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Samhradh i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2026

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Summer 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!

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

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

Summer Events at a Glance

Tuesday, 9th June

Genealogy Workshop: Irish Valuation Records	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
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Monday, 15th June

Author Talk: Roxana Manouchehri	Malahide Library	6:30pm
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Through the System: An LGBT+ Journey to Asylum	Balbriggan Library	6:00pm
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Tuesday 16th June

Genealogy Workshop: Irish Testamentary Records & Newspapers	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
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Everyday Electronics for Teens: Circuits, Soldering & Practical Skills	Blanchardstown Library	4:30pm
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Wednesday, 17th June

Getting Started with your Family History	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
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Sensory Play Hour	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
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Children's Chess Tournament	Skerries Library	3:00pm
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Thursday, 18th June

An Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for Teens	Howth Library	2:30pm
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Fathers' Day Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm
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Friday, 19th June

Mandala Art	Rush Library	10:00am
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Saturday, 20th June

Author Talk: My Name is Philippa	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm
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Magical Pooka Plants	Chapel, Swords Castle	11:00am
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Monastic Ireland and the Cloister Gardens	Chapel, Swords Castle	1:00pm
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Monday, 22nd June

eServices Clinic	Baldoyle Library	11:00am
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Tuesday, 23rd June

Everyday Electronics: Circuits Soldering & Practical Skills	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
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Summer Stars Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
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Wednesday, 24th June

Origami for Beginners	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
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Thursday, 25th June

T-Shirt Tie Dye	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm
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Friday, 26th June

Watercolour Painting	Donabate Library	10:00am
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Saturday, 27th June

Musical Tots	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
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Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi!	Donabate Library	11:30am
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Monday, 29th June

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am
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Tuesday, 30th June

Sarah Sparkles Toddler Time	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
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Paper Wizards: Make It Mash It Create It!	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
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Summer Stars Celebration Day	Baldoyle Library	All day
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Wednesday, 1st July

Summer Swap Shop	Balbriggan Library	5:30pm
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Thursday, 2nd July

Dungeons & Dragons Exclusive One-Shot for Teens	Howth Library	2:30pm
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Memoir Writing	Howth Library	10:30am
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Summer Stars Bingo	Garristown Library	2:30pm
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Dungeons & Dragons	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm
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Summer Stars Quiz	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
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Beaded Jewellery Workshop	Skerries Library	2:30pm
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eServices Clinic	Rush Library	2:30pm
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Saturday, 4th July

Board Games with Eclecticats	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
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Mobile Library at Flavours of Fingal	Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate	All day
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Hands and Tales Storytime	Howth Library	10:00am
Scéalta, Rince agus Ceol le Chéile	Donabate Library	10:30am
Family Movie Time	Malahide Library	2:00pm

Sunday, 5th July

Mobile Library at Flavours of Fingal	Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate	All day
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Monday, 6th July

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am
Summer Stars Crafts	Swords Library	2:30pm

Tuesday, 7th July

Introduction to Coding	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Make a Beeswax Candle	Howth Library	11:00am
Make a Beeswax Candle	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
Sound Bath Meditation	Skerries Library	11:00am
Chair Yoga	Donabate Library	10:00am
Summer Poetry as Gaeilge	Swords Library	2:30pm
Beginners Bargello	Skerries Library	2:30pm

Wednesday, 8th July

An Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for Teens	Swords Library	2:30pm
Sound Bath Meditation	Balbriggan Library	6:30pm
3D Printing for Absolute Beginners	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
Summer Stars Quiz	Garristown Library	6:00pm
Summer Stars Crafts	Baldoyle Library	2:15pm

Thursday, 9th July

Toy Library Swap & Play	Balbriggan Library	12:00pm
Family Yoga	Donabate Library	2:30pm
Play Mario Kart	Howth Library	10:00am
Chair Yoga	Skerries Library	10:00am
Studio Ghibli Film & Craft	Balbriggan Library	1:30pm
Jam Jar Flower Creations	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Make a Suncatcher	Skerries Library	2:30pm

Friday, 10th July

Hands & Tales Storytime	Swords Library	10:00am
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Saturday, 11th July

Make a Birdhouse	Rush Library	11:00am
Make a Birdhouse	Malahide Library	2:30pm
Musical Tots	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am

Monday, 13th July

Felt Your Own Sloth	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am
Pooka Plant Drawalong	Garristown Library	3:00pm
Sashiko Mending Workshop	Rush Library	10:00am

Tuesday, 14th July

Chair Yoga	Donabate Library	10:00am
Yogic Meditation and Sound Bath	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm
Family Bake-off	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
Summer Stars Storytime	Swords Library	2:30pm
Summer Poetry Workshop for Teens	Swords Library	6:00pm
Summer Stars Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Sensory Play Hour	Baldoyle Library	2:30pm
Storytelling for All Ages	Baldoyle Library	10:00am & 4:30pm
eServices Clinic for Adults	Baldoyle Library	11:30am
eServices Clinic for Children	Baldoyle Library	3:30pm
Dried Flowers Workshop	Skerries Library	2:30pm

Wednesday, 15th July

An Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for Children	Swords Library	2:30pm
Web Development Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
Mandala Art	Skerries Library	5:30pm

Thursday, 16th July

An Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for Children	Howth Library	2:30pm
Ellora McGee Drawalong	Swords Library	11:00am
Play Mario Kart	Howth Library	10:00am
Chair Yoga	Skerries Library	10:00am
Dungeons & Dragons	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm
Make a Beaded Star	Skerries Library	2:30pm



Friday, 17th July

Sean Nós Dance	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Ellora McGee Drawalong	Howth Library	11:00am

Saturday, 18th July

Board Games with Eclecticats	Skerries Library	1:00pm
Chemistry Workshop	Rush Library	11:00am
Chemistry Workshop	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Biodiversity Workshop	Howth Library	10:00am
Summer Stars Storytime	Malahide Library	10:30am
A Brief History of Food in North Dublin	Chapel, Swords Castle	11:00am
A Day in the Life in Viking Ireland	Chapel, Swords Castle	1:00pm

Monday, 20th July

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am
Summer Gardening	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm
Summer Stars Bingo	Garristown Library	6:00pm
Robot Demonstration	Swords Library	2:30pm
Summer Stars Storytime	Baldoyle Library	10:30am

Tuesday, 21st July

Summer Poetry Workshop for Teens	Swords Library	6:00pm
Summer Stars Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Summer Stars Crafts	Baldoyle Library	2:15pm
Fabric Painting Workshop	Skerries Library	2:30pm

Wednesday, 22nd July

Dungeons & Dragons Exclusive One-Shot for Teens	Swords Library	2:30pm
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Garristown Library	6:30pm
Genealogy Workshop	Malahide Library	6:30pm
Make a Morse Code Machine	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Botany Workshop	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Botany Workshop	Skerries Library	2:30pm
Character Creation Workshop	Donabate Library	2:00pm

Thursday, 23rd July

Play Mario Kart	Howth Library	10:00am
Summer Stars Crafts	Rush Library	2:30pm
Summer Drama Workshop	Swords Library	2:30pm
Freeplay Lego	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Creative Collage Workshop	Skerries Library	2:30pm

Friday, 24th July

Tai Chi	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Watercolour Painting	Donabate Library	10:00am

Saturday, 25th July

Make a Birdhouse	Baldoyle Library	11:00am
Board Games with Eclecticats	Blanchardstown Library	1:00pm
Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi!	Donabate Library	11:30am

Monday, 27th July

Pop-Up Paper Theatre	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Teddy Bear Summer Holiday Sleepover	Swords Library	2:30pm
eServices Clinic	Baldoyle Library	11:00am

Tuesday, 28th July

Chair Yoga	Donabate Library	10:00am
Summer Poetry Workshop for Teens	Swords Library	6:00pm
Glass Etching Workshop	Skerries Library	2:30pm

Wednesday, 29th July

Dungeons & Dragons Exclusive One-Shot for Children	Swords Library	2:30pm
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Garristown Library	6:30pm

Thursday, 30th July

Dungeons & Dragons Exclusive One-Shot for Children	Howth Library	2:30pm
Play Mario Kart	Howth Library	10:00am
Chair Yoga	Skerries Library	10:00am
Dungeons & Dragons	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm
Junior eServices Clinic	Swords Library	2:30pm
Macramé for Beginners	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
Make a Mystical Wand	Skerries Library	2:30pm
Yogic Meditation and Sound Bath	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm

Friday, 31st July

Tai Chi	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
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Tuesday, 4th August

Mandala Art	Howth Library	10:30am
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Art Class	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
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Summer Stars Quiz	Garristown Library	3:00pm
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Summer Poetry Workshop for Teens	Swords Library	6:00pm
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Chair Yoga	Donabate Library	10:00am
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Wednesday, 5th August

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Garristown Library	6:30pm
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Summer Stars Storytime	Rush Library	2:30pm
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Thursday, 6th August

Make a Terrarium	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
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Summer Stars Quiz	Malahide Library	2:00pm
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Summer Stars Storytime	Donabate Library	3:00pm
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Chair Yoga	Skerries Library	10:00am
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Friday, 7th August

Tai Chi	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
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Saturday, 8th August

Sean Nós Dance	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
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Hand Sewing for Clothing Repairs	Malahide Library	11:00am
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Summer Stars Storytime	Malahide Library	10:30am
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The Summer Quiet Reading Club	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
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Monday, 10th August

Memoir Writing	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
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Tuesday, 11th August

Felt Your Own Dinosaur	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
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Trumpet Fun for Kids	Garristown Library	2:30pm
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Art Class	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
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Summer Stars Crafts	Swords Library	2:30pm
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Summer Stars Crafts	Baldoyle Library	2:15pm
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Wednesday, 12th August

Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Garristown Library	6:30pm
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Thursday, 13th August

Dungeons & Dragons	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm
Summer Stars Quiz	Swords Library	2:30pm
Summer Teddy Bear Sleepover	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Summer Stars Crafts	Donabate Library	3:00pm

Friday, 14th August

Chair Yoga	Rush Library	10:00am
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Saturday, 15th August

Sean Nós Dance	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Board Games with Eclecticats	Malahide Library	10:00am
Dressing for Dinner	Chapel, Swords Castle	11:00am

Monday, 17th August

The 1926 Census	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	7:00pm
Introduction to Sewing for Adults- Make a Tote Bag	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Summer Stars Storytime	Swords Library	2:30pm

Tuesday, 18th August

Art Class	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Make a Dreamcatcher	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
Summer Stars Storytime	Baldoyle Library	10:30am
Printing Workshop	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm

Wednesday, 19th August

Getting Started with your Family History	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
Make Your Mark: Iron-On Tees	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Printing Workshop	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm

Thursday, 20th August

Heritage Week Archive Open Days	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	10:00am
Heritage Week: Book of Kells Crafts	Donabate Library	2:00pm
Summer Drama Workshop	Swords Library	2:30pm
Exploring the Role and Legacy of the Distaff	Balbriggan Library	6:00pm

Friday, 21st August

Heritage Week Archive Open Day	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	10:00am
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Heritage Week: Swords Castle Crafts	Swords Library	11:00am
Watercolour Painting	Donabate Library	10:00am
Sensory Toddler Morning	Balbriggan Library	11am
Chair Yoga	Rush Library	10:00am

Saturday, 22nd August

Musical Tots	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Board Games with Eclecticats	The Carnegie Library, Swords	10:00am
Sensory Play Hour	Baldoyle Library	11:00am

Monday, 24th August

eServices Clinic	Baldoyle Library	11:00am
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Tuesday, 25th August

Art Class	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Summer Stars Crafts	Baldoyle Library	2:15pm
Summer Stars Party	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm

Thursday, 27th August

Summer Stars Quiz	Donabate Library	3:00pm
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Friday, 28th August

Sew Jungle Animals!	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Chair Yoga	Rush Library	10:00am

Saturday, 29th August

Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoil!	Donabate Library	11:30am
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Friday, 4th September

Chair Yoga	Rush Library	10:00am
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Wednesday, 9th September

Summer Stars Awards Extravaganza	Rush Library	3:30pm
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Summer Events for Children

Toy Library Swap & Play

ALL WELCOME

The Toy Library helps families share toys rather than buy new ones. Balbriggan Library will host a free Toy Library Swap & Play event where families can swap toys, play, and learn about circular living.



Balbriggan Library

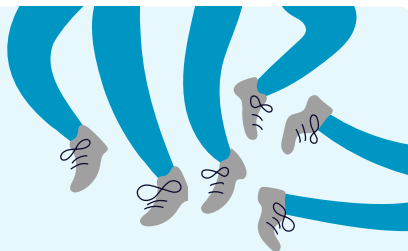
Thursday, 9th July

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Ceardlann Rince ar an Sean Nós (Sean Nós Dance) le Sibéal Davitt

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

Join dancer Sibéal Davitt for a lively workshop series where children and families will learn the basic movements and rhythm of Sean Nós dancing in a friendly family environment!



Blanchardstown Library

Friday, 17th July
Saturday, 8th August
Saturday, 15th August

10:30am - 11:30am

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

Trumpet Fun for Kids with Niall O'Sullivan

Join us for a lively mini performance just for kids! Enjoy bright sounds and playful melodies with this fun introduction to the trumpet up close. Perfect for young music lovers of all ages.



Garristown Library

Tuesday, 11th August

2:30pm - 3:30pm

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

Make a Birdhouse with Margaret Anne Suggs

AGES 6-10

Join author-illustrator Margaret Anne Suggs for 'Home is Where the Heart is', a workshop where children create their own paper birdhouses based on their ideas of home.



Rush Library

Saturday, 11th July

11:00am - 12:00pm

Malahide Library

Saturday, 11th July

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Baldoyle Library

Saturday, 25th July

11:00am - 12:00pm

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



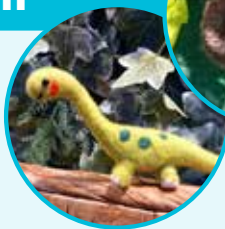


Summer Events for Children

Felt Workshops with Jenni Kilgallon

AGES 12-14

Join needle felt artist Jenni Kilgallon for fun and creative needle felting workshops. Learn how to transform soft wool into an adorable felt sloth or dinosaur! All materials are provided.



Felt Your Own Sloth

Blanchardstown Library	Monday, 13 th July	11:00am - 1:00pm
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Felt Your Own Dinosaur

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 11 th August	11:00am - 1:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Ellora McGee Trainee Banshee Drawalong with Úna Woods

AGES 6-9

Join Úna for a magical introduction to the enchanting world of Ellora McGee, Trainee Banshee. Discover Ellora's world and learn how to draw Ellora and her friends.



Swords Library	Thursday, 16 th July	11:00am - 12:00pm
Howth Library	Friday, 17 th July	11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Pooka Plant Drawalong with Úna Woods

AGES 6-9

Join illustrator Úna Woods for a creative workshop inspired by the book, *Ellora McGee Trainee Banshee, The Pooka Plant!* Children will draw their own magical Pooka Plants, choosing colours, shapes, and special powers



Garristown Library	Monday, 13 th July	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.





Summer Events for Children

Make a Beeswax Candle with Anyone4Science

AGES 10-12

Join Anyone4Science to learn about bees and beeswax. Make a beeswax candle to take home!



Howth Library	Tuesday, 7 th July	11:00am - 12:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 7 th July	2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

Botany Workshop with Anyone4Science

ALL AGES

Learn about seeds and seed anatomy, make a biodegradable seed pot, and sew some seeds to take home to encourage the bees in your garden!



Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 22 nd July	11:00am - 12:00pm
Skerries Library	Wednesday, 22 nd July	2:30pm - 3:30pm

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

Chemistry Workshop with Nutty Scientists

AGES 7-10

Join the Nutty Scientists for their spectacular chemical reactions and dry ice workshop! In this exciting hand-on session, children will learn about the three physical stages of matter - solid, liquid and gas.



Rush Library	Saturday, 18 th July	11:00am - 12:00pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 18 th July	2:00pm - 3:00pm

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





Summer Events for Children

Introduction to Coding with Coding Ireland

AGES 5-7



In this workshop, children will explore coding basics through fun activities and create projects using the Scratch Jr app.

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 7th July

11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Early Years

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles

AGES 0-5 | ALL WELCOME

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



Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 30th June

11:00am - 12:00pm



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Tá bród ar Leabharlann Dhomhnach Bat as páirt a ghlacadh in An Leabharlann Fháilteach, tionscnamh atá ceaptha chun leabharlanna a dhéanamh níos fáiltí don Ghaeilge agus chun cabhrú leis an teanga a bheith níos nádúrtha, níos sofheicthe agus níos beo sa ghnáthshaol laethúil.

Donabate Library is proud to take part in An Leabharlann Fháilteach, an initiative designed to make libraries more welcoming to Irish and help the language feel more natural, visible, and alive in everyday life.

Yoga do Theaghlaigh (Family Yoga) le Óga Yoga

Bígy linnle 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 ghlacadh.

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.



Donabate Library

Thursday, 9th July

2:30pm - 3:30pm

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

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

AGES 8-12

Bígy 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, 4th July

10:30am - 11:30am

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

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 séisiúin scéalaíochta. Tá fáilte 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. All welcome.



Donabate Library

Saturday, 27th June
Saturday, 25th July
Saturday, 29th August

11:30am - 12:30pm



Sensory Friendly Events



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.

Balbriggan Library	Friday, 21 st August	11:00am - 12:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 9 th July	11:00am - 12:00pm
Rush Library	Friday, 31 st July	11:00am - 12:00pm

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

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.

Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 4 th July	10:00am - 11:00am
Swords Library	Friday, 10 th July	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.

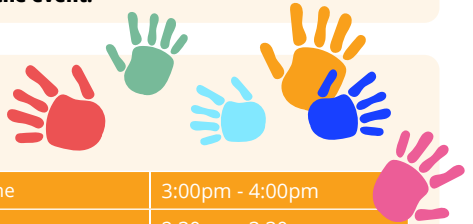


Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 27 th June Saturday, 11 th July Saturday, 22 nd August	11:00am - 12:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Baldoyle Library Sensory Play Hour

AGES 9 MONTHS - 5 YEARS | ALL WELCOME



Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 17 th June	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 14 th July	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 22 nd August	11:00am - 12:00pm



Marine Conservation Workshop with

AGES 7-12

Join Clean Coasts for a workshop focusing on life found around Ireland's seashore and learn about what we each can do to protect these very special places.



Balbriggan Library

Wednesday, 19th August

11:00am - 12:00pm

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

Biodiversity and Natural Heritage Workshop with the Rediscovery Centre

AGES 6-12

This workshop introduces children to Ireland's ecosystems, food webs, and animal adaptations. Children will explore biodiversity in a hands-on workshop encouraging conservation of the environment.



Howth Library

Tuesday, 18th August

10:00am - 11:30am

Garristown Library

Thursday, 20th August

11:00am - 12:30pm

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

Book of Kells Crafts with Francesca Caddedu

AGES 7-12

Let's go back in time to discover the wonders of the Book of Kells, and the amazing story of its creation. The workshop includes a hands-on art class where you will create your own illuminated Celtic letter.



Donabate Library

Thursday, 20th August

2:00pm - 3:30pm

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

Swords Castle Crafts with Francesca Caddedu

AGES 7-12

Let's travel back to the age of knights and castles to explore the world of the Anglo-Normans in Ireland. Discover how places like Swords Castle were built. The workshop includes a hands-on craft session to design your own medieval style shield.



Swords Library

Friday, 21st August

11:00am - 12:30pm

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





Summer Events for Teens

Character Creation Workshop

with Seán Farrelly

AGES 13-16

Join Seán Farrelly for a creative writing workshop in Donabate Library. Together you'll develop a character through the formats you already use - voice notes, playlists, chat threads, memes - and explore the question: who are they in real life vs how do they present themselves in the online world? No previous writing experience required.



Donabate Library

Wednesday, 22nd July

2:00pm - 4:00pm

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

Summer Poetry Classes for Teens

AGES 14-17

Join our internationally published poet, John Doyle, to develop your poetry writing skills.

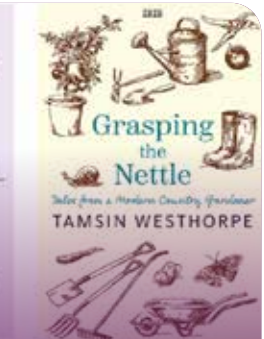
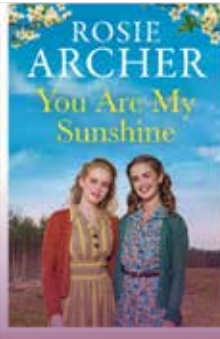
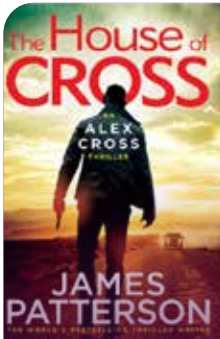


Swords Library

Tuesday, 14th July
Tuesday, 21st July
Tuesday, 28th July
Tuesday, 4th August

6:00pm - 7:00pm

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



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School holidays mean it's time for the Summer Stars reading adventure at your local library! We invite every child to pick up a Summer Stars card, check out a book, and enjoy reading for fun over the summer.

There will be lots of great events and activities happening in the library too!

Summer Stars Storytime

Rush Library	Wednesday, 5 th August	2:30pm - 3:30pm	All welcome
Swords Library	Tuesday, 14 th July Monday, 17 th August	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Ages 4 - 8 Booking required
Malahide Library	Saturday, 18 th July Saturday, 8 th August	10:00am - 10:30am	All welcome
Baldoyle Library	Monday, 20 th July Tuesday, 18 th August	10:30am - 11:00am	All welcome
Donabate Library	Thursday, 6 th August	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Ages 3 - 6 All welcome

Summer Stars Crafts

Rush Library	Thursday, 23 rd July	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Ages 5 - 8 Booking required
Swords Library	Monday, 6 th July Tuesday, 11 th August	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Ages 4 - 11 Booking required
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 14 th July	3:30pm - 4:15 pm	Ages 4 - 7 Booking required
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 21 st July	3:30pm - 4:15 pm	Ages 7 - 10 Booking required
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 23 rd June	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Ages 4 - 8 Booking required
Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 8 th July Tuesday, 21 st July Tuesday, 11 th August, Tuesday, 25 th August	2:15pm - 3:15pm	Ages 4 - 8 Booking required
Donabate Library	Thursday, 13 th August	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Ages 6 - 12 Booking required



Summer Stars Quiz

Garristown Library	Wednesday, 8 th July	6:00pm - 7:30pm	Ages 7 - 12 Booking required
Garristown Library	Tuesday, 4 th August	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Ages 7 - 12 Booking required
Swords Library	Thursday, 13 th August	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Ages 6 - 11 Booking required
Malahide Library	Thursday, 6 th August	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Ages 5 - 8 Booking required
Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 2 nd July	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Ages 7 - 11 Booking via Fingal Libraries Eventbrite
Donabate Library	Thursday, 27 th August	3:00pm - 4:30pm	All Ages All welcome

Garristown Library

Summer Stars Bingo

Thursday, 2nd July	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Ages 5 - 12 All welcome
Monday, 20th July	6:00pm - 7:00pm	

Howth Library

Play Mario Kart

Play Mario Kart 8 on the Wii U in Howth Library on Thursdays in July.
All welcome, no booking required. Ages 5+. This is a sensory friendly event.

Howth Library	Thursday, 9 th July Thursday, 16 th July Thursday, 23 rd July Thursday, 30 th July	10:00am - 12:00pm
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Balbriggan Library

Fathers' Day Crafts	Thursday, 18 th June	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Ages 5 - 8 Booking required
Family Bake-off	Tuesday, 14 th July	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Contact library for details
Make a Dream-catcher	Tuesday, 18 th August	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Ages 8 - 11 Booking required
Summer Swap Shop	Wednesday, 1 st July	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Contact library for details
Summer Stars Party: Library Walk of Stars	Tuesday, 25 th August	2:00pm - 4:00pm	All welcome

Balbriggan Library

T-Shirt Tie Dye

'Whimsify' your summer wardrobe at our tie-dye t-shirt workshop! Bring a white or pale coloured cotton t-shirt to upcycle your clothes.

Thursday, 25 th June	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Age 9+
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Studio Ghibli Film & Craft

Step into a world of magic with a special screening of *Howl's Moving Castle*, followed by a hands-on craft inspired by everyone's favourite fire demon, Calcifer.

Thursday, 9 th July	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Age 9+
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Make a Terrarium

Create your own miniature garden! In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to layer soil, add plants and design a self-contained terrarium to take home.

Thursday, 6 th August	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Age 10+
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Summer Quiet Reading Club

Join us in Balbriggan Library this summer for a Silent Book Club — a relaxed, pressure-free way to enjoy reading in good company. Bring whatever you're reading and spend some quiet time immersed in your book alongside fellow book lovers. No assigned titles, no discussions required (unless you want to linger and chat afterward). Just books, calm, and a shared love of stories!

Saturday, 8 th August	2:00pm - 3:00pm	All welcome
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Baldoyle Library

Baldoyle Library Summer Stars Celebration Day

Call into Baldoyle Library anytime during the day on Tuesday, 30th June to sign up for a Summer Stars card and enjoy a library scavenger hunt, activity sheets, puzzles and sensory toys. If you can't visit that day don't worry, you can call in anytime over the summer!

Discover your Local Library Day in Baldoyle Library

Already a library member? Become a Library Champion and bring along a friend to join the library on Tuesday, 14th July. Enjoy our free activities in Baldoyle Library happening throughout the day. There will also be an art station, scavenger hunt, and activity sheets to enjoy. All welcome.

Storytelling for All Ages	Tuesday, 14th July	10am & 4.30pm
Sensory Play	Tuesday, 14th July	2:30pm - 3:30pm
eServices Clinic for Kids	Tuesday, 14th July	3.30pm
eServices Clinic for Adults	Tuesday, 14th July	11.30am
Yogic Meditation and Sound Bath for Adults	Tuesday, 14th July	6:30pm - 7:30pm Booking required

Blanchardstown Library

Jam Jar Flower Creations

Come along and create some beautiful flower arrangements with our wonderful team. Bring along a small bunch of your own flowers and let's have fun!

Thursday, 9 th July	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Age 11 - 13 Booking via Fingal Libraries Eventbrite
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Scan the QR code or visit the Fingal Libraries Eventbrite website:
eventbrite.ie/o/fingal-county-libraries-19927793883

Freeplay Lego

Come along and build, create and relax at our special Lego session in Blanchardstown Library.

Thursday, 23 rd July	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Age 7-10 Booking via Fingal Libraries Eventbrite
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Summer Teddy Bear Sleepover

Join us in Blanchardstown Library for a special story time and sleepover for your teddies! Leave your teddies behind and see what they get up to on our special library camera the next day.

Thursday, 13 th August	6:00pm	Age 3 - 6 Booking via Fingal Libraries Eventbrite
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Malahide Library

Family Movie Time	Saturday, 4 th July	2:00pm	No booking required
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Summer Garden Pop-up Art Gallery

Colour a flower for the summer garden pop-up in the junior library from Monday, 6th July. No booking required

Rush Library

Summer Multilingual Family Story Sessions	Contact the library for details	All welcome
Summer Scavenger Hunt	Throughout the summer months	All welcome
Summer Design-a-Bookmark	Throughout the summer months	All welcome
Summer Stars Bingo Card	Throughout the summer months	All welcome
Summer Stars Awards Extravaganza	Wednesday, 9 th September	3:30pm - 4:30pm

Skerries Library

Children's Chess Tournament

Calling all chess lovers between the ages of 8 - 12 years! If you think you have what it takes to tactically outwit your opponent in chess, then come along to Skerries Library's Chess Tournament.

Wednesday, 17th June

3:00pm

Age 8-12
Booking required

Please note:

A basic level is needed to enter the tournament.

Skerries Summer Discovery Craft Circle Workshops

Beaded Jewellery Workshop

Join us for a colourful children's beading workshop! Little makers will design and craft their own unique bracelets, necklaces, and more.

Thursday, 2nd July

2:30pm

Age 7 - 10
Booking required

Make a Suncatcher

Join us for a fun, hands-on session where kids can design and create their own colourful suncatchers using simple materials.

Thursday, 9th July

2:30pm

Age 5 - 10
Booking required

Make a Beaded Star

Join us for a creative beaded star workshop. Children will learn how to design and make their own colourful beaded star using simple techniques.

Thursday, 16th July

2:30pm

Age 5 - 10
Booking required

Make a Mystical Wand

Step into a world of magic this summer! Join us for a hands-on workshop where you will design and create your very own mystical wand.

Thursday, 30th July

2:30pm

Age 5 - 10
Booking required

Creative Collage

This creative session invites children to cut, paste, layer, and design their own unique artworks using colourful paper, magazines, textures, and mixed media.

Thursday, 23rd July

2:30pm

Age 9 - 12
Booking required

Swords Library

Teddy Bear Summer Holiday Sleepover

Monday, 27 th July	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Ages 4 - 10 Booking required
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Summer Poetry as Gaeilge

Following the successful Swords Super Poem event for children, there will be a repeat event *As Gaeilge*, this summer. Bíg linn, agus bain taitneamh as an spraoi! Aois 6 - 12

Tuesday, 7 th July	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Age 6 - 12 Booking required
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Summer Drama Workshops

These engaging drama workshops invite children to explore games, storytelling, improvisation, and performance in a relaxed and creative space. It's a wonderful opportunity to build confidence, make new friends, and let imaginations run wild!

Thursday, 23 rd July Tuesday, 20 th August	2:30pm - 4:30pm	Ages 8 - 12 Booking required
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Robot Demonstration

Meet Photon! An introduction to our little library robot.

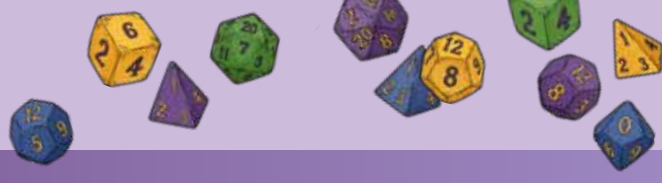
Monday, 20 th July	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Ages 7 - 12 Booking required
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Junior eServices Clinic

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

Thursday, 30 th July	2:30pm - 3:30pm	All ages No booking required
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Summer of Board Games for children & teens

Board Games with Eclecticats

Hey, hey! Come round & play!

Fingal Libraries is the best place for board games all summer long. In collaboration with Eclecticats and the Irish Games Association, we have the finest selection of games for you to play. Bring your friends and family and meet new players in real life. These sessions are family-friendly, suitable for all ages, sensory-friendly, and bilingual.



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 4 th July	10:00am - 4:00pm
Skerries Library	Saturday, 18 th July	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 25 th July	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 15 th August	10:00am - 4:00pm
The Carnegie Library, North Street, Swords	Saturday, 22 nd August	10:00am - 4:00pm



For more information and booking, please contact the library hosting the event. Booking for the Carnegie Library event is via Eventbrite. Please scan the QR Code.

An Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

AGES 13-17

For absolute beginners, a 90-minute immersive intro to the classic role-playing game.



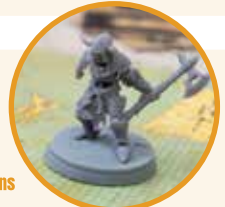
Howth Library	Thursday, 18 th June	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Swords Library	Wednesday, 8 th July	2:30pm - 4:00pm

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

An Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for Children

AGES 8-12

For absolute beginners, a 90-minute immersive intro to the classic role-playing game.



Howth Library	Thursday, 16 th July	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Swords Library	Wednesday, 15 th July	2:30pm - 4:00pm

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



Dungeons & Dragons Exclusive One-Shot for Teens

AGES 13-17

For more experienced players, an exclusive 90-minute one-shot game designed by our resident Dungeon Master.



Howth Library	Thursday, 2 nd July	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Swords Library	Wednesday, 22 nd July	2:30pm - 4:00pm

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

Dungeons & Dragons Exclusive One-Shot for Children

AGES 8-12

For more experienced players, an exclusive 90-minute one-shot game designed by our resident Dungeon Master.



Howth Library	Thursday, 30 th July	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Swords Library	Wednesday 29 th July	2:30pm - 4:00pm

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

Balbriggan Library Dungeons & Dragons Summer Club

AGES 9+

An action-packed adventure awaits at Balbriggan Library with our Dungeons and Dragons Summer Club! Your party will travel deep into dungeons, across mountain ranges and have a wonderful adventure with friends. Create your character and join the fun. Experience preferred but not required.

Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 2 nd July Thursday, 16 th July, Thursday, 30 th July Thursday, 13 th August	2:30pm - 4:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Mobile Library Summer Tour

ALL WELCOME!

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



Safer Blanchardstown Festival, Millennium Park, Blanchardstown	Saturday, 6 th June
Lusk Summerfest	Saturday, 20 th June
Flavours of Fingal, Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate	Saturday, 4 th July & Sunday, 5 th July
Teddy Bear's Picnic in Huntstown Community Centre	Wednesday, 19 th August
Dublin Maker Festival, Leopardstown Racecourse	Saturday, 22 nd August & Sunday, 23 rd August





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.

Paper Wizards: Make It Mash It Create It!



AGES 7-10

Turn old paper into brand new creations in this fun, splashy papermaking workshop. Mix, mash, and magic your way to handmade paper you can decorate and take home.

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 30th June

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Pop-Up Paper Theatre

AGES 7-10



Create your own 3D pop-up paper theatre and bring stories to life!

Blanchardstown Library

Monday, 27th July

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Sew Jungle Animals!

AGES 8-12



Join us for a fun filled hand sewing workshop. Learners will be taught simple hand sewing techniques. They will assemble & sew their own jungle animals.

Blanchardstown Library

Friday, 28th August

11:00am - 12:30pm



Everyday Electronics for Teens: Circuits, Soldering & Practical Skills



AGES 13-17

Build real confidence with electronics in this fun, hands-on 2-hour workshop designed for beginners.

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 16th June

4:30pm - 6:30pm



Make a Morse Code Machine



AGES 13-17

Build the circuit. Learn the code. Send your message — Morse style.

Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 22nd July

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Make Your Mark: Iron-On Tees



AGES 13-17

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

Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 19th August

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Everyday Electronics: Circuits Soldering & Practical Skills



Build confidence with electronics by learning simple circuits, soldering basics, and essential household electrical skills. A practical, hands-on introduction designed for beginners.

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 23rd June

5:30pm - 7:30pm



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, 8th July

5:30pm - 7:30pm



Introduction to Sewing for Adults- Make a Tote Bag



If you have always wanted to learn to sew, but don't know where to start, join us for two hands-on sewing workshops. The course is suitable for beginner sewists & those with some experience. All supplies are provided.

Blanchardstown Library

Monday, 17th August

11:00am - 1:00pm





Swords Castle Food Markets CHAPEL PROGRAMME

Fingal Libraries is once again running a programme of events for all ages in the Chapel, Swords Castle, as part of the Swords Castle Food Markets taking place on the third Saturday of every month this summer.

All welcome. No booking required.

Magical Pooka Plants with Úna Woods

Join illustrator Úna Woods for a fun workshop inspired by the book, *Ellora McGee Trainee Banshee, The Pooka Plant!* Children will use their imagination to design their own magical Pooka Plants, choosing colours, shapes, and special powers.



Chapel, Swords Castle

Saturday, 20th June

11:00am - 12:00pm

Monastic Ireland and the Cloister Gardens with Francesca Cadeddu

Let's go back in time together to discover the beautiful herb gardens created by the monks and the quiet atmospheres of the monasteries in Medieval Ireland. Family workshop.

Chapel, Swords Castle

Saturday, 20th June

1:00pm - 2:30pm

A Brief History of Food in North Dublin with Dr. Deirdre Nuttall

Learn about the history of food in North Dublin and how, through the ages, it connects this fascinating area not just to the rest of Ireland, but the rest of the world. Dr. Deirdre Nuttall is currently working with the Fingal Heritage Office on an oral history of Fingal's Food Heritage.



Chapel, Swords Castle

Saturday, 18th July

11:00am - 12:00pm

A Day in the Life in Viking Ireland with Francesca Cadeddu

Let's go back in time together to discover how people lived during the Viking times in Ireland, from clothes to food to marketplaces. Family workshop.

Chapel, Swords Castle

Saturday, 18th July

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Dressing for Dinner with Laura Fitzachary

Explore the intricacies of serving food in the 18th and 19th century big house, from dressing the table to dressing oneself, with historian Laura Fitzachary, known online as Seek the Historic. Combining food, drink, fashion and history, this Heritage Week talk is not to be missed.



Chapel, Swords Castle

Saturday, 15th August

11:00am - 12:00pm

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Summer Events for Adults

This Is Not a Cookbook with Roxana Manouchehri

Roxana Manouchehri's *This Is Not a Cookbook* blends memoir with food writing alongside evocative artwork. Join Roxanna in Malahide Library to hear her speak about her book, growing up in Tehran in the 1980s, and the profound influence of the women who surrounded her. Weaving personal anecdotes with the comfort of traditional recipes, she offers us a glimpse of a rich culture seen through the eyes of a young girl.



Malahide Library

Monday, 15th June

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

My Name is Philippa with Philippa Ryder

To celebrate Pride 2026, Balbriggan Library welcomes Philippa Ryder, author and Grand Marshall of Dublin pride parade. Philippa will be discussing her memoir, *My Name is Philippa*, with readings from the book and her thoughts on why she felt it was a story that needed to be heard. There will be time to discuss anything relevant to her transition, and the issues facing the wider LGBTQ+ community in Ireland and worldwide.



Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 20th June

2:30pm - 4:00pm

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)!



Howth Library

Thursday, 2nd July

10:30am - 11:30am

Baldoyle Library

Monday, 10th August

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

Summer Gardening with Aoife Munn

Join Aoife for a lively interactive talk on easy gardening, from quick crops to pollinator plants. Discover the easiest things to grow and how to minimise maintenance in the garden. Free seeds for all too!



Baldoyle Library

Monday, 20th July

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

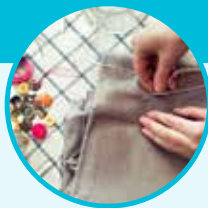




Summer Events for Adults

Hand Sewing for Clothing Repairs with Lynn Cahill

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, 8th August

11:00am - 1:00pm

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

Sashiko Mending Workshop with Michelle Power

This workshop introduces Sashiko, a traditional Japanese hand-sewing technique used for strengthening and decorating fabric. Participants will learn basic Sashiko patterns and apply them to mend clothing or fabric in a decorative and sustainable way.



Rush Library

Monday, 13th July

10:00am - 12:00pm

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

Mandala Art with Pankti Amin

Get creative and connect with nature! This workshop 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.



Rush Library

Friday, 19th June

10:00am - 12:00pm

Skerries Library

Tuesday, 16th July

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Howth Library

Tuesday, 4th August

10:30am - 12:30pm

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

Watercolour Painting with Catherine King

Paint a soft, impressionist style wildflower meadow using flowing watercolour techniques. Learn how to mix colours, blend gently, and let the paint move naturally. This is a relaxed, beginner-friendly workshop.



Donabate Library

Friday, 26th June
Friday, 24th July
Friday, 21st August

10:00am - 12:00pm

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





Summer Events for Adults



Art Classes with John Carpenter

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

Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 4 th August Tuesday, 11 th August Tuesday, 18 th August Tuesday, 25 th August	11:00am - 1:00pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Skerries Summer Discovery Craft Circle Workshops

Beginners Bargello

Discover the vibrant world of Bargello embroidery in this friendly, hands-on workshop for beginners. Bargello is known for its bold, repeating patterns and flowing, flame-like designs—and you don't need any prior stitching experience to get started! All materials provided.



Skerries Library	Tuesday, 7 th July	2:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Dried Flower Workshop

Learn how to press flowers and use them in many different arts and crafts projects. Perfect for beginners and craft lovers alike, this hands-on session will guide you through pressing techniques and design tips as you create your own unique piece to take home.



Skerries Library	Tuesday, 14 th July	2:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Fabric Painting

Design your own one-of-a-kind tote bag in this relaxed, beginner-friendly workshop. Play with colour and patterns and bring your ideas to life on a reusable canvas tote. All materials are provided.



Skerries Library	Tuesday, 21 st July	2:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Glass Etching

Discover the art of glass etching in this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop. Learn how to transform plain glassware into beautifully personalised pieces using simple tools and creative techniques. Experiment with designs, patterns, and lettering to create your own unique keepsake.



Skerries Library	Tuesday, 28 th July	2:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.





Summer Events for Adults

Baldoyle Library Crafts for Adults

Origami for Beginners

Wednesday, 24th June

2:00pm - 4:00pm



Macramé for Beginners

Wednesday, 29th July

2:00pm - 4:00pm



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

Baldoyle Creates Exhibition

ALL WELCOME

Works from both our on-going cross stitch and printing groups will be on display in Baldoyle Library from Monday, 17th – Monday, 31st of August.

Baldoyle Library

Monday, 17th – Monday, 31st of August



James Joyce Exhibition

ALL WELCOME

A selection of works by artist Seán Lennon depicting Joyce and Bloomsday will be on display in Baldoyle Library from Wednesday, 19th June – Thursday, 30th June.

Baldoyle Library

Wednesday, 19th June – Thursday, 30th June



Genealogy Workshop with Claire Bradley

With the recent release of the 1926 census, many people have become interested in tracing their family history. This workshop teaches you how to search records, and covers the common mistakes made. The session will include live demonstrations of the main websites. Please bring something to make notes in.

Malahide Library

Wednesday, 22nd July

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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



Through the System: An LGBT+ Journey to Asylum with Outcomers

To celebrate Pride Balbriggan, Outcomers will host a talk on the experience of an LGBT person who has experienced the asylum system in Ireland.

Balbriggan Library

Monday, 15th June

6:00pm - 7:00pm

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





Genealogy Workshops

These workshops explore key areas of genealogical research in Ireland. Combining expert-led instruction with practical guidance, participants will gain tools and insights to further their own family history research. Booking via Eventbrite.



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



Irish Valuation Records

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 9 th June	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Irish Testamentary Records & Newspapers

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 16 th June	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Exploring the Role and Legacy of the Distaff with Eva Reavley and Petra Skyvova

The distaff and spindle, tools traditionally used for spinning fibres into thread, are forgotten symbols of female power. Across cultures both global parallels and local traditions point to a shared need to revive this ancient craft. Join Eva Reavley and Petra Skyvova for an inspiring talk and hands-on workshop to explore this rich heritage.

Balbriggan Library

Thursday, 20th August

6:00pm - 7:30pm

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



Printing Workshop for Adults

Carve into this year's National Heritage Week theme of 'heritage at risk' by learning the traditional craft of lino cut block printing. Design, carve and print your own bespoke block, and take handmade prints home.

Baldoyle Library

Tuesday, 18th August

Wednesday, 19th August

2:00pm - 4:00pm

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



Heritage Week at Local Studies and Archives

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: 01 870 4486 or Email: Archives@fingal.ie





A New Census for Ireland at Last: The 1926 Census with Claire Bradley

The 1926 census was released on 18th April 2026, one hundred years to the day it was taken. It was the first census taken in the Irish Free State and 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 talk will discuss the historical context of the 1926 census, demonstrate how to use it, and how to follow on to other genealogical research.



Fingal Local Studies and Archives

Monday, 17th August

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Getting Started with your Family History with Brian Kavanagh

Join us for an introduction on how to trace your family history. We will examine the online resources available through Fingal Libraries and how these can be used in your search. Find out how to use the census, look up church and civil registration records, and uncover Griffith's Valuations to make discoveries about your ancestors.



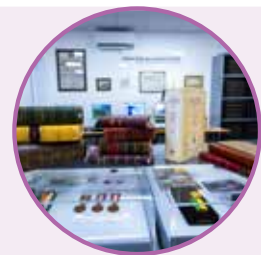
Fingal Local Studies and Archives

Wednesday, 17th June
Wednesday, 19th August

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Heritage Week Archive Open Days at Fingal Local Studies & Archives

Go behind the scenes of Fingal Local Studies & Archives and view a variety of interesting and unusual items from our collections. Find out what resources are available in the branch for local and family history and pick up free publications from our previous exhibitions. Our staff will be present to answer questions and guide visitors through the displays.



Fingal Local Studies and Archives

Thursday, 20th August
Friday, 21st August

10:00am - 5:00pm





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

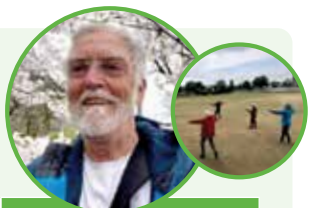
Fingal Libraries brings you these **FREE** events under the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme.

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.

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.



Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 24 th July	11:00am - 12:00pm
	Friday, 31 st July	
	Friday, 7 th August	
	Friday, 14 th August	

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.



Skerries Library	Thursday, 9 th July	10:00am - 11:00am
	Thursday, 16 th July	
	Thursday, 30 th July	
	Thursday, 6 th August	
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 7 th July	10:00am - 11:00am
	Tuesday, 14 th July	
	Tuesday, 28 th July	
	Tuesday, 4 th August	
Rush Library	Friday, 14 th August	10:00am - 11:00am
	Friday, 21 st August	
	Friday, 28 th August	
	Friday, 4 th September	

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

Sound Bath Meditation with Marcin Stanek

A Sound Bath is a relaxing, meditative experience where you simply lie down and let the sound wash over you. Using instruments such as gongs, didgeridoo, singing bowls, drums, and chimes, the body is gently guided into a state of calm and balance. In our busy modern lives, it offers a way to slow down, recalibrate, and return to ourselves.



Skerries Library	Tuesday, 7 th July	11:00am - 12:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 8 th July	6:30pm - 7:30pm

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

Please note:

In this session, participants will lie down on mats. Please bring a blanket and pillow. Participants may sit on chairs if they wish.

A Journey into Sound & Stillness: A Sound Bath with Enda Greene

Unwind and step into a restorative experience of relaxation and calm. This session begins with gentle yogic meditation to help settle the mind and relax the body. Immerse yourself in the soothing sounds and vibrations of the sound bath, designed to ease stress, encourage stillness, and support overall wellbeing. This is an invitation to pause, recharge, and relax in a peaceful library setting.



Baldoye Library	Tuesday, 14 th July Thursday, 30 th July	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Please note:

Please bring a comfortable yoga mat, blanket, cushion and a bottle of water for your comfort and wear comfortable clothing for this event.



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Web Development Workshop with Coding Ireland

Dive into the foundations of the web in this beginner-friendly workshop for adults! Participants will create their very first webpage using HTML and CSS, the essential building blocks of websites.

No prior coding experience is required. By the end, you'll have built a mini webpage with text, images, and stylish elements, gaining a clear understanding of how sites are constructed from the ground up.



Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 15th July

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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 will tailor the content to the needs and interests of those attending – so come along from the start and bring your questions!



Swords Library

Monday, 29th June
 Monday, 6th July
 Monday, 13th July
 Monday, 20th July

10:00am - 11:30am

Garristown Library

Wednesday, 22nd July
 Wednesday, 29th July
 Wednesday, 5th August
 Wednesday, 12th August

6:30pm - 8:00pm

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

Please note:

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



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.



Rush Library	Thursday, 2 nd July	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Baldoyle Library	Monday, 22 nd June Monday, 27 th July Monday 24 th August	11:00am - 12:00pm
Swords Library	Monday, 8 th June Monday, 6 th July Monday, 10 th August	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Malahide Library	Third Thursday of every month	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Contact library directly to book an appointment	
Blanchardstown Library	Every Thursday	2:00pm - 3:00pm

No booking necessary.

Inclusive Creativity

Adults supported by Prosper Fingal are taking part in workshops in Balbriggan, Howth, Malahide and Rush libraries over the summer months.

These workshops, which include soap-making, arts and crafts, painting, and sound meditation, will give participants an opportunity to express their creativity and interact with others in a supportive and friendly environment.



Chatty Café

SUITABLE FOR OVER 18

Come and join us for our Chatty Café in Blanchardstown Library. Pop along, meet new people in your community and have a chat in a relaxed environment.



Blanchardstown Library	Every Monday	2:15pm - 3:00pm
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No booking necessary.

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
Irish Conversation Group (adults)	Every Monday	6:30pm - 8:00pm
Virtual Reality (VR) drop-in sessions (age 13+)	Ring library directly to book an appointment	
Creative Poetry Writing Club	Every Tuesday	6:30pm - 7:45pm
eServices/Digital Services Drop-in Clinic	Ring library directly to book an appointment	
Balbriggan Book Club (adults)	Last Wednesday of every month	6:00pm - 7:30pm
3D Printer Workshops (adults)	Last Wednesday of every month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Twin Hearts Meditation	Third Wednesday of every month	6:00pm - 7:00pm
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
Junior Book Club (Age 7+)	Monthly on Fridays (ring library directly to check next meetup)	3:30pm - 4:15pm
Young Adult Book Club (age 13 - 17)	Monthly on Saturdays (ring 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

Baldoyle Library

Monthly eServices Clinic	Monday, 22 nd June Monday, 27 th July Monday, 24 th August	11:00am - 12:00pm
Junior Chess Group	Saturdays	12:45pm - 2:45pm
Baldoyle Movie Night	Every Monday	5:30pm - 7:45pm
Cross Stitch Group (adults)	Third Monday of every month	2:00pm - 4:00pm

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 19 th June	10:00am - 1:00pm
Breast Feeding Support Group	Every Wednesday morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
Blanchardstown Library Film Club	Tuesdays – Monthly (June 9 th , July 7 th , Aug 4 th)	11:00am - 1:00pm
Irish Heart Foundation – Peer to Peer Support Group	Fridays – Monthly (June 12 th)	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 June 3 rd	1:30pm – 3:00pm
Chatty Café (adults)	Every Monday	2:15pm - 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

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
Ciorcal Comhrá: Irish Conversation Group (adults)	Every second Tuesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Rush Library Baby Book Club (Babies and toddlers with parents/guardians)	Second Wednesday of every month	10:00am - 11:00am
Meet Me at the Altar – Local Musician Performances (All welcome)	Regularly on Saturday afternoons - contact library for details	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Community Art Group (adults)	Every Friday	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Guided Meditation (adults)	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am - 12:30pm
Age Friendly Social Club (adults)	Every Thursday	11:00am - 1:00pm
Scrabble Club (adults)	Every Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Down Syndrome Teens Book Club	Contact the library for information	
Knitting and Crochet Club (adults)	Alternate Tuesdays & Wednesdays	6:15pm - 7:45pm 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Skerries Library

Baby Book Club with Aida	Second & Fourth Monday of every month	10:30am
Knitting & Crochet Group (adults)	Every Tuesday	2:30pm - 4:30pm
Embroidery Drop in Group	Every Wednesday	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Age Friendly Movie Matinee	Last Wednesday of every month	2:00pm
Friends of Breastfeeding Group	Friday, 5 th June	10:00am

Swords Library

eServices Clinic	First Monday of the every month	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Baby Book Club	Every Second Tuesday: 9 th June, 23 rd June, 7 th July, 21 st July (taking a break in August)	10:30am - 11:30am
Irish Conversation Group	Every Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Board Games Time	Every Saturday	10:00am - 1:00pm
Irish Sign Language Group	Every second Monday	6:30pm - 7:30pm

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
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Swords	01 890 5582	swordslibrary@fingal.ie
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