



Fómhar/Geimhreadh i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2026

Go leor le feiceáil...go leor le déanamh!

Autumn/Winter 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!

Cur tús le do Fhómhar le turas chuig an leabharlann Your Autumn starts with a trip to the library

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

Events at a Glance

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
TUESDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER		
Scéalta agus Rannata	Donabate Library	10:00am
WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER		
Junk to Joy	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm
Sensory Play Hour	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
FRIDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER		
Art Class	Rush Library	2:00pm
Sensory Slime	Howth Library	3:30pm
Culture Night	Balbriggan Library	6:00pm
Culture Night	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm
Culture Night	Malahide Library	5:30pm
Culture Night	Skerries Library	6:00pm
Culture Night	Swords Library	6:00pm
Culture Night	Local Studies & Archives	6:00pm
SATURDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER		
Rap as Gaeilge	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Laser-Cut Jigsaws	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Be Seen: Design Your Own Safety Gear	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Creative Writing	Baldoyle Library	11:00am
Tai Chi	Skerries Library	11:00am

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TUESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER		
Scéalta agus Rannta	Donabate Library	10:00am
Find the Gaeilge i do Chroí!	Donabate Library	11:00am
Toddler Time	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Cheardlann Drámaíochta (Drama Workshop)	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
WEDNESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER		
Data Centres: From the Bog to the Cloud	Blanchardstown Library	6:45pm
Cheardlann Drámaíochta (Drama Workshop)	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
Trace Your Family History	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
THURSDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Howth Library	10:00am
Yoga do Theaghlaigh	Rush Library	3:30pm
FRIDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER		
Art Class	Rush Library	2:00pm
Raic & Rithim	Swords Library	3:00pm
Sensory Slime	Baldoyle Library	3:30pm
SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER		
Magic of Stories Festival	Swords Castle	10:00am
Seisiún Spráúil le Sarah Sparkles	Donabate Library	3:00pm
Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi!	Donabate Library	11:30am
Character Creation	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Tai Chi	Skerries Library	11:00am
Sensory Musical Tots	Swords Library	11:00am
Bilingual Magic Show	Malahide Library	11:00am
MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am



EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
TUESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER		
Scéalta agus Rannta	Donabate Library	10:00am
Autumn Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Iris Paper Folding	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
THURSDAY, 1ST OCTOBER		
Touch-Typing for Children	Skerries Library	3:30pm
CV Success: Build Your Future	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Howth Library	10:00am
Chair Yoga	Baldoyle Library	2:30pm
FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER		
Art Class	Rush Library	2:00pm
Chair Yoga	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER		
Toy Library Swap & Play	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Pottery Workshop	Skerries Library	1:30pm
The Language Hub: Poetry and Translation	The Chapel, Swords Castle	11:00am
History at the Library Day: Fingal Festival of History	The Carnegie North Street, Swords	10:00am
The Quiet Chapter (Silent Book Club)	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
Tai Chi	Skerries Library	11:00am
Hands & Tales Storytime	Skerries Library	11:00am
Sensory Musical Tots	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
MONDAY, 5TH OCTOBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am
Space on Canvas	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
TUESDAY, 6TH OCTOBER		
Tai Chi	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Nordic Walking	Donabate Library	11:30am
WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Improve Your Home Energy Efficiency Information Session	Balbriggan Library	6:00pm
The Birth of the Solar System Talk	Swords Library	6:00pm
Home Energy Savings Clinic	Rush Library	10:30am
THURSDAY, 8TH OCTOBER		
Touch-Typing for Children	Skerries Library	3:30pm
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Howth Library	10:00am
CV Success: Build Your Future	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
The Birth of the Solar System Talk	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm
FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER		
Art Class	Rush Library	2:00pm
Mindfulness Through Movement	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Chair Yoga	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER		
Seó Draíochta agus Puipéad (Magic & Puppet Show)	Donabate Library	11:30am
Children's Halloween Costume Swap	Balbriggan Library	10:30am
Tai Chi	Skerries Library	11:00am
Zine-making Workshop for Teens	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Celtic Design (Open House Junior)	Baldoyle Library	10:30am
Celtic Design (Open House Junior)	Rush Library	2:30pm
MONDAY, 12TH OCTOBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am
Zine-making Workshop for Teens	Rush Library	5:30pm



EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER		
Everyday Electronics: Circuits, Soldering & Practical Skills	Blanchardstown Library	4:30pm
Paper Crafts and Card-making	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Tai Chi	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Nordic Walking	Donabate Library	11:30am
Decoupage Magnets	Skerries Library	3:00pm
WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Wardrobe Editing	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
THURSDAY, 15TH OCTOBER		
Touch-Typing for Children	Skerries Library	3:30pm
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Howth Library	10:00am
Fabric Pumpkin Crafts	Skerries Library	3:00pm
CV Success: Build Your Future	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
Chair Yoga	Baldoyle Library	2:30pm
FRIDAY, 16TH OCTOBER		
Mindfulness Through Movement	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Chair Yoga	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
SATURDAY, 17TH OCTOBER		
Active Lego	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Sensory Play Hour	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
MONDAY, 19TH OCTOBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Swords Library	10:00am
Wonderless Land - Puppet Theatre	Swords Library	3:30pm
TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER		
Autumnal Wreath Making	Swords Library	3:30pm
Decorate your Own Trick or Treat Bag!	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
TUESDAY, 20TH OCTOBER (CONTINUED)		
Tai Chi	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Nordic Walking	Donabate Library	11:30am
Ellora McGee Halloween Draw-along	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
WEDNESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am
Sensory Hour	Malahide Library	12:30pm
Trace Your Family History	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
THURSDAY, 22ND OCTOBER		
Ellora McGee Halloween Draw-along	Donabate Library	3:00pm
Wonderless Land - Puppet Theatre	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Touch-Typing for Children	Skerries Library	3:30pm
Witch and Cat Crafts	Skerries Library	3:00pm
Halloween Crafts	Rush Library	3:30pm
Decorate the Library for Halloween	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Halloween Quiz	Swords Library	3:30pm
Chair Yoga	Baldoyle Library	2:30pm
CV Success: Build Your Future	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
Demystifying the Personal Essay	Swords Library	5:30pm
FRIDAY, 23RD OCTOBER		
Mindfulness Through Movement	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER		
3D Printed Pumpkins	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Toddler Time	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Bargello in Autumn	Skerries Library	3:00pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
TUESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER (CONTINUED)		
Halloween Fun	Blanchardstown Library	2:30pm
Craft-a-thon	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
Halloween Family Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
Halloween Crafts	Swords Library	2:30pm
Tai Chi	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Nordic Walking	Donabate Library	11:30am
WEDNESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER		
Spooky Story Writing Workshop	Garristown Library	3:30pm
Understanding AI	Skerries Library	6:30pm
3D Printing for Absolute Beginners	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
Halloween Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
Halloween Crafts	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Halloween Spooky Storytelling & Writing Workshop for Teens	Swords Library	5:00pm
Halloween Family Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
THURSDAY, 29TH OCTOBER		
Paper Chain Skeleton Crafts	Skerries Library	3:00pm
Spooky Story Time	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Halloween Family Movie	Rush Library	5:30pm
Halloween Crafts	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Halloween Crafts	Swords Library	2:30pm
Halloween Family Movie	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
Chair Yoga	Baldoyle Library	2:30pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
FRIDAY, 30TH OCTOBER		
Mindfulness Through Movement	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Halloween Family Movie	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Chair Yoga	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Spooky Storytelling	Malahide Library	11:30am
Spooky Storytelling	Skerries Library	2:30pm
SATURDAY, 31ST OCTOBER		
Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi!	Donabate Library	11:30am
Halloween Magic Show	Howth Library	10:00am
Halloween Magic Show	Baldoyle Library	12:00pm
Spooky Story Writing Workshop	Swords Library	11:00am
Halloween Crafts	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Halloween Crafts	Rush Library	2:00pm
THURSDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Malahide Library	4:30pm
FRIDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Rush Library	11:30am
SATURDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER		
Zumba Class	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Scéalta, Rince agus Ceol	Donabate Library	11:30am
Active Lego	Donabate Library	2:00pm
Digital Photography	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
MONDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER		
Understanding AI	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm



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TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER		
Science Week Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
The Grand Central Cinema Club: Lights, Camera, Mayhem!	Blanchardstown Library	4:00pm
Digital Photography	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Malahide Library	4:30pm
Poetry Workshop	Swords Library	5:30pm
FRIDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Rush Library	11:30am
Dungeons & Dragons Critical Hit: Friday the 13th	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm
Sensory Hour	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
SATURDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER		
Zumba Class	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
The Write Time	The Carnegie North Street, Swords	12:30pm
Family Storytime	Swords Library	11:30am
Sensory Play Hour	Baldoyle Library	10:00am
SUNDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER		
The Write Time	The Carnegie North Street, Swords	12:30pm
TUESDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER		
Make a Christmas Tree from a Book	Skerries Library	3:00pm
Winter Printing	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
The Art of Us	Blanchardstown Library	4:30pm
WEDNESDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER		
Board Games on the Altar	Rush Library	5:00pm
Trace Your Family History	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
THURSDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Malahide Library	4:30pm
Advent Calendar Crafts	Rush Library	3:30pm
Demystifying the Personal Essay	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Rush Library	11:30am
SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER		
Bookmark Makers: Design & Laser Cut Your Own	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
The Quiet Chapter (Silent Book Club)	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
Storytime for All	Donabate Library	10:30am
Storytime for All	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm
Digital Photography	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
Zumba Class	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER		
Re-Pulp: Sustainable Papermaking	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER		
Trash to Treasure: Recycled Paper Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	4:30pm
Toddler Time	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Eco Christmas Gifts	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Kinusaiga Workshop	Balbriggan Library	5:30pm
Kinusaiga Christmas Bauble	Skerries Library	3:00pm
WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER		
Copper Art Workshop	Skerries Library	2:30pm
Eco Christmas Gifts	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm
Sensory Hour	Rush Library	11:00am

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER (CONTINUED)		
Hands & Tales Storytime	Garristown Library	3:45pm
THURSDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Malahide Library	4:30pm
Angel Christmas Tree Topper	Skerries Library	3:00pm
Board Games on the Altar	Rush Library	5:00pm
FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER		
Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone	Rush Library	11:30pm
Grief Support Circle	Balbriggan Library	10:30am
SATURDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER		
Páist! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi!	Donabate Library	11:30am
Family Storytime	Swords Library	11:30am
Digital Photography	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
Zumba Class	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER		
Japanese Wrapping	Skerries Library	3:00pm
Festive Story Time	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
Merry Swapmas!	Balbriggan Library	5:30pm
WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER		
Kinusaiga Workshop	Donabate Library	5:30pm
Family Time at your Library Storytime	Garristown Library	3:45pm
Books Before Bed Storytime	Swords Library	3:30pm
THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER		
Festive Gnomes Crafts	Skerries Library	3:00pm
Christmas Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Festive Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER (CONTINUED)		
Kinusaiga Workshop	Swords Library	5:30pm
FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER		
Little Books at Bedtime: Teddy Bear Nap Time	Rush Library	3:00pm
SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER		
Festive Story Time	Malahide Library	10:00am
Paper Quilling Christmas Tree Ornaments	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Irish Institute of Music & Song Children's & Youth Choir	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
MONDAY, 7TH DECEMBER		
Christmas Wreath Demonstration	Garristown Library	6:30pm
No Sew Christmas Ornament Workshop	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
TUESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER		
Christmas Centre Piece	Skerries Library	3:00pm
Christmas Wreath Demonstration	Howth Library	10:30am
Family Time at Your Library Storytime	Donabate Library	3:00pm
Family Time at Your Library Stories and Festive Fun	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm
Family Fun Night	Baldoyle Library	6:00pm
Christmas Crafts and Cardmaking	Swords Library	2:30pm
WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER		
Christmas Wreath Demonstration	Rush Library	6:00pm
Festive Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm
THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER		
Christmas Wreath Demonstration	Malahide Library	6:00pm
Create Your Own Christmas Decorations	Skerries Library	3:00pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER (CONTINUED)		
Festive Story Time	Rush Library	3:00pm
Festive Story Time	Donabate library	3:00pm
Christmas Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Christmas Teddy Bear Sleepover	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Books Before Bed: Teddy Bear Sleepover	Swords Library	3:30pm
SATURDAY, 12TH DECEMBER		
My Little Library Storytime	Malahide Library	10:00am
Festive Family Movie	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Winter Wondertales	Swords Library	11:00am
Winter Wondertales	Baldoye Library	3:00pm
MONDAY, 14TH DECEMBER		
Festive Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Christmas Harp Recital	Rush Library	6:30pm
TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER		
Cyanotype Christmas Cards	Blanchardstown Library	5:30pm
Scandinavian Christmas Wreath-Making	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Christmas Baby Book Club	Blanchardstown Library	12:00pm
Festive Crafts	Baldoye Library	3:00pm
Christmas Family Storytime	Swords Library	3:30pm
WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER		
Dublin Gospel Choir Christmas Extravaganza Concert	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm
Christmas Family Quiz	Swords Library	3:30pm

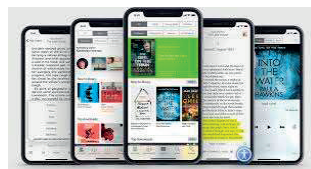
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WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER (CONTINUED)		
Sensory Play Hour	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm
THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER		
Festive Crafts	Donabate Library	3:00pm
Christmas Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Festive Family Movie	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
Festive Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Help us Decorate the Library!	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm
Christmas Musical Tots	Malahide Library	10:00am
Christmas Musical Tots	Howth Library	11:30am
FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER		
Teddy Bear Christmas Storytime	Baldoyle Library	2:30pm
SATURDAY, 19TH DECEMBER		
Electric Igloos: Light Up Cold Nights	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Electric Igloos: Design a Winter Glow	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Christmas Magic Show	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
Christmas Musical Tots	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Christmas Garland Crafts	Rush Library	11:00am
Christmas Magic Show	Skerries Library	12:00pm
Christmas Garland Crafts	Donabate Library	2:30pm
MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER		
Festive Family Movie	Rush Library	5:30pm

EVENT	LOCATION	START TIME
TUESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER		
Festive Family Movie	Rush Library	5:30pm
Festive Family Movie	Baldoyle Library	2:00pm
WEDNESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER		
Festive Family Movie	Rush Library	5:30pm
Shining Stars Festive Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm

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.
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- Select **Fingal Libraries** from the menu.
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- The Libby app.
- A valid Fingal library card and PIN.



CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night 2026 Balbriggan Library

Fingal Libraries are delighted to present a programme of free cultural events on Culture Night, Friday 18th September.

Balbriggan Lighthouse Voices

Balbriggan Lighthouse Voices (formerly known as Balbriggan Gospel Choir) was founded in 2018 with the aim of bringing people together through music. Their repertoire consists of well-known popular songs. Under the expert tutelage of Musical Director Brian Connolly, their performance on Culture Night in Balbriggan Library promises to be a memorable experience. All welcome.

6:30pm - 7:15pm

No Code 7 - Dance Performance

Experience the energy, creativity and passion of No Code 7 as they bring an exciting live dance performance to Balbriggan Library for Culture Night. Showcasing dynamic choreography and expressive movement, this engaging performance celebrates the power of dance to connect people and tell stories. All welcome.

7:15pm - 8:15pm

Face-painting & Balloon Modelling with Really Cool Parties

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

6:00pm - 8:00pm

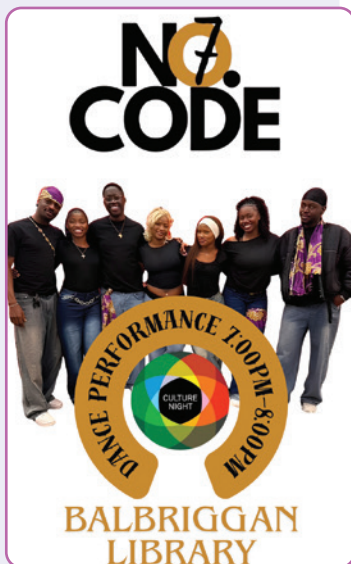
Dungeons & Dragons Character Making

Roll the dice and see who you will become! Make your own Dungeons & Dragons 5th edition character! Character sheets and resource books provided.
Ages 10+

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Booking is essential.

To reserve your place, please email Balbriggan Library at balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie





CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night 2026 Blanchardstown Library

Balloon Modelling & Face Painting

Come and join in the fun, all welcome!

5:45pm - 7:45pm

Summer Stars Awards Ceremony

Collect your certificate and medal for doing your wonderful reading over the summer and completing the Summer Stars programme!

5:45pm - 6:45pm

Summer Stars Celebration Draw-Along & Chats with Alan Nolan!

Join the wonderful author and illustrator Alan for some fun and creativity to celebrate a well-spent summer of reading. All welcome.

5:45pm - 6:45pm

Blanchardstown Library Singing Circle Performance

The Blanchardstown Library Singing Circle meets on Wednesdays from 1:30pm - 3pm. It's free to attend, open to all, and we welcome all kinds of songs. We look forward to having you with us on Culture Night when we will present a selection of the songs we enjoy. Bigí linn!

7:15pm - 8:00pm

Fingal Makerspace Tours

Drop in with your family, have some fun, and see what we get up to in our Makerspace!

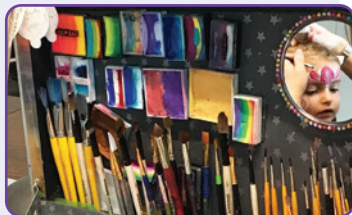
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Blanchardstown Brass Band Performance

Join us for a fantastic performance to close the night, from Blanchardstown Brass Band, who celebrate 200 years this year!

8:15pm - 9:00pm

There will be some surprises on the night too!
No booking necessary, all welcome.





CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night 2026 Malahide Library

The Bits and Bobs Orchestra

Classical music is not just for concert halls! Join Bits and Bobs Orchestra for a fun and relaxed introduction to the world of classical music. Interact with our musicians and the instruments of the orchestra, bop along to familiar songs and classical hits, and even try your hand at conducting! Age 4+ (family friendly).

5:45pm - 6:45pm

Face Painting with Magic Wand Face Paint

Come to Malahide Library for a fun face painting session with Magic Wand Face Paint – transform into your favourite animal, magical creature or scary monster!

5:30pm - 7:30pm

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. All welcome.

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Summer Stars Awards

After a summer of reading and discovering new books, join us on Culture Night to celebrate your Summer Stars achievements! Collect your Summer Stars certificate and medal and help us mark the end of another wonderful Summer Stars adventure.

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Autumn Harvest Art Gallery

Autumn is harvest time - come to the library and colour pictures of local fruits and vegetables to fill our harvest basket. All colouring sheets and cut-outs will be provided, just bring your creativity and colouring skills! Children of all ages welcome.

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Drop-in eServices Clinic

Would you like to find out about the free online resources available through Fingal Libraries? Want to learn a language or read an eBook or eNewspaper? Our eServices Clinic is the perfect place to get started. Drop in and find out how to access these fantastic resources, all free with your library membership. All welcome.

6:00pm - 7:00pm

3D Printer Demonstration

Ever wondered how a printer can create real objects? See the magic of 3D printing up close and watch a design come to life before your eyes in this live demonstration. All welcome.

6:30pm





CULTURE NIGHT

Culture Night 2026 Skerries Library

Magic Show with Reuben the Magician

Reuben brings his high-energy comedy variety show to Skerries Library for Culture Night! He will have everyone in stitches with his magic, puppets, funny toys, daft voices and bendy body. It's interactive and fun for all the family - even the adults!

6:00pm - 7:00pm



Percussion Workshop with John Nutekpor

Join us for a Culture Night percussion workshop with John Nutekpor. Delve into the world of African rhythm and song. A fun, interactive way of exploring a new genre of music. Suitable for all the family, young and old.

7:00pm - 8:00pm



Balloon Modelling & Face Painting with Brilliant Events

Join us for Culture Night fun for all the family.

6:00pm - 8:00pm



Culture Night 2026 Swords Library

Face Painting with Magic Wand Face Paint

Come to Swords Library for a fun face painting session with Magic Wand Face Paint – transform into your favourite animal, magical creature or scary monster! **6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Make a Birdhouse with Margaret Anne Suggs

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. Booking required via Swords Library.

Ages 8-12. Booking required via Swords Library. **6:00pm - 7:00pm.**

Effie is Offline - Comic Creation Workshop with Karen Harte

In this interactive workshop, author and illustrator Karen Harte shares the creative process behind her graphic novel *Effie is Offline* before guiding participants through the basics of comic storytelling. Learn how to create memorable characters, draw expressive emotions, build visual humour and tell a complete story using comic panels. Age 13-16. Booking required via Swords Library. **7:00pm - 8:00pm**



Culture Night 2026

Fingal Local Studies & Archives,
46 North Street, Swords

Open Night & Genealogy Advice Clinic

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

This service is provided on a first-come-first-serve basis.
No appointment necessary.

6:00pm - 9:00pm



Fondly, Fingal Libraries

We've launched an exciting new letter-writing exchange programme between members of Fingal Libraries and Delaware Libraries in the U.S.A.!

Would you like to make a new connection across the world, creatively engage, or take part in the nostalgic art of letter writing? Follow the QR code to register with your basic information and a few interests, hobbies and preferences, and we will find you your best Pen Pal match. Registration forms can also be found on our Instagram, website, and in any Fingal branch.



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The famous Magic of Stories festival returns to Swords Castle on Saturday, 26th September. This year marks the fifth anniversary of the festival, and it's bigger and better than ever before! Meet our new mascot, Dany the Dragon, and her pals - book-loving dragons bringing

magic to Swords Castle. There will be awesome authors, epic illustrators, amazing art, majestic music, terrific theatre - and it's all free!

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26 SEPTEMBER -
11 OCTOBER

This year sees Fingal's tenth annual **Festival of History**, which will run from Saturday, 26th September to Sunday, 11th October 2026. History at the Library Day takes place on Saturday, 3rd October in The Carnegie on North Street, Swords, with talks about our links with Europe and the EU.



The programme includes 19 events, running throughout our library branches, covering such diverse topics the disappearance of Agatha Christie, Ireland's involvement in the American Revolution, the Kennedy family and Ireland, De Valera's powers of negotiation, Ireland after the 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty, what fashion tells us, the diaries of Eleanor Cobbe Corbally, the 1926 Census, researching family history, Balbriggan Harbour, Kenure House and Demesne, the Old Schoolhouse in Clonsilla, and the La Mancha Murders in Malahide. There will also be two heritage tours hosted by Clonsilla and Porterstown Heritage Society (Sunday, 4th October) and Rush Tourism (Sunday, 11th October).

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



Autumn/Winter Events for Children

Toy Library Swap & Play

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

No booking necessary. All welcome.



Malahide Library

Saturday, 3rd October

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Creative Writing with Megan Wynne

Write your own story using Mister Men style characters with author Megan Wynne.

What is your personality type? What type of characters do you write about? SHOW the characters in your stories by what they SAY and DO. Age 8-11. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



Baldoyle Library

Saturday, 19th September

11:00am - 12:00pm

The Grand Central Cinema Club: Lights, Camera, Mayhem! with Alan Nolan

Fond of films? Mad about motion pictures? Join author Alan Nolan as he talks about the inspiration behind his latest book *The Grand Central Cinema Club: Lights, Camera, Mayhem!* set in the cinemas of Dublin in 1937. Learn how to draw fictional film idol Tripp Hazzard, the Lonesome Yodelling Cowboy™ as well as his self-important sidekick, insufferable child star Dottie Bright, and test out your movie mastery in the Slightly Spectacular Grand Central Irish Cinema Quiz. YIP-YIP-YEEEE-HAAWWWW! Age 8-10.

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



Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 10th November

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles

Join Sarah Sparkles for a fully interactive show for little ones, including singing, dancing and movement. Age 0-5.

No booking necessary. All welcome.



Blanchardstown Library

**Tuesday, 22nd September
Tuesday, 27th October
Tuesday, 24th November**

**11:00am
- 12:00pm**

Family Storytime

No booking necessary. All welcome.

Swords Library

**Saturday, 14th November
Saturday, 28th November**

11:30am - 12:00pm



Autumn/Winter Events for Children

Touch-Typing for Children with Sabine McKenna

Being able to touch-type accurately and confidently is a valuable lifelong skill. This four-week course will introduce children to correct finger positioning and help them build the foundations for typing without looking at the keyboard. Through guided exercises and practice, participants will work on accuracy, speed and good typing habits. The course will use the online learning platform Typing.com. Ages 10-13.

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

Please note: Children must bring their own laptops

Skerries Library	Thursday, 1st October Thursday, 8th October Thursday, 15th October Thursday, 22nd October	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Space on Canvas

Blast off on a creative adventure! Young artists will create their own acrylic painting inspired by the beauty of outer space, from sparkling stars to colourful galaxies. Age 7-10.

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

Balbriggan Library	Monday, 5th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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Junk to Joy

Turn everyday waste into wonderful works of art! Using recycled plastic bottles, old CDs and magazines, children will unleash their creativity while learning how to give unwanted materials a new lease of life. Age 5-8.

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

Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 16th September	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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The Quiet Chapter (Silent Book Club)

Looking for a peaceful way to enjoy your favourite book? Bring along your current read and spend a relaxing hour reading in the company of fellow book lovers. Stay afterwards for a chat or simply enjoy the quiet atmosphere, there's no assigned reading and no pressure. Family friendly. No booking necessary. All welcome.

Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 5th September, Saturday, 3rd October Saturday, 21st November	2:00pm - 3:00pm
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Baldoyle Library Crafts

No booking necessary. All welcome.

Autumn Crafts	Tuesday, 29th September	3:00pm - 3:45pm	Age 4-8
Science Week Crafts	Tuesday, 10th November	3:00pm - 3:45pm	Age 4-8



Wonderless Land - Interactive Puppet Theatre with Ciara Cramer

Wonderless Land is an interactive puppet theatre adventure for children and families by theatre maker and designer Ciara Cramer, inspired by Alice in Wonderland. Alongside a collection of curious puppet characters, Alice and the audience must work together

to restore the lost "Wonder" to Wonderland. Wonderless Land is kindly supported by Fingal Arts Office through the Fingal Artist Support Scheme 2026. All welcome.



Swords Library	Monday, 19th October	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Malahide Library	Thursday, 22nd October	3:30pm - 4:30pm



Sensory Friendly Events

Sensory Hour with Fingal Additional Needs

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



Rush Library	Wednesday, 25th November	11:00am - 12:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 13th November	11:00am - 12:00pm
Malahide Library	Wednesday, 21st October	12:30pm-1:30pm

Sensory Slime with Messy Adventures

Join Messy Adventures to make your very own slime. Each child experiment with different colours, textures, ingredients and even scents. Making slime is fun as well as educational. Age 7+. All welcome.



Howth Library	Friday, 18th September	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Baldoyle Library	Friday, 25th September	3:30pm - 4:30pm

Sensory Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan

This workshop is a fun, musical experience for all children and more specifically children with additional sensory needs. Join us for singing, dancing, listening and instrument playing. Age 3 months - 7 years. All welcome.



Swords Library	Saturday, 26th September	11:00am-11:45am
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 3rd October	11:00am-11:45am

Active Lego with Sensory Explorers

Lego Sessions with a twist! Children can find staying seated for an entire Lego session too difficult. Active Lego includes floor stations with STEM sets and gross motor skill obstacle courses while the session takes place. Age 6+. All welcome.



Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 17th October	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Donabate Library	Saturday, 7th November	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Hands & Tales Storytime for All with Imogen Carter

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

Garristown Library	Wednesday, 25th November	3:45pm - 4:30pm
Skerries Library	Saturday, 3rd October	11:00am - 11:45am

Baldoyle Library Sensory Play Hour

All welcome.

Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 16th September	3:00pm - 4:00pm
	Saturday, 17th October	10:00am - 11:00am
	Saturday, 14th November	10:00am - 11:00am
	Wednesday, 16th December	3:00pm - 4:00pm

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Is féile teaghlaigh í Bronntanas a cheiliúránn ról na Gaeilge i saol teaghlaigh agus pobail trí imeachtaí spráilúla. Reáchtálfar na himeachtaí trí Ghaeilge agus go dátheangach, rud a chinnteoidh gur féidir le teaghlaigh páirt a ghlacadh beag beann ar a leibhéal Gaeilge. Ar siúl ón 14ú Meán Fómhair go dtí an 4ú Deireadh Fómhair fud fad Baile Átha Cliath.

Bronntanas is an Irish language festival for families, that celebrates the use of Irish in family life through fun events. Bronntanas is delivered through Irish and bilingually, ensuring families can take part regardless of their level of Irish. Running from 14th September to 4th October across Dublin.

Rap as Gaeilge le James Shannon

Beidh cheardlann scríbhneoireacht ar siúl faoi stiúir James Shannon.

Foghlaimoidh na páistí conas amhrán rap a scríobh, conas chomhoibriú a dhéanamh leis an gceol agus scileanna léiriúcháin ar an stáitse. Tar éis an cheardlann, beidh na hamhráin ag na páistí le tógáil orthu nó a thaispeáint go daoine eile. Cinntigh d'áit tríd teaghlaigh a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

Join James Shannon for a rap workshop – as Gaeilge! Children will learn how to write rap songs, how to collaborate with music and will also learn performance skills. After the workshop, the children will have the songs to build upon or to show to peers. Ages 8-12.

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

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 19th September	10:30am - 1:00pm
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Ceardlann Potaireachta / Pottery Workshop

le Cormac Ó Breartúin

Bain úsáid as do lámha agus do chuid samhlaíochta agus tú i mbun potaireachta sa cheardlann spráilúil seo le Cormac Ó Breartúin! Fáilte roimh chách.

Use your hands and your imagination in this fun drop-in pottery workshop with Cormac Ó Breartúin! No booking necessary. All ages welcome!

Skerries Library	Saturday, 3rd October	1:30pm - 4:00pm
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Raic & Rithim / Rock & Rhythm Workshop le Brian Walsh

Ceardlann rithime agus drumadóireachta do theaghlaigh le Brian Walsh ina mbainfear sult as cluichí rithime agus léiriú gairid. Ní aon ghá do thaithí! Aois 5-12, fáilte roimh siblí. Cinntigh d'áit tríd teaghlaigh a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

A rhythm and drumming workshop for families with Brian Walsh where you can enjoy percussion instruments, rhythm games and a short performance. No experience necessary! Ages 5-12, siblings welcome.

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

Swords Library	Friday, 25th September	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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Bronntanas i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall Bronntanas in Fingal Libraries

Seisiún Spráúil le Sarah Sparkles

Seó dhá-theangach scéalaíochta le Sarah agus a cairde puipéad. Bí ag spraoi trí Ghaeilge agus Béarla, éist le scéal, bí ag canadh, déan damhsa! Fáilte roimh chách.

A special bilingual storytelling event with Sarah and her puppet friends. Have fun through Irish and English, listen to a story, sing, dance! All welcome.



Donabate Library

Saturday, 26th September

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Seó Draíochta agus Puipéad / Puppet and Magic Show

le Quentin Reynolds

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

A fun-filled magic and puppet show with lots of audience participation, presented in Irish and English. Come along and you might even learn a few new words in Irish. No booking necessary. All welcome.



Malahide Library

Saturday, 26th September

11.00am - 12.00pm

Scéalta agus Rannta Leabharlann Dhomhnach Bat

Seisiún scéalaíochta do leanaí óga agus dá dtuismitheoirí a thugann deis do pháistí páirt a ghlacadh. Fáilte roimh chách.

Storytelling session for young children and their parents that gives children the opportunity to join in. All welcome.

Donabate Library

**Tuesday, 15th September
Tuesday, 22nd September
Tuesday, 29th September**

10:00am - 10:30am

Yoga do Theaghlaigh / Family Yoga le Óga Yoga

Bígi linn le haghaidh seisiún yoga atá oiriúnach do theaghlaigh. Beidh an seisiún bunaithe ar an leabhar yoga *Diarmuid agus an Mata Yoga: Draíochta San Amasóin*. Beidh fáilte roimh thuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí páirt a ghlacadh. Bronnfar leabhar agus leabhair dathúcháin ar gach páiste. Cinntigh d'áit tríd teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

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 Amasóin*. Parents/guardians are welcome to take part in these sessions with their children. Each child will be presented with a book and colouring book.

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



Rush Library

Thursday, 24th September

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Cheardlann Drámaíochta / Drama Workshop le hEm Ó Ceallaigh

Cruthaigh nuacht bréagach greannmhar le chéile sa cheardlann drámaíochta seo le hEm Ó Ceallaigh. Cinntigh d'áit tríd teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an mbrainse.

Create funny news stories together in this drama workshop for families with Em Ó Ceallaigh. This workshop is bilingual Irish / English. Age 7-9.

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



Balbriggan Library

Tuesday, 22nd September

3:30pm - 4:40pm

Balbriggan Library

Wednesday, 23rd September

3:30pm - 4:40pm



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 ghnáthshaoil 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.

Find the Gaeilge i do Chroí!

le Molly Nic Céile

Connect with an Ghaeilge you didn't know you knew, embrace na botúin – the mistakes – and discover the richness that our beautiful language – ár dteanga álainn – has to offer. All ages.

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



Donabate Library	Tuesday, 22nd September	11:00am - 1:00pm
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Seó Draíochta agus Puipéad le Quentin Reynolds

Seó draíochta agus puipéad lán spráil le go leor rannpháirtíochta ón lucht féachana. Fáilte roimh chách.

A fun-filled magic and puppet show with lots of audience participation. All welcome.



Donabate Library	Saturday, 10th October	11:30am - 12:15pm
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Scéalta, Rince agus Ceol le Julie Anne de Brún

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

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! All welcome.



Donabate Library	Saturday, 7th November	11:30am - 12:15pm
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Páistí! Scéalta! Amhráin! Spraoi!

Le Ciarán Ó Fainín

Tá mé ag súil go mór le deiseanna a thabhairt do pháistí an cheantair teacht le chéile ag séisiúin scéalaíochta. Fáilte roimh chách.

I am excited to give children a chance to come together for storytelling sessions! You are all very welcome.



Donabate Library	Saturday, 26th September Saturday, 31st October Saturday, 28th November	11:30am - 12:15pm
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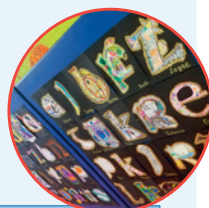
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Open House Dublin is Irish Architectural Foundation's festival of architecture. The festival includes a dedicated weekend for children and young people, Open House Junior, on 10th & 11th October.

Celtic Design Workshop with Francesca Cadeddu

Step back in time to medieval Ireland, the land of saints and scholars, with archaeologist Francesca Cadeddu. Discover how medieval monasteries were the catalyst for the creation of towns and villages. The workshop includes a hands-on art class for children to create their own illuminated letter with Celtic designs. Ages 7-12.

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



Rush Library	Saturday, 10th October	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 10th October	10:30am - 11:30am

Character Creation with Seán Farrelly

Join author Seán for this creative writing workshop for teens. 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. Age 13-16.

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

Events for Teens

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 26th September	2pm - 4:00pm
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Zine-making Workshop for Teens with Sophie Meehan

Join zine-maker and artist Sophie Meehan for a two-hour interactive zine-making workshop. Participants will make their own zines, (small format handmade pamphlets), and learn about the history of zines in counterculture and independent publishing. Walk away with your own finished piece and new skills. Age 14-16.

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

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 10th October	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Rush Library	Monday, 12th October	5:30pm - 7:30pm



Dungeons & Dragons Critical Hit: Friday the 13th

On Friday the 13th, join us for a thrilling Dungeons & Dragons one-shot! Every choice you make shapes the story and could decide your fate... For seasoned adventurers only. Ages: 13+.

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

Balbriggan Library	Friday, 13th November	2.30pm - 4:30pm
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CV Success: Build Your Future

In this four-week CV writing programme you will Learn how to create a professional CV, showcase your strengths and gain practical tips to help you stand out when applying for part-time jobs, volunteering or future career opportunities. Laptop required. Age 16-20.

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

Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 1st October Thursday, 8th October Thursday, 15th October Thursday, 22nd October	5:00pm - 6:00pm
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HALLOWEEN



Ellora McGee Halloween Draw-along with Una Woods

Join Una for a magical workshop where she'll introduce you to the enchanting world of *Ellora McGee Trainee Banshee*. Learn how to draw Ellora and her friends. Age 8-12. All welcome.



Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 20th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Donabate Library	Thursday, 22nd October	3:00pm - 4:00pm

Spooky Story Writing Workshop with Megan Wynne

Join children's author Megan Wynne for a fabulous spooky story writing workshop inspired by her novel, *The Spirit of Loughmoe Abbey*. Create ghostly creatures within a creepy setting and build tension to terrify readers! Age 8-12.

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



Swords Library	Saturday, 31st October	11:00am - 12:00pm
Garristown Library	Wednesday, 28th October	3:30pm - 4:30pm

Spooky Storytelling with Balor Otherworld

Join renowned storyteller Balor Otherworld this Halloween for storytelling and folktales! Let Balor's spooky, historical narratives and folklore from Dublin and across Ireland draw you into the other world. Age 6+. All welcome.



Malahide Library	Friday, 30th October	11:30am - 12:30pm
Skerries Library	Friday, 30th October	2:30pm-3:30pm

Halloween Mask-Making with Kim Jenkinson

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for a Halloween mask-making workshop! Design and create your own mask, spooky, silly or sparkly, and get ready for trick or treating this Halloween! Age 6+.

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



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 31st October	11:00am-12:00pm
Rush Library	Saturday, 31st October	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Halloween Magic Show with Reuben the Entertainer

Join Reuben for some silly, spooky Halloween giggles! His high-energy variety show will have the whole family in stitches. Learn some fun games you can play over the holidays. Not to be missed! All welcome.



Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 31st October	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Howth Library	Saturday, 31st October	10:00am-11:00am

Halloween Spooky Storytelling and Writing Workshop for Teens

Age 12-17.

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

Swords Library	Wednesday, 28th October	5:00pm - 6:30pm
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Halloween Crafts

Library	Date	Times	Ages
Rush Library	Thursday, 22nd October	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 5-8
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 20th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Age 7-9
Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 28th October	3:00pm - 3:45pm	Age 4-8
Malahide Library	Wednesday, 28th October Thursday, 29th October	2:00pm - 2:45pm	Age 4-7 Age 7-10
Swords Library	Tuesday, 27th October Thursday, 29th October	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Age 4-7 Age 8-11
Skerries Library	Thursday, 15th October Thursday, 22nd October Thursday, 29th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Age 7-12

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

Spooky Story Time

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 29th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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Halloween Quiz

Age 8-12.

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

Swords Library	Thursday, 22nd October	3:30pm - 4:30pm
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Halloween Fun

Halloween quizzes, games and more in Blanchardstown Library! Age 6-10. All welcome.

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 27th October	2:30pm - 3:30pm
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HALLOWEEN



Halloween Family Movie

Rush Library	Thursday, 29th October	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Malahide Library	Friday, 30th October	2pm *come along in fancy dress!
Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 27th October Wednesday, 28th October Thursday, 29th October	5:00pm - 7:00pm

All welcome. No booking necessary.

Halloween Badge

During Halloween mid-term break, visit **Skerries Library** and collect your Halloween badge!

Decorate the Library for Halloween!

Drop in and help us decorate Blanchardstown Library for Halloween! Draw, colour and have some spooky fun. Age 4-10.

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 22nd October	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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Children's Halloween Costume Swap

Searching for the perfect Halloween costume? Browse our fantastic selection of donated costumes and accessories and take home a new-to-you outfit for Halloween. A fun, affordable and environmentally friendly way to celebrate the spooky season with your little one.

Halloween Costume Drop-Off - Monday, 5th October – Friday, 9th October, during library opening hours. Please bring up to 5 clean costumes. Ages 0-12.

Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 10th October	10:30am - 4:00pm
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MATHS WEEK

10th-18th Oct 2026



Primary school students from Blanchardstown will take part in a **Mind Reading Maths** workshop with Anyone4Science to celebrate Maths Week. Children from a local primary school will visit Balbriggan Library for a **Hexaflexagon** workshop.



8th-15th Nov 2026

Primary school children in Garristown and Swords will visit their local libraries to celebrate Science Week! Children will have the opportunity to learn about bees and make a **beeswax candle** to take home. Schoolchildren in Donbate and Howth are invited take part in a fun, **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**-inspired workshop to learn the science behind flour, cocoa, and the ingredients needed to make chocolate play-dough.



Author Visits

To celebrate the national Children's Book Festival in October, Fingal Libraries presents a stellar line up of authors and illustrators to visit libraries and schools throughout the Autumn and Winter.

Author Visit with Lauren O'Hara

Illustrator Lauren O'Hara will visit Skerries Library to talk to a class invited from a local school about her illustrations for *Hortense and the Shadow*, a collaboration with her sister Natalia, and *Madame Badoobedah* by author Sophie Dahl.



Minotaur Boy: Creative Writing with Shane Hegarty

Author Shane Hegarty will visit Donabate Library to talk to a class of school children about the real-life inspirations behind his books and how they can create their own wild ideas. Shane's new book, *Minotaur Boy* is about a boy with a monstrous problem.



The Doomsday Club with Kevin Moran

A class of school children will join author Kevin Moran in Rush Library to discover the ingredients that make up a spooky mystery. Whether it's ancient demons living across from your school or creatures buried deep in a bog, the characters from *The Doomsday Club* always uncover the secrets behind strange and terrifying events.



Robin Ornaments with Margaret Anne Suggs

A class of school children will join author-illustrator Margaret Anne Suggs, author of *Robin and Pip*, for a crafting session in Malahide Library where they will create their own robins to take home, inspired by her book!



The Grand Central Cinema Club: Lights, Camera, Mayhem! with Alan Nolan

Author Alan Nolan will visit a Howth primary school to talk to a class about the inspirations behind his latest children's book *The Grand Central Cinema Club: Lights, Camera, Mayhem!* set in the cinemas of Dublin in 1937.



Effie is Offline - Comic Creation Workshop with Karen Harte

Author and illustrator Karen Harte will share the creative process behind her graphic novel *Effie is Offline* with a class of students in Baldoyle Library before guiding participants through the basics of comic storytelling.





#FINGALInclusionWeek

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Fingal Inclusion Week

16th - 22nd November

The Art of Us with Rough Draft Poetry and Ivy

Blanchardstown Library is delighted to celebrate Fingal Inclusion Week with Rough Draft Poetry and artist Ivy. This event will explore the theme of 'The Art of Us', starting with an open mic, followed by a guided art therapy session. We will finish with a collective writing session reflecting on the day's experiences. All welcome.



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Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 17th November	4:30pm - 7:30pm
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'Hands and Tales' Story Time for All with Imogen Carter

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



Donabate Library	Saturday, 21st November	10:30am - 11:15am
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 21st November	2:30pm - 3:15pm



Show Racism the Red Card

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

Inclusive Creativity with Prosper Fingal

To celebrate Fingal Inclusion Week, Fingal Libraries will continue to work with Prosper Fingal, which supports adults with an intellectual disability. Courses on smartphone use and percussion sessions will give participants an opportunity to express their creativity and interact with others in a supportive and friendly library environment.





Check out the 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.

Laser-Cut Jigsaws (Children)

Design it. Laser cut it. Piece together your very own custom jigsaw puzzle!
Age 10-12.



Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 19th September	11:00am - 1:00pm
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3D Printed Pumpkins (Children)

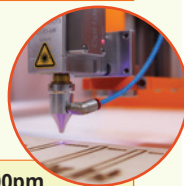
Design spooky creations, learn 3D modelling skills, and bring your Halloween ideas to life with hands-on 3D printing fun. Age 10-12.



Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 27th October	11:00am - 1:00pm
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Bookmark Makers: Design & Laser Cut Your Own (Children)

Design your own bookmark, learn digital design skills, and bring your ideas to life with a fun laser cutting workshop for young makers. Age 10-12.



Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 21st November	11:00am - 1:00pm
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Electric Igloos: Light Up Cold Nights (Children)

Build and light your own electric igloo using paper folding and simple electronics. Create a glowing winter design to brighten cold nights. Age 10-12.



Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 19th December	11am - 1:00pm
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Be Seen: Design Your Own Safety Gear (Teens)

Learn the basics of electronics while creating a wearable safety accessory with lights that help you stand out after dark. Age 13-17.

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 19th September	2:00pm - 4:00pm
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Everyday Electronics: Circuits, Soldering & Practical Skills (Teens)

Build real confidence with electronics in this fun, hands-on 2-hour workshop designed for beginners. Age 13-17.

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 13th October	4:30pm - 6:30pm
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Trash to Treasure: Recycled Paper Workshop (Teens)

Get creative and go green! Learn how to transform used paper into handmade recycled sheets while exploring sustainability and circular design. Age 13-17.

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 24th November	4:30pm - 6:30pm
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Electric Igloos: Design a Winter Glow (Teens)

Design and build your own electric igloo using paper techniques and electronics. Create a glowing winter piece that lights up cold nights. Age 13-17.

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 19th December	2:00pm - 4:00pm
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3D Printing for Absolute Beginners (Adults)

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

Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 28th October	5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Re-Pulp: Sustainable Papermaking (Adults)

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

Blanchardstown Library	Monday, 23rd November	5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Cyanotype Christmas Cards (Adults)

Design and create your own elegant cyanotype Christmas cards this holiday season!

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 15th December	5:30pm - 7:30pm
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The Write Time

A Celebration of Creativity & Writing in Fingal

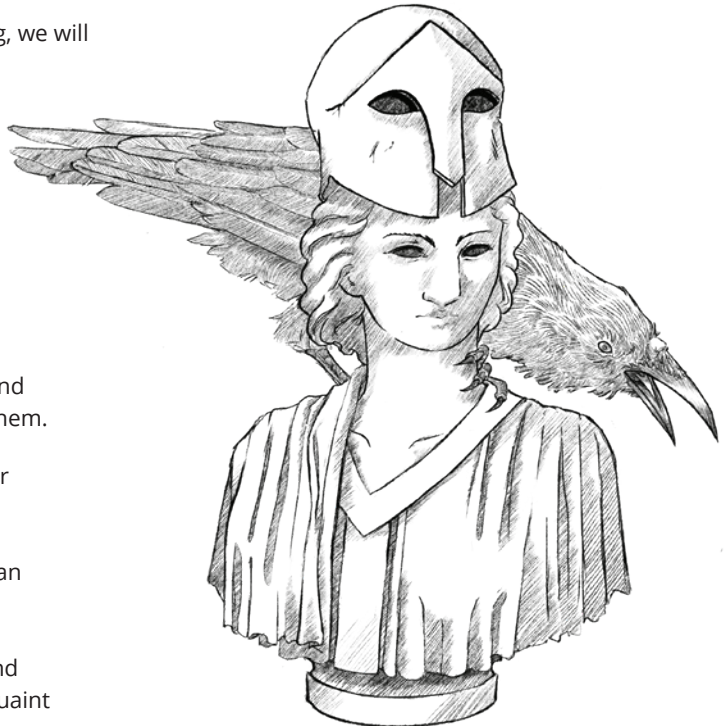
Saturday, 14th & Sunday, 15th November, 2026

Quoth the Raven “Nevermore”, yet the Write Time festival returns this November, presented by Fingal Libraries.

The showcase of author talks will take place in the Carnegie Library, Swords, on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November. The weekend will feature conversations with authors such as Rónán Hession, Doireann Ní Ghríofa, Emma Dabiri, Katriona O'Sullivan and Roddy Doyle.

In the weeks preceding, we will host literary events and expert-led workshops in our library branches. Hone your craft and expand your understanding of the literature you love, all for free in your community. Readers and writers alike will find something to inspire them.

The full programme for the Write Time festival will be released later this year, and tickets can be booked in October. All events are free of charge. Come along and ponder over many a quaint and curious volume!





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Europe Direct - Soapbox Competition 2026

The annual Europe Direct Regional Soapbox Competition will take place in November 2026 at Blanchardstown Library. Contestants will compete in one of two categories: 1) 16 and under; 2) 17 and over. A regional winner from each category will be selected to go forward to the national final.

Participants will be invited to deliver a 3-minute speech, *"Culture is at the heart of what it means to be European. But is Ireland culturally closer to Strasbourg or Sydney?"*.

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

For application form and rules for the competition, please contact:
europedirect@fingal.ie / blanchlibrary@fingal.ie

EUROPE DIRECT SOAPBOX PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2026



BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A TABLET!
Regional winners go on to compete in the Soapbox National Final for the first prize of €1,000!

'Culture is at the heart of what it means to be European. But is Ireland culturally closer to Strasbourg or Sydney?'

Contact your local Europe Direct for full details.
www.europedirect.ie



Live Viewing - SOTEU Address by President of the European Commission

The Europe Direct Information Centre in Blanchardstown Library will present a live viewing of the State of the Union (SOTEU) address to the European Parliament by the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. All welcome. No booking necessary.

Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 16th September

10:00am - 12:00pm



Autumn/Winter Events for Adults

The Language Hub: Poetry and Translation

As part of the country-wide cultural programme celebrating Ireland's EU presidency, poet Christodoulos Makris has curated a series of poetry sessions that centre connectivity through language. Poets and translators visiting from across Europe will present their work - in English, Latvian, Italian, Dutch and Irish - for discussion in an informal setting that welcomes audience participation. Featuring Ligija Purinaša, Kimberly Campanello, Nicoletta Asciuto, Ciara Ní É and Sophie Collins.



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Culture

The Chapel, Swords Castle	Saturday, 3rd October	11:00am - 4:00pm
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Art Classes with John Carpenter

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

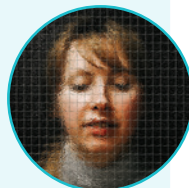
To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



Rush Library	Friday, 18th September Friday, 25th September Friday, 2nd October Friday, 9th October	2:00pm - 4:00pm
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Introduction to Digital Photography with Myles Shelly

This four-week introduction to digital photography course will cover camera settings, composition, light, and visual storytelling. Through a combination of demonstrations and hands-on exercises, participants will learn how to use their camera and develop a stronger understanding of the photographic image. Suitable for beginners and those looking to refresh their skills. Attendees must attend each session. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 7th November Tuesday, 10th November Saturday, 21st November Saturday, 28th November	10:00am - 11:30am
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Demystifying the Personal Essay with Ellen Brickley

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



Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 19th November	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Swords Library	Thursday, 22nd October	5:30pm - 7:30pm

Wardrobe Editing with Fiona Hall

A wardrobe full of clothes but nothing to wear? In this workshop, psychotherapist Fiona Hall will share her tips on decluttering and overcoming emotional hurdles. There will be a Q&A at the end to answer your questions.

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



Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 14th October	6:30pm - 7:30pm
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Autumn/Winter Events for Adults

Poetry Workshop with John Doyle

Join internationally published poet John Doyle for a workshop on everything you wanted to know about writing poetry but were afraid to ask! To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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Swords Library	Thursday, 12th November	5:30pm - 7:00pm
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Trace your Family History

Ever wondered how to start your family tree? Join us in Fingal Local Studies & Archives (46 North Street, Swords) for a monthly workshop on how to begin to trace your family history. We will examine the online resources freely available through Fingal Libraries and how these can be used in your search. Booking required.

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



Fingal Local Studies & Archives	Wednesday, 23rd September Wednesday, 21st October Wednesday, 18th November	2:30pm - 3:30pm
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Paper Crafts and Card-making with Aoife Munn

Create cards and personalised pictures using die cut machine and lots of extra in this paper craft workshop. Lovely to give as gifts or keep for yourself.

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

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 13th October	6:00pm - 7:30pm
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Skerries Craft Circle

Decoupage Magnets

Decoupage is the art of decorating objects by gluing paper or fabric cutouts onto a surface, often enhanced with paint, varnish, or other decorative elements. In addition, we will be adding a magnet. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Skerries Library	Tuesday, 13th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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Autumnal Wreath Making

Autumnal wreaths are a seasonal decoration that symbolises the harvest and the changing of the seasons, and we will be making them from scratch, using a variety of materials and techniques. To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Skerries Library	Tuesday, 20th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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Bargello in Autumn

Discover the vibrant world of Bargello embroidery, known for its bold, repeating patterns and flowing, flame-like designs, in this hands-on workshop for beginners. You don't need any stitching experience to get started! To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Skerries Library	Tuesday, 27th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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Autumn/Winter Events for Adults

Baldoyle Library Crafts

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

Iris Paper Folding	Wednesday, 30th September	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Winter Printing	Tuesday, 17th November	2:00pm - 4:00pm

Baldoyle Library Craft-a-thon

All crafts created on the day will be donated to the Cats & Dogs Protection Association of Ireland. For adults.

Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 27th October	10:00am - 4:00pm
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Grief Support Circle with Ann Byrne

This Grief Support Circle with life coach Ann Byrne offers a safe space for people who have lost someone significant in their life to share their story and receive understanding and support. Refreshments will be provided.

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

Balbriggan Library	Friday, 27th November	10:30am - 12:30pm
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The Last Chapter

Fingal Libraries has introduced a new collection of books dealing sensitively with end-of-life issues, with selected titles chosen for a range of ages. The collection is titled 'The Last Chapter'. Please enquire at your local Fingal Library branch for more details.



Sustainable Development Goals Week 18th September - 8th October



Data Centres: From the Bog to the Cloud

Dr. Patrick Bresnihan in conversation with Lois Kapila

Dr. Patrick Bresnihan will discuss his recent co-authored book, *From the Bog to the Cloud: Dependency and Eco-Modernity in Ireland* in conversation with journalist Lois Kapila. The book deals with the topical issue of data centres and why Ireland has so many of them.

Telling this story requires digging into Ireland's colonial and postcolonial histories, from Bord na Móna and the industrialisation of the peatlands to Ireland's reliance on foreign direct investment. Dr. Patrick Bresnihan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Maynooth University. Lois Kapila is deputy editor at *Dublin Inquirer*.

All welcome.

Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 23rd September	6:45pm - 7:45pm
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18th September
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Improve Your Home Energy Efficiency with Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community

Home energy improvements lead to reduced energy usage and savings on your energy bills. In this information session, Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community will answer all your questions on available supports and grants to improve home energy efficiency. Balbriggan SEC will guide you to the grant option that suits you best and help with the application process if needed. All welcome.

Balbriggan Library

Wednesday, 7th October

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Home Energy Savings Clinic with Codema

Drop into Rush Library for a demonstration of Codema's Home Energy Saving Kit, available on loan from Fingal Libraries. Learn simple, low-cost ways to cut your energy bills and boost home efficiency. Dublin's Energy Agency Codema will show you how to use the kit's five easy tools to check for heat loss, insulation issues and appliance energy use. There will be free energy-saving tips and resources to take home. All welcome.

No booking necessary.

Rush Library

Wednesday, 7th October

10:30am - 1:00pm

For Schools

Marine Conservation Workshop with Clean Coasts

To celebrate Sustainable Development Goals Week, classes of schoolchildren will be invited to Baldoyle Library and Rush Library for Clean Coasts' workshops to learn about Fingal's coasts and what we each can do to protect them.



Trade Justice with Self Help Africa

From cocoa beans to chocolate bars, and from bananas to our supermarket shelves what happens along the way? This interactive workshop invites TY students from Baldoyle and Swords to explore the journey of everyday products and the people behind them. Students will discover the challenges faced by farmers, explore what Fairtrade means, and consider how fairer trade can benefit farmers and communities.





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SPACE WEEK

Our Planet • Our Space • Our Time

The Birth of the Solar System with the Irish Astronomical Society

Join Mick Mc Creary, the Vice President of the Irish Astronomical Society, as he explores how our Solar System formed about 4.5 billion years ago from a dense cloud of interstellar gas and dust. He will look at the so-called 'Goldilocks' zone and why we think life as we know it evolved only on Earth. Finally, he will look at how our Solar system will end in another 4.5 billion years. All welcome.

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Swords Library	Wednesday, 7th October	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 8th October	6:30pm - 7:30pm



Skills For Life

Grow the skills you need at your local Library

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

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

In this talk, we'll demystify AI, exploring its potential and pitfalls, from deepfakes to biased algorithms, job automation to surveillance technologies. We will also explore the urgent need to make informed choices about the technologies shaping our society. All welcome.



Skerries Library	Wednesday, 28th October	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Baldoyle Library	Monday, 9th November	6:30pm - 7:30pm

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 bring your questions!

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

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

Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 30th September Wednesday, 7th October Wednesday, 14th October Wednesday, 21st October	10:30am -12:00pm
Howth Library	Thursday, 24th September Thursday, 1st October Thursday, 8th October Thursday, 15th October	10:00am - 11:30am
Swords Library	Monday, 28th September Monday, 5th October Monday, 12th October Monday, 19th October	10:00am - 11:30am
Malahide Library	Thursday, 5th November Thursday, 12th November Thursday, 19th November Thursday, 26th November	4:30pm - 6:00pm
Rush Library	Friday, 6th November Friday, 13th November Friday, 20th November Friday, 27th November	11:30am - 1:00pm



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.**

Age-Friendly 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.*

Mindfulness through Movement

with Katrina Barker

Join Katrina for a 4-week course featuring chair yoga, mindful movement, breath work and relaxation! This course is designed to promote a feeling of well-being and reduce stress. No experience is necessary, and all levels of fitness are welcome.

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



Balbriggan Library	Friday, 9th October Friday, 16th October Friday, 23rd October Friday, 30th October	11:00am - 12:00pm
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Chair Yoga with Enda Greene

Unlock your inner energy from a chair in this uplifting yoga experience featuring gentle movement, breathwork, yogic meditation and focused awareness. We will finish the class with soothing sound healing instruments. No experience needed - all levels welcome. Just bring some water and wear comfortable clothes.

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



Blanchardstown Library	Friday, 2nd October Friday, 9th October Friday, 16th October Friday, 30th October	11:00am - 12:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 1st October Thursday, 15th October Thursday, 22nd October Thursday, 29th October	2:30pm - 3:30pm



Tai Chi with Mario McCormick

Join our four-week beginners' Tai Chi classes 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.

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

Malahide Library	Tuesday, 6th October Tuesday, 13th October Tuesday 20th October Tuesday, 27th October	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Skerries Library	Saturday, 19th September Saturday, 26th September Saturday, 3rd October Saturday, 10th October	11:00am - 12:00pm



Nordic Walking with Gita Ramanauskaite

Discover the benefits of Nordic walking, an enhanced, low-impact fitness activity that uses specially designed poles to engage the upper body, improve posture, build muscle strength, and support your joints.

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

Donabate Library	Tuesday, 6th October Tuesday, 13th October Tuesday, 20th October Tuesday, 27th October	11:30am - 12:30pm
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Zumba with Sasha

Join Sasha for four sessions of free, fun Zumba fitness classes brought to you by the Europe Direct centre, Blanchardstown.

These sessions will promote physical and mental well-being through movement, music, and shared positive energy.



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Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 7th November Saturday, 14th November Saturday, 21st November Saturday, 28th November	11:00am - 12:00pm
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Merry Christmas

Festive Music Events

Dublin Gospel Choir – Christmas Extravaganza Concert

Europe Direct Blanchardstown Library is delighted to host the Dublin Gospel Choir for a Christmas extravaganza concert the whole family can enjoy. All welcome.



Blanchardstown Library

Wednesday, 16th December

6:00pm - 7:45pm

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

Celebrate the Christmas season with the Irish Institute of Music (IIMS) & Song Youth Choir & Children's Chorus at a magical Christmas Concert in Balbriggan Library. The IIMS Youth Choir and IIMS Children's Chorus help develop young singers from the age of 7 all the way to 18 years. Both choirs are conducted by award-winning director, Rebecca Gilbert.

No booking necessary.
All welcome.



Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 5th December

11:00am - 12:00pm

Christmas Harp Recital

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

No booking necessary.
All welcome.



Rush Library

Monday, 14th December

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Festive Events for Children

Make a Christmas Garland with Tarsila Krüse

Get creative and celebrate the holiday season with artist Tarsila Krüse! Inspired by the bright colours of folk art, you'll make your own fun paper Christmas garland using cutouts and collage. Age 8-12.

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



Donabate Library	Saturday, 19th December	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Rush Library	Saturday, 19th December	11:00am - 12:00pm
Garristown Library	TBD	TBD

Funky Christmas Tree Collage with Tarsila Krüse

Join Tarsila Krüse for a craft workshop to create your own folk-inspired paper trees using collage! You'll make unique trees that can serve as festive ornaments or personalised greeting cards. Small children must be accompanied by an adult. Age 5-8.

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



Garristown Library	Wednesday, 16th December	2:30pm - 3:30pm
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Christmas Magic Show with Reuben the Entertainer

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



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 19th December	10:00am - 11:00am
Skerries Library	Saturday, 19th December	12:00pm - 1:00pm

Winter Wondertales with Simone Schuemmelfeder

Join storyteller Simone for seasonal stories of winter miracles, frosty nights and fires crackling in the hearth. These tales will get the whole family into the Christmas spirit! Age 5+. All welcome.



Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 12th December	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Swords Library	Saturday, 12th December	11:00am - 12:00pm

Christmas Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan

Join us for a fun, festive musical experience for little ones with singing, dancing, listening and instrument playing. All welcome.



Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 19th December	11:00am - 11:45am
Howth Library	Thursday, 17th December	11:30am - 12:15pm
Malahide Library	Thursday, 17th December	10:00am - 10:45am



Family Time events and activities take place in libraries during the month of December to engage families in the enjoyment of sharing stories and reading together.

Festive Story Time

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

Library	Date	Times
Rush Library	Thursday, 10th December	3:00pm
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 8th December Thursday, 10th December	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 8th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	Every Thursday in December	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Garristown Library	Wednesday, 2nd December	3:45pm - 4:45pm
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 1st December	3:00pm - 3:30pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 5th December Saturday, 12th December	10:00am - 10:30am
Swords Library	Wednesday, 2nd December Tuesday, 15th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm

Festive Crafts

Library	Date	Times	Ages
Skerries Library	Thursday, 26th November Thursday, 3rd December Thursday, 10th December	3:00pm - 4:00pm	All Ages
Rush Library	Thursday, 19th November	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 5-10
Donabate Library	Thursday, 17th December	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Age 5-10
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 15th December	3:00pm - 4:45pm	Age 4-8
Malahide Library	Monday, 14th December Thursday, 17th December	3:30pm - 4:15pm	Age 4-7 Age 7-10
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 23rd December	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Age 9-12
Swords Library	Thursday, 3rd December Wednesday, 9th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Age 4-7 Age 8-12

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

Christmas Baby Book Club

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 15th December	12:00pm - 1:00pm
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No booking necessary. All welcome.

Christmas Teddy Bear Sleepover

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 10th December	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Swords Library	Thursday, 10th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm

No booking necessary. All welcome.

Teddy Bear Christmas Storytime

Bring your favourite teddy bear along to the library and enjoy some Christmas stories together. Age 0-4. All welcome.

Baldoyle Library	Friday, 18th December	2:30pm - 3:00pm
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No booking necessary. All welcome.

Little Books at Bedtime: Teddy Bear Nap Time

Rush Library	Friday, 4th of December	3:00pm - 4:00pm
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No booking necessary. All welcome.

Family Time at Your Library: Board Games on the Altar

Rush Library	Wednesday, 18th November Thursday, 26th November	5:00pm - 7:30pm
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No booking necessary. All welcome.

Family Fun Night

Board games, Lego station, puzzles and more. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Age 5-12.

Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 8th December	6:00pm - 7:30pm
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Christmas Family Quiz

Ages 8-12. Bring along a parent/guardian/grandparent!

Library	Date	Times
Swords Library	Wednesday, 16th December	3:30pm - 4:30pm

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

Festive Family Movies

All welcome.

Library	Date	Times
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 17th December Tuesday, 22nd December	4:00pm 2:00pm
Rush Library	Monday, 21st December Tuesday, 22nd December Wednesday, 23rd December	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 12th December	2:00pm

Help us Decorate the Library!

Throughout December, children are invited to help Santa's Village in Skerries Library grow! Create your own winter wonderland masterpieces and add it to our magical village display. Drop in anytime during the month and watch Santa's Village come to life! All welcome.

Skerries Library	December	Any time
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Drop in and help us decorate the library for Christmas at our Christmas Creative Zone for Children! Draw, colour and have some festive fun. Age 4-10.

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 17th December	3:30pm
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Baldoyle Library Christmas Mystery Reads

Not sure what to read over the Christmas holidays? Try one of our mystery picks - wrapped up like a Christmas present!

Christmas Tree Pop-up

Colour a decoration for the **Malahide Library** Christmas tree from Monday, 7th December. All welcome.

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Merry Christmas

Festive Events for Adults

Merry Swapmas

Why buy new? Swap Instead! Take part in our Christmas Sparkle & Partywear Swap Shop - drop off up to 5 items of new or almost new clothes and accessories on Monday, 30th November between 2pm-7:30pm and receive your tokens. Then on Tuesday, 1st December, browse, swap and chat. Refreshments, tunes and fitting rooms will be provided. Age 16+.



Balbriggan Library

Tuesday, 1st December

5:30pm-7:30pm

Make Your Own Gift: Copper Art 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.

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



Skerries Library

Wednesday, 25th November

2:30pm - 4:00pm

Eco Christmas Gifts with Aoife Munn

Make your own Eco Christmas gifts for friends and family for a great start to your sustainable Christmas! All materials supplied.

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



Baldoyle Library

Wednesday, 25th November

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 24th November

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Make Your Own Gift: Kinusaiga Art with Catherine McCourt

Immerse yourself in the Japanese art of Kinusaiga. Using colourful fabrics and a simple template, you'll learn how to create your own beautiful textile picture, using scraps of fabric to bring your design to life. No sewing required! All materials provided.

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



Balbriggan Library

Tuesday, 24th November

5:30pm-7:30pm

Donabate Library

Wednesday, 2nd December

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Swords Library

Thursday, 3rd December

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Christmas Wreath Demonstration with Unwind with Plants

Join us for a demonstration of festive floristry and take away some great ideas! Learn how to create a luxurious Christmas wreath. You'll have a chance to prepare the foliage and decorate the finished design. All welcome.



Garristown Library	Monday, 7th December	6:30pm - 8:00pm
Howth Library	Tuesday, 8th December	10:30am - 12:00pm
Rush Library	Wednesday, 9th December	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Malahide Library	Thursday, 10th December	6:00pm - 7:30pm

Scandinavian Christmas Wreath-Making with Aoife Munn

Join us for a Scandinavian wreath-making session to get you in the Christmas spirit.



Please note: each participant will need to bring one shopping bag full of foliage for their wreath.

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 15th December	6:00pm - 7:30pm
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Paper Quilling Christmas Tree Ornaments with Celia Kluever

Participants will learn the basics of paper quilling and can create festive ornaments, such as Christmas trees, snowflakes, stars, or wreaths, to decorate their own Christmas tree or give as handmade gifts.



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

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 5th December	2:00pm - 4:00pm
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No Sew Christmas Ornament Workshop

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



Baldoyle Library	Monday, 7th December	2:00pm - 4:00pm
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Christmas Crafts and Cardmaking

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

Swords Library	Tuesday, 8th December	2:30pm-3:30pm
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Skerries Craft Circle

Make a Christmas Tree from a Book

A Christmas tree made from a book is a creative and sustainable decoration that transforms old paperbacks into festive holiday trees. All materials provided.

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

Skerries Library	Tuesday, 17th November	3.00pm - 4:00pm
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Kinusaiga Christmas Bauble

Kinusaiga is a traditional Japanese art form that involves pressing colourful fabric scraps into grooves cut into a foam bubble to bring a design to life. All materials provided.

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

Skerries Library	Tuesday, 24th November	3.00pm - 4:00pm
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Japanese Wrapping

Furoshiki is a traditional Japanese style of wrapping. This versatile and sustainable wrapping method demonstrates respect and care in the act of gift-giving. All materials provided.

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

Skerries Library	Tuesday, 1st December	3.00pm - 4:00pm
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Christmas Centre Piece

We will arrange flowers, greenery, and candles to create centrepieces that enhance the table and set the mood for festive gatherings. All materials provided.

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

Skerries Library	Tuesday, 8th December	3.00pm - 4:00pm
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Regular Events at your Local Fingal Library

Discover a fabulous range of recurring events at your local library – we're sure we have an event to inspire you! Contact your local library for more information.

Balbriggan Library		
Scrabble Club (adults)	Every Monday	11:00am - 12:30pm
Knitting and Crotchet Club (adults)	Every Monday	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Sensory Friendly Quiet Time	Every Monday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Irish Conversation Group (adults)	Every Monday	6:30pm - 8:00pm
Virtual Reality (VR) drop-in sessions (age 13+)	Contact 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
Adult 3D Printer Workshops	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 second Friday (Contact library directly to check next meetup)	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Junior Book Club (age 7+)	Monthly on Fridays (contact library directly to check next meetup)	3:30pm - 4:15pm
Young Adult Book Club (age 13-17)	Monthly on Saturdays (Contact library directly to check next meetup)	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Family Storytime	Every second Saturday	10:30am - 11:00am
Balbriggan Library Film Club	First Saturday of every month	2:00pm - 4:00pm
LGBTQ+ Book & Film Club (adults)	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am - 12:30pm
Knit with Brenda (New Class)	Every Wednesday (starting 2nd September 2026)	11:00am - 13:00pm

Baldoyle Library

Baldoyle Bibliophiles Book Club (adults)	First Tuesday of every month	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Junior Chess Group	Saturdays	12:45pm - 2:45pm
Baldoyle Movie Night (adults)	First Monday of every month	5:30pm - 7:30pm
eServices Clinic	First Monday of every month	2:30pm - 3:30pm

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 2nd October	10:00am - 1:00pm
Breast Feeding Support Group	Every Wednesday morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
Blanchardstown Library Film Club	Tuesdays - Monthly (15th Sept, 13th October, 10th November, 8th December)	2pm - 4pm (Sept/Oct) 11am - 1pm (Nov/Dec)
Irish Heart Foundation – Peer to Peer Support Group	Fridays - Monthly (second Friday of every month)	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 third 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 (age 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 September 9th	1:30pm - 3:00pm
Chatty Café (adults)	Every Monday	2:15pm - 3:00pm



Donabate Library

Sensory Quiet Time	Every Monday evening	5:30pm - 6:30pm
Monday Evening Book Club (adults)	Last Monday of the month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Gaeilge le Chéile (adults)	Every Tues/Sat morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
Junior Book Club (age 7-11)	Every Thursday	4:00pm - 5:00pm
Knitting Group (adults)	Every Thursday morning	11:00am - 1:00pm
Páistí! Scéalta! Amháin! Spraoi! (age 4-11)	Last Saturday of the month	11:30am - 12:30pm
Junior Chess Club (age 5-10)	Every Friday	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Chinkwell Writers Group (adults)	Every second Saturday	11:00am - 1:00pm

Garristown Library

Monday Chess Club (age 7-12)	Every Monday, 12th October - 7th December	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday Chess Club (age 7-12)	Tuesdays, 13th October - 8th December	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Scrabble Club (age 7-12)	Thursdays, 15th October - 10th December	3:15pm - 4:30pm
Storytime (age 3-7)	Every Wednesday except the last of the 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	
Mindfulness Colouring Corner	Available 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	
Spanish Conversation Group	Every Thursday	6:00pm - 7:30 pm

Rush Library

Rush Library Book Club (adults)	First Wednesday of every month	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Quilting Group (adults)	Every Tuesday	10:00am - 11:00am
Ciorcal Comhrá Irish Conversation Group	Every second Tuesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Rush Library Baby Book Club	Second Wednesday of every month	10:00am - 11:00am
Meet Me at the Altar – Local Musician Performances	Regularly on Saturday afternoons - contact library for details	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Age Friendly Social Club (adults)	Every Thursday	11:00am - 1:00pm
Knitting and Crochet Club (adults)	Alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays	6:15pm - 7:45pm & 4:00pm - 5:30pm
Sewing Club (adults)	Every Friday	10:00am - 12:00pm
Community Art Group (adults)	Every Tuesday	3:00pm - 5:00pm
Chess Club (age 8-12)	Every Monday	3:15pm - 4:15pm
Community Art Group	Every Friday	2:00pm - 4:00pm
Guided Meditation (adults)	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am - 12:30pm
Scrabble Club	Every Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Junior Chess Club	Every Monday	3:30pm - 4:00pm
Book Club for Teens with Down Syndrome	Contact library for details	

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
Sensory quiet Friends of Breast-feeding Group	Friday, 28th August Friday, 25th September Friday, 23rd October Friday, 27th November	10:30am - 12:30pm

Swords Library

eServices Clinic	First Monday of every month	2:30pm - 3:30pm
Irish Sign Language Group	Every second Monday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Baby Book Club	Every second Tuesday, beginning 8th September	10:30am - 11:30am
Italian Conversation Group	Every Tuesday, beginning 15th September	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Crafting Circle	Every Wednesday, beginning 2nd September	10:30am - 12:30pm
Irish Conversation Group	Every Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:45pm
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Thursday	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Board Games Time	Every Saturday	10:00am - 1:00pm

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Where is my nearest library?

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