



Bealtaine i leabharlanna Fhine Gall

Aois & Deis | Féile Bhealtaine 2026

May in Fingal Libraries

Age & Opportunity | Bealtaine Festival 2026



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

This May, Fingal Libraries celebrates the Bealtaine Festival, Ireland's annual national festival of the arts and creativity for older adults. Bealtaine, an initiative of Age & Opportunity, runs throughout the month of May.

There is a lot going on in libraries this May - we look forward to seeing you!

Fingal Libraries will also present a programme of events for **Dublin Climate Action Week**, which takes place from **11th-17th May**, and showcases climate action across the Dublin region.

Dublin Technology Week, promoting innovation and technology, takes place from **22nd - 29th May**. Fingal Libraries will participate with workshops and events for all ages.

Events at a Glance

Tuesday, 5th May

Mosaic-Making	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
Chair Yoga	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Bealtaine Music: Shay Anthony Lea	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
Chess for Beginners	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Donabate Library	10:00am

Wednesday, 6th May

Drum Lampshade Making	Skerries Library	12:00pm
Chair Yoga	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Mysterious Mrs. Christie	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
Macrame for Beginners	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
3D Printing for Absolute Beginners	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm

Thursday, 7th May

Chair Yoga	Skerries Library	10:00am
Lego Pixel Printing for Teens	Skerries Library	4:30pm
Chess for Beginners	Rush Library	5:45pm
Introduction to the Sewing Machine	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm

Friday, 8th May

Percussion Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
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Saturday, 9th May

Bookbinding Workshop	Swords Library	10:45am
Drum Lampshade Making	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
Drum Lampshade Making	Donabate Library	2:00pm



Bealtaine Music: Grace Lambert & Michelle Gahan	Baldoyle Library	2:30pm
Make a Morse Code Machine	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
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Monday, 11th May

Memoir Writing	Swords Library	11:00am
Block Print a Tote Bag	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Maker Monday	Blanchardstown Library	4:00pm

Tuesday, 12th May

Percussion Workshop	Balbriggan Workshop	11:00am
Bealtaine Music: Grace Lambert & Michelle Gahan	Rush Library	11:00am
Family Lego Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	4:00pm
Film Screening: Ocean	Skerries Library	6:00pm
Dublin's Seabirds and Marine Protected Areas	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm
Re-pulp: Sustainable Papermaking	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm

Wednesday, 13th May

Éilís Ní Dhuibhe, in conversation	Skerries Library	7:00pm
Copper Workshop	Malahide Library	6:00pm
Film Screening: Ocean	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
It is Never too Late to Be a Poet	Donabate Library	6:00pm

Thursday, 14th May

Mosaic-Making	Skerries Library	5:30pm
Hardboiled: American Crime Fiction from Chandler to Highsmith	Malahide Library	6:30pm
Family Lego Workshop	Malahide Library	3:45pm
It is Never too Late to Be a Poet	Howth Library	10:00am
Macrame for Beginners	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm

Friday, 15th May

It's Never Too Late to Learn: Your Next Chapter Starts Now!	Burgundy House, Forster Way, Swords	9:30am
Click with Confidence: Online Safety for Everyday Life	Burgundy House, Forster Way, Swords	11:15am

Saturday, 16th May

The Lie of the Land with John Gibbons	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Climate Escape Room	Skerries Library	11:00am



Film Screening: Ocean	Malahide Library	3:00pm
Teen Textile Meet-up	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
3D Printed Pen Holders	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm

Monday, 18th May

Memoir Writing	Malahide Library	6:30pm
Maker Monday	Blanchardstown Library	4:00pm
Punch Needle Embroidery for Beginners	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am

Tuesday, 19th May

Mosaic-Making	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm
Alternative Photography: Introduction to Cyanotypes	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm

Thursday, 21st May

Airdry Clay Workshop	Skerries Library	11:00am
eServices Drop-In Clinic	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Textile Meet-up	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm

Friday, 22nd May

Introduction to the Sewing Machine	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
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Saturday, 23rd May

Bookbinding Workshop	Malahide Library	11:00am
Coding Taster Class	Skerries Library	11:30am
Coding Taster Class	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Pop-up Coding Challenge	Balbriggan Library	11:45am
Make an Arcade Game	Baldoyle Library	11:00am
Make an Arcade Game	Howth Library	2:00pm
Teen Maker Meet-up	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Laser-cut Tealights	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am

Monday, 25th May

eServices Drop-In Clinic	Skerries Library	3:00pm
eServices Drop-In Clinic	Baldoyle Library	11:00am
eServices Drop-In Clinic	Swords Library	2:30pm
Introduction to the Sewing Machine	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
3D Printed Desk Tidies	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm

Tuesday, 26th May

Virtual Reality Showcase Session	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm
Laser-cut Tealights	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm

Wednesday, 27th May

Cybersecurity at Home: Staying Safe in the Digital Age	Malahide Library	5:30pm
eServices Drop-In Clinic	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
Robotics & Virtual Reality Showcase	Swords Library	2:30pm
3D Printer Workshop (adults)	Balbriggan Library	6:30pm
Introduction to the Sewing Machine	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm

Thursday, 28th May

Cybersecurity at Home: Staying Safe in the Digital Age	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
Virtual Reality Showcase Session	Malahide Library	2:00pm
3D Printer Workshop (children)	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
Introduction to the Sewing Machine	Blanchardstown Library	1:00pm
Laser-cut Tealights	Blanchardstown Library	4:30pm

Friday, 29th May

Introduction to the Sewing Machine	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Cyanotype with Digital Negatives	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm

Irish Independent every day for free

What Do I Need?

The BorrowBox app & a valid Fingal Library card and PIN.

- Install the *BorrowBox Library* app on your mobile device.
- Select **Fingal** as your Library.
- In the **ID barcode** field, type in your library membership number.
- For **PIN/Password**, just add your library card's PIN; you don't need a separate BorrowBox PIN.
- Agree to terms & conditions, and Privacy Policy.
- The first time you use BorrowBox, add your email address.
- Click on the **ePress** tab (for newspapers and magazines)..
- Search for *The Irish Independent* and click on **Borrow**.
- Choose between **Confirm Loan + Subscribe** (to ensure future issues are automatically received every day) or **Borrow Issue Only**.
- Select **Read Now**, or **Keep Browsing** (to find other book, audiobook, newspaper or magazine titles).
- We recommend you connect to Wi-Fi before downloading content.
- Once downloading is finished, you'll see the title in your **My Loans** area.
- Click or tap on the title in **My Loan** to start reading.
- Digital magazines and newspapers don't need to be reserved; you can borrow up to 99 of them.





Éilís Ní Dhuibhe, Laureate for Irish Fiction, in conversation with Caitriona Lally



The Laureate for Irish Fiction
An Laureate i gcomhair Ficsean Éireannach

Laureate for Irish Fiction 2025-2028 Éilís Ní Dhuibhe delves into contemporary Irish fiction on a journey of exploration to highlight literature emanating from every county in Ireland. Author of more than thirty books, her work includes the novels *The Dancers Dancing*, *The Shelter of Neighbours*, *Fox*, *Swallow*, *Scarecrow*, *Hurlamaboc*, *Dordán*, and *Cailíní Beaga Ghleann na Blath*, amongst others. Éilís will be in conversation with Irish writer Caitriona Lally. The Laureate for Irish Fiction is an initiative of the Arts Council. This event is part of The Island of Imagination – A Literary Tour of Ireland.



Skerries Library

Wednesday, 13th May

7:00pm - 8:00pm

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

It is Never too Late to Be a Poet with Felicia McCarthy

'It's MAY, it's May! that lusty month of May. It's time for every frivolous whim, proper/ or im-', sang Julie Andrews in the movie Camelot. May is the best time to try something new in the world of words. If you have been writing for years, or simply know you were born to write, come along to this poetry writing workshop with Felicia McCarthy. Felicia says, "I started poetry workshops after I turned 60, now I am proud to have my first collection out in the world. Let's give it a go!"



Donabate Library

Wednesday, 13th May

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Howth Library

Thursday, 14th May

10:00am - 11:30pm

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

Memoir Writing with Anne McDonald

- Do you remember the happiest day of your life?
- Your first pair of bell bottom trousers?
- The first record/cassette tape or CD you ever bought?
- Reading the *Bunty* or getting *Evil Knievel* for Christmas?
- Do you love to write but don't often find or make the time to get your pen out?

If so, join Anne McDonald for an interactive workshop to turn your precious memories into poems and stories. We will use prompts to get you started and tools to help you learn the craft. Suitable for all levels (and none)!



Swords Library

Monday, 11th May

11:00am - 12:00pm

Malahide Library

Monday, 18th May

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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



Bookbinding Workshop with Lynn Cahill

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



Swords Library	Saturday, 9 th May	10:45am - 12:45pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 23 rd May	11:00am - 1:00pm

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

Drum Lampshade Making with Michelle Power

A hands-on workshop introducing participants to contemporary lampshade making. Participants will create a 20cm double-sided drum lampshade using provided fabrics or their own chosen material.



Skerries Library	Wednesday, 6 th May	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 9 th May	10:00am - 12:00pm
Donabate Library	Saturday, 9 th May	2:00pm - 4:00pm

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.



Baldoye Library	Tuesday, 5 th May	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Skerries Library	Thursday, 14 th May	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 19 th May	3:00pm - 5:00pm

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

Copper Workshop with Aoife Munn

Create copper pictures on sheet copper, learn how to use the tools, transfer designs and choose from designs supplied or bring your own.



Malahide Library	Wednesday, 13 th May	6:00pm - 7:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



Percussion Workshop with Rockjam

Find your groove! Join us for a high-energy, welcoming drum workshop for adults led by Argentinian percussionist Sebastian Jezzi. This session is all about rhythm, connection, and fun — no pressure, no experience required. You'll explore groove and timing fundamentals, percussion and rhythm reading, and group rhythm work. All equipment provided.



Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 8 th May	11:00am - 1:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 12 th May	11:00am - 1:00pm

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

Chess for Beginners

CheckMates are running a one-month introductory chess course for adults, where everything from the basics of how to play chess, the opening, the common occurring motifs and endgames will be covered. If you are a total beginner, or you already know how to play but are looking to level up your game with guidance from expert teachers, this course is for you. Attendance at all four classes is encouraged but not required.



Rush Library	Thursday, 7 th May Thursday, 14 th May Thursday, 21 st May Thursday, 28 th May	5:45pm - 7:45pm
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 5 th May Tuesday, 12 th May Tuesday, 19 th May Tuesday, 26 th May	5:30pm - 7:30pm

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

Bealtaine Music: Grace Lambert & Michelle Gahan

ALL WELCOME

Join folk music duo Michelle and Grace for an unforgettable event weaving together folk music favourites, beloved traditional tunes, and captivating original compositions. Performing together as *Arro*, Michelle and Grace draw on a wealth of combined experience.



Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 9 th May	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Rush Library	Tuesday, 12 th May	11:00am - 12:00pm

No booking necessary.

Photo credit: Terry Warren



Bealtaine Music: Shay Anthony Lea

ALL WELCOME

Shay Anthony Lea plays acoustic guitar and sings his own original compositions. Don't miss this opportunity to experience Shay in performance in Blanchardstown Library.



Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 5th May

6:30pm - 7:30pm

No booking necessary.

Mysterious Mrs. Christie with Myles Dungan

100 years ago this year, Agatha Christie simply disappeared, sparking one of the biggest nationwide searches in British 20th century history. After ten days, in a plot worthy of an Agatha Christie novel, she turned up in a Yorkshire hotel, registered under the name of her soon to be ex-husband's lover. During her lifetime and in the half century since, she has sold over two BILLION books. In this talk, crime writer and historian Dr. Myles Dungan, looks at her incredible career and her mysterious disappearance.



Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 6th May

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

Hardboiled: American Crime Fiction from Chandler to Highsmith with Myles Dungan

The work of Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and Patricia Highsmith could hardly have been more different from the vicarages and cucumber sandwiches of the 'Golden Age' of British detective fiction. Their creations, Spade and Marlowe, inhabit the 'mean streets' of San Francisco and Los Angeles; Ripley was a citizen of the world, and out for what he could get. All three authors of this golden age of American crime fiction produced some of the most celebrated works of the genre (*The Maltese Falcon*, *The Big Sleep*, *The Talented Mr. Ripley*). In this talk Dr. Myles Dungan will examine their work.



Malahide Library

Thursday, 14th May

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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





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.



Malahide Library	Tuesday, 5 th May Tuesday, 12 th May Tuesday, 19 th May Tuesday, 26 th May	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 6 th May Wednesday, 13 th May Wednesday, 20 th May Wednesday, 27 th May	11:00am - 12:00pm
Skerries Library	Thursday, 7 th May Thursday, 14 th May Thursday, 21 st May Thursday, 28 th May	10:00am - 11:00am

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

Please note:

Chair yoga 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.

Airdry Clay Workshop with Andrew Carson

This relaxed clay workshop for adults is focused on mindful, hands-on making. You'll spend time pressing, shaping, and imprinting clay to create simple decorative pieces. No experience is needed.



Skerries Library	Thursday, 21 st May	11:00am - 1:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.





It's Never Too Late to Learn: Your Next Chapter Starts Now!

Do you want to return to education but don't know where to start? Do you feel you didn't reach your potential the first time around? This talk will help you take the first step back into learning and find out what is available for your locally in Swords and further afield.



**Burgundy House,
Forster Way, Swords**

Friday, 15th May

9:30am - 11:00am



For more information or to book your place, telephone: 018408946

Scan the QR code or visit the Dublin College website: dublincollegebalbrigganswords.ie

Click with Confidence: Online Safety for Everyday Life

Learn how to spot online scams and misinformation so that you can avoid tricksters and be confident in the online world.



**Burgundy House,
Forster Way, Swords**

Friday, 15th May

11:15am - 12:45pm



For more information or to book your place, telephone: 018408946

Scan the QR code or visit the Dublin College website: dublincollegebalbrigganswords.ie



Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúnaí Dublin and Dún Laoghaire
Atha Cliath agus Dhún Laoghaire Education and Training Board

Please note:

These events take place in Dublin College Swords (formerly the Adult Education Service), part of Dublin Dun Laoghaire ETB, located in Burgundy House, Forster Way, Swords, Co. Dublin. K67 YC60.





Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) takes place from the **11TH-17TH MAY** and aims to showcase climate action across the Dublin region.

DCAW is organised by the four Dublin Local Authorities, the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Dublin's Energy Agency, Codema.



For more information on Dublin Climate Action Week and a full list of events, **SCAN THE QR CODE** or please see the website:

dublinclimateactionweek.ie

The Lie of the Land with John Gibbons

John Gibbons has been writing and campaigning on environmental and climate issues for the last two decades. He founded the website Climatechange.ie, runs a blog at ThinkOrSwim.ie and regularly appears on national broadcast media outlets. John will discuss his book, *The Lie of the Land: A game plan for Ireland in the climate crisis*, which sets out a practical plan for how Ireland can confront the climate crisis by transforming farming, energy and transport, while protecting rural communities and food security.



Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 16th May

11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Climate Escape Room with Trinity Climate Hub

The year is 2060 and the world has been devastated by the effects of overconsumption and climate change. It is too late to save Earth in the current time, but a secret operation will send chrononauts (time travellers) back to 2025. You have been chosen to join this operation and set the world on the right track towards a sustainable future. Along with your team captain, played by our actor, you will travel back to a scientist's office in 2025 and finish their research within the time limit. Working as a team, you will make changes in the past and our advanced A.I. will calculate your impacts on the future. After you return, you will be de-briefed by our scientists and can ask questions about anything you discovered on your journey.

This exciting climate-themed game from Trinity Climate Hub is suitable for children aged 12+ but parents and siblings can take part too. Each game lasts 45 minutes. Places are limited so booking is essential.



Skerries Library

Saturday, 16th May

Session One: 11:00am - 12:00pm
 Session Two: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
 Session Three: 1:00pm - 2:00pm
 Session Four: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
 Session Five: 3:00pm - 4:00pm

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



Family Lego Workshops with Jessica Farrell

Join Lego Brick Artist Jessica Farrell for a creative, climate-themed family Lego workshop. This workshop is suitable for children aged 7-13, along with their parents. Each family group (or 'team') may include up to four people, with a minimum of one child and one adult participating. Parents/guardians must remain with their children for the duration of the workshop.



Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 12 th May	4:00pm - 6:00pm
Malahide Library	Thursday, 14 th May	3:45pm - 5:45pm



For more information or to book your place, please scan the QR code or visit the Dublin Climate Action Week website at: dublinclimateactionweek.ie

Please note:

LEGO® brick workshops use small parts which are not suitable for children under 4 years of age. For this reason, children under 4 are not permitted to attend the workshop, even when not actively participating.

Dublin's Seabirds and Marine Protected Areas with BirdWatch Ireland

North Dublin's coast has many areas of significant importance for breeding seabirds. Join Fingal County Council and BirdWatch Ireland for this talk which will focus on a few selected species, their colonies, and current conservation efforts for their protection.

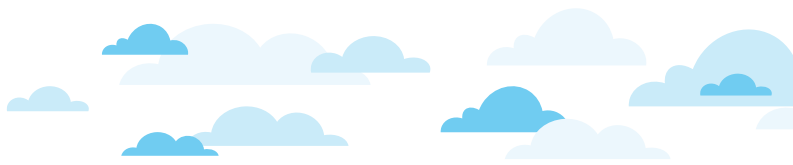


Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 12 th May	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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For more information or to book your place, please scan the QR code or visit the Dublin Climate Action Week website at: dublinclimateactionweek.ie





Film Screenings: Ocean

Please join us for a free screening of David Attenborough's Ocean as part of Dublin Climate Action Week. This stunning, award-winning documentary shows us the wonder and vitality of the ocean, its fragility and, most importantly, our ability to protect it.



Skerries Library	Tuesday, 12 th May	6:00pm - 7:35pm
Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 13 th May	6:00pm - 7:35pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 16 th May	3:00pm - 4:35pm



For more information or to book your place, please scan the QR code or visit the Dublin Climate Action Week website at: dublincimateactionweek.ie

Special thanks to [@reviveourocean](#), film co-producer, for facilitating access.

For Schools

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 transition year students from Swords Community College will discover the environmental, social and economic impact the fast fashion industry has on the Global South.



Dublin Technology Week takes places from 22nd – 29th May and celebrates innovation and technology across the city.

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone
with Sabine McKenna

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



Donabate Library	Tuesday, 5 th May Tuesday, 12 th May Tuesday, 19 th May Tuesday, 26 th May	10:00am - 11:30am
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To book your place, please contact Donabate Library:
Tel: **01 890 5609** | E-mail: donabate.library@fingal.ie

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

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.



Malahide Library	Wednesday, 27 th May	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 28 th May	5:30pm - 7:30pm

To book your place, please contact the library hosting the event.

eServices Drop-In Clinics

ALL WELCOME

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.



Malahide Library	Thursday, 21 st May	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Skerries Library	Monday, 25 th May	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 27 th May	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Monday, 25 th May	11:00am - 12:00pm
Swords Library	Monday, 25 th May	2:30pm - 3:30pm

No booking required.

Robotics & Virtual Reality Showcase

Here at Fingal Libraries, we aim to support our community in navigating the digital world and we are doing this by providing free and equal access to emerging technologies. From educational content to meditation and mindfulness, sports, entertainment and even interactive 3D models of upcoming capital developments, our Meta Quest 3 headsets have something to offer everyone! VR headsets are suitable for those aged 13+. For younger children, we will have an interactive demonstration of our Photon robot by Kinia.



Swords Library	Wednesday, 27 th May	2:30pm - 3:30pm
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No booking required.

Virtual Reality Showcase Sessions

SUITABLE FOR AGES 13+

Would you like to experience incredible immersive worlds on an Oculus Virtual Reality (VR) device in the library? The VR champions will show you how to use this exciting technology at this drop-in session.

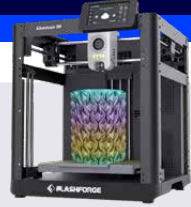


Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 26 th May	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Malahide Library	Thursday, 28 th May	2:00pm - 3:00pm

No booking required.

Please note:

Meta VR systems are not toys and must not be used by children under 13s.



3D Printer Workshops

Would you like to experience incredible immersive worlds on an Oculus Virtual Reality (VR) device in the library? The VR champions will show you how to use this exciting technology at this drop-in session.

Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 27 th May Thursday, 28 th May	6:30pm - 7:30pm (adults) 3:30pm - 4:30pm (children)
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Places are limited so booking is essential:
Tel: **01 870 4401** | E-mail: **balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie**

Coding for Kids!

Make an Arcade Game with Coding Ireland

SUITABLE FOR AGES 8 - 12

Transform the library into a game design studio with this exhilarating workshop! Children explore the secrets of game mechanics through this guided lesson, then channel their creativity to code a classic arcade-style adventure. No previous experience needed.



Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 23 rd May	11:00am - 12:00pm
Howth Library	Saturday, 23 rd May	2:00pm - 3:00pm

To book your place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Coding Taster Class with The Academy of Code

SUITABLE FOR AGES 8-11

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at coding? Children will dive into an exciting coding workshop for beginners with the Academy of Code. They will learn to bring stories to life through code in Scratch, a visual programming language. Devices are provided.



Skerries Library	Saturday, 23 rd May	11:30am - 12:30pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 23 rd May	2:00pm - 3:00pm

To book your place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Pop-up Coding Challenge with The Academy of Code

SUITABLE FOR AGES 7+, WITH CHALLENGES APPROPRIATE TO AGE GROUP

Fun prizes to be won! The Academy of Code are setting up a very exciting stall in Balbriggan Library for Dublin Technology Week. Take a few minutes out of your day to stop by and learn what coding is all about in a hands-on, quick-fire coding challenge using micro:bit devices, Python and visual coding languages.



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 23 rd May	11:45am - 12:45pm 2:00pm - 3:00pm
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No booking required.



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.

Macrame for Beginners



Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop designed for absolute beginners & make some Macrame keyrings. All materials are provided.

Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 6th May

11:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday, 14th May

5:45pm - 7:45pm



Introduction to the Sewing Machine



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.

Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 7 th May	5:45pm - 7:45pm
Friday, 22 nd May	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Monday, 25 th May	10:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday, 27 th May	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Thursday, 28 th May	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Friday, 29 th May	10:30am - 12:30pm



3D Printing for Absolute Beginners



Explore 3D printing from design to finished object — perfect for beginners ready to make their ideas real!

Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 6th May

5:30pm - 7:30pm



Block Print a Tote Bag



Join us for a hands-on workshop where you will design & print your own unique tote bag.

Blanchardstown Library

Monday, 11th May

11:00am - 1:00pm



Maker Monday



Drop in, create, and connect— Maker Mondays for adult makers with prior workshop experience.

Blanchardstown Library

Monday, 11th May

4:00pm - 7:45pm

Monday, 18th May

4:00pm - 7:45pm



Re-pulp: Sustainable Papermaking



Learn how discarded paper can be recycled into handmade sheets in this hands-on, two-hour introduction to sustainable papermaking.

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 12th May

5:30pm - 7:30pm



Punch Needle Embroidery for Beginners



You will learn how to use a punch needle, what type of yarn & fabric are required & you will create a lovely punch needle coaster.

Blanchardstown Library

Monday, 18th May

11:00am - 1:00pm



Alternative Photography: Introduction to Cyanotypes



Where chemistry meets creativity.

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 19th May

5:30pm - 7:30pm



Textile Meet-up

Connect with like-minded textile enthusiasts at our monthly meet-up where you can dedicate time to your own personal projects. Tap into a wealth of resources at Fingal Makerspace and gain insights from experienced facilitators.

ADULTS

Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 21st May

5:45pm - 7:45pm



3D Printed Desk Tidies

Design a custom desk tidy while learning the basics of 3D printing in this relaxed, hands-on introductory workshop for adults.

ADULTS

Blanchardstown Library

Monday, 25th May

5:30pm-7:30pm



Laser-cut Tealights

Design and laser-cut your own decorative tea-light holders in this creative workshop for adults!

ADULTS

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 26th May

5:30pm - 7:30pm



Cyanotype with Digital Negatives

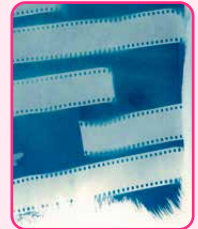
Turn your digital photos into striking cyanotype prints—bring your images and watch them come alive in blue-and-white!

ADULTS

Blanchardstown Library

Friday, 29th May

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Make a Morse Code Machine

AGES 13-17

Dots, dashes, and secret messages—build a Morse code machine and start tapping!

TEENS

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 9th May

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Teen Textile Meet-up

AGES 13-17

Join us each month for our textile & sewing meet-up for teens! This gathering is perfect for young enthusiasts aged 13-17 who are eager to dive into the world of textiles.

TEENS

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 16th May

11:00am - 1:00pm



3D Printed Pen Holders

AGES 13-17

TEENS

Design and 3D print a custom desk tidy while learning the basics of 3D printing in this hands on introductory workshop for ages 13 to 17.

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 16th May

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Teen Maker Meet-up

AGES 13-17

TEENS

Working on a project? Come share, build, and connect at the Teen Maker Meet-Up.

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 23rd May

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Laser-cut Tealights

AGES 13-17

TEENS

Design and laser-cut your own decorative tea-light holders in this creative, hands-on workshop for teens.

Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 28th May

4:30pm - 6:30pm



Make a Morse Code Machine

AGES 9-12

CHILDREN

Dots, dashes, and secret messages—build a Morse code machine and start tapping!

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 9th May

11:00am - 1:00pm



Laser-cut Tealights

AGES 9-12

CHILDREN

Make it. Cut it. Light it up! Design and build your own glowing LED tea light.

Blanchardstown Library

Saturday, 23rd May

11:00am - 1:00pm



Racing Robots

SCHOOLS

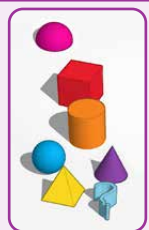
Classes from local primary schools will build, race, and challenge robots on a modular obstacle course!



3D Design Challenge

SCHOOLS

Classes from local primary and secondary schools will use Tinkercad to bring ideas to life on screen. Each pupil will add their own creative spin, making every design unique.





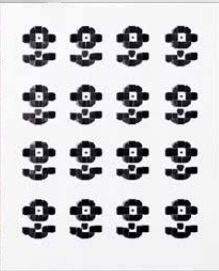
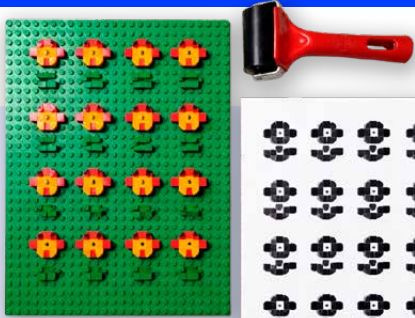
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CREATIVE ZONE

Lego Pixel Printing for Teens

AGES 13 - 17 YEAR

Explore printmaking in this workshop using LEGO® bricks as printing tools. Participants will learn the fundamentals of relief printmaking including pattern and repetition by designing and building images from LEGO bricks then inking and printing them onto paper.

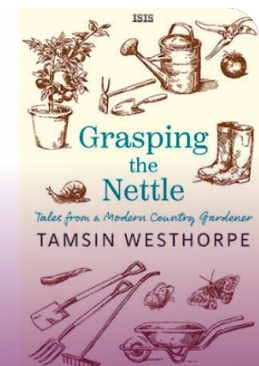
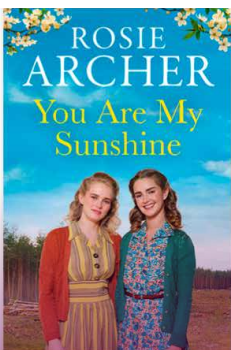
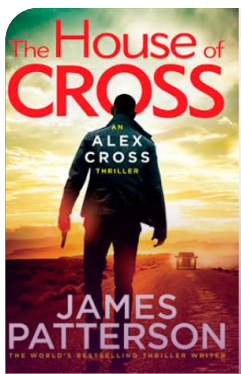


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