



Local Authority Integration Team

November & December 2025

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Be Media Smart

What is it? This is a talk from Aoife Barry, a freelance journalist and broadcaster, which will explore topics such as AI, verifying information and protecting our data, as well as avoiding digital pitfalls like scams and misinformation.

When is it? Thursday, 20th November 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

Where is it? Blanchardstown Library

More information:

To reserve a place, please contact Blanchardstown Library



Bi-Lingual Puppet & Magic Show

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

When is it? Saturday 8th November, 11am

Where is it? Blanchardstown Library

Additional Info: No booking is necessary



Festive Story Time

What is it? Join us for the Festive Story Time, aimed to engage families in the enjoyment of sharing stories and reading together.

When is it? Thursday 4th, 11th & 18th December

Where is it? Blanchardstown Library

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Dublin Gospel Choir

What is it? 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

When is it? Wednesday 10th December 2025

Where is it? Blanchardstown Library

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Yoga for Calm

What is it? A four-week yoga course to enhance physical and mental wellbeing.

When is it? 13, 20, 27th of November & 4th of December, 2-3PM

Where is it? Baldoye Library

More info: Please contact the library to reserve a place



Christmas Magic Show

What is it? 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!

When is it? Saturday 13th December 12pm -1pm

Where is it? Malahide Library Library

Additional Info: No booking is necessary.



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Where is it? Howth Library

When is it? Tuesday 2, 9, 16th
December, 10am-10.30am

Additional Info: To reserve a place, please contact the library

Write Time Showcase

What is it? A celebration of Creativity & Writing in Fingal, this is an opportunity to learn about the writing process, improving your crafts, and how to make a living in the industry

When is it? Sat 15th & Sun 16th November,
12:30pm

Where is it? Carnegie Library Swords

Additional Info: Tickets are free and is available from Friday 17th October



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Getting to know Your Android Smartphone

What is it? 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).

When is it? 3rd, 5th, 10th, 15th & 17th December, 6:15 - 7:45pm

Where is it? Garristown Library

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Where is it? Balbriggan Library

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Winter Wardrobe Swap Shop



What is it? Embrace Sustainability – Join the Balbriggan Library for their 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!

Where is it? Balbriggan Library

When is it? Saturday 29th November, 10am -12.30pm

Additional Info: Drop your clothes donations into Balbriggan Library ahead of the event in exchange for tokens on Thursday, 27th November from 2:00pm - 6:30pm.

Positive Aging Chair Yoga

What is it? Unlock your inner energy from a chair in this uplifting yoga experience. Through gentle movement, breathwork and focused awareness, you'll awaken your vitality.

When is it? November 1st, 8th, 18th, 22nd, 11am-12pm

Where is it? Balbriggan Library

Info: All levels welcome – just bring some water and a blanket (optional). To reserve a place, please contact the library.

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