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Earrach i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2026

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Spring in Fingal Libraries 2026

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



**Céard atá ar siúl i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall!
What's on in Fingal Libraries!**

Cuir tú le d'athbhliain le turas chuig an leabharlann Your spring starts with a trip to the library

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

Spring Events at a Glance

Tuesday, 13th January

Home Energy Savings Clinic	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
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Thursday, 15th January

Mosaic-Making	Swords Library	5:30pm
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Friday, 16th January

Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Health Unit	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
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Tuesday, 20th January

Ten Exercises for a Strong Immune System	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
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Healthy Age-Friendly Homes

Healthy Age-Friendly Homes	Baldoyle Library	11:00am
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Wednesday, 21st January

DNA Workshop – Explore your Family History	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
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Thursday, 22nd January

Quiet Wisdom: Awareness and Mindfulness Skills	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
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Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Howth Library	10:00am
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Friday, 23rd January

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Rush Library	10:00am
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Saturday, 24th January

Messy Play	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
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Mandala Art	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
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Family Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am
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Monday, 26th January

Exhibition: 15th Anniversary of Rush Library	Rush Library	All day
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Stained Glass Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm
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Sage Advocacy: National Advocacy Service for Older People	Rush Library	10:30am
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Tuesday, 27th January

Toddler Time	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
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Wednesday, 28th January

Migraine Seminar	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
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Cricut Crafts	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
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Thursday, 29th January

Imbolc & Feile Bríd: Traditions, Herbs and St. Brigid	Swords Library	6:00pm
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Saint Brigid's Colourful Cloak Collage	Malahide Library	4:30pm
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St. Brigid's Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
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Friday, 30th January

Celebrating Celtic Seasonal Wisdom	Balbriggan Library	10:30am
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Saint Brigid's Colourful Cloak Collage	Donabate Library	3:00pm
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Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Health Unit	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
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Tuesday, 3rd February

Chair Yoga	Donabate Library	10:00am
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Art Classes	Skerries Library	11:00am
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Wednesday, 4th February

How to Spot Health Scams, Quacks and Snake Oil	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
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Thursday, 5th February

Chair Yoga	Baldoyle Library	2:30pm
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A Little Birdie Told Me... Storytelling and Crafts	Howth Library	3:30pm
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Saturday, 7th February

Musical Tots	Skerries Library	10:30am
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Sensory Musical Tots	Malahide Library	2:00pm
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Spring into 3D Printing	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
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Crimes of Fashion: Bad Bridget and Laura Fitzachary	Carnegie Free Library North Street, Swords	2:30pm
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Creative Journaling Workshop	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
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Monday, 9th February

Understanding AI: Risks, Realities & Why Literacy Matters	Malahide Library	7:00pm
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Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am
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Tuesday, 10th February

Valentine's Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm
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Wednesday, 11th February

Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Health Unit	Baldoyle Library	9:30am
Thriving in the land of Potatoes' – Culinary Experience at Newbridge House	Donabate Library	6:45pm
Getting Started with Genealogy: A Guide to Resources	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
Sensory Hour	Skerries Library	4:00pm
Valentine's Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
Design your Own Superhero	Skerries Library	4:00pm

Thursday, 12th February

Sustainable Wedding Bouquet Masterclass	Rush Library	6:00pm
Understanding AI: Risks, Realities & Why Literacy Matters	Swords Library	6:30pm
Valentine's Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm

Saturday, 14th February

Cybersecurity at Home	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
Hand Sewing for Clothing Repairs	Malahide Library	11:00am
Family Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am

Monday, 16th February

Trumpet Fun for Kids	Garristown Library	2:30pm
Spring Gardening	Malahide Library	6:30pm

Tuesday, 17th February

Tai Chi	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Introduction to the Sewing Machine	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Art Classes	Skerries Library	11:00am
Coach Yourself to a Better Life	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
Mid-term Crafts	Swords Library	2:30pm

Wednesday, 18th February

Lego Pixel Printing	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Mid-term Quiz	Swords Library	2:30pm
Family Movie Time	Malahide Library	3:00pm
Chair Yoga	Skerries Library	2:30pm

Thursday, 19th February

Sensory Hour	Garristown Library	11:00am
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Sensory Toddler Morning	Skerries Library	10:30am
Super-Poem Workshop	Swords Library	3:00pm
Shane Hegarty Author Visit	Garristown Library	2:00pm
Friday, 20th February		
Sensory Slime	Howth Library	11:00am
Saturday, 21st February		
Reuben the Entertainer	Rush Library	10:30am
Coiscéim, Coiscéimín Author Visit	Donabate Library	12:00pm
Gardening for Biodiversity	Howth Library	11:00am
Birds and Biodiversity	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
Baldoyle Library Clothes Swap	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
Tuesday, 24th February		
Toddler Time	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
History of Skerries Library	Skerries Library	6:00pm
Wednesday, 25th February		
Mosaic Making	Donabate Library	5:00pm
Sage Advocacy: National Advocacy Service for Older People	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
In Her Own Words: The Diaries of Eleanor Cobbe Corbally	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	7:00pm
Sensory Hour	Skerries Library	4:00pm
Craft Workshop	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
Thursday, 26th February		
Make Biodegradable Pots of Pollinator Seed	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Friday, 27th February		
Jewellery Making	Donabate Library	10:00am
Saturday, 28th February		
Leon Diop: Mixed Up	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm
Fairytales and Fiction	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Percussion Workshop	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
Percussion Workshop	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi!	Donabate Library	11:30am
Wanda Broom and Magical Mayhem	Skerries Library	2:00pm

Rewind Anthology: Indie Authors Panel	Rush Library	2:30pm
Ireland Reads Day Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am
Monday, 2nd March		
Introduction to Sewing - Make a Tote Bag	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Luttrellstown - A Castle with a Rich & Varied History	Howth Library	6:30pm
Tuesday, 3rd March		
Art Classes	Skerries Library	11:00am
Kathleen Lynn: A Life Revealed Through Personal Writing	Balbriggan Library	6:30pm
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
Wednesday, 4th March		
Mythology Writing Workshop	Skerries Library	3:30pm
Baby Music Sessions	Blanchardstown Library	1:30pm
Irish Merchant Ships and Shipowners, 1815 - 2015	Malahide Library	6:30pm
Thursday, 5th March		
Róisín O'Donnell in Conversation	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Yoga do Theaghlaigh	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm
Friday, 6th March		
Tai Chi	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Saturday, 7th March		
Musical Tots	Skerries Library	10:30am
Sensory Slime	Baldoyle Library	10:30am
Sensory Musical Tots	Swords Library	12:00pm
Seó Draíochta	Skerries Library	2:00pm
Scéalta agus Spraoi	Howth Library	11:30am
Scéalta agus Spraoi	Rush Library	2:00pm
Píosa Spraoi le Cupán Focail(s)!	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Píosa Spraoi le Cupán Focail(s)!	Donabate Library	2:00pm
Cybersecurity at Home	Donabate Library	10:30am
Monday, 9th March		
Mandala Art	Rush Library	10:00am
Mothers' Day Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm
Oíche Filíochta Dhátheangach	Balbriggan Library	6:45pm



Tuesday, 10th March

St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm
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Wednesday, 11th March

Baby Music Sessions	Blanchardstown Library	1:30pm
Getting Started with Genealogy: A Guide to Resources	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
Sensory Hour	Skerries Library	4:00pm
Mothers' Day Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm

Thursday, 12th March

Seisiún Spráíúil le Sarah Sparkles	Malahide Library	10:00am
Seisiún Spráíúil le Sarah Sparkles	Baldoyle Library	12:00pm
St. Patrick's Day Quiz	Swords Library	3:30pm

Saturday, 14th March

Musical Tots	Skerries Library	10:30am
Scéalta, Rince agus Ceol le Chéile	Donabate Library	2:00pm
Make Your Mark: Iron-On Tees	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Sew a Hand Puppet	Malahide Library	11:00am
Mothers' Day Family Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am

Wednesday, 18th March

Baby Music Sessions	Blanchardstown Library	1:30pm
Sensory Hour	Skerries Library	4:00pm
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm

Thursday, 19th March

Sensory Toddler Morning	Skerries Library	10:30am
Soap Making Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm

Friday, 20th March

Sensory Toddler Morning	Donabate Library	10:30am
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Saturday, 21st March

Create your Own Constellation Viewer	Donabate Library	12:00pm
Astronaut's Dinner Workshop	Howth Library	2:30pm
A Little Birdie Told Me... Storytelling and Crafts	Skerries Library	11:00am

Tuesday, 24th March

Art Classes	Skerries Library	11:00am
Irish Merchant Ships and Shipowners, 1815 - 2015	Skerries Library	6:00pm
The La Mancha Murders: A Centenary Review	Malahide Library	6:30pm

Wednesday, 25th March

Healthy Age-Friendly Homes	Swords Library	11:00am
The Greatest Invention in Astronomy	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm

Saturday, 28th March

Book Clinic in Irish & English	Donabate Library	2:00pm
Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi!	Donabate Library	11:30am
3D Printed Keyrings	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
The Greatest Invention in Astronomy	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
Write Your Own Story	Howth Library	2:00pm
Family Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am

Monday, 30th March

3D Printed Egg Cups	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
Willow Weaving	Garristown Library	6:00pm

Tuesday, 31st March

Toddler Time	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Easter Crafts	Swords Library	2:00pm
Free Play Lego	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Craft Workshop	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm

Wednesday, 1st April

Active Lego	Blanchardstown Library	1:00pm
Growing Herbs	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Spring into Storytime	Garristown Library	3:45pm

Thursday, 2nd April

Sage Advocacy: National Advocacy Service for Older People	Skerries Library	11:00am
Spring into Storytime	Rush Library	3:00pm
Easter Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
Easter Teddy Bear Sleepover	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Spring into Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Creative Writing Workshop	Donabate Library	2:00pm



Tuesday, 7th April

Art Classes	Skerries library	11:00am
Be Media Smart	Skerries Library	6:30pm
Easter Kids' Movie	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm

Wednesday, 8th April

Sensory Hour	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Easter Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Easter Quiz	Swords Library	2:30pm

Thursday, 9th April

Dave's Jungle	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Musical Tots	Garristown Library	3:30pm
Herbs for Health	Skerries Library	6:00pm
Easter Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Easter Quiz	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm
Spring into Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm

Saturday, 11th April

Musical Tots	Skerries Library	10:30am
Cosmic Stardomes	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Be Media Smart	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Censored - Aoife Bhreatnach in Conversation	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Demystifying the Personal Essay	Skerries Library	2:00pm
Ceardlann Rince Sean Nós	Donabate Library	3:00pm
Punch Needle Workshop	Malahide Library	11:00am
Spring into Storytime	Donabate Library	11:00am
Irish Mythology in Contemporary Writing	Malahide Library	11:00am

Monday, 13th April

Sensory Toddler Morning	Rush Library	10:00am
Spring into Storytime	Skerries Library	10:30am

Tuesday, 14th April

Gardening for Biodiversity	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm
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Wednesday, 15th April

Decluttering Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
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Getting Started with Genealogy: A Guide to Resources	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
Sensory Hour	Skerries Library	4:00pm
Spring into Storytime	Swords Library	3:30pm
Thursday, 16th April		
Sensory Toddler Morning	Skerries Library	10:30am
Hanging Basket Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Be Social Media Savvy	Malahide Library	6:00pm
Spring into Storytime	Baldoyle Library	11:30am
Spring into Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Friday, 17th April		
Healthy Age-Friendly Homes	Blanchardstown Library	12:00pm
Saturday, 18th April		
Hands and Tales: Story Time for All	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Sustainable Fashion Masterclass	Skerries Library	2:00pm
Wanda Broom and Magical Mayhem	Rush Library	10:30am
Spring into Storytime	Malahide Library	10:00am
Monday, 20th April		
Hands and Tales: Story Time for All	Swords Library	11:00am
Tuesday, 21st April		
Art Classes	Skerries Library	11:00am
Wednesday, 22nd April		
Spring into Storytime	Baldoyle Library	11:30am
Thursday, 23rd April		
Bookbinding	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm
Spring into Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Saturday, 25th April		
Musical Tots	Skerries Library	10:30am
Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi!	Donabate Library	11:30am
Tote Bag Block Printing	Malahide Library	11:00am
Monday, 27th April		
Spring into Storytime	Skerries Library	10:30am



Tuesday, 28th April

Toddler Time

Blanchardstown Library

11:00am

'A new census for Ireland at last': The 1926 Census

Fingal Local Studies & Archives

7:00pm

Thursday, 30th April

Spring into Storytime

Blanchardstown Library

3:00pm

Irish Independent every day for free

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St. Brigid's Festival Events



Celebrating Celtic Seasonal Wisdom at Brigid's Time with Jennifer Murphy

FOR ADULTS

Beginning on Brigid's Day, the ancient Gaelic season of Imbolc, meaning 'in the belly' in old Irish, marks a time of new beginnings. Join Jennifer Murphy for a fascinating exploration of the Celtic Wheel of the Year, and the archetypes that guide each seasonal threshold, like Brigid, who appears as both a goddess of the Tuatha Dé Danann and beloved Christian saint.



Balbriggan Library

Friday, 30th January

10:30am - 12:25pm

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

Imbolc & Feile Bríð: Traditions, Herbs and St. Brigid with The Herb School

FOR ADULTS

Welcome the return of spring with a workshop celebrating the traditions of Imbolc and St. Brigid. Explore the history, folklore, and seasonal meaning of this ancient festival, including the pagan Goddess Brigid and St. Brigid of Kildare. Discover the native Irish herbs and wild plants linked with Brigid and early spring and enjoy a demonstration of how to make a variety of traditional St. Brigid's crosses using rushes.



Swords Library

Thursday, 29th January

6:00pm - 7:30pm

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



St. Brigid's Festival Events



Saint Brigid's Colourful Cloak Collage with Úna Woods

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Learn about the legend of St. Brigid's magical cloak in this workshop with author/illustrator Úna Woods. You will get to create your own colourful cloak collage using lots of patterned and bright coloured paper.

Malahide Library

Thursday, 29th January

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Donabate Library

Friday, January 30th

3:00pm - 4:00pm

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

St. Brigid's Cloak Colourful Collage



St. Brigid's Crafts

AGES 4-8

Join us in Baldoyle Library for a fun St. Brigid's craft session.

Baldoyle Library

Thursday, 29th January

3:00pm - 4:00pm

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

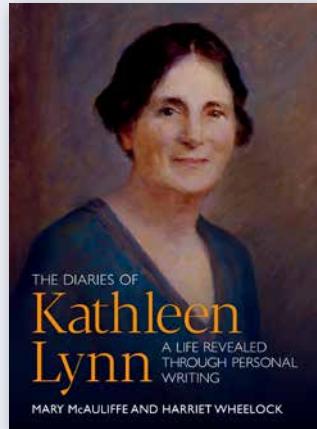




Kathleen Lynn: A Life Revealed Through Personal Writing with Mary McAuliffe

ALL WELCOME

Join Dr. Mary McAuliffe for an exploration of the fascinating life of Irish revolutionary, socialist and feminist Dr. Kathleen Lynn. Mary is the co-editor with Harriet Wheelock of *The Diaries of Kathleen Lynn: A Life Revealed Through Personal Writing*. Kathleen Lynn's diaries record her involvement in the 1916 Rising, the War of Independence, the Civil War, and the formative decades of the Irish Free State, including her vital work in St. Ultan's Hospital for Sick Infants. She also wrote about her family and personal relationships, especially her lifelong relationship with fellow suffragist, revolutionary and social campaigner, Madeline ffrench-Mullen. The diaries give us a valuable insight into the histories of female activists, networks and intimate lives.



Balbriggan Library

Tuesday, 3rd March

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

Róisín O'Donnell in Conversation

ALL WELCOME

To mark International Women's Day, Róisín O'Donnell will be in conversation with Olivia Fitzsimons in Blanchardstown Library. Róisín's debut novel, *Nesting*, has been an instant bestseller, and won Novel of the Year at the Irish Book Awards 2025. *Nesting* tells the story of Ciara Fay, who finds the courage to leave her husband with her two children in tow, but finds herself at the mercy of Ireland's broken housing system. Olivia Fitzsimons is an author, facilitator and contributing editor of *The Stinging Fly*.



Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 5th March

6:00pm - 7:00pm

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

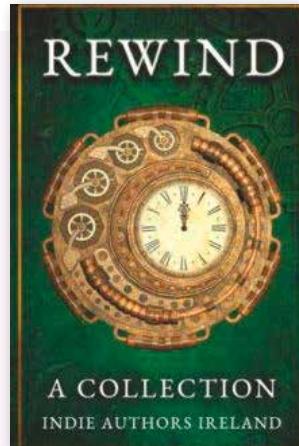


Throughout February and especially on Ireland Reads Day, Saturday, 28th February, people of all ages across Ireland will be encouraged to get lost in a good book.

It doesn't matter what you read, where you read or how well you read, as long as you read!

Rewind Anthology: Indie Authors Panel

Indie Authors Ireland was founded by Claire O'Connor in 2023 and is now a collective of over 200 independent writers sharing their writing, editing and publishing experiences. In 2025, they collaborated on a project, *Rewind: An Anthology*, a book of short stories, poetry and prose from almost 50 of their writers. All proceeds went to AslAm, Ireland's Autism Charity. Claire, along with two of the authors, will sit on a panel to discuss the organisation, the book and indie writing in Ireland. The panel will be chaired by award-winning poet, playwright and artist Anne McDonald, one of the contributors to the book.



Rush Library

Saturday, 28th February

2:30pm - 4:00pm

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

Leon Diop: Mixed Up

Leon Diop founded Black and Irish, an organisation working on the behalf of black and mixed-race people in Ireland in 2020. He is the co-author of the award-winning book, *Black and Irish: Legends, Trailblazers and Everyday Heroes* and one of the hosts of the Black and Irish podcast. Leon will discuss his groundbreaking memoir, *Mixed Up: An Irish Boy's Journey to Belonging*, his work with Black and Irish and the work still to do combating racism in Ireland.



Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 28th February

3:00pm - 4:00pm

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

Ireland Reads

Fairytales and Fiction Workshop with Deirdre Sullivan

AGES 13-16

Award winning YA writer Deirdre Sullivan will facilitate a workshop around examining and repurposing old stories. She will look at some effective retellings, as well as engaging in some exercises designed to inspire and motivate participants.



Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 28th February

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

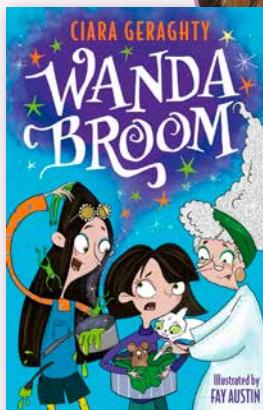
Wanda Broom and Magical Mayhem

with Ciara Geraghty

AGES 8+

Wanda Broom has a big problem... her mum's a witch — and Wanda really wishes she wasn't!

Join the brilliant Ciara Geraghty for a whirlwind adventure into the world of Wanda, where spells go sideways, potions bubble over, and magical mayhem is just around the corner. Ciara is the bestselling author of 10 books and the co-host of the podcast *BookBirds*.



Skerries Library

Saturday, 28th February

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Rush Library

Saturday, 18th April

10:30am - 11:30am

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

Ireland Reads

Ireland Reads Day Storytime

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

Join us in Balbriggan Library for a morning of story time to celebrate Ireland Reads Day!

Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 28th February

10:30am - 11:00am

No booking required.

Ireland Reads Day for Schools

The Grand Central Cinema Club with Alan Nolan

Alan Nolan will discuss the inspirations behind his latest children's book *The Grand Central Cinema Club*, set in Dublin cinemas in 1937, with an invited audience of primary school children in Blanchardstown Library.



Beag Bídeach (Teeny Tiny) le Sadhbh Devlin

Tá deartháir beag Nína ag cur isteach uirthi. Ba bhreá léi dul chun cóináithe lena cairde, na bábóga. Bheadh an-saoil ansin aici, nach mbeadh? Déanfaidh Sadhbh a leabhar a léamh go hidirghníomhach agus ansin beidh deis ag na páistí ealaín dá gcuid féin a chruthú bunaithe ar choincheap beag agus mór.

Nína wishes she could play alone, without her annoying baby brother. But when her wish comes true, things don't work out quite as she had hoped... An invited audience of primary school children join Sadhbh for an interactive reading of her book and an art session based on the concept of big and small.





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.

How to Spot Health Scams, Quacks and Snake Oil

with Dr. David Robert Grimes

We live in an age of information, but too much of what we are exposed to online is far more likely to harm than heal us. Health misinformation is a growing threat driving everything from vaccine confidence crises to scam cancer clinics. But in a storm of ruthless influencers, dubious headlines, and outright charlatans how can we protect ourselves from bogus claims? In this talk, scientist, broadcaster and author Dr. David Robert Grimes delves into the world of wellness and takes us on a journey through the bizarre history of quackery from the 1800s to present day, from the comical to the catastrophic. Learn how to spot the hallmarks of snake oil before it does us lasting harm.



Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 4th February

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

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 advice on how to manage them. You will learn about programmes and services and can take part in a Q&A session.



**MIGRAINE
IRELAND**

Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 28th January

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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





Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Health Unit

Two in three adults over 50 have high blood pressure, but half don't know it. The Irish Heart Foundation's Mobile Health Unit will be visiting libraries to offer free health checks. Expert nurses will check your blood pressure and pulse and provide heart health advice to help reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke.



Balbriggan Library	Friday, 16th January	11:00am - 4:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 30th January	10:30am - 4:30pm
Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 11th February	9:30am - 4:45pm

Any individual having a health check must be over 18.

Active Living

Please note: The following sessions involve physical movement. If you have issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if these events are right for you.



Ten Exercises for a Strong Immune System

with Jurgita Ramanauskaitė

Join Jurgita for a four-week program to boost your immunity through gentle movement. Inspired by the Moving for Life method, this class supports improving strength and coordination. Move to music, connect with others, and strengthen your body and mind.

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 20th January Tuesday, 27th January Tuesday, 3rd February Tuesday, 10th February	11:00am - 12:15pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



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Healthy
Ireland

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 vitality and clarity. We will finish the class with soothing sound healing instruments. All levels welcome. Just bring along some water and a blanket (optional) for your relaxation.



Skerries Library	Wednesday, 18th February Wednesday, 25th February Wednesday, 4th March Wednesday, 11th March Wednesday, 18th March Wednesday, 25th March	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 5th February Thursday, 12th February Thursday, 19th February Thursday, 26th February	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 3rd February Tuesday, 10th February Tuesday, 17th February Tuesday, 24th February	10:00am - 11:00am

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

Tai Chi with Mario McCormick

Join our four-week beginners' Tai Chi class and discover this gentle, flowing practice that improves balance, flexibility, and relaxation. Each week you'll learn easy movements step by step, with no prior experience needed.



Balbriggan Library	Friday, 6th March Friday, 13th March Friday, 20th March Friday, 27th March	11:00am - 12:00pm
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 17th February Tuesday, 24th February Tuesday, 3rd March Tuesday, 10th March	2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

Spring Events for Children

Reuben the Entertainer

ALL WELCOME

Don't miss Reuben's high-energy comedy variety show! Reuben will have the whole family in stitches with his magic, puppets, funny toys, and daft voices! Fun for all - even the adults!



Rush Library

Saturday, 21st February

10:30am - 11:30am

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

Dave's Jungle

Step into Dave's Jungle for an unforgettable family adventure! Discover a new world of nature as you witness the astonishing abilities of our animals through live demonstrations. Get up close and personal by interacting with and holding some of the most fascinating creatures.



Balbriggan Library

Thursday, 9th April

11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Percussion Workshop with RockJam

AGES 7-11

Calling all drummers, rhythm makers, and groove shakers! Drum Shorts is a high-energy workshop where you'll dive into the world of drums, percussion, and rhythm. All equipment is provided, but feel free to bring your own sticks, percussion instruments, or cymbals.



Baldoyle Library

Saturday, 28th February

10:00am - 11:00am

Malahide Library

Saturday, 28th February

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

Trumpet Fun for Kids with Niall O'Sullivan

ALL AGES WELCOME

Join us at Garristown Library for a lively mini performance just for kids! Enjoy bright sounds, playful melodies and a fun introduction to the trumpet up close. A program perfect for young music lovers.



Garristown Library

Monday, 16th February

2:30pm - 3:15pm

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

Spring Events for Children

Sew a Hand Puppet with Lynn Cahill

AGES 8-12

This is a fun-filled hand sewing workshop for children. Learners will be taught simple hand sewing techniques to create some colourful hand puppets.



Malahide Library

Saturday, 14th March

11:00am - 1:00pm

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

A Little Birdie Told Me... with Tarsila Krüse

AGES 5-8

Join author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse for a fun storytelling and craft session inspired by her book, *A Little Birdie Told Me...* There's going to be a party, and all the birds are invited - from the little robin to the graceful swan. Someone very special is coming too. But who could it be?



Howth Library

Thursday, 5th February

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Skerries Library

Saturday, 21st March

11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Stained Glass Crafts with Tarsila Krüse

AGES 8+

Join author-illustrator and artist Tarsila Krüse for a fun craft workshop featuring a stained-glass effect to celebrate Rush Library's 15th anniversary! Create suncatchers using black card and colourful tissue paper that will add joyful colours to your windows!



Rush Library

Monday, 26th January

3:00pm - 4:00pm

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

Design your Own Superhero with Alan Nolan

AGES 8-12

Ever wanted to design your own Superhero? Join author, illustrator and comic creator Alan Nolan as he talks about favourite comics and superheroes from his childhood (as well as modern day comic superstars like *Dog Man*, *Bunny Vs Monkey* and *The InvestiGators*) and shows you how to draw one of his own creations.



Skerries Library

Wednesday, 11th February

4:00pm - 5:00pm

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

Spring Events for Children

Write Your Own Story with Conor Kostick

AGES 12 - 16

Entering the world of your imagination and inventing stories is a real joy. There are lots of challenges though, in using the written word to convey that story. Children's author and creative writing teacher Conor Kostick will discuss choosing the right narrative voice, character development, writing dialogue, and structuring a story to help you write your own stories.

Howth Library

Saturday, 28th March

2:00pm - 3:00pm



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

The MAD Mystery - A Whodunnit Special with Maeve Devoy

AGES 8 - 12

In this 'Whodunnit' creative writing workshop, author Maeve A. Devoy will put the students at the centre of The MAD Mystery, where they will discover that every great mystery needs sharp-eyed characters, unbelievable plot twists and a dash of humour. With a focus on creativity, collaboration and critical thinking, this workshop will encourage the young writers to think like detectives, as they construct their own Whodunnit mysteries.

Donabate Library

Thursday, 2nd April

2:00pm - 3:30pm



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

Shane Hegarty Author Visit

Where do great story ideas come from - and where can you find yours? In this workshop, Shane Hegarty helps you write fantastic, funny stories. Shane is a bestselling and prize-winning author of children's books. His next book, *Minotaur Boy*, is out in May.

Garristown Library

Thursday, 19th February

2:00pm - 3:00pm



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

Mythology Writing Workshop with Rebecca

AGES 9-13

Over four weeks we will go on a creative writing journey through the fantastic world of mythology. Each week we will explore different types of mythology, such as Greek, Roman, Celtic, and Norse. You will craft your own pieces of creative writing and get feedback on your work.

Skerries Library

Wednesday, 4th March
Wednesday, 11th March
Wednesday, 18th March
Wednesday, 25th March

3:30pm - 4:30pm



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

Spring Events for Children

Creative Journaling with Megan Wynne

AGE 8-12

Want to be a writer, engineer or famous footballer? Journal your way to the life you want in this fun workshop with author Megan Wynne. There will be lots of writing time to express your feelings, thoughts and dreams (without worrying about spellings!)



Baldoyle Library

Saturday, 7th February

10:00am - 11:00am

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

Super-Poem Workshop

AGES 6+

To all budding young poets out there... join our resident poet John Doyle for Super-Poem, where everyone contributes a line to Swords Library's longest poem!



Swords Library

Thursday, 19th February

3:00pm - 4:00pm

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

Free Play Lego

AGES 6-10

Join us for a fun free play Lego session in Blanchardstown Library.



Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 31st March

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Early Years

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles

AGES 0-5

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



Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 27th January
Tuesday, 24th February
Tuesday, 31st March
Tuesday, 28th April
Tuesday, 26th May

11:00am - 12:00pm

No booking necessary.

Spring Events for Children

Hands and Tales: Story Time for All with Imogen Carter

**SUITABLE FOR ALL CHILDREN AGED 0-6,
WITH AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL NEEDS**

Join Imogen for a fun, inclusive story time using the spoken word and Lámh signs.



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 18th April	11:00am - 12:00pm
Swords Library	Monday, 20th April	11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan

Come along and join the fun with Karen Donnellan! Musical Tots uses nursery rhymes and story songs to develop language, learning, coordination and social skills while having great fun.



Garristown Library	Thursday, 9th April	3:30pm - 4:15pm
Skerries Library	Saturday, 7th February Saturday, 21st February Saturday, 7th March Saturday, 14th March Saturday, 11th April Saturday, 25th April	10:30am - 11:15am

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

Baby Music Sessions with Grace Corrigan

Join Grace for a series of three baby music sessions featuring music, song and movement for parents/carers with babies from birth to 18 months! Each 30-minute session will build on the previous one.



Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 4th March Wednesday, 11th March Wednesday, 18th March	1:30pm - 2:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



Sensory Friendly Events

Sensory Slime with Messy Adventures

AGES 7+

Join Messy Adventures to make your very own slime. Each child will experiment with different colours, textures, ingredients and even scents. Making slime is fun as well as educational.



Howth Library	Friday, 20th February	11:00am - 12:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 7th March	10:30am - 11:30am

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

Messy Play with Messy Adventures

AGES 4+

Messy play is sensory play, using ingredients such as sand, slime, water, jelly, and flour to explore textures and sensations. Delve into a world of imagination and play!



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 24th January	11:00am - 12:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Sensory Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan

AGES 3 MONTHS-7 YEARS

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



Malahide Library

Saturday, 7th February

2:00pm - 2:45pm

Swords Library

Saturday, 7th March

12:00pm - 12:45pm

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



Sensory Friendly Events

Sensory Hour with Fingal Additional Needs

AGES 4-10

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.

Garristown Library	Thursday, 19th February	11:00am - 12:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 8th April	11:00am - 12:00pm
Skerries Library	Wednesday, 11th February Wednesday, 25th February Wednesday, 11th March Wednesday, 18th March Wednesday, 15th April	4:00pm - 5:00pm

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



Sensory Toddler Morning with Sensory Explorers

AGES 9 MONTHS - 5 YEARS

Join us for a sensory toddler morning with educational and sensory toys. Children will play with stepping stones, lava tiles, sensory mats, rain makers and magna tiles. Families and siblings welcome.



Skerries Library	Thursday, 19th February Thursday, 19th March Thursday, 16th April	10:30am - 11:30am
Donabate Library	Friday, 20th March	10:30am - 11:30am
Rush Library	Monday, 13th April	10:00am - 11:00am

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

Active Lego with Sensory Explorers

AGES 6+

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.



Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 1st April	1:00pm - 2:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

LEARNING FROM THE UNIVERSE

IRISH ASTRONOMY WEEK 2026



Irish Astronomy Week 20th-28th March

Create your Own Constellation Viewer with Anyone4Science

AGES 8-12

Learn about stars: what are they? What is a constellation? Learn about the different constellations in the Milky Way and how to identify them. Children will make functioning constellation viewers.

Donabate Library

Saturday, 21st March

12:00pm - 12:45pm

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

Astronaut's Dinner Workshop

with Anyone4Science

AGES 8-12

Learn about space and how astronauts live and prepare their food on the International Space Station. Make an astronaut's dinner, taste it, and decide if you would like to be an astronaut!

Howth Library

Saturday, 21st March

2:30pm - 3:15pm

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



Irish Astronomy Week for Schools

Astronomy Workshop

with Nutty Scientists

The 'Nutty Scientists' will visit libraries for workshops with invited audiences of children from local schools in Balbriggan, Skerries and Malahide. Kids will learn about the mysteries of space and planets.

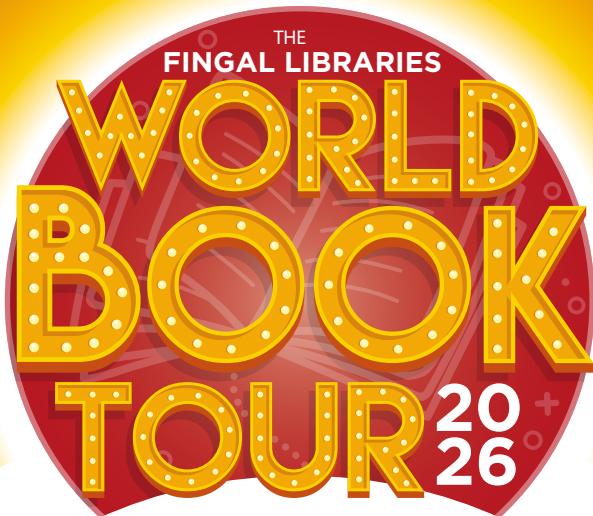


Space Workshop

with the Rediscovery Centre

The Rediscovery Centre will visit libraries for workshops with invited audiences of children from local schools in Swords and Garristown. The workshop features a range of hands-on activities, including investigating meteor impacts, exploring stored energy and making rockets.





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To celebrate World Book Day Ireland 2026, authors Alan Nolan, Lauren O'Hara, Margaret Anne Suggs, Natasha Mac a'Bháird and Síne Quinn will visit libraries and schools across Fingal between 2nd-6th March.

This is the fourth year of the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour, which gives primary school children a fun opportunity to meet some of their favourite authors. The children will also be gifted a copy of the author's book!

1d – 17ú Márta 2025

Is féile idirnáisiúnta í Seachtain na Gaeilge agus tá sé ar an cheiliúradh Gaeilge agus cultúrtha is mó a bhíonn ar siúl gach bliain.

Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Language Week) is an International Irish language festival and one of the biggest celebrations of our native language and culture that takes place each year.

Yoga do Theaghlaigh (Family Yoga) le Óga Yoga

Bígí linn le haghaidh seisiún yoga atá oiriúnach do theaghlaigh. Beidh an seisiún bunaithe ar an leabhar yoga Diarmuid agus an Mata Yoga: Draíochta San Ind. Beidh fáilte roimh thuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí páirt a ghacadh.

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



Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 5th March

3:30pm - 4:30pm

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

Seó Draíochta (Magic Show) le Quentin Reynolds

FÁILTE ROIMH CHÁCH / ALL WELCOME

Seó draíochta agus puipéad lán spraíúla le go leor rannpháirtíochta ón lucht feáchana, curtha i láthair i nGaeilge agus i mbÉarla. Tar linn agus b'fhéidir go bhfoghlaimeoídh tú cúpla focal nua i nGaeilge fiú. Fáilte roimh chách.

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.



Skerries Library

Saturday, 7th March

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

Seisiún Spraíúil le Sarah Sparkles

FÁILTE ROIMH CHÁCH / ALL WELCOME

Cuir draíocht ar fáil do pháistí san seo seo le Sarah Sparkles. Déann cuairt ar an leabharlann le haghaidh an seo dhá-theangach Scéalaíochta le Sarah agus a cairde puipéad. Bí ag spraoi trí nGaeilge agus Béarla, éist le scéal, bí ag canadh, déan damhsa is pléisc na bolgáin freisin!

Bring the magic of Irish to children in this event with Sarah Sparkles! Visit the library for this special bilingual storytelling event with Sarah and her puppet friends. Have fun through Irish and English, listen to a story, sing, dance and pop bubbles!



Malahide Library

Thursday, 12th March

10:00am - 11:00am

Baldoyle Library

Thursday, 12th March

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Scéalta agus Spraoi (Stories and Fun) le Seosamh Ó Maolalaí

FÁILTE ROIMH CHÁCH / ALL WELCOME

Insíonn Seosamh scéalta do pháistí. Amhráin agus rannta aige chomh maith. Insíonn sé go dáttheanach i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla. Bíonn spraoi agus gáire agus scléip ina chuid scéalaíochta. Bainfidh gach éinne, idir óg is aosta, sult as an seisiún seo.

Seosamh tells stories for children bilingually, in Irish and in English. He has songs and verses too. There's fun and laughter and hilarity - everyone, young and old, will get enjoyment from this session.



Howth Library	Saturday, 7th March	11:30am - 12:30pm
Rush Library	Saturday, 7th March	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Píosa Spraoi le Cupán Focail(s)! (Have Fun with a Cup of Focals!)

le Áine Gallagher

FÁILTE ROIMH CHÁCH / ALL WELCOME

'Is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste' seo é an spríoc don ceardlann seo le Áine Gallagher, aka 'the queen of offbeat'. Is ealaontóir í Áine agus tá sí i gconáí ag déanamh rudai nua agus cruthaitheach cun Gaeilge acur cun cinn agus inspioráid do dhaoina cun an teanga a labhairt. San ceardlann dhá theangach seo, beidh an aidhm cun píosa spraoi a fháil agus aeilge a cleactadh gan brú. Má cheapann tú nach bhfuil do chuid Gaeilge ró mhaith, ach ba mhaith leat í a feabhsú, seo é an ceardlann duit.

In this fun family pop up event, children will play games to practice their cúpla focal and turn them into a simple story. 'Queen of offbeat' Áine Gallagher uses her 'cup of focals' (cup full of words) to encourage people to give Irish a go, even if it's not perfect. She lives by the saying, 'is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste' (broken Irish is better than clever English).



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 7th March	11:00am - 12:30pm
Donabate Library	Saturday, 7th March	2:00pm - 3:30pm

Oíche Filíochta Dhátheangach

FÁILTE ROIMH CHÁCH / ALL WELCOME

Bígi linn ag Oíche Filíochta Dhátheangach i Leabharlann Bhaile Brigín chun Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh. Léigh dán tú féin nó éist le daoine eile agus bígi ag caint. Dánta i mBéarla nó i nGaeilge.

Join us for a Bilingual Poetry evening in Balbriggan Library to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. Read a poem yourself or listen to others and have a chat. Poems in Irish or English.

Leabharlann Bhaile Brigín Balbriggan Library	Dé Luain, 9 Márta Monday, 9th March	6:45pm - 7:45pm
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Seachtain na Gaeilge for Schools

For the Love of Milseáin: Comedy with Áine Gallagher

For the Love of Milseáin, a bilingual comedy show for an invited audience of secondary school students, will take place in the Draíocht Centre, Blanchardstown. Through her 'divinely awkward' style of comedy, Áine offers a new, exciting approach to speaking and learning Irish.





Is é Is An Leabharlann Fháilteach ann ná tionscnamh nuálaí atá deartha chun leabharlanna a dhéanamh níos fáiltí ó thaobh na Gaeilge de agus a chabhróidh leis an teanga teacht chun bheith níos nádúrtha, níos feiceálaí agus níos beo sa ghnáthshaol laethúil. Táimid ag súil go mór le páirt a ghlacadh sa scéim seo i Leabharlann Dhomhnach Bat. Beidh fearadh na fáilte roimh chainteoirí Gaeilge, roimh thuilleadh imeachtaí dátheangacha agus roimh thuilleadh leabhair Ghaeilge.

An Leabharlann Fháilteach is an innovative initiative designed to make libraries more welcoming to Irish and help the language feel more natural, visible, and alive in everyday life. We are looking forward to taking part in this initiative in Donabate Library. There will be a great welcome for Irish speakers with more bilingual events and Irish books.

Clinic Leabhar le Leabhair Pháistí Éireann (Book Clinic in Irish & English with Children's Books Ireland)

An léitheoir óg tú? Sa tóir ar shraithí nua? Buail isteach chuig Clinic Leabhar Leabhair Pháistí Éireann! Labhair leis an Dochtúir Leabhar, faigh comhairle uathu maidir leis na leabhair is fearr leat agus tabharfaidh siad oideas duit leis an gcéad leabhar eile ar cheart duit a léamh! Beidh túis áite ag na daoin a thagann chuig an gClinic Leabhar ar dtús.

Maireann gach coinne leis an Dochtúir Leabhar 10 go 15 nóiméad.

Are you a young reader? Looking for a new series to delve into? Then pop along to the Children's Books Ireland Book Clinic! Chat to the Book Doctor, consult on your favourite reads and leave with a prescription for your next book! The Book Clinic operates on a drop-in, first come first served basis.

Each Book Doctor consultation will be 10 or 15 minutes in duration.



Donabate Library

Saturday, 28th March

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Scéalta, Rince agus Ceol le Chéile le Julie Anne de Brún

AGES 8-12

Bígí linn chun scéalta a chloisteáil, amhráin a chanadh, cnaguirlisí ceoil a sheinnt agus buncéimeanna steip a fhoghlaim!

Join us for a lively workshop listening to stories, singing songs, playing percussion instruments and learning some basic sean-nós dancing, all through the Irish language!



Donabate Library

Saturday, 14th March

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi! With Ciarán Ó Fainín

AGES 4-7

Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi! Agus i bhfad níos mó, liomsa - Ciarán Ó Fainín agus libhse sa leabharlann. Tá mé ag súil go mór le deiseanna a thabhairt do pháistí an cheantair teacht le chéile ag séisíúin scéalaíochta. Tá falite romhaibh ar fad.

Children! Stories! Songs! Play! And much more with me - Ciarán Ó Fainín, and you, in the library. I am excited to give children a chance to come together for storytelling sessions. You are all very welcome.



Donabate Library

Saturday, 28th February

Saturday, 28th March

Saturday, 25th April

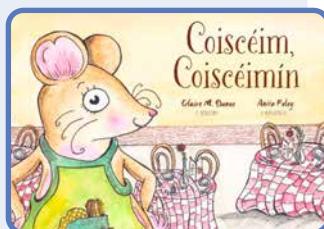
11:30am - 12:30pm

Coiscéim, Coiscéimín le Claire M. Dunne & Anita Foley

AGES 4-7

Seo an chéad phictiúrleabhar ó pheann Claire M. Dunne. Scéal é seo faoin gcairdeas, faoin gcrógaíoch, agus, thar aon ní eile, faoin gcáis! Bainfidh páistí agus daóine fásta ar aon an-sult as eachtráí Laoise a leanúint, agus as léaráidí mionsonraíthe Anita Foley, a thugann beocht don scéal.

From debut author Claire M. Dunne, this picture book is a story about friendship, courage, and, above all, cheese! Beautifully illustrated by Anita Foley's detailed watercolours, it is sure to delight children and adults alike as they follow Laoise's adventures.



Donabate Library

Saturday, 21st February

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Ceardlann Rince ar an Sean Nós le Sibéal Davitt

FOR ALL AGES

Ceardlann spraíúil do pháistí scoile agus a dtuismitheoirí le Sibéal Davitt, ag foghlaim bunghluaiseachtaí agus rithim an tsean nós i suíomh cairdiúil teaghlacha.

A lively workshop with Sibéal Davitt where children and their parents learn the basic movements and rhythm of sean nós dancing in a friendly family environment.



Donabate Library

Saturday, 11th April

3:00pm - 4:00pm



Spring into Storytime Themed page with branding

Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme, which aims to promote literacy and reading for fun.

We hope you can join us for story time sessions in your local library during the month of April.

Rush Library	Thursday, 2nd April	3:00pm – 4:00pm	All welcome
Garristown Library	Wednesday, 1st April	3:45pm – 4:45pm	Ages 3-7. No booking required
Donabate Library	Saturday, 11th April	11:00am – 12:00pm	All welcome
Swords Library	Wednesday, 15th April	3:30pm - 4:30pm	All ages
Blanchardstown Library	Every Thursday in April	3:00pm – 4:00pm	All welcome
Skerries Library	Monday, 13th April Monday, 27th April	10:30am - 11:30am	All welcome
Malahide Library	Saturday, 18 April	10:00am - 10:30am	All welcome
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 18th April	10:30am - 11:00am	All ages. No booking required
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 16th April Wednesday, 22nd April	11:30am - 12:30pm	All welcome



Children's Crafts & More

Saturday Family Storytime

Join us in Balbriggan Library for a morning of family story time!
All ages are welcome, no booking required.

Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 10th January Saturday, 24th January Saturday, 14th February Saturday, 28th March	10:30am - 11:00pm
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Valentine's Crafts

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

Rush Library	Thursday, 12th February	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Ages 5-8
Swords Library	Tuesday, 10th February	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Ages 4-11
Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 11th February	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Ages 4-8

Malahide Library Valentine's Day Love Bug Pop-up

Colour a love bug for the Valentine's Day junior library pop-up from Monday, 9th February.

St. Patrick's Day Crafts

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

Swords Library	Tuesday, 10th March	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Ages 4-11
Malahide Library	Wednesday, 18th March	3:30pm - 4:15pm	Ages 4-7
Malahide Library	Thursday, 19th March	3:30pm - 4:15pm	Ages 7-10
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 3rd March	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Ages 4-8

Rush Library St. Patrick's Day Children's Colouring Competition

Monday, 2nd March -Friday, 13th March. Contact Rush Library for details.

St. Patrick's Day Quiz

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

Swords Library	Thursday, 12th March	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Mid-term Crafts

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event. Ages 4-11.

Swords Library	Tuesday, 17th February	2:30pm - 3:30pm
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Mid-term Quiz

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

Swords Library

Wednesday, 18th February

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Family Movie Time

All welcome. No booking required.

Malahide Library

Wednesday, 18th February

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Mother's Day Crafts

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

Rush Library

Monday, 9th March

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Ages 5-8

Baldoyle Library

Wednesday, 11th March

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Ages 4-8

Mother's Day Family Storytime

Join our amazing library staff for a special story time to celebrate how great mothers are!

All welcome. No booking required.

Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 14th March

10:30am - 11:00am

Easter Crafts

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

Swords Library

Tuesday, 31st March

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Ages 4-11

Malahide Library

Wednesday, 8th April

3:30pm - 4:15pm

Ages 4-7

Malahide Library

Thursday, 9th April

3:30pm - 4:15pm

Ages 7-10

Baldoyle Library

Thursday, 2nd April

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Ages 4-8

Easter Quiz

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

Swords Library

Wednesday, 8th April

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Ages 8-12

Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 9th April

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Ages 7-11

Easter Teddy Bear Sleepover

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

Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 2nd April

6:00pm

Easter Kids' Movie

All welcome.

Baldoyle Library

Tuesday, 7th April

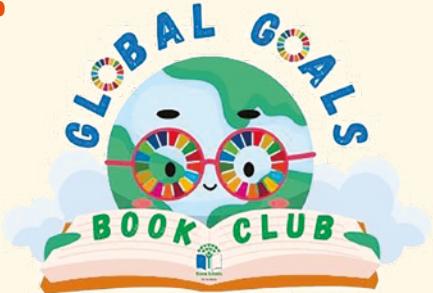
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SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Green Schools Global Goals Book Club

The Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club is a growing collection of children's books, for both junior and senior primary classes, chosen to help students explore global citizenship, sustainability, and the world around them through story. Each title is supported by worksheets and activities. The Green-Schools Global Goals Book Club will launch in ten Fingal libraries this January. Schools across the area can borrow the full book club collection directly from their local library. Each book includes a QR code linking to the Green-Schools website, where you'll find resources and activities.



Engineers Week

To celebrate Engineers Week (Saturday, 28th February - Friday, 6th March) classes from local primary schools are invited to the library for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) workshops with Anyone4Science. Students will get the opportunity to force-test the strength of jelly sweets, build a mechanical hand, make a kite, and investigate the properties of ice cream and bioplastics!



Design your Own Superhero with Alan Nolan

Author, illustrator and comic creator Alan Nolan will visit Baldoyle Library in January where he will talk about his favourite comics and superheroes to an invited audience of children from a local school.



Squid Squad with Aoife Dooley

Author Aoife Dooley will present the *Squid Squad* – a team of underwater heroes with a lot of heart and a lot of ink – to an invited audience of school students in Balbriggan Library in February.



The Upside-Down Lighthouse: Storytime and Drawalong with Paddy Donnelly

Author and illustrator Paddy Donnelly will visit Swords Library in March for a Storytime and drawing workshop to celebrate the publication of his new book - *The Upside-Down Lighthouse*. Paddy will read from his book to an invited audience of school children.



SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Write Your Own Story with Conor Kostick

Children's author and creative writing teacher Conor Kostick will facilitate a creative writing class with an invited audience of school students in Rush Library in March.



Ethical Fashion Workshop with Self Help Africa

The clothing supply chain is complex and features environmental and human rights abuses throughout - what is the true cost of our clothes? During this workshop, an invited audience of transition year students will visit Baldoyle Library to discover the environmental, social and economic impact the fast fashion industry has on the Global South.



**Self Help
AFRICA**

Skerries Library Schools Programme

To celebrate the opening of the refurbished Skerries Library, local classes of school children will be invited to the library this spring for a series of fantastic events and workshops!

Author Visit: **Shane Hegarty**

We are delighted to welcome bestselling children's author and Skerries local Shane Hegarty to Skerries Library for a programme of class visits in the spring!



Author Visit: **Niamh Sharkey**

Local award-winning author and illustrator Niamh Sharkey will facilitate reading and draw along sessions in spring for invited audiences of local school children.



Children's Abstract Art Classes with Corrina Cunnane

Local Skerries artist Corrina Cunnane will facilitate three art classes for an invited audience of children from a local school.



Marine Biology Workshops with Junior Einsteins

Junior Einsteins Science Club will explore the spellbinding secrets of the ocean with invited audiences of primary school children.





Check out this selection of hands-on, creative workshops for adults, teens and children at the **Makerspace in Blanchardstown Library.**



Please scan the QR code for details of all upcoming Makerspace events and booking.

3D Printed Egg Cups

ADULTS

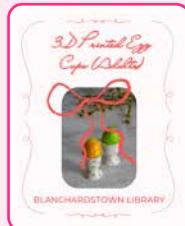
This workshop demonstrates how to design and 3D print your own custom egg cups, combining art and technology to create a functional piece for breakfast.

Blanchardstown Library

Monday, 30th March

5:30pm - 7:30pm

ADULTS



Introduction to Sewing

Make a Tote Bag

ADULTS

Come and learn how to sew your own tote bag in two classes.

Blanchardstown Library

Monday, 2nd March

Monday, 9th March

11:00am - 1:00pm

ADULTS



Bookbinding

ADULTS

Beginning with simple book structures students will learn about paper, sewing and the tools needed for creating books.

Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 23rd April

5:45pm - 7:45pm

ADULTS



Spring into 3D Printing

AGES 13-17

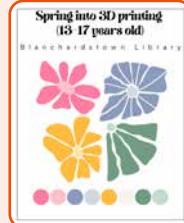
Design and 3D print your own spring projects!

TEENS

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 7th February

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Make Your Mark: Iron-On Tees

AGES 13-17

Design and create your own custom iron-on t-shirt!

TEENS

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 14th March

2:00pm - 4:00pm



3D Printed Keyrings

AGES 9-12

Design and 3D print your own custom keyrings.

CHILDREN

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 28th March

11:00am - 1:00pm



Introduction to the Sewing Machine

AGES 13-17

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 class is for you.

TEENS

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 17th February

11:00am - 1:00pm



Lego Pixel Printing

AGES 9-12

Create fabulous designs with LEGO pixel printing—a creative adventure for kids.

CHILDREN

Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 18th February

11:00am - 1:00pm



Cosmic Stardomes

AGES 9-12

Build and light up your own cosmic stardome with paper folding and electronics!

CHILDREN

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 11th April

11:00am - 1:00pm





Creative Ireland in Fingal Libraries

The Creative Ireland Programme is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media. It is an all-of government culture and wellbeing programme that aims to inspire and transform people, places, and communities through creativity. Creative Ireland is committed to the vision that every person in Ireland should have the opportunity to realise their full creative potential. Fingal Libraries play a key role in delivering Creative Ireland projects within our library network.

We have also had a role in the delivery of the Cruinníú na nÓg programme since its inception. Cruinníú na nÓg, a day of free creativity for children and young people, takes place in June each year. Access to events, projects and showcases is free, local, and interactive.



To learn more about the Creative Ireland Fingal Programme please visit
<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/fingal/>

Spring Events for Adults

Irish Mythology in Contemporary Writing - Panel Discussion

Contemporary Irish writers will discuss how their work has been inspired by the rich mythology and folklore of Ireland. Dave Rudden is an award-winning Irish writer of fiction, fantasy and sci-fi. His new fantasy novel for adults, *Sister Wake*, is inspired by Irish history and mythology. Kate Dolan is an Irish writer-director working in the horror space. Her debut film, *You Are Not My Mother* (2021), fused contemporary storytelling with traditional Irish folklore. Shauna Lawless is the author of the acclaimed Gael trilogy, based on the Irish Mythological Cycle. *The Children of Gods and Fighting Men* was nominated for Best Fantasy Debut by the British Fantasy Society.



Malahide Library

Saturday, 11th April

11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Demystifying the Personal Essay with Ellen Brickley

Personal essays are everywhere, from the *New York Times* to *Sunday Miscellany*, and the good news is that anybody can write one! In this three-hour session, we will go from generating ideas, to outlining an essay, to covering the conventions and clichés of essay writing, and finally discussing publication opportunities in Ireland and abroad.



Skerries Library

Saturday, 11th April

2:00pm - 5:00pm

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

Astronomy Week Talk: The Greatest Invention in Astronomy with Mick McCreary

Join Mick McCreary for his Astronomy Week talk about the greatest invention in astronomy: the telescope. Mick is the former President and current Vice President of the Irish Astronomical Society, and has a passion for repairing telescopes.



Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 28th March

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Baldoyle Library

Wednesday, 25th March

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

Spring Events for Adults

Gardening for Biodiversity with Aoife Munn

Discover how to create a garden that supports wildlife through the year, while looking great and requiring less maintenance. This talk is full of easy to implement ideas that will create a space for both you and the wildlife in your garden.



Howth Library	Saturday, 21st February	11:00am - 12:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 14th April	6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

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.



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 21st February	2:00pm - 3:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Spring Gardening with Unwind with Plants

It's time for the garden to come back to life after winter! Get tips for a good start to the growing season including sowing seeds, protecting new plants from frost, pruning techniques, plant nutrients, and moving or dividing plants while they are still dormant.



Malahide Library	Monday, 16th February	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Growing Herbs with The Herb School

Learn how to grow and care for a range of popular culinary herbs, including varieties that are not readily available in cut form. By growing a small selection of herbs, even in pots or a window box, they will always be on hand, and you will avoid food waste by only taking what you need.



Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 1st April	6:00pm - 7:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Herbs for Health with The Herb School

Herbs and wild plants have been used for food and healing, by all cultures, for thousands of years. They improve the nutritional value and flavour of our food and many of them also have medicinal properties. Herbs for Health guides you through the wellness benefits of using herbs and native Irish wild plants for food and medicine. The course consists of four workshops, each covering a different topic: Week 1 - Growing Herbs; Week 2 - Cooking with Herbs; Week 3 - Wild Herb Foraging, and Week 4 - Medicinal Herbs.



Skerries Library	Thursday, 9th April Thursday, 16th April Thursday, 23rd April Thursday, 30th April	6:00pm - 7:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Spring Events for Adults

Baldoyle Library Clothes Swap

Embrace sustainability – join us in Baldoyle Library for our first clothes swap shop. Drop up to five items of new and nearly new women's clothing into Baldoyle Library in exchange for swap shop tokens at the following times: Wednesday, 18th & Thursday, 19th February, 10am-7:30pm; Friday, 20th February, 10am-4:30pm. Then return on Saturday to exchange the tokens for your new clothes. Swapping is the new shopping!



Baldoyle Library

Saturday, 21st February

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Sustainable Fashion Masterclass with Aga Hutcheson

Join Aga Hutcheson for practical tips on how to create a more sustainable wardrobe. You will learn about eco-friendly materials, how to turn old clothes into bespoke creations and reducing waste through upcycling.



Skerries Library

Saturday, 18th April

2:00pm - 4:00pm

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

Malahide Library Sewing & Textile Workshops with Lynn Cahill

Check out this series of three sewing and textile workshops with Lynn Cahill in Malahide Library.



To reserve a place, please contact Malahide Library.

Hand Sewing for Clothing Repairs

Learn the timeless art of clothing and textile repairs. This workshop is designed to empower you with the skills to extend the life of your favourite garments and embrace sustainability.



Malahide Library

Saturday, 14th February

11:00am - 1:00pm

Punch Needle Workshop

Join us for a relaxed workshop where we will create some textile art! Punch needle is a versatile craft allowing for various designs and textures. You will use a punch needle to work loops of yarn on fabric creating a textured, tufted surface artwork.



Malahide Library

Saturday, 11 April

11:00am - 1:00pm

Tote Bag Block Printing

Join us for a creative workshop where you will design & print your own tote bag. You will learn the basics of block printing using fabric paint – choose from an extensive collection of wooden blocks to create your own unique design.



Malahide Library

Saturday, 25 April

11:00am - 1:00pm

Spring Events for Adults



Decluttering Workshop with Fiona Hall

With over 10 years of experience in helping people to declutter and organise their homes and lives, Fiona Hall will be sharing her practical tips and tricks with time at the end to answer any specific questions.

Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 15th April

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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



Mandala Art with Pankti Amin

Get creative and connect with nature! This workshop from Shyakti Arts will guide you through the process of creating intricate designs inspired by the natural world. Mandala art is the perfect opportunity to relax and express yourself creatively.

Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 24th January

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Rush Library

Monday, 9th March

10:00am - 12:00pm

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



Mosaic-Making with Catherine McCourt

Unleash your creativity by making your very own bespoke mosaic piece using ceramic and glass tiles and found objects. All materials and tools are provided but please feel free to bring in any items of your own you may like to incorporate into your design.

Swords Library

Thursday, 15th January

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Donabate Library

Wednesday, 25th February

5:00pm - 7:00pm

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



Jewellery Making with Beach Jewels by Bernie

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

Donabate Library

Friday, 27th February

10:00am - 1:00pm

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



Willow Weaving with Wicklow Willow

Join Aoife from Wicklow Willow for this willow weaving workshop. This workshop is suitable for beginners.

Garristown Library

Monday, 30th March

6:00pm - 8:00pm

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



Exhibition: 15th Anniversary of Rush Library

Come and explore a special anniversary exhibition at Rush Library as we celebrate 15 years of serving the community. This display brings together the story of the library you know today and its remarkable past as St. Maur's Church. Discover photographs, historic artefacts, and memories that trace the building's transformation from a place of worship to a vibrant hub of learning and culture.

The exhibition runs from 26th January to 21st February.

Spring Events for Adults

Sustainable Wedding Bouquet Masterclass with Aga Hutcheson

To celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Rush Library, learn how to craft your own one-of-a-kind wedding bouquet using sustainable, seasonal materials. Aga will guide you through the art of mindful floral design in a magical evening of creativity.



Rush Library

Thursday, 12th February

6:00pm - 7:30pm

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

Skerries Library Art Classes with John Carpenter

Would you like to learn how to paint and draw? Join John Carpenter for a series of art classes in Skerries Library to equip you with the skills that will provide you with years of enjoyment.



Group 1	Tuesday, 3rd February Tuesday, 10th February	11:00am - 1:00pm
Group 2	Tuesday, 17th February Tuesday, 24th February	11:00am - 1:00pm
Group 3	Tuesday, 3rd March Tuesday, 10th March	11:00am - 1:00pm
Group 4	Tuesday, 24th March Tuesday, 31st March	11:00am - 1:00pm
Group 5	Tuesday, 7th April Tuesday, 14th April	11:00am - 1:00pm
Group 6	Tuesday, 21st April Tuesday, 28th April	11:00am - 1:00pm
Group 7	Tuesday, 5th May Tuesday, 12th May	11:00am - 1:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact Skerries Library.

Baldoyle Library Craft Workshops for Adults

Join us for a series of craft workshops for adults in Baldoyle Library. No experience needed!

Cricut Crafts	Wednesday, 28th January	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Craft Workshop	Wednesday, 25th February	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Craft Workshop	Tuesday, 31st March	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Cross Stitch	Second last Monday of each month starting 19th January	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Lino Carving and Printing	Last Monday of each month starting 26th January	2:00pm - 4:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact Baldoyle Library.

Prosper Fingal Skerries Sessions

Skerries Library is delighted to be working with Prosper Skerries this Spring, with hands-on art sessions with John Carpenter and Niamh Sharkey, as well as Sensory Hour with Fingal Additional Needs and sound bath meditation with Marcin Stanek!



Spring Events for Adults

Blanchardstown Library Singing Circle

Cas Amhrán Dúinn - Sing Us a Song! A singing circle, hosted by Frances McDonnell, will meet at Blanchardstown Library every Wednesday from 1:30pm-3pm, starting on 14th January. If you like singing or would like to try singing a song in a group, please join us. All styles of song are welcome, in any language, unaccompanied or with acoustic accompaniment. We love spoken word contributions as well and listeners are always welcome.



Home Energy Savings Clinic

Drop into Baldyole Library from 10am- 12.30pm on Tuesday, 13th January for a demonstration of Codema's Home Energy Saving Kit, available on loan across all libraries in Fingal. Learn simple, low-cost ways to cut your energy bills and boost home efficiency. Dublin's Energy Agency, Codema, will show you how to use the kit's five easy tools to check for heat loss, insulation issues and appliance energy use.

No booking needed - just drop in.

ThinkEnergy.ie

Smart ways to save energy

Discover simple ways to slash your energy bills and monitor your energy usage at home with the Home Energy Saving Kits.

**Tuesday, 13th January 2026, 10am - 12.30pm
Baldyole Library**

No need to register in advance, simply drop-in!



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Spring Events for Adults

Sage Advocacy: National Advocacy Service for Older People

Age Friendly



ALL WELCOME

Find out about Sage Advocacy, the National Advocacy Service for Older People, at this talk. Sage Advocacy works to ensure that people have easy access to information, support, independent advocacy and safeguarding services in all settings: homes, day centres, respite facilities, congregated care settings / nursing homes, hospitals, hostels, hospices and in the process of transition between them. It also provides supports to vulnerable adults and healthcare patients in situations where no other service is available to them. It has expanded its services with the support of the Department of Education to meet the support and advocacy needs of survivors of institutional abuse. The work of Sage on behalf of clients is independent of family, service provider or systems interests. The service is free of charge and confidential. Sage Advocacy is publicly funded through the Health Service Executive and the Department of Education. It has also received funding from the Department of Justice.



Rush Library	Monday, 26th January	10:30am - 11:30am
Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 25th February	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Skerries Library	Thursday, 2nd April	11:00am - 12:00pm

Healthy Age Friendly Homes

ALL WELCOME

Find out about the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme and how it can help you at this information talk. This service run by Age Friendly Ireland is free of charge and available to anyone aged 65+ years living at home. Benefits of the service include a free home-based assessment that will identify a range of supports, for example bathroom adaptation, to enable older people to continue living independently.



Age Friendly

Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 20th January	11:00am - 12:00pm
Swords Library	Wednesday, 25th March	11:00am - 12:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 17th April	12:00pm - 1:00pm

Spring Events for Adults

Censored - Aoife Bhreatnach in Conversation

Dr. Aoife Bhreatnach writes and presents the *Censored* podcast, which explores the censorship culture of twentieth-century Ireland. In each episode, Aoife tells the story of a banned book, rating the 'filth' with censorship bingo. The censor's blacklist included all kinds of publications, from literary classics to pulp fiction and memoir. The podcast also examines how social censure affected playwrights, visual artists, and television producers in notorious incidents such as the Playboy Riots and the Bishop and Nightie. Aoife will discuss *Censored* with Dr. Morgan Wait, a social historian of Ireland in the 20th century with a particular interest in media history.

History & Heritage



Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 11th April

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

Crimes of Fashion: Bad Bridget and Laura Fitzachary

Be in the audience for a special true crime collaboration between fashion historian Laura Fitzachary and the creators of the Bad Bridget project, Professor Leanne McCormick and Professor Elaine Farrell. Come and hear, not about crimes of passion, but rather crimes of fashion! Find out how crime and clothes combine, how criminals sought to use their clothing and accessories for nefarious means, and how what they wore was sometimes the reason they were caught. Laura will draw on her extensive expertise in the history of fashion, and Elaine and Leanne on their Bad Bridget research, to shed new light on how we think about clothing and accessories, and their role in crime, with stories from Ireland and the Irish diaspora in North America.

History & Heritage



Carnegie Free Library,
North Street, Swords

Saturday, 7th February

2:30pm



Booking via **Fingal Libraries Eventbrite**.
Assistance with online booking for this
event is available at your local library.

History of Skerries Library with The Skerries Historical Society

Join Brendan Grimes and Oona Roycroft from the Skerries Historical Society for their very special talk about the history of Skerries Library. Their talk will focus on the members of the Skerries Library subcommittee who came together in 1906 to coordinate the building of a Carnegie library in Skerries, and on the architect and builders who completed the work in 1911.

History & Heritage



Skerries Library

Tuesday, 24th February

6:00pm - 7:15pm

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

Spring Events for Adults

Irish Merchant Ships and Shipowners, 1815 - 2015 with Terry Conlan

History & Heritage



Join Terry Conlan, author of Irish Merchant Ships and Shipowners for a fascinating talk on the history of ships and shipowners in Ireland from the end of the age of sail, to steam navigation and motor ships. Terry explores a wealth of topics including how Irish Independence and World War Two affected the Irish shipping industry, and the growth and decline of our Irish-flagged merchant fleet.

Malahide Library	Wednesday, 4th March	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Skerries Library	Tuesday, 24th March	6:00pm - 7:00pm

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

The La Mancha Murders: A Centenary Review with Claire Bradley

History & Heritage



On 31st March 1926, a fire at La Mancha on the Swords Road led to the discovery of six bodies of the McDonnell siblings and two staff members. The McDonnells had come from Galway just a few years before but were already planning to move away from Malahide. Their gardener, Henry McCabe, was ultimately arrested, tried and hanged for the murders. One hundred years on from this terrible crime, this talk will sensitively remember the victims and consider the long-term impact on the town.

Malahide Library	Tuesday, 24th March	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

'Thriving in the land of Potatoes' – Culinary Experience at Newbridge House with Cathal Dowd-Smith

History & Heritage



The recent discovery of a Georgian recipe book from Newbridge House in Donabate gives a fascinating insight into what the Cobbe family who resided there were eating over 200 years ago. This talk from Cathal Dowd-Smith will explore the Cobbe family recipe book, international influences on diet, the practice of family recipe sharing, and the ingredients available in north county Dublin at the time.

Donabate Library	Wednesday, 11th February	6:45pm - 7:45pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Luttrellstown - A Castle with a Rich & Varied History with Christine Moore

History & Heritage



The Luttrellstown Estate in Clonsilla has been in existence since the early 1200s. Luttrellstown has evolved over 800 years, but the castle still displays the imprint of its previous owners. From the Luttrells to the Guinesses, Christine Moore's talk will bring the occupants (and guests!) of this very famous castle to life.

Howth Library	Monday, 2nd March	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Spring Events for Adults

In Her Own Words: The Diaries of Eleanor Cobbe Corbally (1910-1930) with Dr. Susan Byrne

This talk will share some of the thoughts and experiences of Eleanor Cobbe Corbally and her life at Newbridge House, Donabate, in the 1910s and 1920s. Her extensive diaries provide a unique window into the past, revealing her love of a lively debate. In one page, she comments on medical care, revolution, gardening, and the weather, weaving a rich tapestry of life one hundred years ago.



Fingal Local Studies & Archives

Wednesday, 25th February

7:00pm - 8:00pm

'A new census for Ireland at last': The 1926 Census with Claire Bradley

The 1926 census will be released on 18th April, one hundred years to the day it was taken. It was the first census taken in the Irish Free State. As such, it has huge value for social and family historians. Between it and the previous census of 1911, Ireland experienced World War I, the Spanish flu pandemic, and of course, independence and the partition of the island. This lecture will discuss the historical context and demonstrate how to use the census for genealogical research.

Fingal Local Studies & Archives Events



Fingal Local Studies & Archives

Tuesday, 28th April

7:00pm - 8:00pm

DNA Workshop - Explore your Family History with Claire Bradley

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

Fingal Local Studies & Archives Events



Fingal Local Studies & Archives

Wednesday, 21st January

2:30pm

Getting Started with Genealogy: A Guide to Resources with Brian Kavanagh

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

Fingal Local Studies & Archives Events

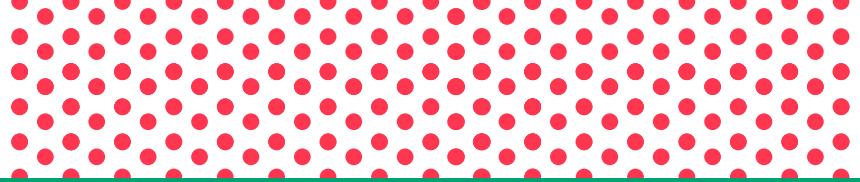


Fingal Local Studies & Archives

Wednesday, 11th February
Wednesday, 11th March
Wednesday, 15th April

2:30pm

Fingal Local Studies and Archives is situated at **46 North Street, Swords, K67 F6Y3**.
Booking for workshops in Fingal Local Studies and Archives is via Telephone: **01 8704486** or Email: Archives@fingal.ie



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.



Malahide Library	Monday, 9th February	7:00pm - 8:00pm
Swords Library	Thursday, 12th February	6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

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. 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.



Skerries Library	Tuesday, 7th April	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 11th April	11:00am - 12:00pm

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

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.



Malahide Library	Thursday, 16th April	6:00pm - 8:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Cybersecurity at Home - Staying Safe in the Digital Age

with Luis Garcia Carrasco

This practical 2-hour session helps participants protect themselves and their families from common online risks. Using everyday examples, it covers smart devices, Wi-Fi networks, email and password safety, phishing scams, and privacy on social media.



Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 14th February	10:00am - 12:00pm
Donabate Library	Saturday, 7th March	10:30am - 12:30pm

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

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone with Sabine McKenna

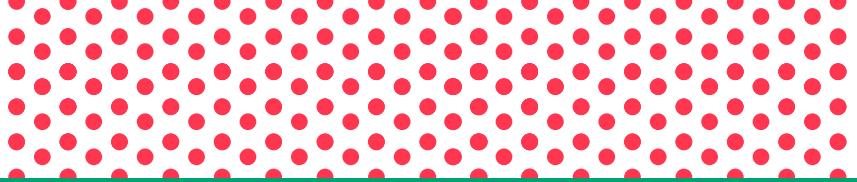
Learn to get more from your smartphone – one step at a time. This friendly, hands-on course is designed to boost your confidence using your Android phone (such as Samsung, Nokia, or Google Pixel). Over four weekly sessions, we'll explore everyday tasks like messaging, email, apps, maps, and photos – with plenty of time for questions and one-to-one support. Your instructor, Sabine McKenna of cccSkerries, 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.



Howth Library	Thursday, 22nd January Thursday, 29th January Thursday, 5th February Thursday, 12th February	10:00am - 11:30am
Rush Library	Friday, 23rd January Friday, 30th January Friday, 6th February Friday, 13th February	10:00am - 11:30am
Swords Library	Monday, 9th February Monday, 16th February Monday, 23rd February Monday, 2nd March	10:00am - 11:30am

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



Hi Digital Tablets Information Sessions

Our new Hi Digital Tablets can be borrowed by older library users for an eight-week period. The tablets are very easy to use with built in Wi-Fi. Improve your online skills with the free Hi Digital course preloaded on each tablet plus enjoy our full range of library apps. The tablets are available in Baldoyle, Blanchardstown and Rush Libraries.



Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 15th January Monday, 16th February	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	Every Thursday	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Rush Library	Tuesday, 20th January Tuesday, 20th March	2:00pm – 3:30pm

No booking necessary.

eServices Drop-In Clinics

At these drop-in eServices clinics, 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.



Baldoyle Library	Monday, 26th January Tuesday, 24th February Monday, 30th March Tuesday, 28th April	11:00am – 12:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Last Wednesday of every month	2:30pm – 3:15pm
Malahide Library	Third Thursday of every month	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Every Thursday	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Rush Library	Tuesday, 20th January Tuesday, 24th March	2:00pm – 3:30pm
Swords Library	First Monday of every month	2:30pm – 3:30pm

No booking necessary.

Learning Opportunities

Age Action is the leading advocacy organisation on ageing and older people in Ireland. Age Action advocates for a society that enables all older people to participate and to live full, independent lives, based on the realisation of their rights and equality, recognising the diversity of their experience and situation.



As part of our fight against digital exclusion, Age Action's Getting Started programme is offering free, individual tuition in digital literacy provided by volunteers.

We are delighted to announce that we have course places available in:

MALAHIDE LIBRARY

THURSDAYS

FROM: 12:00 - 14:00

BOOKING: Please email the Getting Started Team at gettingstarted@ageaction.ie Or call 0818 911109 if you would like to sign up for the course.



Europe Direct Events for Adults in Blanchardstown Library



Check out these Europe
Direct event for adults in
Blanchardstown Library.
Please scan the QR code to
book your place via Eventbrite.

Make Biodegradable Pots of Pollinator Seed

Join us for a growing-together session where you'll make biodegradable pots, sow seeds, and turn your garden into a pollinator-friendly haven. You will need multipurpose compost, newspaper, an empty 330ml Innocent smoothie bottle, and seeds of your choice.



Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 26th February

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Soap-Making Workshop

This workshop will offer one-on-one soap-making with a range of natural herbs, flowers, and other materials. Make your own bars of soap with over 50 moulds to choose from and a wide range of scents and colours.



Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 19th March

6:00pm - 7:30pm



Hanging Basket Workshop with Aoife Munn

Learn how to create different types of hanging baskets, including herb hanging baskets that will last all year. Aoife will demonstrate on the day, and there will be lots of time for questions and answers.



Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 16th April

6:00pm – 7:30 pm

Quiet Wisdom: Awareness and Mindfulness Skills with Rita O'Donovan

This four-week programme offers a warm, welcoming opportunity for people to explore the art of building resilience for healthy mind care and learning new ways to reshape our understanding from habitual patterns and ways of thinking.



Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 22nd January
Thursday, 29th January
Thursday, 5th February
Thursday, 12th February

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Coach Yourself to a Better Life with Jill Barrett

Do you often think that life could be better?
Do you find yourself making New Year's resolutions each year that you don't keep?
Would you like to be more content and get clear on what's really important?



Jill Barrett will facilitate this series of workshops, helping you look at what you most want out of life, what's stopping you from achieving it, and, most importantly, what will help you get there.

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 17th February
Tuesday, 24th February
Tuesday 3rd March
Tuesday, 10th March

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Irish Sign Language Conversation Group

Are you a member of the deaf community? Have you learned, or are you learning ISL? Do you want to practice with others?

This self-led group is open to all levels — come along to meet others, chat, and practice ISL in a welcoming environment.



JANUARY 12/26

FEBRUARY 9/23

MARCH 9/23



SWORDS LIBRARY

6.30-7.30PM

No Booking Needed, All Welcome

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- For your book club.

WHAT DO I NEED?

- The BorrowBox app.
- A valid Fingal Library card and PIN.



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	5:30pm - 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
Adult 3D Printer Workshops (adults)	Last Wednesday of every month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
HSE Balbriggan Breastfeeding Group	Every Thursday	11:00am - 12:00pm
Kids 3D Printer Workshop	Last Thursday of every month	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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	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

Monthly eServices Clinic	Monday, 26th January Tuesday, 24th February Monday, 30th March Tuesday, 28th April	11:00am - 12:00pm
Sensory Play Hour	Third Wednesday of every month	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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	Every Monday	5:45pm - 8:00pm

Blanchardstown Library

Craft Circle (adults)	Fortnightly - Tuesday evenings	6:30pm - 7:45pm
Age Action (Please contact Age Action directly to enrol on a course by phoning: 01-4756989 or email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie)	Every Friday morning beginning 16th January	10:00am - 1:00pm
Breast Feeding Support Group	Every Wednesday morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
Blanchardstown Library Film Club	Tuesdays – Monthly (13th January, 17th February, 10th March & 14th April)	11:00am - 1:00pm
Irish Heart Foundation – Peer to Peer Support Group	Fridays – Monthly (9th January, 13th February, 13th March & 10th April)	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 second Monday	11:00am - 1:00pm
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	11:30am
Storytime (ages 4-8)	Every Thursday	3:00pm
Peaceful Playtime	Every Wednesday	3:00pm
Parent and Toddler Group	Every Thursday	11:00am - 12:30pm
Chess Club (children)	Second Thursday of every month	3:30pm
Blanchardstown Library Singing Circle (adults)	Every Wednesday from 14th January	1:30pm - 3:00pm

Donabate Library

Sensory Quiet Time	Every Monday	5:30pm - 6.30pm
Monday Evening Book Club	Last Monday of the month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Knitting Group (adults)	Every Thursday morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
Junior Chess Club	Every Friday	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Chinkwell Writers Group	Every second Saturday	11:00am - 1:00pm

Garristown Library

Monday Chess Club (age 7-12)	Every Monday	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday Chess Club (age 7-12)	Every Tuesday	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Scrabble Club (age 7-12)	Every Thursday	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	3:45pm - 4:45pm

Howth Library

Please contact the library for further information on regular events.

Malahide Library

Junior Chess Club	Contact library to register interest	
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Wednesday	5:30pm - 6:30pm
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
Virtual Reality Drop-in Sessions (age 13+)	Last Thursday of every month	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Eckhart Tolle Meditation	Every Saturday	11:00am-12:00pm
Saturday Matinee	Monthly – contact library for details	
Community Jigsaw	Available in Malahide Library's reading room	
Knitting and Crochet Supplies	Available for on-the-spot crafting in Malahide Library's reading room	
Afternoon & Evening Film Clubs	Contact library for details	
Afternoon & Evening Book Clubs	Contact library for details	
French Conversation for Beginners	Contact library for details	
French Conversation (Intermediate level)	Contact library for details	
Spanish Conversation Group	Every Thursday	6:00pm – 7:30pm



Rush Library

Rush Library Book Club (adults)	First Wednesday of every month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Quilting Group (adults)	Every Tuesday	10:00am - 12:00pm
Knitting and Crochet Group (adults)	Every second Tuesday & every second Wednesday on alternate weeks	6:15pm-7:45pm (Tuesdays) 4:00pm-5:30pm (Wednesdays)
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 (adults)	Every 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
Junior Chess Club (children)	Every Monday	3:15pm - 4:00 pm
Spanish-English Conversation Group (adults)	Every second Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Community Art Group (adults)	Every Friday	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Guided Meditation (adults)	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am - 12:30pm
Scrabble Club (adults)	Every Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Book Club for Teens with Additional Needs	Contact library for details	
Classes with Dublin College of Further Education & Training	Dates/Times TBC. Contact library for details.	

Skerries Library

Baby Book Club with Aida	Second & Fourth Monday of every month	10:30am
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Swords Library

Fingal Volunteer Centre	Monthly pop-up stand. Dates and times vary.	
eServices Clinic	First Monday of the every month	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Baby Book Club	Every Second Tuesday	10:30am - 11:30am
Irish Conversation Group	Every Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Irish Sign Language Group	Every second Monday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Board Games Time	Every Saturday	10:00am - 1:00pm
English Conversation Class	Every Tuesday in January	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Artist Exhibition Space	Contact library for details	
Beginners' Computer Classes with Dublin College of Further Education & Training	Thursday mornings. Dates TBC (contact branch for details)	10:00am - 1:00pm
Beginners' Spanish Classes with Dublin College of Further Education & Training	Thursday mornings. Dates TBC (contact branch for details)	10:00am - 12:00pm
Improvers' Spanish Classes with Dublin College of Further Education & Training	Friday mornings. Dates TBC (contact branch for details)	10:00am - 12:00pm

Cá bhfuil mo leabharlann is cóngaraí? Where is my nearest library?

Balbriggan	01 870 4401	balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie
Baldoyle	01 890 6793	baldoylelibrary@fingal.ie
Blanchardstown	01 890 5560	blanchlibrary@fingal.ie
Donabate	01 890 5609	donabate.library@fingal.ie
Garristown	01 835 5020	garristownlibrary@fingal.ie
Howth	01 890 5026	howth.library@fingal.ie
Malahide	01 870 4430	malahidelibrary@fingal.ie
Rush	01 870 8414	rushlibrary@fingal.ie
Skerries	01 890 5671	skerrieslibrary.library@fingal.ie
Swords	01 890 5582	swordslibrary@fingal.ie
Mobile Library Service	01 890 6719	mobile.libraries@fingal.ie
Housebound Library Service	01 860 4290	housebound.library@fingal.ie
Local Studies and Archives	01 870 4486	Local.Studies@fingal.ie

Fingal Library eServices: Library.Eservices@fingal.ie

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