

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

EVENTS FOR MARCH & APRIL 2024

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR MARCH

Seachtain na Gaeilge 1-17 Márta/ March



Celebrate Irish language and culture this Seachtain na Gaeilge with dlr Libraries. We have some fabulous events lined up to help get Gaeilge in your ears and the best of Irish language comedy, music and poetry on your tongue. Events will be bilingual and accessible to those who want to bring more Irish into their lives but don't know where to start!

Look for the Seachtain na Gaeilge logo here agus glac páirt linn!

Further information for Lexlcon SnaG events is on dlr Libraries website. Bookings for Studio events via dlr Libraries eventbrite.

Rónán Ó Snodaigh, musician

Tues 5 March, 6.30-7.30pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for all ages



Rónán Ó Snodaigh is a founding member of the celebrated traditional Irish/world music band Kíla. He is one of Ireland's best and most innovative bodhrán players and a highly original singer songwriter. Born and raised in Dublin 'as Gaeilge,' as well as creating music and song, Rónán also writes 'as Gaeilge.'

Ceol, Caint agus Craic le Comhaltas

Fri 15 March, 3.00-4.30pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for all ages / Bilingual event



dlr Libraries are delighted to welcome Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, the largest group involved in the preservation and promotion of the traditional music of Ireland since its foundation in 1951.

Join us to listen to local Comhaltas musicians while they play Irish traditional music. After, there will be an interactive session where people can try their hand at playing traditional instruments such as the bodhrán and get a taste of the richness of traditional Irish music.

Studio Saturday: Yoga with Lydia and the Music Makers

Sat 9 March 11.00am – 3.45pm

(various start times)

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

All welcome, no booking required

Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays are workshops tailored to children with additional needs/ neurodivergence. This month, we are delighted to welcome Lydia and the Music Makers back to the Studio! Special yoga therapist Lydia and some great Irish musicians will be exploring rhythm and song in a fun and relaxed environment. As always, a quiet room will be available for anyone needing to self-regulate.



11.00am & 11.45am Lydia and the Music Makers
(suitable for ages 6-10 yrs)

In this class we will enjoy group singalongs, hand clap games and drum circle call and response activities that will allow children enjoy the pleasure of creating music within a group environment purely for the fun of it.

12.30pm The Go Free! Gig (suitable for ages 3 yrs +
and open to all families)

A family-friendly gig with lower than usual volume, suitable for sensory sensitive audiences. This event is a truly inclusive experience; a safe space for siblings and parents to have fun, dance and be free to express themselves to live pop and soul classics.

1.45pm & 2.30pm Yoga Adventures
(suitable for ages 5-9 yrs)

3.15pm Yoga Adventures (suitable for ages 9 yrs+)

These fun and engaging yoga classes will involve various yoga adventures, games and storytelling. Through the medium of story, we will engage with a variety of yoga poses, breathing techniques and midline crossing activities designed to help improve coordination, balance, and fine motor skills, whilst also being a playful and creative sensory experience.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Introduction to Watercolours with Svetlana Starikova

Tues 5, 12, 19, 26 March & 2, 9 April, 10.30am-12.30pm

Meeting rooms, dlr Lexlcon



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

Participants must be able to attend all six classes

This six-week watercolour painting course is intended for beginners and those who want to develop their skills in this medium. Students will compare different techniques, learn how to mix paints, how to use the brushstroke and how to control water and colour on a piece of paper.

Bonus Gaeilge event: A Cup of Focals

Wed 6 March, 2.00-4.00pm

Level 3, dlr Lexlcon



All welcome! Fáilte roimh chách!

Come and have a cup of focals with Áine Gallagher, Ireland's only guerrilla Irish language enthusiast. Áine Gallagher is from Deansgrange and is an award-winning comedian, storyteller, and Irish language advocate. Áine will be sitting in the Library with her literal cup of focals, ready and waiting to have a quiet chat with you as Gaeilge. Áine loves to create fun and surprising ways to get people using their cúpla focal. If you're someone who would love to speak Irish a bit more, but can feel nervous, you should definitely drop in for a fun and friendly chat with Áine.

Ré Ó Laighléis, writer

Wed 6 March, 6.30-7.30pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon



Suitable for young adults & adults

Bookings via dlr Libraries eventbrite

An interactive and engaging session with the bilingual Sallynoggin-born-and-bred author. This is a literary-social event, geared at older teenagers and adults, in which Ré will give insight to his multiple award-winning and widely-translated novels and collections.



Astronomy Talk: From Your Garden To The Stars

Mon 11 March, 6.30pm

Dundrum library

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 298 5000

Introduction to Astronomy and Backyard Astrophotography, as part of Irish Astronomy week.



Bilingual poetry event with Ciara Ní É and Roxanna Nic Liam

Tues 12 March,

6.30-7.30pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon



Suitable for young adults & adults

Bookings via dlr Libraries eventbrite



Writer and broadcaster Ciara Ní É was chosen as one of the Irish Examiner's '100 Women Changing Ireland in 2022'. She is Artist in Residence UCD School of Irish, Celtic Studies & Folklore 2023. She is a co-founder of the LGBTQ+ arts collective AerachAiteachGaelach and is an Irish Writers Centre ambassador.

Roxanna is a poet, writer and actor from Dublin. She has performed her poetry at different festivals around the country including Body and Soul, All Together Now and Electric Picnic. Her poem 'The Bubble' was made into a short film directed by Dave Tynan which she also starred in. She has performed with many Irish theatre companies including The Abbey Theatre, Druid and AXIS Ballymun.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Pop up Club Leabhair

Thurs 14 March,

2.30-3.30pm

Seomra Cruinnithe 2, Leibhéal 5, dlr Lexlcon

*Daoine fásta /Suitable for adults*Úrscéalta, gearrscéalta, dírbheathaisnéisí,
filíocht... bí linn agus fáilte romhat.**The Art of Reading Book Club**

Wed 6 March

7.00-8.05pm

Online via Zoom

*All welcome***To register, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie***Supported by the Arts Council*

We are excited to announce dlr Libraries' online book clubs have been invited to participate in The Art of Reading Book Club with the Laureate for Irish Fiction, Colm Tóibín. The book for discussion will be *Molly Fox's Birthday* by Deirdre Madden, and Colm will be in conversation with the author as well as giving attendees the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session.

If you would like to join us, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie to be added to our online Book Club mailing list and a Zoom invitation will be emailed to you in the days before the event.

**Gary Stevenson In Conversation with Martina Devlin**

Tues 19 March,

7.30-8.30pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1,
dlr Lexlcon**Tickets €10/€8 via dlr
Libraries eventbrite**

Hear the extraordinary Gary Stevenson discussing his new book *The Trading Game: A Confession*. Gary grew up in East London looking at the financial district. He worked hard and got into the London Stock Exchange. By the age of 25, he had made his first million. In his late 20s, he decided he wanted out and so began his spiral into the depths of depression.

Prize-winning author and journalist Martina Devlin has written eight novels, a short-story collection, two non-fiction books and three plays. Her latest book is *Edith: A Novel*, about the Irish R.M. author Edith Somerville.

**John Martin on Dalkey's History**

Thurs 14 March,

5.30-6.30pm

Dalkey Library

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

John Martin is a retired town planner who has written the *Dungarvan Historic Town Atlas*, published by the Royal Irish Academy in 2020. Since then, he has been researching the local history of the Dalkey / Bulloch area, with a view to publishing a book. Join him for an informative talk on Dalkey's local churches and schools.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Comhrá at the Café, dlr Lexlcon

Every Tuesday at 11.00am in INK café, Level 1.
Come along to practise Irish in a relaxed environment.

New attendees always welcome!



dlr Yarnspinnners Storytelling Circle

Wed 20 March,

6.30-7.30pm

Refreshments available from 6.00pm

Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

**No booking required,
suitable for an adult audience**

Wednesday 20 March is World Storytelling Day and dlr Yarnspinnners is delighted to welcome Wexford storyteller Joe Brennan to the Lexlcon. Joe weaves tales of magic, wonder and adventure, bridging the gap to the world of imagination. He has been sharing his collection of traditional and original stories with audiences of all ages for over 20 years. He has travelled widely with his stories to Iceland, Norway, India, Russia, USA and throughout Europe.

Yarnspinnners meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the final meeting of this series on Wednesday 19 June.



Comedian Áine Gallagher

Wed 20 March,

7.45-8.45pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

**Booking for Studio events via dlr Libraries
eventbrite.**

Suitable for young adults & adults

Award winning comedian and Ireland's 'queen of the offbeat' Áine Gallagher, is on a mission to prove that speaking Irish can be both accessible and hilarious. Using her quirky and deadpan style as her secret weapon, Áine navigates dating, mug-cake-baking, and mistake-making to create a wholly unique comedy experience.

A comedy experience that is bilingual but also completely accessible and that guarantees to reignite your grá for the language and unlock your cúpla focal.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**Blackrock Library
Film Club**

Thurs 21 March, 5.30pm
Blackrock Library



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 award-winning Macedonian documentary **Honeyland** (2019), directed by Tamara Kotevska and Ljubomir Stefanov.

Sewing Classes with Green Thread

Thurs 21, 28 March & 4 April

2.30-4.00 pm

Shankill Library

Limited places. To book,
email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 282 3081

If you have always wanted to learn to use a sewing machine this is the ideal workshop for you.

Barbara Connolly from Green Thread will cover the basic steps and supervise you as you make a simple accessory. This is a great opportunity to learn a new skill and open up a world of creativity and mindful meditation as you upcycle and repair. This is a skill you can apply to all aspects of your life; your imagination will run wild with ideas! We will discuss upcycling and all materials are provided in this fun and useful workshop. Each session is a stand-alone workshop.

**Needle Felting**

Tues 26 March, 5.30-7.30pm

Dalkey Library

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

Ever tried needle felting before? Let an expert guide you through a unique creation.

Suitable for beginners.

**Film Club**

Mon 25 March & 29 April
5.30pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1 dlr Lexlcon

No booking required, enquiries to
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 280 1147

For a 'reel' cinematic experience this Spring and Summer, join us for free screenings of an eclectic mix of films from the World of Cinema. March's film will be **Amarcord** by Federico Fellini.

Over 18s only.

Facing a rather difficult childhood because of his stern father, Titta prefers spending time with his friends. But he and his friends find themselves in trouble when they meet some quirky locals.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Themed Storytime for Engineers' Week

Mon 4 March, 3.00-3.30pm

Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required

Join us for a themed storytime as we celebrate Engineers' Week.



Am Scéalaíochta as Gaeilge

Thurs 7, 14 March, 3.30-4.30pm

Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

All welcome

Am Scéalaíochta as Gaeilge i Leabharlann Shóisearach an Lexlcon, ar an Déardaoin, 7 & 14 Márta.



Baby and Guardians Group

Mon 11 & 25 March, 10.30am

Dalkey Library

To book, email

dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5277

Come to the Library every other Monday for fun playtime and quiet social mornings. Booking is essential for all dates.



St. Patrick's Day themed storytime

Mon 11 March,

3.00-3.30pm

Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required

Join us and listen to some great stories set in Ireland as we get ready to celebrate St Patrick's Day!



Cúpla Focal Crafts

Tues 12 March,

3.30-4.30pm

Dalkey Library

To book, email

dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie

or Tel (01) 285 5277

Tar isteach! Come and create some fun crafts and practice your Gaeilge with Library staff!

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+ accompanied by an adult



Pot of gold at the end of the Rainbow Art workshop with White Doodle Art

Wed 13 March,

4.15-5.15pm

Deansgrange Library

To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie

or Tel (01) 285 0860

Suitable for ages 5-9 yrs

Join artist Susie Fortune from White Doodle Art to create a fun mixed media 'Pot of gold at the end of the Rainbow' picture. We will explore drawing, painting, print and collage. Please wear old clothing or bring an apron.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES



Scéalta do pháistí óga/Irish Storytelling session for young children

Wed 13 March, 3.30 pm
Shankill Library

All welcome, no booking required

Bilingual storytelling in Irish and English for children aged 3–7 yrs.



Slithery Snake Workshop with White Doodle Art

Fri 15 March, 10.30-11.30am
Shankill Library

To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 282 3081

Join Susie for a fun sensory and messy St. Patrick's Day art session. Paint, stamp and stick. Please wear old clothing or an apron as it will get messy!

Suitable for toddlers aged 2 +yrs.



St Patrick's Day Crafts with Library Staff

Wed 13 March, 3.30pm
Dundrum Library

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 298 5000

Come join us and make St. Patrick's Day crafts!



Family Lego Time

Sat 23 March, 10.30am
Blackrock Library

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

Lego fun for all the family in Blackrock Library! Bring your most creative ideas and we will provide the Lego.

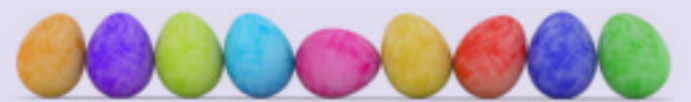


Am Scéalaíochta: Irish Storytime

Thurs 14 March, 3.30pm
Dundrum Library

All welcome, no booking required

Join us for a special storytime as Gaeilge to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Easter Mug Making

Tues 26 March, 3.30–5.00pm
Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Family event, children must be accompanied by an adult

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

As Easter approaches, why not come and make your own personalised mug - and there may even be a surprise at the end!

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Easter crafts with library Staff

Wed 27 March,
3.30pm

Dundrum library

To book, email
dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 298 5000

Let's have fun this Easter
and make Easter crafts!



Easter Crafts

Wed 27 March
2.30-3.30pm

Dalkey Library

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

Create fun crafts with
Library staff for Easter!
Ages 5yrs+ accompanied by an adult.



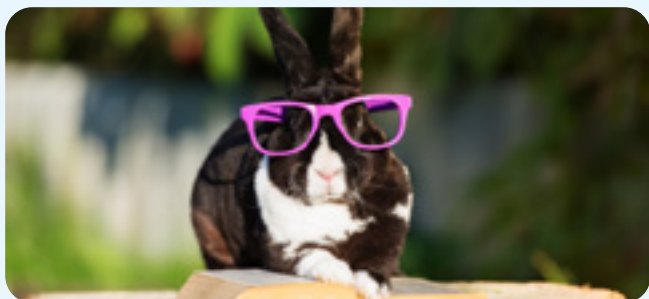
Easter Baby Bookclub with Library Staff

Wed 27 March, 10.00am

Cabinteely Library

All welcome, no booking required

Join library staff for a special Easter-themed Baby Bookclub. Listen to stories and sing nursery rhymes with actions. Suitable for ages 6 mths - 3yrs with parent / guardian.



Easter Storytime with Library Staff

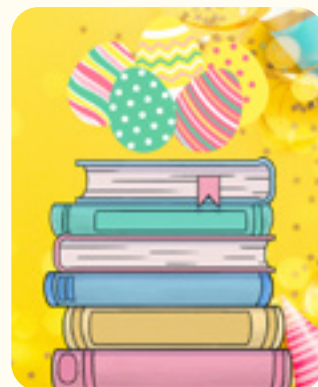
Wed 27 March,
3.00-3.30pm

Cabinteely Library

All welcome, no booking required

Get ready for Easter with Storytime with library staff. Hear Spring and Easter-themed stories and foster a love of words and reading with your children. Easter or Spring fancy-dress welcome!

Suitable for children ages
3-6 yrs with parent or
guardian.



Easter Arts and Crafts

Wed 27 March,
10.30am-12.00pm

Blackrock Library

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

Join Susie from White Doodle Art for a mixed media art workshop inspired by the book *We're Going on an Egg Hunt* using paint, print and collage.

Please wear an old t-shirt or apron!
All materials provided.



We're going on an Egg Hunt - Easter/Spring workshop

Wed 27 March, 3.00-4.30pm

Shankill Library

To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 282 3081

Join Susie from White Doodle Art in a fun Easter/Spring workshop - inspired by the book *We're going on an egg hunt* by Laura Hughes. We will draw, paint, print, collage, cut and paste a mixed media Easter/Spring picture.



EVENTS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Engineers Week

2nd – 8th March 2024

Engineers' Week with Rediscovery Centre

Mon 4 March, 9.30 - 11.00am & 11.15 - 12.45pm
Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon
Suitable for 3rd-6th class

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

Introduces engineering concepts and processes, types of engineering, and illustrates how engineering is an essential part of our lives. The hands-on activities develop mathematical thinking, problem solving skills, and spatial awareness, and help foster an interest in engineering. The activities include a range of engineering challenges from K'Nex constructions to building an earthquake proof house.

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR APRIL



One Dublin, One Book Event: The Role of the Sea in Contemporary Irish Literature

Thursday 25 April, 6.30-7.30pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexicon

Booking via dlr Libraries eventbrite

Part of the One Dublin, One Book programme of events for 2024, join Louise Nealon in conversation with Sheila Armstrong, Olivia Fitzsimons and Aingeala Flannery as they meet to discuss their relationship with the sea, their literary influences and more.

At the beginning of Sheila Armstrong's *Fallen Animals*, a body washes up on the Northwest coast of Ireland, and the search for his identity causes a ripple effect in the lives of people he would never meet. In Olivia Fitzsimons's *The Quiet Whispers Never Stop*, a tumultuous relationship comes to blows on a beach in Donegal. The sea is a constant presence in Aingeala Flannery's *The Amusements*, which explores the lives of the characters in the seaside village of Tramore, while in *Snowflake*; the One Dublin, One Book choice for 2024, Louise Nealon's characters find solace on a fictional island of their own.



Authors for Schools Programme

dlr Libraries are delighted to welcome the best of Irish authors of children's books to our Libraries over the coming months as part of a new programme for primary schools.

We are looking forward to hosting a range of authors including Shane Hegarty, Úna Woods, Sarah Webb, Paul Howard, Nina Carberry, and many more. Authors will be visiting all our libraries and invitations to schools to attend have been sent out. Check your inbox!

Spring into Storytime

Month of April
All dlr Libraries



Spring into Storytime with dlr Libraries during the month of April, where we will be hosting storytime and craft sessions, both in-person and online! Spring into Storytime is one of the 4 main strands of the national Right to Read programme, which aims to promote reading and literacy resources for people of all ages with a special emphasis on reading development for children through Storytime sessions. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more details.

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR APRIL

Active Movement for Adults with Active Academy

Starting Tuesday 2 April for
5 weeks, 11.00am–12.00pm,
Studio Theatre, Level 1,
dlr Lexlcon



To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

As part of our Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme, we are delighted to be partnering again with Lisa from Active Academy for these Active Age classes. These are functional fitness classes designed to help with everyday life and suitable for older adults of all abilities. All exercises can be modified and performed at your own level.



Studio Saturday: SENSEable Kids Sensory Play Experience

Sat 6 April

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

11.00am-2.00pm

Specifically for families living with neurodiversity

2.00-4.00pm Session open to all families

Drop-in sessions, no booking required

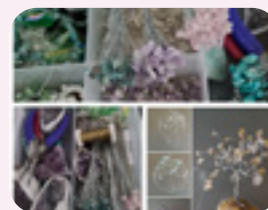
Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays are workshops tailored to children with additional needs/ neurodivergence. This month, we welcome Karen Andersen bringing a full sensory experience with erupting volcanoes and sensory bins, play prompts and sensory toys.

As always, a quiet room will be available for anyone needing to self-regulate.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Spring Crafts at dlr Lexlcon

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



Wire and Crystal Trees with Susie Kenny

Thurs 4 April, 10.00-11.30am

Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

Choose from a selection of gemstone crystals, wires, base stones and mandala hoops to make your own unique piece during this practical workshop. You will surprise yourself with your creation!

Leather Jewellery Making with Mary Daugherty

Thurs 4 April, 11.45am-1.15pm

Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

In this hands-on class, Mary Daugherty will show you step by step how to make leather earrings using scrap leather and charms.

How to Draw with Nicola Sedgwick

Thurs 11 April, 10.00am-11.30am, 11.45am-1.15pm

Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

It is sometimes thought that drawing is a talent which can't be taught. Well, that's not true! Experienced teacher Nicola leads this introductory workshop where you will learn how to copy, shade and draw shapes and objects.

Coiled basket workshop with Sharon Wells

Thurs 18 April, 10.00-11.30am

Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

Come along to this creative workshop and make your own coiled placemat or basket using cotton cord and yarn.

Needle Felting with Sharon Wells

Thurs 18 April, 11.45am-1.15pm

Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

Join this practical workshop and learn how to needle felt a spring flower landscape picture using wool fibre and yarn.

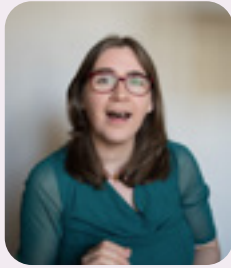
EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**dlr Yarnspinners
Storytelling Circle**

Wed 17 April, 6.30-7.30pm
[Refreshments available from
6.00pm]

The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

**No booking required, suitable
for an adult audience**



This month we are delighted to be welcoming guest storyteller and writer Simone Schuemmelfeder. Born close to the "Fairy Tale Road" in Germany which connects the locations of many tales the Brothers Grimm collected, Simone grew up surrounded by stories. She has performed extensively across Ireland and abroad in schools and libraries, at festivals and for various institutions. Her shows are a refreshing blend of the old and the new, with folktales and modern stories, bridging generations and cultures to touch the listener's heart with the oldest of all arts.

Yarnspinners meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the final meeting of this series on Wednesday 19 June.

**Intermediate Book Binding with
Nicola Faull**

Thurs 25 April, 11.45am-1.15pm
Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

It's hard to beat the charm of a handmade book for yourself or as a special gift. Artist Nicola Faull leads this intermediate level workshop, where you will learn to create a unique book using chain link binding, hand sewn signatures and recycled materials.

**Blackrock Library
Film Club**

Thurs 18 April, 5:30pm
Blackrock Library



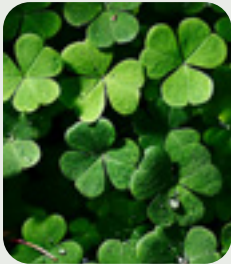
**To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 288 8117**

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 American film **A Ghost Story** (2017), directed by David Lowery.

**Irish conversation group:
Ciorcal comhrá**

Tuesday mornings,
10.00-11.30am
Deansgrange Library

**All welcome,
no booking required**



Come and chat informally in Irish every Tuesday morning. All levels are welcome!

Bígí linn ag comhrá as Gaeilge go neamhfhoirmeálta gach maidin Mháirt ó 10.00-11.30am i Leabharlann Ghráinseach an Déin. Is cuma cén leibhéal atá agat, tá fáilte roimh chách!

**Introduction to Watercolours with
Fiona Ní Ghliasáin**

Thurs 25 April, 10.00-11.30am
Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

Learn watercolour techniques in this fun class while creating a beautiful painting of a Kingfisher on a branch.

**Visible mending workshops
with Pauline Gallagher**

Fri 19, 26 April, 3 & 10 May,
10.30am-12.00pm
Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

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

Visible mending is a design-led decorative mending approach. All of the visible mending techniques Pauline will teach over the four Friday mornings are hand stitching techniques; slow stitching practices which will allow you to slow down, relax, reconnect with old traditions and enter a mindful/meditative state as you focus on the stitching.



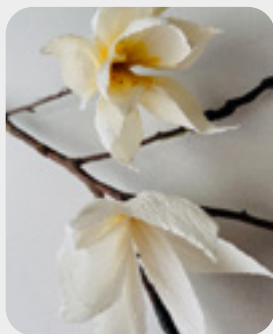
EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Spring Art Workshop with Kim Jenkinson

Tues 23 April, 5.30-6.30pm
Dalkey Library

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

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this Spring-themed art workshop where you will be creating magnolia blossom branches, using crepe paper to create the blossoms and attaching to gathered branches and twigs with a mix of wire and florist tape.



Musical Memories Choir

Every Thursday 11.00am-12.00pm
Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required.

Believed to be the first of its kind in the country, The Musical Memories choir is for older people, specifically welcoming to people affected by dementia and their family carers.

Led by a professional choral director and taking place weekly, the purpose of the choir is to give people an opportunity to come together in a relaxed environment and reconnect through music.

As we know, music and singing helps lift your mood, provides cognitive stimulation and supports social interaction. For more information, contact Newpark Academy of Music via email enquiries@newparkmusic.ie or Tel (01) 288 3740.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Cool Food School Easter Cooking Class

Wed 3 April,
10.30-11.30am
Dalkey Library

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

Join Deirdre from the multi award-winning The Cool Food School for a fun, interactive, Easter-themed simple cooking class. Deirdre is a food educator and children's cookbook author. Suitable for ages 6 yrs+.



Spring Crafts workshop

Wed 3 April, 3.30pm
Dundrum library

To book, email
dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 298 5000

Come join staff for Spring arts and crafts!



Lego Challenge Club

Sat 6 April, 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. Suitable for ages 5 yrs+ accompanied by an adult



Baby and Guardians Group

Mon 8, 22 April, 10.30am
Dalkey Library

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

Suitable for children under 18 mths. Join us for play and calm social mornings!



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

World Autism Month Storytime

Mon 8 April, 3.00-3.30pm
Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required

April is World Autism Month. Join us for stories to mark this occasion.

**Quiet Tuesdays**

Tuesdays 5.30-7.30pm
Cabinteely Library

No booking required. For information, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5363

In Cabinteely Library we are learning different ways in which we can make the Library more accessible to all of our users. Especially welcome are people with autism and other neurodiverse conditions. Each Tuesday we have reduced lighting, priority queuing and phones are quiet. Assistance and Therapy Dogs are welcome too!

Spring is here storytime!

Mon 15 April, 3.30-3.30pm
Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required

Spring is here, so expect stories featuring nature and sunshine!

Family Lego Time

Sat 20 April, 10.30am
Blackrock Library

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

Lego fun for all the family in Blackrock Library! Bring your most creative ideas and we will provide the Lego.

**Toddler and Guardian Group**

Fridays, 10.30am
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!

**Colourful spinning sound discs**

Mon 22 & Wed 24 April, 10.00-11.30am
Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon
Suitable for 3rd - 6th class

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

Made with simple DC motor circuits and paper discs, this science experiment is great fun to make and teaches children about motors, sound energy and the optical illusions of filling in. Children will be delighted to take home their sound machines and can use them to make colourful sound discs at home.

**Dungeons and Dragons**

First Wednesday of the month
3.00-5.00pm
dlr Lexlcon

Spaces are limited. To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 280 1147

dlr Lexlcon staff are delighted to host another round of Dungeons and Dragons for 2024. These sessions are One Shot adventures - all done and dusted in an afternoon.



EVENTS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

First LEGO league discover

Wed 10 April,
10.00–11.00am, 11.30am–12.30pm
Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon
Suitable for ages 4-7 yrs.



**To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie
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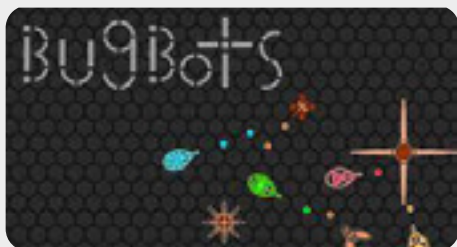
Using the LEGO® Education Discover Set as a starting point, teams design a new model of their own with LEGO® DUPLO® elements, discovering STEAM skills along the way.

Celebrating Spring with Bugbots

Mon 15 & Wed 17 April, 10.00-11.30am
Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon
Suitable for 3rd - 6th class

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

From creepy crawlies to butterflies to bugs that exist only in the imagination. Participants will learn about circuits, and how motors work, counterweights and kinetics, forces & motion. We will use tiny motors and LEDs, batteries, feathers, googly eyes and various recycled items. There is a lot of room for creativity and each bug will be unique and very individual. The children will keep their lovely little creations.



Aistear & Your Local Library

dlr Libraries are delighted to launch a new series of resources specifically designed for Early Years Educators. A new Story Sack collection and series of online videos aim to explore and create increased opportunities for early childhood educators to engage with their local library in support of their application of *Aistear: The Curriculum Framework for Early Childhood Education (2009)*. We are delighted to have had the opportunity to work with Clara Fiorentini of the Marino Institute of Education in the research, design and delivery of these resources, all of which have been funded through the Creative Ireland programme.



The collection of 14 story sacks includes titles suitable for babies and older preschoolers as well as a number of titles in Irish. Each contains a contemporary picture book as well as various extension resources to support the theme of the story sack with learning opportunities mapped to the Aims and Learning Goals of the Aistear Curriculum Framework. The Story Sacks are available for loan to Early Years Educators in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area in possession of a Teacher's card.

The accompanying series of three videos designed and presented by Clara Fiorentini are all available via Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's YouTube channel.

To find out more about these resources, please contact libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie.

EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

Local Colour by artist Shabnam Vasisht

4–30 April, Deansgrange Library
Indian-born designer, visual artist and author, Shabnam Vasisht sees colour as her cultural inheritance and expresses emotion through it. Sustainability is an important factor in Vasisht's art practice. A retired dress-designer living in Ireland for over 45 years, she often uses the medium of her trade to create two-dimensional images and soft sculptures. This manipulation of waste textiles also extends to other throwaway products, combining diverse textures and colours by layering, intertwining or juxtapositioning into a composite mixed-media whole.



EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

**Emerging Voices:
Callan Institute Exhibition**

4-15 March

Deansgrange Library

Emerging Voices is an annual exhibition of art created by children and adults with an intellectual disability who are supported by St John of God Community Services clg. Art speaks where words are sometimes unable to. The artists showcase their interpretation of 'My Voice, My Choice' and invite you to experience their emerging voices in this exhibition. The theme of 'My Voice My Choice' is in recognition of the commencement of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act.

**AIB Press Photographer of the Year
Award Exhibition 2024**

Image credit: Alan Betson, AIB Press Photographer of the year 2024

Mon 11 March–Tues 9 April 2024**Level 3, dlr Lexlcon**

Official launch: Wed 27 March at 6.00pm.
An Cathairleach Councillor Denis O'Callaghan and David Branigan, President of The Press Photographers' Association of Ireland will officially launch the exhibition. All welcome.

We are delighted once again to have the annual exhibition of the Press Photographers' Association of Ireland (PPAI) on display in dlr Lexlcon. Congratulations to Alan Betson of The Irish Times who is the AIB Press Photographer of the year 2024!

Now in its 46th year the PPAI Photographer of the Year Award celebrates the very best of Irish press photography. The exhibition features over 100 winning and highly-commended photographs covering Irish life, at home and abroad and highlights the dedication and skill of Ireland's top press photographers.

**A Portrait In Flesh: My Life With Bowie
A Photographic Exhibition by Denis O'Regan**

15 March-10 April

Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

A career retrospective by Bowie's official photographer Denis O'Regan who has photographed everyone from AC/DC to ZZ Top, documenting Punk, New Romanticism, Grunge, and Heavy Metal along the way. He has travelled as official photographer to David Bowie, The Rolling Stones, Queen and many more. His work has been widely published and exhibited and he has photographed David Bowie more than any other photographer.

In 2021, O'Regan was appointed as the first ever Artist In Residence at London's Royal Albert Hall. The 2018 O'Regan's 'Ricochet : David Bowie 1983' boxed set was a huge success both in hardback published by Penguin Random House; and as a limited edition boxed set containing five books, limited edition vinyl and fine art prints, published by Moonlight Books. The books comprehensively and intimately document David Bowie's most successful year following the release of his 'Let's Dance' album.

This exhibition was part of The Dublin Bowie Festival 2024 which occurred from Feb 7-11.

For more info on the Festival visit: www.dbfest.ie

dlr Age-Friendly Magazine 2024

This is the fourth year of the annual free magazine funded by Creative Ireland, Healthy Ireland and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

The main theme of this year's magazine is promoting 'Good Brain Health'.

The 2024 magazine, published by the Age-Friendly Programme of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (dlr) County Council and the County Age-Friendly Alliance is packed with information on services and programmes to encourage and support you to take part and enjoy the many social, cultural, creative, educational, leisure and fitness activities that are available across the County; activities which are the foundations to Good Brain Health. There is advice and guidance available also on issues relating to your brain health as well as creative writing, puzzles, local heritage and much more!

You can pick up your free hard copy from all dlr Library branches, dlr County Council Offices, community centres, primary care centres, nursing homes, day care centres and shopping centres around the County.



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.



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St Patrick's Bank Holiday Arrangements

dlr Libraries and dlr Lexlcon will be closed from **Saturday 16 March to Monday 18 March inclusive**. All Libraries will re-open as normal on Tuesday 19 March 2024.

Easter Bank Holiday Arrangements

dlr Libraries and dlr Lexlcon will be closed from **Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April inclusive**. All Libraries will re-open as normal on Tuesday 2 April 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