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Earrach i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2024

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Spring in Fingal Libraries 2024

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



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

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Your Spring starts with a trip to the library

Check out the free talks, workshops and services in Fingal Libraries that can inspire, motivate and support you in 2024.

Spring Events at a Glance

Event	Location	Time
Saturday, 13th January		
St. Brigid's Cloak: A Narrative Quilt	Fingal Makerspace, Blanchardstown Library	(See page 17 for details)
Assistive Technology Workshop	Rush Library	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Money Magic: How to Master your Relationship with Money	Balbriggan Library	10:30am – 12:30pm
Monday, 15th January		
Chair Yoga	Blanchardstown Library	12:00pm – 1:00pm (See page 11 for more dates)
Wednesday, 17th January		
Dungeons and Dragons Taster Sessions (adults)	Baldoyle Library	8:00pm – 10:00pm (See page 46 for more dates)
Thursday, 18th January		
The Joy of Writing: Creative writing course	Baldoyle Library	11:00am – 1:00pm (See page 30 for more dates)
Monday, 22nd January		
Getting to know your Smartphone or Tablet	Swords Library	10:00am – 11:00am (See page 36 for more dates)
Getting to know your Smartphone or Tablet	Baldoyle Library	12:00pm – 1:00pm (See page 36 for more dates)
Wednesday, 24th January		
The Sinking of the Tayleur Sailing Ship, 1854	Fingal Local Studies and Archives	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday, 27th January		
Book Launch: The Minute Minders with Mary Murphy	Blanchardstown Library	11:30am – 12:30pm
Monday, 29th January		
Exercises to Boost Your Immune System	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am – 11:30am (See page 10 for more dates)
Getting to know your Smartphone or Tablet	Balbriggan Library	6:00pm – 7:00pm (See page 36 for more dates)
Tuesday, 30th January		
St. Brigid's Cloak, colourful collage workshop	Swords Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
St. Brigid's Day Arts and Crafts	Malahide Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm



Event	Location	Time
Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am – 12:00pm (See page 19 for more dates)
Wednesday, 31st January		
St. Brigid's Cloak, colourful collage workshop	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Thursday, 1st February		
The Aisling Series: Emer McLysaght & Sarah Breen in conversation with Sarah Maria Griffin	Blanchardstown Library	7:30pm – 8:30pm
St. Brigid's Cloak, colourful collage workshop	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
St. Brigid's Day Arts and Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
St. Brigid's Day Arts and Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
St. Brigid's Day Arts and Crafts	Malahide Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Tuesday, 6th February		
Memorise and Move!	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm – 6:30pm (See page 13 for more dates)
Alan Nolan's Pirate Ireland	Malahide Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Cosy Homes	Swords Library	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Wednesday, 7th February		
Student Wellness Programme	Blanchardstown Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm (See page 13 for more dates)
The Art of Reading Book Club: Colm Tóibín in conversation with author Kevin Curran	Balbriggan Library	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Helping your Teen Thrive in the Online World	Malahide Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Thursday, 8th February		
Exercises to Boost Your Immune System	Donabate Library	9:50am – 10:50am (See page 10 for more dates)
Valentine's Arts and Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Valentine's Arts and Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Virtual Reality Drop-in Session	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Friday, 9th February		
Tai Chi	Baldoyle Library	11:00am – 12:00pm (See page 11 for more dates)
Saturday, 10th February		
Money Magic: How to Master your Relationship with Money	Rush Library	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Dungeons and Dragons Taster Sessions (children)	Malahide Library	11:00am – 12:30pm (See page 46 for more dates)
Monday, 12th February		
Alan Nolan's Pirate Ireland	Howth Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Home by Starlight — A Poetry Reading with Paula Meehan	Howth Library	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Using DNA Test Results to Add to your Family History	Donabate Library	6:45 pm – 7:45 pm



Event	Location	Time
Getting to know your Smartphone or Tablet	Skerries Library	11:30am – 12:30pm
Every Day Easy Eco-tips for Less Waste	Malahide Library	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Tuesday, 13th February		
Understanding Dementia	Rush Library	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Valentine's Arts and Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Valentine's Arts and Crafts	Donabate Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Valentine's Arts and Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm – 4:45pm
Valentine's Arts and Crafts	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Valentine's Arts and Crafts	Malahide Library	All Day
The Joy of Writing: Creative writing course	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm – 8:00pm (See page 30 for more dates)
Learn to Paint and Draw	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am – 12:45pm (See page 34 for more dates)
Helping your Teen Thrive in the Online World	Skerries Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday, 14th February		
Understanding Dementia	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Valentine's Arts and Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm – 4:45pm
Virtual Reality Drop-in Session	Malahide Library	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Thursday, 15th February		
Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Information Unit	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am – 4:00pm
Valentine's Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Home by Starlight — A Poetry Reading with Paula Meehan	Skerries Library	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Dungeons and Dragons Taster Sessions (teens)	Malahide Library	5:30pm – 7:00pm (See page 46 for more dates)
Virtual Reality Drop-in Session	Swords Library	2:15pm – 4.15pm
Friday, 16th February		
Every Day Easy Eco-tips for Less Waste	Donabate Library	11:00am – 12:15pm
Saturday, 17th February		
Tai Chi	Balbriggan Library	11:00am – 12:00pm (See page 11 for more dates)
Dungeons and Dragons Taster Sessions (children)	Balbriggan Library	11:00am – 12:30pm (See page 46 for more dates)
Monday, 19th February		
Alan Nolan's Pirate Ireland	Swords Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Sensory Slime Workshop	Balbriggan Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Using DNA Test Results to Add to your Family History	Howth Library	6:45pm – 7:45pm
Computer Course for Improvers	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am – 12:30pm (See page 36 for more dates)
Computer Course for Improvers	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm – 3:30pm (See page 36 for more dates)



Event	Location	Time
Computer Course for Improvers	Donabate Library	4:30pm – 6:00pm (See page 36 for more dates)
Cosy Homes	Malahide Library	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Tuesday, 20th February		
Alan Nolan's Pirate Ireland	Skerries Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Learn to Paint and Draw	Baldoyle Library	2.30pm – 4:15pm (See page 34 for more dates)
Thursday, 22nd February		
Supporting People with Eating Disorders	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Sensory Slime Workshop	Baldoyle Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Helping your Teen Thrive in the Online World	Balbriggan Library	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Virtual Reality Drop-in Session	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Friday, 23rd February		
Chair Yoga	Malahide Library	2:30pm – 3:30pm (See page 11 for more dates)
Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Information Unit	Balbriggan Library	11:00am – 4:00pm
Cosy Homes	Donabate Library	11:00am – 12:15pm
Saturday, 24th February		
Ireland Reads: Meet Molly & Bram!	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am – 12:00pm
Confidence Club	Donabate Library	10:30am – 11:30am (See page 20 for more dates)
Ekphrastic Poetry: Art as Inspiration	Howth Library	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Monday, 26th February		
Your Sustainable Wardrobe	Malahide Library	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Tuesday, 27th February		
Spring Gardening Course	Baldoyle Library	11:00am – 12:30pm (See page 34 for more dates)
Wednesday, 28th February		
Teddy Bear Sleepover	Baldoyle Library	4 pm – 4:30 pm
Thursday, 29th February		
Tai Chi	Rush Library	2:00pm – 3:00pm (See page 11 for more dates)
Nutrition For Menopause	Swords Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Supporting People with Eating Disorders	Rush Library	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Lego Bricks Challenge	Donabate library	3.30pm – 5.00pm
Friday, 1st March		
Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Information Unit	Donabate Library	11:00am – 4:00pm
Your Sustainable Wardrobe	Donabate Library	11:00am – 12.15pm
Saturday, 2nd March		
Coding Workshop: Race Autonomous Cars	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am – 12:00pm



Event	Location	Time
Coding Workshop: Race Autonomous Cars	Donabate Library	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Coding Workshop: Race Autonomous Cars	Rush Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Ar Ais Arís – 3D film as Gaeilge	Donabate Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Irish Legends and Folklore	Swords Library	11.45am – 12.45pm
Irish Legends and Folklore	Skerries Library	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Monday, 4th March		
Sensory Slime Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Lego Bricks Challenge	Baldoyle Library	4:00pm – 5:30pm
A Climate Friendly Kitchen	Malahide Library	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Tuesday, 5th March		
Nutrition For Good Digestive Health	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Mother's Day Arts and Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Mother's Day Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am – 11.30am
Family Storytime	Howth Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday, 6th March		
Coding Workshop: Race Autonomous Cars	Swords Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Irish Traditional Music & Singing	Balbriggan Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Thursday, 7th March		
Nutrition For Good Digestive Health	Skerries Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Mother's Day Arts and Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm – 4:45pm
Roald Dahl Drawing workshop	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Sensory Slime Workshop	Donabate Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm
From First Sentence to Final Draft with Kevin Curran	Skerries Library	6:00pm – 7:45pm
Bilingual Poetry Evening	Balbriggan Library	6.30pm – 7.45pm
Friday, 8th March		
Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Information unit	Rush Library	11:00am – 4:00pm
Roald Dahl Drawing workshop	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
A Climate Friendly Kitchen	Donabate Library	11:00am – 12.15pm
Saturday, 9th March		
Lego Bricks Challenge	Rush Library	11:00am – 12:30pm
Bodhrán Beats	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am – 11:45am
Bodhrán Beats	Malahide Library	2:00pm – 2:45pm
Irish Legends and Folklore	Rush Library	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Virtual Reality Drop-in Session	Donabate Library	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Monday, 11th March		
Sensory Slime Workshop	Howth Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Lego Bricks Challenge	Swords Library	4:00pm – 5:30pm
St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm – 4:45pm
An evening with author Anne Griffin & Garristown Book Club	Garristown Library	6:45pm – 7:45pm



Event	Location	Time
Bodhrán Beats	Donabate Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Ná Gabh ar Scoil!	Malahide Library	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday, 12th March		
St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts	Donabate Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Wednesday, 13th March		
St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Irish Astronomy Week: Astrophotography	Malahide Library	6:30pm – 7:15pm
Irish Traditional Music & Singing	Baldoyle Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Ar Ais Arís – 3D film as Gaeilge	Malahide Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Family Storytime	Garristown Library	3:45pm – 4:45pm
Thursday, 14th March		
Sensory Slime Workshop	Malahide Library	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Lego Bricks Challenge	Howth Library	3:00pm – 4:30pm
St. Patrick's Day Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Ar Ais Arís – 3D film as Gaeilge	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Family Storytime	Skerries Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Friday 15th March		
Ná Gabh ar Scoil!	Howth Library	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday, 19th March		
Easter Arts and Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Learn to Paint and Draw	Balbriggan Library	11:00am – 12:45pm (See page 34 for more dates)
Learn to Paint and Draw	Malahide Library	2:30pm – 4:15pm (See page 34 for more dates)
Wednesday, 20th March		
Lego Bricks Challenge	Blanchardstown Library	4:30pm – 6:00pm
Thursday, 21st March		
Nutrition For Menopause	Malahide Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Journaling for Mental Health	Skerries Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Sensory Slime Workshop	Rush Library	5:00pm – 6:00pm
Lego Bricks Challenge	Garristown Library	3:30pm – 5:00pm
Easter Arts and Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Money Magic: How to Master your Relationship with Money	Swords Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Saturday, 23rd March		
Ekphrastic Poetry: Art as Inspiration	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Dungeons and Dragons Taster Sessions (teens)	Balbriggan Library	11:00am – 1:00pm (See page 46 for more dates)
Monday, 25th March		
Magic Story Time with Sarah Sparkles	Swords Library	10:30am – 11:30am



Event	Location	Time
Lego Bricks Challenge	Malahide Library	3:00pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday, 26th March		
Magic Story Time with Sarah Sparkles	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Easter Arts and Crafts	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Easter Arts and Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm – 4:45pm
Easter Arts and Crafts	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Easter Arts and Crafts	Malahide Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Wednesday, 27th March		
Easter Arts and Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Easter Arts and Crafts	Garristown Library	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Easter Arts and Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Thursday, 28th March		
Lego Bricks Challenge	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm – 4:30pm
Easter Arts and Crafts	Malahide Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Crack it! Word Game	Garristown Library	3:00pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday, 2nd April		
Understanding Dementia	Skerries Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Journaling for Mental Health	Blanchardstown Library	11:30am – 12:30pm
Easter Holidays Quiz	Garristown Library	2.30pm – 4:00pm
Spring into Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am – 11 am
Wednesday, 3rd April		
Spring Crafts	Howth Library	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Musical Tots	Garristown Library	10:00am – 11:00am
Crack it! Word Game	Garristown Library	3:00pm – 4:30pm
Sensory STEM Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	4:30pm – 5:30pm
Spring into Storytime	Garristown Library	3.45pm – 4.45pm (See page 29 for more dates)
Thursday, 4th April		
Magic Story Time with Sarah Sparkles	Rush Library	10:00am – 11:00am
Sensory Slime Workshop	Swords Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Spring into Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm (See page 29 for more dates)
Spring into Storytime	Malahide Library	10:00am – 11:00am (See page 29 for more dates)
Spring into Storytime	Rush Library	10:00am – 11:00am
Spring into Storytime	Swords Library	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Saturday, 6th April		
Sensory STEM Workshop	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Sensory STEM Workshop	Malahide Library	11:45am – 12:45pm
Monday, 8th April		
Sensory STEM Workshop	Garristown Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm



Event	Location	Time
Tuesday, 9th April		
Monster Comic Fun: Graphic Novel Course	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm – 4:45pm (See page 21 for more dates)
Spring Gardening Course	Howth Library	11:00am – 12:30pm (See page 34 for more dates)
Sensory STEM workshop	Swords Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Wednesday, 10th April		
Exercises to Boost Your Immune System	Malahide Library	12:00pm – 1:00pm (See page 10 for more dates)
Sensory STEM Workshop	Rush Library	10:00am – 11:00am
Thursday, 11th April		
Sensory STEM Workshop	Howth Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Saturday, 13th April		
Musical Tots	Blanchardstown Library	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Musical Tots	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Anne Griffin in conversation with author Dermot Bolger	Malahide Library	11:00am – 12:00pm
Sensory STEM Workshop	Donabate Library	10:00am – 11:00am
Monday, 15th April		
Baldoyle Library	Baldoyle Library	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Tuesday, 16th April		
Journaling for Mental Health	Swords Library	3:30pm – 4:40pm
Louise Nealon in Conversation with Kerri Ní Dochartaigh	Blanchardstown Library	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Spring into Storytime	Donabate Library	3.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday, 18th April		
Spring Crafts	Rush Library	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Spring into Storytime	Baldoyle Library	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Saturday, 20th April		
Musical Tots	Baldoyle Library	10:30am – 11:30am
Musical Tots	Rush Library	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Ekphrastic Poetry: Art as Inspiration	Malahide Library	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Saturday, 27th April		
Musical Tots	Donabate Library	10:00am – 11:00am
Musical Tots	Malahide Library	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Musical Tots	Swords Library	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Saturday, 11th May		
From First Sentence to Final Draft with Kevin Curran	Balbriggan Library	10:30am – 12:30pm





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

Fingal Libraries brings you these free events under the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme.



Active Living Events

Exercises to Boost Your Immune System

with fitness coach Jurgita Ramanauskaite
Learn simple, effective, and enjoyable exercises to boost your immune system. This four-week exercise course includes breathing and gentle exercises designed to increase energy and mobility.



Blanchardstown Library	Monday, 29th January Monday, 12th February Monday, 19th February Monday, 26th February	10:30am – 11:30am
Donabate Library	Thursday, 8th February Thursday, 15th February Thursday, 22nd February Thursday, 29th February	9:50am – 10:50am
Malahide Library	Wednesday, 10th April Wednesday, 17th April Wednesday, 24th April, Wednesday, 1st May	12.00pm – 1.00pm

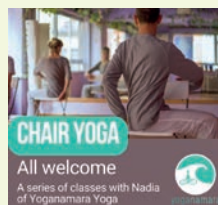
To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Please note: This workshop involves physical movement. If you have issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if this event is right for you.



Chair Yoga: Beginners' course for adults with Yoganamara

In these gentle exercise classes over four weeks, you will increase your flexibility, reduce stiffness, de-stress and find more energy. You will use a chair to practise modified versions of traditional Yoga postures.



Blanchardstown Library	Monday, 15th January Monday, 22nd January Monday, 29th January Monday, 12th February	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Malahide Library	Friday, 23rd February Friday, 1st March Friday, 8th March Friday, 22nd March	2:30pm – 3:30pm

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

Please note: This workshop involves physical movement. If you have issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if this event is right for you.

Tai Chi: Beginners' course for adults with Mario McCormick

Tai Chi is a low impact, slow motion exercise. In this four-week course, Mario McCormick will guide you through the graceful movements and health benefits of this Chinese practice. Warm comfortable clothing is recommended.

Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 17th February Saturday, 24th February Saturday, 2nd March Saturday, 9th March	11:00am – 12:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Friday, 9th February Friday, 16th February Friday, 23rd February Friday, 1st March	11:00am – 12:00pm
Rush Library	Thursday, 29th February Thursday, 7th March Thursday, 14th March Thursday, 28th March	2:00pm – 3:00pm

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

Please note: This workshop involves physical movement. If you have issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if this event is right for you.



Nutrition For Menopause

with Dietician Sonja Lynch

Dietician Sonja Lynch will give a talk about what to eat for good health during menopause. She will discuss menopausal symptoms, weight changes, mood, sleep, and maintaining bone & heart health during menopause.



Swords Library	Thursday, 29th February	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Malahide Library	Thursday, 21st March	6:30pm – 7:30pm

Nutrition For Good Digestive Health

with Dietician Sonja Lynch

Dietician Sonja Lynch will give a talk about nutrition for good gut health. She will discuss normal gut health, managing constipation, hydration, fibre rich foods, plant-based foods, probiotics & supplements, and how physical activity can support good digestive health.

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 5th March	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Skerries Library	Thursday, 7th March	6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

Healthy Ireland Books and Online Resources

A collection of books and online resources on health and wellbeing and is available from any Fingal Library. You will find recommended reading on healthy eating, physical activity, wellbeing, and mental health, parenting and positive ageing. Please see more information here:





Active Living and Wellbeing for Students

Student Wellness Programme with Creating Wellness

Tracy O'Connor & Orlaith O'Sullivan of Creating Wellness will deliver a six-week programme to support secondary school students to care for themselves during challenging times and in the lead up to exams. Workshops includes training to increase focus and calm, improve self-confidence, and maintain a personal self-care programme. The programme will take place in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Malahide Libraries.

Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 7th February Wednesday, 14th February Wednesday, 21st February Wednesday, 28th February Wednesday, 6th March Wednesday, 13th March	4:00pm - 5:00pm
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The Student Wellness programme will also take place in Malahide Library and Balbriggan Library, for more information, please contact Malahide Library or Balbriggan Library.

Memorise and Move! Exercise for secondary school students with Fingal Sports Office

Starting 6th February, Fingal Sports Office is rolling out a six-week holistic exercise programme in the project room, Blanchardstown Library, aimed at secondary school students who need a short break from studying. These sessions will improve your wellbeing and concentration, while reducing stress!

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 6th February Tuesday, 13th February Tuesday, 20th February Tuesday, 27th February, Tuesday, 5th March Tuesday, 12th March	6:00pm – 6:30pm
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All secondary school students welcome.





Understanding Dementia:

Dementia Services Information and Development Centre

The Dementia Services Information and Development Centre (DSiDC) works to increase people's understanding of dementia. This interactive and engaging talk will discuss brain and memory, types and subtypes of dementia, signs and symptoms, and communication / interaction.



Rush Library	Tuesday, 13th February	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 14th February	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Skerries Library	Tuesday, 2nd April	6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

Supporting People with Eating Disorders with Bodywhys

In this talk, Bodywhys the Eating Disorders Association of Ireland, will explain what an eating disorder is, and how to support someone if they have an eating disorder. Support and treatment options will also be discussed.

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 22nd February	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Rush Library	Thursday 29th February	6:00pm – 7:00pm

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



Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Information Unit

The Marie Keating Foundation's work focuses on raising awareness of common cancers affecting both women and men in Ireland. You can call into its Mobile Information Unit for life-saving advice on prevention and early detection outside libraries this Spring.

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 15th February	11:00am – 4:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Friday, 23rd February	11:00am – 4:00pm
Donabate Library	Friday, 1st March	11:00am – 4:00pm
Rush Library	Friday, 8th March	11:00am – 4:00pm

No Booking Necessary





St. Brigid's Day Events

Fingal Libraries and Creative Ireland will again celebrate St. Brigid's Day, which falls on Thursday 1st February 2024, with events for all ages celebrating women's creativity.

The Aisling Series: Emer McLysaght & Sarah Breen in conversation with Sarah Maria Griffin



With five complete Aisling books behind them, Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen join author Sarah Maria Griffin to discuss their writing process, their friendship and what's next for them, and Aisling. There will be



time for Q&A from the audience.

Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 1st February

7:30pm – 8:30pm



Booking via Eventbrite

St. Brigid's Cloak, colourful collage workshop with Úna Woods



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

Suitable for children aged 5 – 10 years old.



Swords Library

Tuesday, 30th January

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Balbriggan Library

Wednesday, 31st January

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Blanchardstown Library

Thursday, 1st February

3:30pm – 4:30pm

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





St. Brigid's Day Events

St. Brigid's Cloak: A Narrative Quilt with Fingal Makerspace

The legend of St. Brigid's cloak tells us how she acquired the land on which to build her monastery. Over a series of three workshops in the Fingal Makerspace, we will design our own Brigid's cloak in the form of a quilt. Each three-hour session will focus on different aspects of the design and practicalities of printmaking and quilt construction, culminating in the creation of a large St. Brigid's quilted cloak (Brat Bríde) for display on St. Brigid's Day. Suitable for 12 – 16-year-olds.



**Fingal Makerspace,
Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 13th January
Saturday, 20th January
Saturday, 27th January

See Eventbrite link /
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Booking via the Fingal Makerspace Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/d/ireland--dublin--dublin/fingal-makerspace/?page=1>



School Event

Blazing a Trail: Irish Women who Changed the World with Sarah Webb

Award-winning children's author Sarah Webb will speak to invited audiences of local school children in Malahide Library and Donabate Library about her book *Blazing a Trail*, which celebrates remarkable Irish women who changed history. From Mary Robinson to Maureen O'Hara, Aileen Cust to Dr. Kathleen Lynn, discover how women helped shape Ireland.



St. Brigid's Day Arts and Crafts

Join us in the library for these fun St. Brigid's Day-themed arts and crafts sessions children will love!

Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 1st February (ages 4 – 10 years)	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Rush Library	Thursday, 1st February (ages 5 – 8 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 30th January (ages 4 – 7 years) Thursday, 1st February (ages 8 – 11 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm

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

Book Launch: The Minute Minders

with Mary Murphy

Join us at the library for the launch of acclaimed author Mary Murphy's new book, *The Minute Minders*. In this captivating world, readers meet the tiny fidders who work alongside humans to help them navigate life's challenges. Suitable for children aged 6+



Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 27th January	11:30am - 12:30pm
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Booking via Eventbrite

Alan Nolan's Pirate Ireland

YARRR! Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan as he brings you on a thrilling pirate treasure hunt around some of Ireland's most famous landmarks. Take part in the Clueless Corsair Quiz and learn how to draw Ireland's unluckiest Pirate, Captain Lamprey. Suitable for children aged 8+

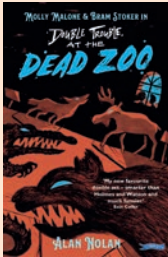


Malahide Library	Tuesday, 6th February	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Howth Library	Monday, 12th February	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Swords Library	Monday, 19th February	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Skerries Library	Tuesday, 20th February	3:30pm – 4:30pm

All welcome, no booking required.



Ireland Reads: Meet Molly & Bram!



Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan as he talks about his hysterically historical children's books *The Sackville Street Caper* and *Double Trouble at the Dead Zoo*, featuring Molly Malone & Bram Stoker. Hear all about the 'real life' Molly and Bram, and learn how to draw a character from his upcoming World Book Day 2024 Molly & Bram book, *The Curious Case of the Irish Yeti!* Suitable for children aged 7+

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 24th February	11:00am – 12:00pm
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All welcome, no booking required.

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles

Join Sarah Sparkles for Toddler Time, giving babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers an interactive and exciting introduction to libraries. Parents and guardians must accompany their children for the duration of this event.

Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 30th January Tuesday, 27th February Tuesday 26th March Tuesday 23rd April	11:00am – 12:00pm
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All welcome, no booking required.

Magic Story Time with Sarah Sparkles

Help Sarah Sparkles create a unique story and discover just how magical you really are! Sing songs, meet her puppet friends and even help her perform some magic! Interactive, fun storytelling event suitable for 5–8 year-olds/families



Swords Library	Monday, 25th March	10:30am – 11:30am
Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 26th March	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Rush Library	Thursday, 4th April	10:00am – 11:00am

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



Confidence Club with The Confidence Clinic

Help your child achieve their full potential with Caoimhe O'Grady Tegart's confidence-boosting course from the Confidence Clinic. Over four Saturdays, these workshops will help children navigate issues such as growing friendships, coping with worries and frustration, resilience, self-confidence, and decision making. Suitable for children aged 7 – 12 years old.



Donabate Library	Saturday, 24th February	10:30am – 11:30am
	Saturday, 2nd March	
	Saturday, 9th March	
	Saturday, 23rd March	

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

Journaling for Mental Health

with Megan Wynne

Author Megan Wynne (*The House on Hawthorn Road*) shares creative tools to help children figure out their feelings and write about visions they have for their life. A great way to enhance creativity while exploring dreams and goals. Suitable for children aged 10+



Skerries Library	Thursday, 21st March	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 2nd April	11:30am – 12:30pm
Swords Library	Tuesday, 16th April	3:30pm – 4:40pm

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

Roald Dahl Drawing workshop with Tarsila Krüse

To celebrate World Book Day, join author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse in this Roald Dahl-inspired drawing session. You will learn how to draw your favourite characters from Roald Dahl's books, including *Matilda*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, the *BFG*, and even some of the insects from *James and The Giant Peach*! Suitable for children aged 6 - 9 years old.



Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 7th March	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Friday, 8th March	3:30pm – 4:30pm

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

Monster Comic Fun: Graphic Novel Course

with Alan Nolan

Devoted to Dogman? Crazy about comics? Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan as he brings you on a comic book tour from the *Beano* to superhero comics to Manga. Jam-packed with fun stories and draw-alongs, this four-week course will show children how to design their own characters and create their own monster comic strips! Suitable for children aged 8 – 12 years old.



Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 9th April	3:30pm – 4:45pm
	Tuesday, 16th April	
	Tuesday, 23rd April	
	Tuesday, 30th April	

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

Spring Crafts

with Kim Jenkinson

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this Spring themed children's art workshop, where you will be creating colourful Spring flower crowns, using a mix of fabric, papers and ribbons. Suitable for children aged 7+



Howth Library	Wednesday, 3rd April	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Rush Library	Thursday, 18th April	2:30pm – 3:30pm

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

Teddy Bear Sleepover

All Teddy Bears are invited to a library sleepover in Baldoyle Library. We'll read bedtime stories and tuck them in!

Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 28th February	4:00pm – 4:30pm
	Thursday, 29th February	

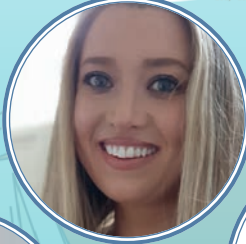


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To celebrate World Book Day Ireland 2024, authors Alan Nolan, Sadhbh Devlin, Nicola Pierce, Ellen Ryan and Sarah Webb will visit libraries and schools across Fingal between 4th - 8th March. This is the second year of the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour, which gives primary school children a fun opportunity to meet some of their favourite authors. The children will also be gifted a copy of the author's book!





Sensory Friendly Events

Sensory Slime Workshop with Messy Adventures

Join Messy Adventures to make your very own slime, experimenting with different colours, ingredients, and scents. Making slime is fun as well as educational. Suitable for children aged 7 – 11 years old.



Balbriggan Library	Monday, 19th February	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 22nd February	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Monday, 4th March	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Donabate Library	Thursday, 7th March	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Howth Library	Monday, 11th March	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Malahide Library	Thursday, 14th March	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Rush Library	Thursday, 21st March	5:00pm – 6:00pm
Swords Library	Thursday, 4th April	6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan

Music is invaluable in the development of children from a very young age. This fun sensory musical workshop promises fun for tots and parents alike.



Garristown Library	Wednesday, 3rd April	10:00am – 11:00am
Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 13th April	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 13th April	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Baldoyle Library	Saturday, 20th April	10:30am – 11:30am
Rush Library	Saturday, 20th April	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Donabate Library	Saturday, 27th April	10:00am – 11:00am
Malahide Library	Saturday, 27th April	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Swords Library	Saturday, 27th April	2:00pm – 3:00pm

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

Sensory Quiet Time in the Library

Balbriggan Library	Every Monday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	Every Monday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Donabate Library	Every Monday	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Garristown Library	Every Wednesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Malahide Library	Every Wednesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Swords Library	Every Thursday	6:30pm – 7:30pm

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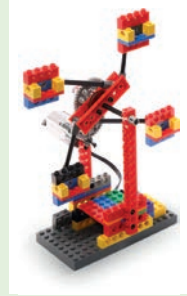




Sensory Friendly Events

Sensory STEM Workshop with e2 Young Engineers

This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) Sensory Workshop offers a hands-on learning experience for children about animal life cycles, basic engineering, technology, and physics. We understand the importance of accommodating diverse learning styles enabling all kids to thrive. Suitable for children aged 4 – 6 years old.



Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 3rd April	4:30pm - 5:30pm
Swords Library	Tuesday, 9th April	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Rush Library	Wednesday, 10th April	10:00am – 11:00am
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 6th April	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Garristown Library	Monday, 8th April	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Howth Library	Thursday, 11th April	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Donabate Library	Saturday, 13th April	10:00am – 11:00am
Malahide Library	Saturday, 6th April	11:45am – 12:45pm
Baldoyle Library	Monday, 15th April	3:00pm – 4:00pm

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



**Parenting Event/
Dyslexia friendly**

Assistive Technology Workshop with Sinéad Hull

This workshop is beneficial for parents of children with dyslexia and/or children who have been provided with an Assistive Technology grant. Teacher Sinéad Hull will discuss the different types of assistive technology available to children, with particular focus on Speech on Text & Text-to-Speech tools, C - pen readers as well as audiobooks, which are available to borrow from libraries. Parents will get the opportunity to try out some of these tools and resources.

Rush Library	Saturday, 13th January	2:30pm – 3:30pm
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All welcome



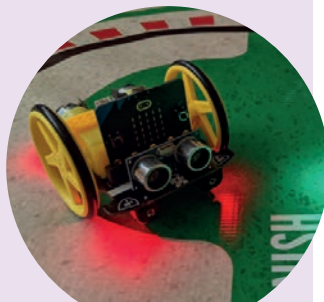
STEPS Engineers Week

Saturday, 2nd March - Friday, 8th March 2024



Coding Workshop: Race Autonomous Cars with Coding Ireland

Rev up your coding skills in our interactive workshop for young learners! Learn how to program autonomous cars and race them on a thrilling track. Suitable for children aged 7 – 12 years old.



Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 2nd March	11:00am – 12:00pm
Donabate Library	Saturday, 2nd March	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Rush Library	Saturday, 2nd March	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Swords Library	Wednesday, 6th March	4:00pm – 5:00pm

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

Lego Bricks Challenge with e2 Young Engineers

Get ready to unleash your child's creativity and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) skills at our Lego Bricks Challenge workshop, where children will have a blast building a working Lego model. Suitable for children aged 6 – 11 years old.



Baldoyle Library	Monday, 4th March	4:00pm – 5:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 20th March	4:30pm – 6:00pm
Donabate Library	Thursday, 29th February	3:30pm - 5:00pm
Rush Library	Saturday, 9th March	11:00am – 12:30pm
Swords Library	Monday, 11th March	4:00pm – 5:30pm
Howth Library	Thursday, 14th March	3:00pm – 4:30pm
Garristown Library	Thursday, 21st March	3:30pm - 5:00pm
Malahide Library	Monday, 25th March	3:00pm – 4:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 28th March	3:00pm – 4:30pm

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



Children's Arts and Crafts

Join us in the library for these fun arts and crafts sessions children will love!

Valentine's Arts and Crafts

Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 13th February (ages 5 –10 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Rush Library	Thursday, 8th February (ages 5 –8 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 13th February (ages 5 – 10 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Garristown Library	Tuesday, 13th February Wednesday, 14th February (ages 5 – 12 years)	3:30pm – 4:45pm
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 13th February (ages 5 –8 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Swords Library	Thursday, 8th February (ages 5 – 10 years)	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Malahide Library	Wednesday, February 14th All welcome	All day

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

Mother's Day Arts and Crafts

Rush Library	Tuesday, 5th March (ages 5 – 8 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 5th March (Mother's Day Storytime – ages 3 – 8 years)	10:30am – 11.30am
Garristown Library	Thursday 7th March (ages 5 – 12 years)	3:30pm – 4:45pm

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

Blanchardstown Library Storytime

Join us in Blanchardstown library for these fun storytime sessions children will love!

Valentine's Storytime	Thursday, 15th February (Ages 4+)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
St. Patrick's Day Storytime	Wednesday, 14th March (Ages 4+)	3:00pm – 4:00pm

All welcome



St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts

Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 14th March (ages 5 – 10 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 12th March (ages 5 – 10 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Garristown Library	Monday, 11th March (ages 5 – 12 years)	3:30pm – 4:45pm
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 12th March (ages 8 – 12 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Swords Library	Wednesday, 13th March (ages 5 – 10 years)	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 13th March (ages 4 – 8 years)	3:30pm – 4:30pm

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

St. Patrick's Day Drawing Competitions

Rush Library	<p>Draw a picture for St. Patrick's Day! Prize categories: ages 0 - 3 years, 5 - 8 years, 9 - 11 years, and 12+ years. There will be three winners per category announced after St. Patrick's Day.</p> <p>Drop your entry into Rush Library.</p>	1st March – 16th March
Malahide Library	<p>Under the Rainbow: Complete the picture to show us what is under the rainbow. Get your picture from the main desk in Malahide Library. Prize for the most creative entry. For 12's and under. All entries will be on display in our Reading Room.</p> <p>Drop your entry into Malahide Library.</p>	1st March – 16th March





Easter Arts and Crafts



Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 26th March (ages 5 – 10 years)	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 27th March (ages 4 – 8 years)	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Rush Library	Tuesday, 19th March Thursday, 21st March (ages 5 – 8 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Garristown Library	Tuesday, 26th March Wednesday, 27th March (ages 5 – 12 years)	3:30pm – 4:45pm 6:30pm – 7:45pm
Garristown Library	Tuesday, 2nd April Easter Holidays Quiz (8-12 yrs)	2.30pm – 4:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 26th March (ages 8 – 12 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Swords Library	Wednesday, 27 March (ages 5 – 10 years)	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 26th March (ages 4 – 7 years) Thursday, 28th March (ages 8 – 11 years)	3:00pm – 4:00pm

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

Crack it! Word Game

A game where your team must crack the puzzle by guessing a word one letter at a time! With each wrong guess, part of the Easter bunny is pinned to the board. Guess the word before the Easter bunny is fully made. Suitable for ages 7 – 12 years.

Garristown Library	Thursday, 28th March Wednesday, 3rd April	3:00pm – 4:30pm
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Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme which aims to promote literacy and reading development for people of all ages and backgrounds. We hope you can join us for the following Storytime sessions in your library during the month of April.

Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 2nd April (Ages 0 – 4- years)	10:30am - 11:00am
Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 18th April (All ages welcome)	5.30pm - 6.30pm
Blanchardstown Library	Thursdays, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th April (All welcome)	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 16th April (Spring into Storytime Crafts, Ages 5 – 10 years)	3.00pm - 4.00pm
Garristown Library	Wednesdays, 3rd, 10th & 17th April (Ages 3 – 7 years)	3.45pm-4.45pm
Howth Library	Please contact Howth Library for details.	
Malahide Library	Thursdays, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th April (All welcome)	10:00am - 11:00am
Rush Library	Thursday, 4th April (Ages 4+)	10:00am - 11:00am
Skerries Library	Please contact Skerries Library for details.	
Swords Library	Thursday, 4th April (Ages 4 – 8 years)	2:30pm – 3:30pm



The Joy of Writing: Creative writing course for adults with Anne Mc Donald

This six-week creative writing course for adults will look at how the process of writing can help with wellbeing by working with memory, everyday surroundings, and imagination. It will help participants to rediscover the joy of writing and set writing goals which are achievable, challenging, and inspiring.



Baldoyle Library	Thursday, 18th January Thursday, 25th January Thursday, 1st February Thursday, 8th February Thursday, 15th February Thursday, 22nd February	11:00am – 1:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 13th February Tuesday, 20th February Tuesday, 27th February Tuesday 5th March Tuesday, 12th March Tuesday, 19th March	6:00pm – 8:00pm

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

Ekphrastic Poetry: Art as Inspiration with Poet Damien Donnelly (Adults)

Love art? Love poetry? Join Fingal poet, podcaster, curator and editor Damien Donnelly to explore how you can find inspiration from the visual world. Create ekphrastic poems crafted from your own unique response to what you see and enjoy.



Howth Library	Saturday, 24th February	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 23rd March	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 20th April	2:00pm – 4:00pm

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



Words with Writers Events

From First Sentence to Final Draft, Short Stories and Novels and Everything Else After with Kevin Curran

Author Kevin Curran will give talk on the craft of writing from drafting to finding a publisher, and the many different turns and obstacles a writer can encounter on the way. Kevin is the author of three books: *Beatspolitation* (Liberties Press 2013), *Citizens* (Liberties Press 2016), and *Youth* (Lilliput 2023).



Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 11th May	10:30am – 12:30pm
Skerries Library	Thursday, 7th March	6:00pm – 7:45pm

All welcome.

Home by Starlight — A Poetry Reading with Paula Meehan

Paula Meehan's award-winning lyric poetry has garnered critical acclaim and has been translated into many languages. Her poems are taught in universities and have been set to music by diverse artists, including Christy Moore. Paula has lived in Fingal for the last twenty years.



Howth Library	Monday, 12th February	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Skerries Library	Thursday, 15th February	6:30pm – 7:45pm

All welcome.

An evening with author Anne Griffin & Garristown Book Club

Join international bestselling author Anne Griffin (*When All is Said, Listening Still*) in conversation with the Garristown Book Club. All are welcome as they discuss her latest chart-topping and Eason Book of the Month, *The Island of Longing*.



Garristown Library	Monday, 11th March	6:45pm – 7:45pm
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All welcome.



Anne Griffin in conversation with author Dermot Bolger

Join author Dermot Bolger in conversation with the novelist Anne Griffin about her acclaimed books and her writing life. Anne Griffin is the author of the Irish No. 1 bestseller *When All Is Said*. Her third novel, *The Island of Longing* was published in 2023. Dermot Bolger is the author of fourteen novels. He has published ten poetry collections, including *Other People's Lives* in 2022.



Malahide Library

Saturday, 13th April

11:00am – 12:00pm

All welcome.

The Art of Reading Book Club:

Colm Tóibín in conversation with author Kevin Curran

Fingal Libraries is delighted to present **The Art of Reading Book Club** at Balbriggan Library. Colm

Tóibín, the Laureate for Irish Fiction, will chat to Irish Author Kevin Curran about *Youth* – Kevin's third novel which was published to critical acclaim last year. Readers, book lovers and book clubs are invited to attend this very special hybrid event with Colm appearing online from his home in the US, and Kevin, who will be live at Balbriggan Library along with the Balbriggan Book Club.



Balbriggan Library

Wednesday, 7th February

7:00pm – 8:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact Balbriggan Library.

The Art of Reading Book Club is an initiative of The Arts Council of Ireland, in partnership with Libraries Ireland. Copies of *Youth* are available to borrow from your local library and readers are encouraged to read this exceptional novel ahead of the event. For more information, visit:

<https://www.artscouncil.ie/Arts-in-Ireland/Literature/Laureate-for-Irish-Fiction/The-Art-of-Reading-Book-Club/>



One Dublin One Book 2024

One Dublin One Book aims to encourage everyone in Dublin to read a designated book connected with the city during the month of April every year. *Snowflake* by Louise Nealon is the One Dublin One Book choice for 2024.



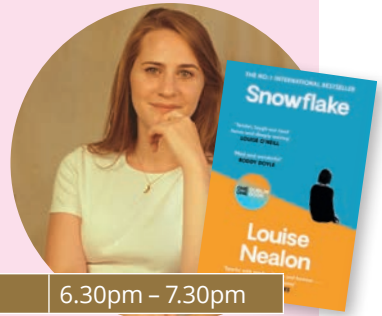
For more information, visit: <http://www.onedublineonebook.ie>

Fingal Libraries are delighted to partner with Dublin City Libraries and Dublin UNESCO City of Literature to host an evening with Louise Nealon in Blanchardstown Library.

Louise Nealon in Conversation

with Kerri Ní Dochartaigh

Join us in Blanchardstown Library where Louise Nealon will discuss her novel *Snowflake* in conversation with writer Kerri Ní Dochartaigh. A story of a college student adjusting to her new life in Dublin, *Snowflake* explores life's milestones, family, mental health and how we connect with others. There will be time for Q&A from the audience.



Blanchardstown Library

Tuesday, 16th April

6.30pm – 7.30pm



Booking via Eventbrite.

Snowflake is available to borrow from Fingal Libraries.

Inclusive Creativity

Malahide Library is continuing Fingal Libraries Inclusive Creativity project with Prosper Fingal. This Spring, members of Prosper Fingal will also take part in creative workshops in Swords Library, as will St. Michael's House. These workshops will give participants an opportunity to express their creativity and interact with others in a supportive and friendly environment.





Spring Gardening Course with Unwind with Plants

In this four-week Spring Gardening course, you will create a spring-flowering planter, learn how to propagate plants, sow seeds for summer-flowering plants, and use leaves and flowers foraged from the garden to create colourful kaleidoscope designs.



Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 27th February Tuesday, 5th March Tuesday, 12th March Tuesday, 19th March	11:00am – 12:30pm
Howth Library	Tuesday, 9th April Tuesday, 16th April Tuesday, 23rd April Tuesday, 30th April	11:00am – 12:30pm

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

Learn to Paint and Draw

with John Carpenter

There's no magic to it - the magic is in you waiting to be unleashed. Take this opportunity to learn a craft that will give you, and others, years of contentment and enjoyment with John Carpenter's four-week course for adults.



Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 13th February Tuesday, 20th February Tuesday, 27th February Tuesday, 5th March	11:00am – 12:45pm
Baldoyle Library	Tuesday, 20th February Tuesday, 27th February Tuesday, 5th March Tuesday, 12th March	2.30pm – 4:15pm
Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 19th March Tuesday, 26th March Tuesday, 2nd April Tuesday, 9th April	11:00am – 12:45pm
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 19th March Tuesday, 26th March Tuesday, 2nd April Tuesday, 9th April	2:30pm – 4:15pm

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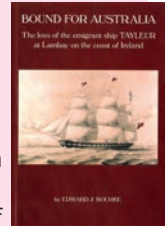


History and Heritage Events

The Sinking of the Tayleur Sailing Ship, 1854

with Edward J. Bourke

The sailing ship *Tayleur* was wrecked on Lambay 170 years ago on 28th January 1854. Malahide, Skerries and Rush were involved in the story and rescue of the survivors. Edward J. Bourke, author of *Bound for Australia: The Loss of the Emigrant Ship Tayleur*, will give a talk on this maritime disaster, which claimed the lives of hundreds of people.



Fingal Local Studies and Archives, 46 North Street, Swords

Wednesday, 24th January

7:00pm – 8:00pm

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

Using DNA Test Results to Add to your Family History

with Claire Bradley

For years, family history has been researched with traditional records like the census and birth, death, and marriage records. However, DNA tests are now increasingly employed to add to paper-based sources. This talk explains how DNA tests work, which one is best for your research and how to maximise their potential for your own family.



Donabate Library

Monday, 12th February

6:45pm – 7:45pm

Howth Library

Monday, 19th February

6:45pm – 7:45pm

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

Irish Astronomy Week: Astrophotography

with Tom O'Donoghue

The second Irish Astronomy Week takes place from 9th to 16th March. To celebrate, Malahide Library will host a talk by astrophotographer Tom O'Donoghue. Tom has spent many years perfecting the art of taking deep sky photographs, which have been published in magazines such as *Astronomy and Space*, *The Sky At Night*, and *Astronomy Now*. In this talk, he will guide you through the methods and skills used in successful astrophotography.



Malahide Library

Wednesday, 13th March

6:30pm – 7:15pm

All welcome





Getting to know your Smartphone or Tablet with Sabine McKenna of Creative Computing Classes

Do you have an Android smartphone or tablet that you would like to get to know better? In two hands-on sessions, you will explore its basic features, as well as learning about the most widely used apps, such as email, WhatsApp, and Instagram.



Swords Library	Monday, 22nd January Monday, 29th January	10:00am – 11:00am
Baldoyle Library	Monday, 22nd January Monday, 29th January	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Skerries Library	Monday, 12 February	11:30am – 12:30pm & 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Monday, 29th January Monday, 12th February	6:00pm – 7:00pm

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

Computer Course for Improvers with Sabine McKenna of Creative Computing Classes

This four-week computer course is for adults with some computer skills who would like to take it to the next level. Sabine will look at creating texts, presentations, and simple spreadsheets, keyboard skills, and online file management. There will be time for your own interests and questions, too!

Blanchardstown Library	Monday, 19th February Monday, 26th February, Monday, 4th March Monday, 11th March	11:00am – 12:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Monday, 19th February Monday, 26th February, Monday, 4th March Monday, 11th March	2:00pm – 3:30pm
Donabate Library	Monday, 19th February Monday, 26th February, Monday, 4th March Monday, 11th March	4:30pm – 6:00pm

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





Money Magic: How to Master your Relationship with Money

Do you feel that money is leaking out of your bank account? In this two-hour workshop, Aoife Gaffney from Prudence Moneypenny Coaching will teach you to make your money work for you and master your own money mindset.

Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 13th January	10:30am – 12:30pm
Rush Library	Saturday, 10th February	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Swords Library	Thursday, 21st March Thursday, 28th March	6:30pm – 7:30pm

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



Parenting Event



**CYBERSAFE
KIDS**

Helping your Teen Thrive in the Online World with CyberSafeKids

This talk for parents by CyberSafeKids will give advice on what young people are doing online, and the associated risks and safeguards. Information and guidance will be provided on platforms teenagers are using, as well as digital literacy and wellbeing.

Malahide Library	Wednesday, 7th February	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Skerries Library	Tuesday, 13th February	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 22nd February	6:00pm – 7:00pm

All welcome.



School Event

Digital Literacy and Wellbeing for Students with CyberSafeKids

CyberSafeKids, an Irish charity that helps children, teens and parents navigate the online world in a stronger, smarter, safer way, will be facilitating sessions for classes invited from local schools to Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, and Malahide Libraries.





Every Day Easy Eco-tips for Less Waste with the Sustainable Life School

Would you like guidance, practical tips, skills, and ideas on how to live a more package free lifestyle for all budgets? This talk will show you how to reduce plastic and packaging, inspired by Zero Waste's 5 R's: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot.



Malahide Library	Monday, 12th February	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Donabate Library	Friday, 16th February	11:00am – 12:15pm

All welcome

Cosy Homes with the Sustainable Life School

Would you like tips on how to reduce energy usage in your home? In this talk, the Sustainable Life School will explore everyday actions for creating a more sustainable home, while saving money, including demonstrating Codema's Home Energy Saving Kit, which you can borrow from the library.

Swords Library	Tuesday, 6th February	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Malahide Library	Monday, 19th February	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Donabate Library	Friday, 23rd February	11:00am – 12:15pm

All welcome





Your Sustainable Wardrobe with the Sustainable Life School

Do you know how to source sustainable clothes and what to do with the clothes you no longer want? This talk will share tips on how to source sustainable clothes, what to do with the clothes you no longer want, and how to care for clothes to make them last longer.



Malahide Library	Monday, 26th February	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Donabate Library	Friday, 1st March	11:00am – 12.15pm

All welcome

A Climate Friendly Kitchen with the Sustainable Life School

Would you like tips on how to reduce food waste and make your kitchen climate-friendly? This talk will discuss organic food, local produce, food miles, plant-based options, food waste reduction tips, community gardens and plant-based recipes.

Malahide Library	Monday, 4th March	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Donabate Library	Friday, 8th March	11:00am – 12.15pm

All welcome



Seachtain na Gaeilge: 1 – 17 Márta 2024

Is féile idirnáisiúnta í Seachtain na Gaeilge agus tá sé ar an cheiliúradh Gaeilge agus cultúrtha is mó a bhíonn ar siúil gach bliain in Éirinn agus i dtíortha eile.

Seachtain

na Gaeilge

le enÉrgia

Irish Language Week: 1st - 17 March 2024

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

Ceol & Amhránaíocht Thraidisiúnta na hÉireann / Irish Traditional Music & Singing

le Antaine Ó Faracháin & Nollaig MacCarthaigh

Bain úsáid agus taitneamh as do chuid Gaeilge. Fáilte roimh chách. Isamhránaí ins an stíl dhúchasach é Antaine Ó Faracháin a chasann i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge agus is próbaire den scoth é Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh a bhfuil an-mheas air mar cheoltóir. Ceardlann Dátheangach.



Antaine Ó Faracháin sings in the native style in both Irish and English and Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh is an excellent piper who is renowned for his skills as a musician. This is a bilingual event.

Balbriggan Library

Wednesday, 6th March

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Baldoyle Library

Wednesday, 13th March

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Tá Fáilte Roimh Chách/ All Welcome



Oíche Filíochta Dhátheangach / Bilingual Poetry Evening le Gaeilge i mBaile Brigín

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

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

Leabharlann Bhaile Brigín	Déardaoin, 7 Márta	6.30in – 7.45in
Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 7th March	6.30pm – 7.45pm

Fáilte roimh chách! Everyone welcome

Bodhrán Beats le Niall Preston

Faighamach rún ceol traidisiúnta na hÉireann sa cheardlann teaghlaigh idirghníomhach ar an mbodhrán. Curtha ar fáil ag ceoltóir mór le rá Niall Preston ón Institiúid Cheoil & amhránaíochta na hÉireann. Tá an ceardlann oiriúnach do pháistí agus daoine fásta araon. Na bodhrán ar fáil.

Discover the secret of traditional Irish rhythms with this fun interactive family workshop on the bodhrán! Delivered by champion bodhrán player Niall Preston from the Irish Institute of Music & Song, this workshop is suitable for both children and adults. Bodhráns provided.

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 9th March	11:00am – 11:45am
Malahide Library	Saturday, 9th March	2:00pm – 2:45pm
Donabate Library	Monday, 11th March	4:00pm – 5:00pm

Áirithint riachtanach/ Booking essential.



Ar Ais Arís - Scannán 3D as Gaeilge ar Gléas Realáíocht Fíorúil / Viewing of Ar Ais Arís - 3D film as Gaeilge on a Virtual Reality Headset!

Bígí linn ag léiriú de scannán Gaeilge ar ár ngléasanna Oculus VR. Scannán 3T i nGaeilge atá ann in Ar Ais Arís, le cultúr, damhsa, agus ceol . Cumtha ag James Riordan óamharclann Brú i nGaillimh. Curtha síos ag Deirdre Falvey ón Irish Times mar “Absorbing, evocative and sometimes unsettling”. Maireann an scannán seo ar feadh aon nóiméad déag. Bígí linn chun an scannán a fhéiceáil ar ghléas Oculus VR de chuid Leabharlanna Fhine Gall. Ní bréagán atá ann sa chóras Meta VR agus ní mór do pháistí faoi 13 iad a úsáid. Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil téigh chuig <https://www.meta.com/ie/quest/safety-center/>

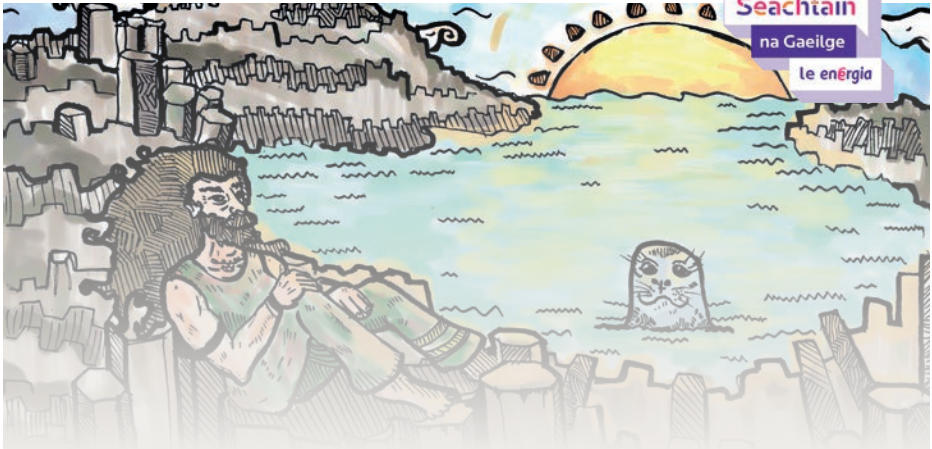
Join us to view an Irish language film on our Oculus VR devices. Ar Ais Arís is a 3D film of Irish language, culture, dance, and music. Created by James Riordan from the Brú Theatre in Galway, it has been described by Deirdre Falvey from the Irish Times as “Absorbing, evocative and sometimes unsettling”. This visually stunning film lasts for eleven minutes. Join us to view the film on one of Fingal Libraries Oculus VR devices. Please note that Meta VR systems are not toys and must not be used by children under 13. For further information please go to <https://www.meta.com/ie/quest/safety-center/>



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Donabate Library	Saturday, 2nd March	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Malahide Library	Wednesday, 13th March	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 14th March	3:00pm – 4:00pm

Áirithint riachtanach/ Booking essential.



Scéalta Béaloideas / Irish Legends and Folklore

le Róisín Murphy

Den ceiliúradh linn, le scéalaí Róisín Murphy agus a cuid scéalta tradisiúnta ó Éirinn.

Celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge with storyteller Róisín Murphy as she delves into much loved Irish stories that have been passed down through the generations, ó lámh go lámh, ó glúin go glúin. This event is bilingual.

Oiriúnach do leanaí 7 - 11 mbliana d'aois/
Suitable for children aged 7 - 11 years old.

Swords Library	Saturday, 2nd March	11.45am - 12.45pm
Skerries Library	Saturday, 2nd March	2:00pm - 3:00pm
Rush Library	Saturday, 9th March	2:00pm - 3:00pm

Tá Fáilte Roimh Chách/ All Welcome

Scéalaíocht don Teaghlach / Family Storytime

le Seosamh Ó Maolalaí, Scéalaí / Storyteller

Insíonn Seosamh scéalta i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge le chéile. Bíonn an-spraoi ina chuid scéalaíochta.

Seosamh tells stories in English and Irish together. His storytelling is great fun for all the family.



Howth Library	Tuesday, 5th March	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Garristown Library	Wednesday, 13th March	3:45pm - 4:45pm
Skerries Library	Thursday, 14th March	3:30pm - 4:30pm

Tá Fáilte Roimh Chách/ All Welcome



Ná Gabh ar Scoil!

leis an maisitheoir Gaeilge Tarsila Krüse /
with Irish language illustrator Tarsila Krüse

Bí gá leis an maisitheoir Tarsila Krüse sa cheardlann dhátheangach seo faoi Ná Gabh ar Scoil! Rugadh Tarsila sa Bhrasail agus tá sí ag foghlaim Gaeilge. Sa cheardlann seo léifidh sí Ná Gabh ar Scoil (le Máire Zepf) as Gaeilge agus le chéile beidh roinnt spraoi líníochta againn as Béarla. Oiriúnach do leanaí 5 - 7 mbliana d'aois.



Join illustrator Tarsila Krüse in this bilingual workshop about Ná Gabh ar Scoil! Tarsila was born in Brazil and she is learning Irish. She will read Ná Gabh ar Scoil (by Máire Zepf) in Irish in this workshop and there will be lots of fun drawing together in English. Suitable for children aged 5-7 years old.

Malahide Library	Monday 11th March	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Howth Library	Friday 15th March	3.30pm – 4.30pm

Áirithint riachtanach. Booking essential.

Comórtas do Sheachtain na Gaeilge! / Seachtain na Gaeilge Competition!

Céard é an seanfhocal is ansa leat agus cén fáth? Duais don iontráil is fearr. Seol iontrálacha chuig malahidelibrary@fingal.ie idir 1 Márta - 16 Márta.

What's your favourite Irish proverb? Tell us why! Prize for the best entry. Email entries to malahidelibrary@fingal.ie from 1st March – 16th March.



LOTE4Kids

LOTE4Kids offers picture books in over 50 different languages, now including Irish! With English translations and audio transcripts, LOTE4Kids offers children the chance to learn through stories, with new titles added every month. Accessible for free with your library card online through the Fingal Libraries website or the LOTE4Kids app. Please see more information here:





**Clár Scoile do Sheachtain na Gaeilge /
Seachtain na Gaeilge Schools Programme**



Ióga as Gaeilge do pháistí le Óga Yoga

Rang ióga spráúil dírithe ar pháistí scoile i gceantair leabharlanna Bhaile Brigín, Bhaile Bhlainséir, Ros Eo agus Domhnach Beathach. Tar ar thuras cruthaitheach agus samhlaíoch le hÓga Yoga, a nascann ióga, gluaiseachtaí coirp agus oideachas le chéile ar bhealach nuálach taitneamhach.

A fun-filled yoga class for invited audiences of local school children in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Rush and Donabate Libraries. Join Óga Yoga for a creative and imaginative adventure combining yoga, exploration of movement, and education in a fun and innovative way.

Marbh le High Rock Productions

Ceardlann dramaíochta bunaithe ar Scéal bleachtairéachta ina dtagtar ar chorpán. Glacann na rannpháirtithe páirt sa scéal leis an mistéir a réiteach le frapaí agus eilimintí feistis chun beatha a chur sa scéal. Ceardlann spráúil chun féinmhuinín agus Gaeilge labhartha a chothú.

A brilliant new interactive Irish speaking performance workshop from High Rock Productions for invited audiences of local school children in Skerries and Donabate Libraries. This original Whodunnit Murder Mystery will be prepared, performed and solved by students with props, costumes and sound design provided by High Rock productions.



Coimicí Gael - Céim Ar Chéim le Aidan Courtney

Chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge, tabharfaidh cartúnaí agus údar, Aidan Courtney ceardlann ghriinn líníochta idirghníomhach, spráúil do dhaltaí áitiúla i Leabharlann Bhaile Brigín, Bhaile Bhlainséir agus Mhullach Íde.

To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, cartoonist and author, Aidan Courtney of Coimicí Gael, will give a fun and interactive comic strip drawing workshop to invited audiences of local school children in Malahide, Balbriggan and Blanchardstown Libraries.





Dungeons and Dragons Taster Sessions

Enter a world of fantasy and adventure with Dungeons and Dragons. Dungeon Masters Wayne Talbot, Simon Yeates and Adam Billingsley will guide participants through this exciting game which fosters creativity and imagination.

Dungeons and Dragons Taster Sessions

for Adults with Wayne Talbot

Baldoyle Library	Wednesday, 17th January	8:00pm – 10:00pm
	Wednesday, 24th January	
	Wednesday, 7th February	
	Wednesday, 21st February	

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

Dungeons and Dragons Taster Sessions

for Children (10+) with Wayne Talbot and Teens with Simon Yeates

Malahide Library (Children aged 10 - 12 years old)	Saturday, 10th February	11:00am – 12:30pm
	Saturday, 9th March	
Malahide Library (Teens aged 13 - 17 years old)	Saturday, 6th April	2:00pm – 3:30pm
	Thursday, 15th February	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Thursday, 29th February		
Thursday, 14th March		
Thursday, 28th March		

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

Dungeons and Dragons Taster Sessions

for Children 10+ and Teens with Adam Billingsley and Marc McCluskey

Balbriggan Library (Children aged 10 - 12 years old)	Saturday, 17th February	11:00am – 12:30pm
	Saturday, 24th February	
	Saturday, 2nd March	
	Saturday, 9th March	
Balbriggan Library (Teens aged 13 - 17 years old)	Saturday, 23rd March	11:00am – 1:00pm
	Saturday, 6th April	
	Saturday, 13th April	
	Saturday, 20th April TBC	

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



Virtual Reality in Libraries

Virtual Reality (VR) for Libraries is a collaborative project between Fingal Libraries and Digital Services, which introduces VR technology and access to free 3D modelling gaming software, *Unity Learn*, to Fingal Libraries. The pilot project will see twelve devices in five libraries, along with access to Unity software through Fingal Library PCs. VR for Libraries is funded by the Fingal County Council Chief Executive Innovation Fund. Events and showcases are being planned throughout the year-long pilot project.

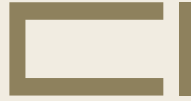
Virtual Reality Drop-in Showcase Sessions

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

Please note that Meta VR systems are not toys and must not be used by children under 13. For further information please go to <https://www.meta.com/ie/quest/safety-center/>

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 8th February	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Malahide Library	Wednesday, 14th February	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Swords Library	Thursday, 15th February	2:15pm – 4.15pm
Balbriggan Library	Thursday, 22nd February	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Donabate Library	Saturday, 9th March	3:00pm – 5:00pm

These drop-in sessions are open to all aged 13+



Creative Ireland in Fingal Libraries

The Creative Ireland Programme is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media. It is an all-of-government culture and wellbeing programme with the ambition to inspire and transform people, places, and communities through creativity. Creative Ireland is committed to the vision that every person in Ireland should have the opportunity to realise their full creative potential.

Fingal Libraries play a key role in delivering Creative Ireland projects within our library network. We ensure that citizens have access to emerging technologies by offering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) based activities for all ages. We have also had a role in the delivery of the Cruinniú na nÓg programme since its inception. Cruinniú na nÓg, a day of free creativity for children and young people, takes place in June each year. It is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. Access to events, projects and showcases is free, local, and interactive. It is a day of doing, making, and celebrating young people's creativity with an exciting programme of events running throughout our library branches.

To learn more about the Creative Ireland Fingal Programme please visit www.fingal.ie/creative-ireland



Regular Events at your Local Fingal Library

Discover a fabulous range of recurring events at your local library – from language groups and sensory quiet time to activities to keep the children busy. Contact your local library for more information about the following events.

Balbriggan Library

Spanish Conversation Group (Adults)	Every Thursday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Knitting and Crotchet	Every Monday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Irish Conversation Group	Every Thursday	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Book Club (Adults)	Last Wednesday of the month	6:00pm – 7:15pm
Creative Poetry Writing Club	Every Tuesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Monday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Warehouse Writers Group	Every Second Friday of the month	2:30pm – 4:00pm
Baby Book Club & Toddler Time	First Tuesday of the month (from February)	10:30am – 11:00pm

Baldoyle Library

English for Ukrainians (Adults)	Every Monday	10:00am – 11:00am
Lounge Lizards Music group	Every Second Saturday of the month	3:00pm – 4:30pm
Baldoyle Crafters	Third and fourth Wednesday of the month	10:30am – 12:30pm
Adult Chess Club	Every Thursday	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Library Storytime for Children	Last Thursday of the month	5:30pm
Movie Evening for Adults	Second Monday of the month	5:30pm

Blanchardstown Library

Sensory Friendly Quiet Hour (all ages)	Every Monday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
E-Services Clinic	Every Wednesday	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Peaceful Playtime (ages 4+)	Every Wednesday	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Parent and Toddler Group	Every Thursday	11:00am – 12:30pm
Storytime (ages 4+)	Every Thursday	3:00pm – 3:30pm
French Conversation Group (Adults)	Every Saturday	10:00am – 12:00pm
Irish Conversation Group (Adults)	Every Saturday	10:00am – 12:00pm
Baby Book Club	Every third Tuesday of the month	11:30am – 12:00pm

Donabate Library

Baby Book Club	Every Thursday	10:00am – 10:30am
English for Ukrainians (Adults)	Every Tuesday	11:00am – 1:00pm
English for Ukrainians (Adults)	Every Thursday	11:00am – 1:00pm

Garristown Library

Monday Chess Club (ages 7 - 12 years)	Monday, 8th January to Monday, 25th March	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday Chess Club (ages 7 - 12 years)	Tuesday, 9th January to Tuesday, 19th March	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Scrabble Club (ages 7 - 12 years)	Thursday, 11th January to Thursday, 14th March	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Story Time (ages 3 - 7 years)	Every Wednesday except the last Wednesday of the month	3:45pm – 4:45pm
Junior Readers Book Club (ages 8 -12 years)	Last Wednesday of the month	3:30pm – 4:30pm
English Classes for Adults (Run by DDLETB)	Every Wednesday, Begins 17th January	1:15pm – 3:15pm
Art and craft classes for adults (Run by DDLETB)	Every Wednesday, Begins 17th January	5:45pm – 7:45pm

Howth Library

To be notified of events at Howth Library, please contact Howth Library and ask to be added to their mailing list. Contact details at back of brochure.



Malahide Library

Ukrainian Meetup Group	Every Monday	2:00pm – 3:00pm
French Conversation Group for improvers	Every Monday	4:30pm – 5:30pm
Spanish Conversation Group	Every Thursday	6:00pm – 7 :30pm
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Wednesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Toddler Time	Every Thursday	10:00am – 11:30am
A variety of Book Clubs and an afternoon and evening Film Club	Contact Malahide Library for details	
Age Action	Every Thursday	12:00pm – 2:00pm

Rush Library

Irish Conversation Group (Adults)	Every second Tuesday of the month	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Quilting group (Adults)	Every Tuesday	10:00am – 12:00pm
Rush library book club (Adults)	Every first Wednesday of the month	6:30pm – 7:30 pm
Baby Book Club	Every second Wednesday of month	10:00am – 11:00am

Skerries Library

To be notified of events at Skerries Library, please contact Skerries Library. Contact details at back of brochure.

Swords Library

Baby Book Club	10:30am – 11:30am Every second Tuesday of month *Excluding Tuesdays after Bank Holidays	
Beginners Computer Classes	Every Thursday	10:00am – 1:00pm
Improvers Spanish class	Every Thursday	10:00am – 12:00pm
Beginners Spanish Classes	Every Friday	10:00am – 12:00pm
Irish Conversation Classes	Every Monday	6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

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

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