4th December	
	Thursday, 11th December	



Introduction to Poetry Writing with John Doyle

If you have always wanted to write poetry, then this 4-week course for beginners is for you!

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

Swords Library	Tuesday, 30th September	6:30pm - 7:30pm
	Tuesday, 7th October	
	Tuesday, 14th October	
	Tuesday, 21st October	

Strong but Lonely: Book Launch with Ana Silva

Discover the English edition of the Amazon BR bestseller *A Solidão da Mulher Guerreira (Strong but Lonely)* by holistic therapist Ana Silva. Based in Balbriggan, Ana leads meditation classes and women's circles. This heartfelt guide helps women who 'do it all' nurture healthy relationships, find balance, and embrace self-love amid modern life's chaos.

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

Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 18th October	11:00am - 12:00pm
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Autumn/Winter 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.



Balbriggan Library	Friday, 17th October	10:30am - 11:30am
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Baldoyle Library Crafts

Craft workshops in Baldoyle Library for adults. No booking necessary.

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

Clay craft workshop	Wednesday, 24th September	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Halloween-themed cross stitch workshop	Wednesday, 22nd October	2:00pm - 4:00pm

Baldoyle Library Art Exhibitions

Art exhibition by Pankti Amin	Monday, 6th October - Saturday, 18th October	10:00am
Art exhibition by Rukmini Kelkar	Saturday, 1st November - Saturday, 15th November	10:00am

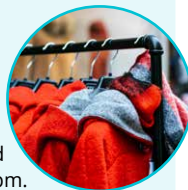
Baldoyle Library Clothes Swap

Embrace sustainability – join us in Baldoyle Library for our first clothes swap shop. Bring up to five items of new or nearly new women's clothing, collect your tokens and swap! Please note no underwear, nightwear or sportswear. You can drop your clothes donation into the library ahead of the event in exchange for tokens on **Thursday, 13th November** from 2:00pm - 7:00pm.

Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 15th November	10:30am - 12:30pm
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Winter Wardrobe Swap Shop

Embrace Sustainability – Join us in Balbriggan Library for our Winter Wardrobe Swap Shop. Bring up to five items of new or nearly new men's or women's clothing, collect your tokens and swap! We are accepting men's and women's clothing and accessories (boots, bags and belts). Please note no underwear, nightwear or sportswear! Drop your clothes donations into Balbriggan Library ahead of the event in exchange for tokens on Thursday, 27th November from 2:00pm - 6:30pm.



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 29th November	10:00am - 12:30pm
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Creative Places Drop-In Clinic

Cormac McDonagh, Creative Places Balbriggan Project Co-ordinator from Fingal's Arts Office, will be providing a drop-in clinic for members of the public to discuss the Creative Places initiative for Balbriggan.

Balbriggan Library	Every Thursday	From 10:00am
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Fingal Volunteer Centre Pop-Up Information Session

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

Balbriggan Library	Monday, 6th October	10:00am - 12:30pm
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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.**

Menopause: Your Questions Answered

with Dr. Caoimhe Hartley

Join menopause specialist Dr. Caoimhe Hartley for a talk and Q&A about menopause. Dr. Hartley founded Menopause Health in 2021 with the goal of helping Irish women access the best care from the time of perimenopause. She says, "I believe that we need to invest in ourselves and stop feeling ashamed of reaching out for information and help. There is so much life and love and living after menopause and we need to enable women to enjoy every minute of it."



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

Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 15th October	6:00pm - 7:00pm
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Migraine Seminar

with the Migraine Association of Ireland

Migraines are not just headaches. This seminar from the Migraine Association of Ireland discusses migraines, their triggers, symptoms and tips and advice on how to manage them. You will learn about programmes and services and can take part in a Q&A session.



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

Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 2nd October	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Positive Ageing

Chair Yoga with Enda Greene

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

**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.



Positive Ageing

Chair Yoga with Enda Greene

Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 3rd October Friday, 10th October Friday, 17th October Friday, 24th October	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 7th October Tuesday, 14th October Wednesday, 15th October Wednesday, 22nd October	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 2nd October Thursday, 9th October Thursday, 16th October Thursday, 23rd October	10:30am - 11:30am
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 7th October Tuesday, 14th October Tuesday, 21st October Tuesday, 28th October	10:00am - 11:00am
Rush Library	Wednesday, 15th October Wednesday, 22nd October Wednesday, 29th October Wednesday, 5th November	10:00am - 11:00am
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 1st November Saturday, 8th November Saturday, 15th November Saturday, 22nd November	11:00am - 12:00pm

Yoga for Calm with Sinéad

Join Sinéad for a four-week yoga courses in Baldoyle Library to enhance physical and mental well-being.

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.

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

Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 18th September Thursday, 25th September Thursday, 2nd October Thursday, 9th October	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 16th October Thursday, 23rd October Thursday, 30th October Thursday, 6th November	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 13th November Thursday, 20th November Thursday, 27th November Thursday, 4th December	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Nollaig Shona

Merry Christmas

Festive Music Events

Dublin Gospel Choir – Christmas Extravaganza Concert

Europe Direct Blanchardstown Library is delighted to host the Dublin Gospel Choir for our Christmas Extravaganza Concert. Join us for a festive, fun-filled evening that the whole family can enjoy.

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



Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 10th December	6:00pm - 7:45pm
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Christmas Harp Recital

Teresa and Mary O'Donnell are harpists and singers who have performed internationally. Both are former musicians in residence with Fingal County Council. Their concert will include a mix of carols and festive pieces for all to enjoy.

No booking necessary. All welcome.



Rush Library	Monday, 22nd December	6:00pm - 7:00pm
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Christmas Concert

with Irish Institute of Music & Song Children's & Youth Choir

Balbriggan Library is delighted to host the IIMS Children's & Youth Choir for a festive, fun-filled concert the whole family can enjoy.

No booking necessary.

All welcome.

Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 13th December	11:00am - 12:00pm
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Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

Do you want a new Christmas jumper but want to save money? For the very first time, Balbriggan Library is having a Christmas Jumper Swap where you can swap your Christmas jumper (adults or children's) for a new one, without spending a penny! Drop your Christmas jumpers donation into Balbriggan Library ahead of the event, in exchange for tokens on **Thursday, 4th December** from 2:00pm - 6.30pm.

Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 6th December	10:00am - 12:30pm
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Festive Events for Children

Christmas Magic Show with Reuben the Entertainer

Join Reuben for some Christmas giggles! His high-energy variety show will have the whole family in stitches and will teach you some fun games you can play over the holidays. Not to be missed!

No booking necessary. All welcome.



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 6th December	11:00am - 12:00pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 13th December	12:00pm - 1:00pm

Christmas Storytelling with Seosamh Ó Maolalaí

Scéalai Ba leabharlannai é Seosamh tráth dá raibh. Is scéalai anois é. Is aoibhinn leis leabhair pictiúr. Is aoibhinn leis an gáire agus an spraoi. Tá scéalta aige do leanaí ó aois trí mhí go haois a nócha naoi bliana. Gáire agus spraoi gan dabht ar bith.

Seosamh was once a librarian. Now he is a storyteller. He loves picture books. He loves laughter and fun. He has stories for children from ages three months to ninety-nine years. Laughter and fun.

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



Garristown Library	Thursday, 18th December	3:45pm - 4:45pm
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Funky Christmas Tree Collage with Tarsila Krüse

Join author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse for a delightful craft workshop where you will create your own folk-inspired decorated paper trees using collage! Age 5+.

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

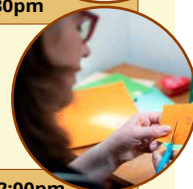


Donabate Library	Saturday, 6th December	2:30pm - 3:30pm
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Magical Pop-up Forest Christmas Crafts with Simone Schuemmelfeder

Join storyteller Simone from StoryGate and create your own pop-up card in the form of a magical Christmas forest. Age 7+.

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



Swords Library	Saturday, 13th December	11:00am - 12:00pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 13th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm

Santasaurus Storytelling & Christmas Crafts with Niamh Sharkey

Ho, Ho, Ho! Author and illustrator Niamh will read from her book *Santasaurus*. Children will then create a Christmas card with 'Dinodeer', glittery dinosaur gift tags & tree decorations! Ages 5+.

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



Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 6th December	10:30am - 11:30am
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Howth Harbour Christmas Crafts with Úna Woods

Author and illustrator Úna Woods will read from her magical book *A Spooktacular Place to Be*. Children then get to make their own winter Howth Harbour collage inspired by pictures in the book. Age 6+.

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



Howth Library	Saturday, 13th December	11:00am - 12:00pm
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Family Time events and activities take place in libraries during the month of December to engage families in the enjoyment of sharing stories and reading together.

Festive Story Time

Call into your local library this December for a festive story time session!

Library	Date	Times
Skerries Library	Wednesday, 10th December Saturday, 13th December	10:00am
Malahide Library	Saturday, 6th December	10:00am - 10.30am
Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 4th, December Thursday, 11th, December Thursday, 18th December	3:00pm
Rush Library	Monday, 15th December	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Swords Library	Wednesday, 10th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Baldoyle Library	Monday, 22nd December	11:30am
Donabate Library	Wednesday, 10th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Howth Library	Tuesday, 2nd December Tuesday, 9th December Tuesday, 16th December	10:00am - 10:30am
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 6th December - Saturday, 20th December	10:30am - 11:00am

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

Christmas Crafts

Library	Date	Times	Ages
Skerries Library	Tuesday, 16th December	3:30pm	Age 4-7
Skerries Library	Wednesday, 17th December	3:30pm	Age 8-12
Malahide Library	Monday, 15th December	3:00pm - 4:15pm	Age 4-7
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 16th December	3:30pm - 3:45pm	Age 7-10
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 9th December	3:00pm	Age 8-12
Rush Library	Thursday, 11th December	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Age 5-8
Swords Library	Wednesday, 3rd December	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 4-7
Swords Library	Tuesday, 9th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 8-11
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 11th December	3:00pm	Age 4-8
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 9th December	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Age 6+
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 16th December Thursday, 18th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 5-10
Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 16th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 9+

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

Christmas Quiz

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 16th December	3:00pm	Age 8-12
Swords Library	Tuesday, 2nd December	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 8-12

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

Christmas Teddy Bear Sleepover

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 4th December	6:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 16th December Wednesday, 17th December	3:00pm - 4:00pm

No booking necessary. All welcome.

Christmas Tree Pop-up

Colour a decoration for the Malahide Library Christmas tree – Monday, 15th to Saturday, 20th December. All ages welcome – No booking necessary.

Festive Family Movies

Malahide Library	Tuesday, 16th December	4:00pm - 5:30pm
Rush Library	Monday, 15th December Tuesday, 16th December Wednesday, 17th December Thursday, 18th December	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Monday, 15th December Tuesday, 16th December Wednesday, 17th December Thursday, 18th December	5:00pm - 7:00pm

No booking necessary. All welcome.

Nollaig Shona

Merry Christmas

Festive Events for Adults

Seasonal Wreath-Making with Wicklow Willow

Make a beautiful seasonal wreath with Aoife from Wicklow Willow. This workshop uses basketry-grade willow to form your wreath which will be decorated with seasonal, hand-harvested and sustainably sourced organics. Suitable for adults of all skill levels. All materials provided.

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

Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 4th December	10:00am - 12:00pm
Malahide Library	Monday, 8th December	2:00pm - 4:00pm

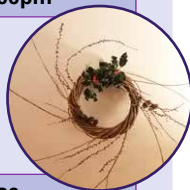


Scandinavian Christmas Wreath-Making

Join us for a Scandinavian wreath-making session to get you in the Christmas spirit. Please note: each participant will need to bring one shopping bag full of foliage for their wreath.

Booking via Fingal Libraries Eventbrite.

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 9th December	6:00pm - 7:30pm
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Christmas Calligraphy with Siobhán Campbell

Enjoy a Christmas calligraphy session with Siobhán Campbell creating festive cards and gift tags. There is also a chance to win a Christmas ornament! Please bring along any coloured markers (i.e. gold/ silver/ white ink) and an old CD for tracing its shape.

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

Swords Library	Monday, 1st December	5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Eco Gift-Wrapping Made Easy with Aoife Munn

Learn about eco wrapping - from making your own wrapping paper to Japanese wrapping - we cover it all! This is presentation makes gift wrapping easy and impressive while ensuring we reduce our impact on the planet.

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

Donabate Library	Friday, 28th November	10:30am - 11:30am
Howth Library	Friday, 28th November	3:30pm - 4:30pm



Christmas Paper Crafts with Aoife Munn

Make your own cards and decorations using die cut machines and recycled materials for a great start to your sustainable Christmas!

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

Garristown Library	Monday, 1st December	5:45pm - 7:15pm
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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		
Scrabble Club (adults)	Every Monday	11:00am - 12:30pm
Knitting and Crotchet Club (adults)	Every Monday	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Sensory Friendly Quiet Time	Every Monday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Ulysses Reading Group	Every Monday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Irish Conversation Group (adults)	Every Monday	6:30pm - 8:00pm
Virtual Reality (VR) drop-in sessions (age 13+)	Last Tuesday of every month	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Creative Poetry Writing Club	Every Tuesday	6:30pm - 7:45pm
eServices/Digital Services Drop-in Clinic	Last Wednesday of every month	2:30pm - 3:15pm
Balbriggan Book Club (adults)	Last Wednesday of every month	6:00pm - 7:30pm
3D Printer Workshops (adults)	Last Wednesday of every month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
HSE Balbriggan Breastfeeding Group	Every Thursday	11:00am - 12:00pm
Irish Conversation Group (adults)	Every Thursday	6:30pm - 8:00pm
Kids 3D Printer Workshop	Last Thursday of every month	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Warehouse Writers Group (adults)	Every Friday	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Young Adult Book Club (age 13 - 17)	Monthly on Saturdays (contact library directly to check next meetup)	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Family Storytime	Every second Saturday (20th September, 4th & 18th October, 8th & 22nd November)	10:30am - 11:00am
Balbriggan Library Film Club	First Saturday of every month	2.00pm - 4:00pm
LGBTQ+ Book & Film Club (adults)	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am - 12:30pm
Academic Referencing Sessions	Contact library directly to book an appointment	

Baldoyle Library

Fingal Libraries eServices Clinic	Fourth Monday of every month	11:00am - 12:00pm
Baldoyle Bookies Book Club	Third Thursday of every month	6:45pm - 7:45pm
University of the Third Age	Second Wednesday of every month	10:30am - 1:30pm
Junior Chess Group	Saturdays	12:30pm - 2:30pm
Baldoyle Movie Night	Last Monday of every month	5:45pm - 8:00pm

Blanchardstown Library

Craft Circle (adults)	Fortnightly - Tuesday evenings	6:30pm - 7:45pm
Age Action	Every Friday morning	10:00am - 1:00pm
Breast Feeding Support Group	Every Wednesday morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
Blanchardstown Library Film Club	Tuesdays - Monthly (9th September, 14th October, 11th November & 9th December)	11:00am - 1:00pm
Irish Heart Foundation - Peer to Peer Support Group	Fridays - Monthly (12th September, 10th October, 14th November & 12th December)	10:30am - 12:30pm
Local History consultation with Jim Lacey	Every Wednesday	10:00am - 12:00pm
eServices Clinic	Every Thursday	2:00pm - 3:00pm
French Conversation	Every Saturday	10:00am - 12:00pm
Irish Conversation	Every Saturday	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Older & Wiser Ukrainian Group	Every Monday	10:30am - 12:30am
Virtual Reality Drop-in Sessions (age 13+)	Every 3rd Monday	2:00pm - 3:30pm
Sensory Friendly Quiet Time (children)	Every Monday	6:30pm
Baby Book Club	Third Tuesday of every month	11:30pm
Storytime (children)	Every Thursday	3:00pm
Peaceful Playtime	Every Wednesday	3:00pm
Parent and Toddler Group	Every Thursday	11:00am
Chess Club (children)	Second Thursday of every month	3:30pm

Donabate Library		
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Monday evening	5:30pm - 6:30pm
Monday Evening Book Club	Last Monday of the month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Gaeilge le Chéile	Every Tues/Sat morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
Donabate Community Crafters	Every Wednesday evening	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Knitting Group (adults)	Every Thursday morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
English Classes (adults)	Every Thursday morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
Junior Chess Club	Every Friday afternoon	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Chinkwell Writers Group	Every second Saturday	11:00am - 1:00pm

Garristown Library		
Monday Chess Club (age 7-12)	Every Monday, September to December	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday Chess Club (age 7-12)	Tuesdays, September to December	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Scrabble Club (age 7-12)	Thursdays, September to December	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Storytime (age 3-7)	Every Wednesday except the last of the month	3:45pm - 4:45pm
Junior Readers Book Club (age 8-12)	Last Wednesday of every month	3:30pm - 4:30pm

Howth Library		
Junior Scrabble Club	Every second Tuesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Storytime	Every Tuesday morning	10:00am - 10:30am

Malahide Library		
Junior Chess Club	Contact library to register interest	
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Wednesday	5:30pm - 6:20pm
Toddler Time	Every Thursday	10:00am - 11:30am
Age Action Computer Classes	Every Thursday	12:00pm - 2:00pm
eServices Clinic	Third Thursday of every month	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Saturday Matinee	Once a month - contact library for details	
Community Jigsaw	Contact library for details	
Afternoon & Evening Film Clubs	Contact library for details	
Afternoon & Evening Book Clubs	Contact library for details	
French Conversation for Beginners	Contact library for details	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Eckhart Tolle Meditation	Every Saturday	11.00am - 12.00pm

Rush Library

Rush Library Book Club	First Wednesday of every month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Quilting Group	Every Tuesday	10:00am - 12:00pm
Ciorcal Comhrá Irish Conversation Group	Every second Tuesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Rush Library Baby Book Club	Second Wednesday of every month	10:00am - 11:00am
Age Friendly Social Club	Every second Thursday	11:00am - 1:00pm
Meet Me at the Altar – Local Musician Performances	Regularly on Saturday afternoons - contact library for details	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Chess Club (age 8-12)	Every Monday	3:15pm - 4:15 pm
Spanish-English Language Exchange Group	Every second Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Community Art Group	Every Friday	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Guided Meditation	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am - 12:30pm
Scrabble Club	Every Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Book Club for Teens with Additional Needs	Contact library for details	

Skerries Library

Please contact Skerries Library for information about regular events.

Swords Library

Seniors Scabble	Every Monday	11:30am - 1:00pm
eServices clinic	First Monday of the month	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Baby Book club	Alternate Tuesdays	10:30am - 11:30pm
Irish Conversation group	Every Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Sensory quiet time	Every Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm



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