

Note: This is an abridged events listing. More details found at libraries.dlrcoco.ie and eventbrite.ie

EVENTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2024

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Return of Winter Quiz Nights

Fridays, 8.00pm online

To take part, you need a device [smartphone, tablet, laptop or pc] and an internet connection

To find out more and to register yourself or your team, email Seán at libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie

Have family and friends' knowledge put to the test in our fantastic online quiz nights. Starts Friday 19 January and runs until the end of February!!

19 January (Family Quiz)

26 January (Adult Quiz)

2 February (Family Quiz)

9 February (Adult Quiz)

16 February (Family Quiz)

23 February (Adult Quiz)



Bridge for Beginners with Michael O'Loughlin

Mondays 22 & 29 January,
12 & 19 February

2.30 - 4.00pm

Cabinteely Library



To book, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 285 5363

Bridge is by far the greatest card game of all and can provide immense challenge and enjoyment. It is a great way to develop and retain memory, tactical, probability and communication skills, and is a great social activity. Learn the game right from the start! Participants should be available to attend all four sessions.



Neurodivergent Studio Saturday

Sat 20 January

Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon (Level 1)

11.00am - 2.00pm Specifically for families living with neurodiversity

2.00-3.00pm Session open to all families

Drop-in sessions, no booking required

Blow off those January cobwebs with Lisa from Active Academy! Our session will offer something for everyone from obstacle courses to the slower pace of fine motor skills activities such as number blocks & peg boards, as well as sensory and parachute play. The children are free to interact at a level they are comfortable with or to play independently if they prefer.

All of our activities & games are designed to work on things such as gross & fine motor skills, fundamental sports skills, social skills, communication, co-ordination and much more but to the children they are just having fun. With our activities there is no competition, turn taking or waiting around, our aim is for the children to be active, engaged, enjoying themselves and want to come back for more!

Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays are workshops tailored to children with additional needs/ neurodivergence. As always, a quiet room will be available for anyone needing to self-regulate.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Dalkey Library Writers' Group

Starting Mon 8 January, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Dalkey Library

**For more information,
email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 285 5277**

New writing Group - Looking for Members. The group will meet monthly and come together to support, encourage and give feedback to each other.



NEW

An Introduction to Oral History

Tues 30 Jan, 6 & 13 Feb, 6.30pm

Meeting Room 3, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

**To book, please email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 280 1147**



**Participants are encouraged to
attend all 3 sessions**

Join dlr Libraries staff member Matthew on 30 January and 6 February to learn more about the origins and work of the National Folklore Collection UCD, including oral historian Kevin C. Kearns and his work in Dublin across several decades. Participants are encouraged to think of stories that may have been handed down through older family members or friends to share with the group.

On 13 February, we welcome Ríonach Uí Ógáin, former Director of the National Folklore Collection to discuss her own work there and the digitisation of the Collection through the Dúchas website.

Blackrock Library Online Book Club

Thurs 11 January, 6.30pm

Online via Zoom

**For more information,
email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 8117**

We are looking for new members for our online book club so why not join us this New Year to discuss a wide range of interesting books from the comfort of your own home! Facilitated by library staff. Second Thursday of every month via Zoom at 6.30pm.

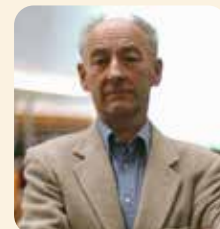


Writing your Memoir with Leo Cullen

Wednesdays 24 January, 7, 21
February, 6, 20 March & 3 April
(alternate Wednesdays over
12 weeks) 11.00am - 1.00pm

Meeting Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

**To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01)280 1147. Please note, this is a course
sign-up, participants must be available to attend
ALL dates listed above**



Hilary Mantel wrote: "You come to this place, mid-life. You don't know how you got here, but suddenly you're staring fifty in the face. I am writing to take charge of my childhood and childlessness."

A memoir requires a central condition – an anchor. Her childlessness, this was the condition that ran through Mantel's life-story. Everything else orbited around this condition. At these memoir classes you will explore your condition, your anchor. Whether it be parentlessness/parent-dogged, hero on your shoulder/shadow on your shoulder, loss/gain, yearning/contentment; your anchor – your memoir. Audience: those practiced in that they have already written a quantity of work (fiction, memoir, essay, poetry) either published or unpublished.

Blackrock Library Film Club

Thurs 18 January, 5.30 - 7.45pm

**To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 288 8117**

Join us for a screening of a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem every third Thursday of the month, followed by a group discussion. This month's screening is the Polish film *Ida* (2013), directed by Paweł Pawlikowski.



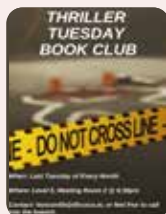
EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Thriller Tuesday Book Club

Tues 30 Jan, 6.30pm

Meeting Room 2, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

For all enquiries about upcoming titles and to register your interest, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie, Tel (01) 280 1147, or speak to a member of staff.



NEW

Starting in the New Year, a book club based on the crime, thriller, mystery, and suspense genres. The meetings will commence on 30 January and take place on the last Tuesday of each month from January until June, then break up for summer. The chosen title for January is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

dlr Libraries Online Book Club

Wed 31 January, 7.30 - 8.30pm

Online via Zoom

If you would like to be added to the mailing list and receive the Zoom link straight to your inbox, please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Do you like reading and discussing books but from the comfort of your own home? If you would like to be involved in a live discussion this is the club for you! Join our excellent book club facilitator Mary Burnham on the last Wednesday of each month for lively chat and engaging reads.

Upcoming dates and titles for January & February are:

Wed 31 January: *Trespasses* by Louise Kennedy

Wed 28 February: *Falling Animals* by Sheila Armstrong

A number of copies of each title are available to collect from staff on Level 4, dlr Lexlcon, or check our online services BorrowBox and Libby for downloadable ebook and e-audiobook editions.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Playgroups for Families

Toddler and Guardian Group

Fri 5, 12, 19 & 26 January,
10.30 - 11.15am, Dalkey Library

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5277

Join us for a different activity each week with music mornings, storytimes and play!



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Lego Challenge Club

Sat 6 January, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Dalkey Library

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5277

What Lego creation will you build? Come for a free play session in the library on the first Saturday morning of the month.

**Carer and Baby Weekly Playgroup**

Mon 8, 15, 22 & 29 January, 10.30 - 11.30am

Deansgrange Library

No need to book, all welcome!

A chance for carers, and babies under 12 mths to come, meet others and play!

**Board Game Club**

Tues 9 January, 6.00 - 7.00pm

Dalkey Library

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5277

We are excited to announce the launch of a new board game club starting in January. This is a great opportunity for children aged 9 – 13 yrs to meet new people while also enjoying some classic board games. Some of the games that will be played include Cluedo, Monopoly, Betrayal and many more.



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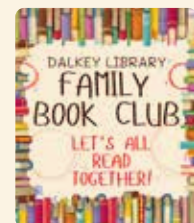
Family Book Club

Sat 27 January, 11.00 - 11.45am

Dalkey Library

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Reading together as a family is a great way to help children along on their independent reading journey. Each month, both adult and child read a selected book together and then come to discuss it in our monthly meeting, along with creating fun art, book-themed challenges and even library treasure hunts! Suitable for children aged 7 – 9 yrs with a guardian.



HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Events celebrating St. Brigid's Day/Imbolc

St Brigid's Crossmaking workshop for families

Sat 27 January, 2.00 - 4.00pm

dlr Lexlcon

Drop-in event, booking not required.



Come join Wicklow Willow to make traditional St. Brigid's crosses from rushes, to display in your home. Did you know St Brigid's crosses have been made for millennia in Ireland and were said to have a protective effect if hung up in a home? There is a wealth of lore about St Brigid, whose feast day lands on 1 February, which is also the date of a pre-Christian festival known as Imbolc and much of the lore and folk history about St Brigid is entwined with an even more ancient deity known as Brigit, a Celtic spring goddess that was associated with wisdom, poetry, healing, protection and fertility.

Other dlr Libraries will also be hosting workshops for families, adults and schools in late January and early February so please keep an eye out in your local library, on our website and on social media for more details.

My Tabletop Museum: Curated by Sadhbh Devlin & Eve McDonnell

Sat 17 February,

12.00 - 4.00pm

Level 3, dlr Lexlcon



Do you have a passion for collecting toy cars, thimbles, or gig tickets? Maybe you prefer interesting bottle tops, antique dolls, or fancy paper? Maybe you collected stamps in the '60s, scratch and sniff stickers in the '80s or nightclub fliers in the '90s and have them stashed away in a drawer? Whatever your passion – whether it's postcards, Pokémon, or porcelain pigs -we know that every piece has a story behind it, and we'd love to hear it! Fill in our expression of interest form via this link <https://forms.gle/Yj623YdM1waRmaeK9> and become the curator of your own unique temporary museum! A printed version of the form is available in each dlr Library or contact us at mytabletopmuseum@gmail.com.

Then join us on Saturday 17 February for the official opening of your special museum and for a day of workshops, talks and family-friendly activities!

Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays - Spring Sensory and All the Colours of the Rainbow

Sat 17 February,
Studio Theatre,
dlr Lexlcon (Level 1)

11.00am-2.00pm
(Specifically for families
living with neurodiversity)

2.00 - 4.00pm
(Arts & Crafts session
open to all families)



Drop-in sessions, no booking required

Join Laura Steerman and Quaint Baby Art for sensory play and Spring-themed arts and crafts. Celebrate diversity with some of our favourite book characters and experiment with all the colours of the rainbow! Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays are workshops tailored to children with additional needs/neurodivergence. As always, a quiet room will be available for anyone needing to self-regulate.

Ireland Reads Day

Sat 24 February,

Various dlr Libraries

Mark your calendars and save the date!

Come join us to celebrate **Ireland Reads Day** with fabulous events being planned for family and adult readers alike. The theme for 2024 is "Get Lost" and we hope you will come along to celebrate the act of getting lost in a good book!

Full schedule will be announced on our website and social media pages in January.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**Active Age Movement Classes**

Wed 7, 14, 21 & 28 February, 11.30am - 12.30pm

Blackrock Library

**To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 288 8117**

Get active this New Year with Lisa from Active Academy! Work at your own pace to improve your overall fitness for everyday life while having fun and meeting new people. Suitable for all abilities.

**Engaging STEAM learning utilising
FIRST® LEGO® League Discover
Programme & LEGO® Education STEAM
Park: Workshop for Infant and Early
Years Educators**

Tues 27 February, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Studio Theatre, dlr Lexicon (Level 1)

**Places are limited and are specifically for
teachers and early years educators**

To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Join us for an engaging, hands-on workshop for Infant and Early Years Teachers where you will be introduced to the *FIRST*® LEGO® League Discover Programme and LEGO® Education STEAM Park. This workshop is especially designed for early years and infant class teachers and will be delivered by a LEGO Education Certified Facilitator. Implement a **STEAM Week** learning project for your Early Years, Junior Infant, and Senior Infant students by engaging in the *FIRST*® LEGO® League Discover Programme and LEGO® Education STEAM Park.

After attending this training, you will be able to deliver a 5-session programme that: develops key habits of learning, introduces the engineering design process and engages in computational thinking.

All of these are key elements of the **STEM Education Implementation Policy 2017 - 2026** and the sessions are mapped to Aistear.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Lego Fun for Families

Lego Challenge Club

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Dalkey Library

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**Family Lego Time!**

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Lego fun for all the family!

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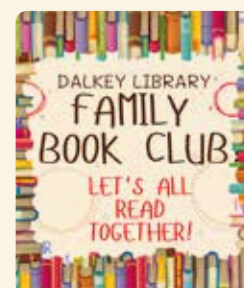
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EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Comic Book Club

Wed 21 February, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Deansgrange Library

To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 285 0860

Are you between the ages of 9 -11 yrs and love comic books? Join us in Deansgrange for an hour of comic book talk and activities! Pick up your book from the end of January!



Irish Language Quizzes-Tráth na gceist Ag Teacht Go Gairid!

I gceiliúradh Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2024, tá ríméad orainn dhá thráth na gceist nua do dhaltáí scoile a fhógairt. Tráth na gceist do dhaltáí Rang 6 ar an 5ú Márta ag a 10 r.n. Tráth na gceist do dhaltáí na hidirbhliana ar an 6ú Márta ag a 10 r.n. Glacfar le foireann amháin an scoil chun dul san iomaíocht i gCraobh Thráth na gCeist Scoile Leabharlanna Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin! Cuirfear ceisteanna agus glacfar le freagraí as Gaeilge amháin. Sonraí breise agus clárú ag libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie

Coming Soon!

To help celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024, we are delighted to announce two new competitions for local schools - an Irish Language Quiz for Sixth Class pupils on 5 March at 10.00am and an Irish Language Quiz for Transition Year Pupils on 6 March at 10.00am.



Each school may enter one team to compete for a chance to be crowned **dlr Libraries Schools Quiz: Irish Language Champions!** All questions will be in Irish and all answers must be in Irish, no English answers allowed. For full details and to register your interest, please contact the quiz team at libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie

EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

Cuala GAA Local history exhibition

4 - 30 January

Deansgrange Library



We are proud to present an exhibition on the history of Cuala GAA. See how the club has evolved through the years to the powerhouse it is today.

Friday Friends: Living Well with Dementia Art exhibition

Until 31 January, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

Friday Friends is an exhibition of various art works produced by the members of the Living Well with Dementia art group. This weekly group is facilitated by Caroline Hyland who is an illustrator and art facilitator with a background in Visual Communications, Art Education and Occupational Therapy. The LWwD weekly art group is open to all but is particularly welcoming to people living with dementia. Every Friday, using a variety of media, Caroline guides the group in the creation of beautiful artwork and provides an opportunity for participants to engage in meaningful self-expression, pleasure, and enjoyment. This exhibition showcases the innate talent and artistic ability that lives within us all.

This exhibition promotes Living Well with Dementia and advocates for a society to see the person first and not the disease.



NRH Photographic Exhibition: Created by Patients and Staff of the National Rehabilitation Hospital

5 - 29 February

Deansgrange Library

The artistic and varied collection of photographs in this exhibition were created by patients and staff who attended a photography course in the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) for Adults and Children, Dún Laoghaire. The images from this exhibition are available to purchase to raise vital funds for the hospital. If interested, please contact: Bill.Nelson.ie@gmail.com



EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

**Age is a privilege, unless you forget!
Debbie Castro****Until 9 February, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon**

Our current exhibition in dlr Lexlcon, Level 3, called Age is a privilege, unless you forget! by artist Debbie Castro, has been extended until 9 February. The exhibition is an intimate collaboration with the artist's father, Charles. Multi-layered, it explores the perspective of a person living with dementia with an aim to open up a dialogue for the wider community.

**Artist talk with Debbie Castro and
Guest speaker from GBHI****(Global Brain Health Institute)****Fri 9 February, Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon****11.00am - 1.00pm****(Break for refreshments at 12.00pm)****Bookings via dlr Libraries eventbrite open
on 6 Jan 2024**

We are delighted to have Debbie Castro in dlr Lexlcon to talk about her exhibition "Age is a privilege, unless you forget!" and to dialogue on the effect the illness had on her, her father, his friends and family.

As well as Debbie we will partner once again with GBHI (Global Brain Health Institute) and have a guest speaker to discuss the effects of dementia on the individual, close friends, family members and the wider community and steps that can be taken to support all involved with this many-faceted illness, including carers.

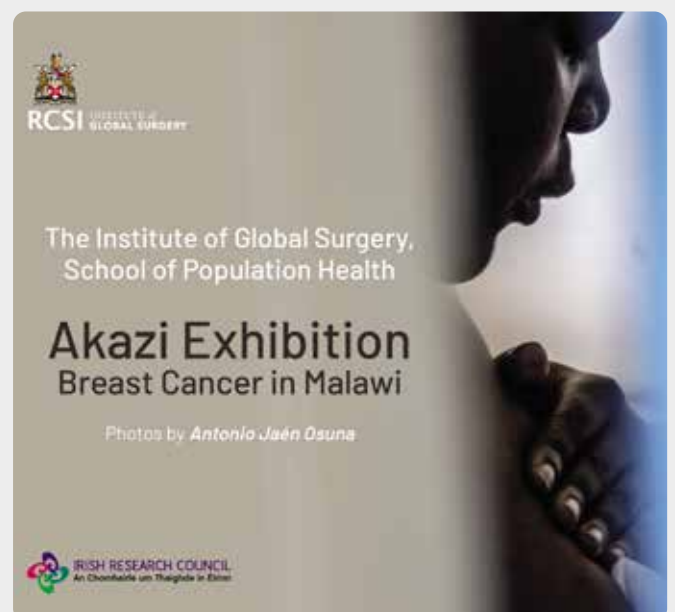
**Akazi Exhibition –
Breast Cancer in Malawi****2 February - 15 March****Level 4, dlr Lexlcon**

The RCSI Institute of Global Surgery, School of Population Health invites you to the "Akazi Exhibition – Breast Cancer in Malawi." This unique and powerful exhibition showcases the photography of Antonio Jaén Osuna, communication specialist, who has been documenting the lived realities of women battling with breast cancer in rural Malawi, one of the poorest countries in the world.

The work has been undertaken as part of the *Akazi project (generously funded by the Irish Research Council and the Dept of Foreign Affairs), which is collaborating with the Malawian Ministry of Health, local NGOs and other stakeholders to improve care delivery for the many women affected by this deadly disease. Less than one in ten breast cancer patients survive beyond 18 months in Malawi.

This one-of-a-kind exhibition shares experiences from the last two years of field work in Malawi and aims to initiate a conversation about the importance of early detection of breast cancer, a disease that cuts across cultures, social realities and countries.

*The Akazi project is a collaboration between RCSI, the Agency for Scientific Research and Training (ASRT) and Kamuzu University of Health Sciences.



Home Energy Saving Kits

As we all become more energy-conscious, whether it be from a climate or money-saving perspective, these useful kits will help you identify possible problem areas such as poorly insulated walls and appliances that are driving up electricity bills. These kits contain five practical energy-saving tools so that you can carry out a mini energy audit of your home and find the easiest and most important areas to save energy. The Kits are supplied in partnership with CODEMA and are available to borrow from all dlr Libraries.



Note: There is a short waiting list for the kits.

You can also borrow some items individually. Thermal leak detectors and plug-in energy monitors are available to take home separately. If you are interested in borrowing one of these items, please talk to staff in your local dlr Library.

dlr Libraries: Our resources and services

To find out more about our Clubs and Groups, our ASC (Accessible Services Collection), Reader Pens, Acorn Tablets, Home Energy Saving Kits, Book Sets and all our online resources, call in and chat to a member of staff, visit our website at libraries.dlrcoco.ie, sign up for our fortnightly ebulletin on our website, and follow us on social media.



Contact your local dlr Library:

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St Brigid's Day/Imbolc Holiday Arrangements

dlr Libraries and dlr Lexicon will be closed from **Saturday 3 February to Monday 5 February inclusive**. All Libraries will re-open as normal on Tuesday 6 February 2024.

During these times, My Open Library (MOL) hours will be in operation in Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries**

You must register for this service in advance with library staff

All our online services are available 24/7; all you need is your library card and PIN