

# News & Events

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

### **EVENTS FOR MARCH & APRIL 2025**

### **HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR MARCH**

### Seachtain na Gaeilge 1-17 Márta



Celebrate Irish language and culture this Seachtain na Gaeilge dlr Libraries, supprted by Creative Ireland. We have some fabulous Irish language/bilingual events lined up to help get Gaeilge in your ears and on your tongue with the help of traditional musicians and singers, comedians, and authors.

You'll be welcome to drop in to our Ciorcail Chomhrá, our informal Irish conversation groups for adults who wish to brush up on their vocabulary and increase their speaking confidence, and we'll have Am Scéalaíochta (Storytime) for younger readers.

Read on to find out more. Bí linn, glac páirt, ach níos tábhachtaí fós, bíodh spraoi agat!



### Music in the Studio with Bowsie Tues 11 March, 6.00pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

#### Booking via dlr Libraries eventbrite

Bowsie are a Trad Indie Folk band from Dublin and Wexford. They have been perfecting their craft on the streets and in the pubs of Dublin over the years. Bowsie have played a number of big gigs getting the opportunity to support some of their heroes such as Damien Dempsey and The Wolfe Tones. We're delighted to welcome them to the Studio, dlr Lexlcon for Seachtain na Gaeilge!



### Ceolchoirm le Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

#### Fri 14 March, 3.00pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon Booking via dlr Libraries eventbrite

Join trad musicians from Comhaltas for this family-friendly concert, part of our Seachtain na Gaeilge programme. Expect lively tunes and traditional airs, and maybe even a bit of Céilí dancing!



### dlr LexIcon 10th Birthday

Ahead of the 10th birthday of dlr LexIcon in April, help us celebrate a decade of dlr LexIcon by sharing your experiences of the Library with us!

You can submit your stories and memories in writing by dropping them off in dlr LexIcon or by sending an email to dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie. Please submit them before Friday 14 March and help us highlight the role our library plays in your life and our community.



### **EVENTS FOR ADULTS**



#### **Caint agus Cupán**

Every Monday from Mon 3 March, 3.00-4.00pm

**Cabinteely Library** 

#### No booking required

Do you want to be able to have a conversation as Gaeilge? We're starting a new weekly group in Cabinteely Library for those who would like to revisit the Irish language and improve their caint as Gaeilge. Enjoy a cupán tae and celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. All levels welcome. This is an informal conversation group, not a taught class.

### **Ciorcal Comhrá at Deansgrange Library**

#### Starts Sat 8 March, 12.00-1.00pm Meeting Room

#### All welcome - No booking required

Deansgrange library will be hosting a new weekly Ciorcal Comhrá from Saturday 8 March. This replaces our Tuesday Irish Language exchange and we hope this new time will mean more can attend to use and practise their Irish language skills. Whether you are fluent or have a cúpla focal, you are invited to join this informal Irish conversation group. Come along for a cuppa, caint agus comhrá on Sat March 8.

### Unladylike: A History of Ladies Gaelic Football

#### Tues 4 March, 6.30pm

Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon Booking via dlr Libraries eventbrite

PhD student Hayley Kilgallon will talk about the past 50 years of women's Gaelic football from its beginnings, where it was considered a novelty

act, to today's nearly 200,000 members. She will discuss her recent book *Unladylike: A History of Ladies Gaelic Football* and delight the audience with photos, newspaper clippings and letters relating to this national sport.





### **Flash Fiction Writing Competition**

Suitable for ages 16 yrs+ For more information, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

In celebration of International Women's Day (IWD) 2025, Deansgrange Library is inviting submissions to its inaugural flash fiction competition. Entries should be limited to 1,000 words or fewer, inspired by the theme of IWD. Entrants must be aged 16 yrs+ and submissions should be made either via email to deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or in person at the library before 31 March 2025. Copies of submissions will be displayed throughout the library during April and three winning stories will receive prize vouchers worth €30.

### **EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

### **Crochet Classes for Adults**

#### Monday 3, 10, 24 & 31 March, 10.00am – 12.00pm

#### Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

#### To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7219

Want to start a new craft or simply wish to refresh your crochet knowledge? dlr LexIcon is hosting a series of classes during March. These two-hour sessions begin Monday 3 March and will run for 4 Mondays (excluding St Patrick's Day). You can bring your own hook and wool, but materials will also be provided. Please note spaces are limited so booking is essential.



### **Classic Irish Book Club**

#### Thurs 6 March, 7.00 – 8.00pm

#### **Shankill Library**

#### To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224

Would you like to read and discuss timeless works of Irish literature in English? Staff member Brendan will facilitate conversations on Joyce, Wilde, Yeats and Beckett – and any others suggested by attendees. We will be discussing *The Dubliners* by James Joyce at our March meeting. Call in and talk to library staff and pick up a copy of the chosen title ahead of the meeting.





### **Craft Circle** Wednesdays, 11.00am

### Shankill Library

#### Drop-in, all welcome

This is a drop-in group where you can join fellow crafters as you work on your current crafting project. Engage in lively conversation, meet new people with similar interests or pick up crafting tips and ideas to inspire your creativity.



### Seed Gardening Club Thurs 6 March, 6.45 -7.30pm

#### **Cabinteely Library**

# For more information, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7216

Announcing the launch of the Cabinteely Seed Gardening Club! We are looking for anyone with green fingers to share their horticultural knowledge, seeds and cuttings on the first Thursday of every month in our informal club.

### **EVENTS FOR ADULTS**



**Ciorcal Comhrá** 

Mon 10 March, 6.30-7.30pm Dundrum Library

Max 10

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7220

Bígí linn i Leabharlann Dhún Droma do chiorcal comhrá do dhaoine fásta, fáilte roimh gach leibhéal.

Join us in Dundrum Library for a Conversation Circle for Adults on Monday. All levels welcome.

### Comedy agus Craic le GaelGÁIRÍ

Wed 12 March, 6.00pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

#### Booking via dlr Libraries eventbrite

Tá lúcháir orainn Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025 a cheiliúradh leis na Gaelgáirí ar an gCéadaoin 12ú Márta sa dlr Lexlcon. Bígí linn i gcomhair oíche den scoth lán de scéalta ghrinn 'gus jócanna, le roinnt de na fuirseoirí is fearr in Éirinn.

We are delighted to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025 with Gaelgáirí on Wednesday 12 March in dlr LexIcon. Join us for a fabulous night full of stories and jokes, with some of Ireland's best comedians.





### Mother's Day Cardmaking Workshop for Adults Thurs 20 & Thurs 27 March, 2.00-3.00pm

### Stillorgan Library

#### To book, email stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7225

Make your own greeting cards for Mother's Day or anyone significant in your life and drink your favourite coffee or tea. Enjoy time with other crafty people in the community!



### Aran Knitting Workshop with Pauline Gallagher

Mon 24 March, 10.00am-1.00pm

**Dalkey Library** 

#### To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7217

Join Pauline Gallagher of The Knitting Class in this workshop where you will learn the traditional art of Aran Knitting.

### **EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

### Destruction, Delay and Déjà Vu: The Restoration of Dublin's O'Connell Street after the Irish Civil War, 1922–1933

Wed 19 March, 6.30pm

**Dundrum Library** 

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7220

Join us at Dundrum Library for this historical talk by historian Professor Daithí Ó Corráin.



### dlr Lexicon Studio Film Club Presents: Irish Cinema Season

Thurs 27 March, 6.00pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon (entrance through Ink Café)

#### No booking required, all welcome!

Continuing a season of the best in Irish film, each screening will be as voted by you, the audience! We could be screening feel-good classics like *The Snapper*, homegrown indie darlings like *Eat the Peach* or darkly comic award winners like *In Bruges*. So join us in celebrating your favourite Irish films and stay tuned to our social media channels and our fortnightly eBulletin to see if your favourite makes it to our Studio Theatre's big screen. Do also keep an eye out for surprise special seasonal screenings!





### **Creative Writing Workshop with Catherine Talbot**

Fri 28 March, 10.30am – 12.00pm

**Shankill Library** 

#### To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224

Do you want to write but don't know where to start? Or have you been writing for years on your own and are unsure what to do with all your ideas? If you would like to meet others in the same boat, come to this creative writing workshop, learn how to write freely, receive and give feedback in a friendly and relaxed environment. Please bring a notebook and pen.

### **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES**



### Leprechaun Hunt Sat 1 - Fri 14 March Children's Library, Deansgrange Library

Chase the Leprechauns around Deansgrange Library! There are 12 cheeky leprechauns hiding in our children's section, can you find them all? Bookmarks to be won!



### Irish Language Jewellery-Making Workshop

Mon 3 March, 2.00-3.30pm Stillorgan Library

#### Suitable for ages 6-12 yrs To book, email stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7225

Take the opportunity to enjoy Irish, whether you are a fluent speaker, learner or have a cúpla focal, with this fun jewellery-making workshop where you will create fun accessories with Irish words. Children must be supervised by a parent/guardian. Spring Crafts Tues 4 March, 3.30-4.00pm

Dundrum Library

Suitable for ages 6 yrs+ To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7220

Come join staff for Spring arts and crafts! Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.





### Pot of Gold Workshop with White Doodle Art

Tues 4 March, 4.00 - 5.15pm Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 5-9 yrs To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224

Celebrate all things Irish for Seachtain na Gaeilge and join artist Susie Fortune from White Doodle Workshops to create a mixed media collage.

### **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES**

### Yoga as Gaeilge with Óga Yoga



#### Wed 5 March, 2.30pm & 3.45pm Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 4 yrs+ To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

Sat 8 March, 10.30am & 11.45am Dundrum Library

Suitable for ages 4 yrs+ To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7220

Join Ciarán Mac Fhearghusa, yoga practitioner and author of children's Irish language Yoga Adventure books *Diarmuid agus an Mata Yoga Draíochta san Astráil* and *Diarmuid agus an Mata Yoga Draíochta san Amasóin*, for a session of yoga, mindfulness and meditation for all the family. All participants will receive a storybook and colouring book to take home with them for further relaxation!



Spórt, Spraoi & Suaimhneas

### dlr Libraries' LEGO Clubs



### Lego Challenge Club

Sat 1 March, 11.00am-12.00pm

**Dalkey Library** 

#### Suitable for ages 5 yrs+ To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7217

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

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### Shankill Lego Club

Sat 1 & Sat 22 March 11.00am – 12.00pm

Shankill Library

#### Suitable for ages 5 yrs+ To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224

Lego fun at Shankill Library! Bring your most creative ideas and we provide the Lego.

**Family Lego Time** 

Sat 22 March, 10.30am-12.30pm

**Blackrock Library** 

To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7215

Lego fun for all the family every month in Blackrock Library, just bring your imagination!

### **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES**

### **Cabinteely Storytime**

Wednesdays, 3.00pm Cabinteely Library Suitable for ages 3-6 yrs Drop-in, no booking required

Join library staff for a fun and interactive storytime at Cabinteely library.



### **Shankill Storytime**

Wednesdays, 3.00pm Shankill Library

All welcome Suitable for age 3 yrs+ Drop-in, no booking required Come along and join the reading fun with staff at Shankill Library!

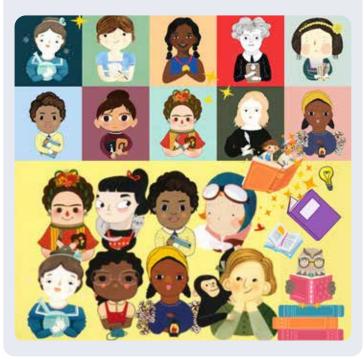


### **International Women's Day Storytime**

Sat 8 March, 3.00pm Children's Library, Level 4, dlr LexIcon

#### All welcome - No booking required

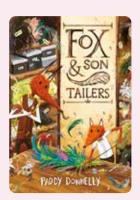
Join staff for a very special Storytime celebrating some inspiring women. Borrow a book about an outstanding woman from one of our themed book displays or take home a themed bookmark for decorating on International Women's Day!



### Storytime and Workshop with Paddy Donnelly

Sat 8 March, 3.30pm Cabinteely Library

Suitable for ages 4-8 yrs. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To book, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or phone (01) 204 7216



Join award-winning author illustrator Paddy Donnelly as he reads *Fox & Son Tailers* - a heartwarming story about a father and son fox, that encourages children to follow their dreams and come up with unique ideas. Learn about amazing tails in the animal kingdom and use your imagination in a live draw-along with Paddy.

### **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES**



### **Cabinteely Builders' Club**

Sat 8 & 29 March, 11.00am – 1.00pm Cabinteely Library

#### Drop-in, no booking required

Attention budding builders! Exercise your engineering skills at Cabinteely Library every other Saturday. Construct a skyscraper, build a bridge or produce a new pet, with all the Magformers and building blocks we have on offer.



### Am Scéalaíochta: Irish Storytime Shankill Library

Wed 12 March, 3.00 - 3.30pm

Suitable for ages 4-7 yrs All welcome, no booking required.

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

### Dundrum Library

Thurs 13 March, 3.30-4.00pm

Suitable for ages 3-6 yrs All welcome.

Bígí linn i Leabharlann Dhún Droma do Ám Scéalaíochta do pháistí. Ní gá le háirithint.

Join us in Dundrum Library for Storytime in Irish. No booking required.



### St Patrick's Day Crafts with Library Staff

Thurs 13 March, 3.00-4.00pm Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 4-8 yrs To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224

Join library staff for a fun St Patrick's Day-themed craft session.

#### **St. Patrick's Day themed Storytime** Fri 14 March, 3.00–3.30pm Shankill 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.



### **Easter Graffiti** Fri 14 March. 9.30am – 1.00pm, 2.00-5.00pm Stillorgan Library

#### All welcome - No booking required

Are you ready to party! Stillorgan Library is delighted to host a Graffiti Party where you can get the chance to decorate the library window for Easter. Come join the fun with friends!

### **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES**



### Cabinteely Gamers' Club Fri 14 & 21 March, 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Cabinteely Library

#### Suitable for ages 7 yrs+ Drop-in, no booking required

Don't be bored at home! Come and play at our games club in Cabinteely Library. We'll have a changing selection of board games and PS4 games for kids from ages 7 and up, so challenge yourself every other Friday afternoon!

### dlr LexIcon's Family Film Club: Flushed Away

#### Thurs 27 March, 3.30pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon (entrance through Ink Café)

#### All Welcome - no booking required

Join dlr LexIcon's Family Film Club in our Studio Theatre for one of our monthly screenings! Flushed Away is the story of an uptown rat that gets flushed down the toilet from his penthouse apartment, ending up in the sewers of London where he has to learn a whole new and different way of life.



Sensory Sessions with Active Academy Fri 28 March, 1.30-4.30pm (various start times) Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon



Active Kids Academy are delighted to partner with dlr Libraries again to bring you an afternoon of inclusive fun. Our sessions will offer a variety of activities which children can explore independently or with others. We will have Lego stations, a mini obstacle course, sensory play and multiple building stations including magnetic tiles, number blocks and much more. Children can wander between activities at their own pace and whizz around our obstacle course to burn off some energy.

These sessions are tailored to children who are neurodivergent and those with additional needs. A quiet room will be available on Level 3 for anyone needing to self-regulate.

#### Children must be supervised at all times.

1.30-2.15pm: Bookable via dlr Libraries eventbrite

2.30-3.15pm: Bookable via dlr Libraries eventbrite

3.30-4.30pm: Drop-in Session

### **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES**



Sewing for Teens with Green Thread Sat 29 March, 12.00-2.00pm Meeting Room 2, Level 5, dlr LexIcon Max 12 Suitable for ages 13 yrs+ To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7219

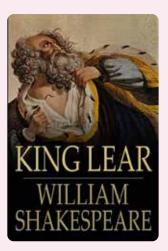
Ever tried sewing? Come and join our introduction to machine sewing class for teens. Make a scrunchie and a drawstring bag of your very own. All material supplied.

### King Lear: An Exploratory Session with Brian Cosgrove

Sat 29 March, 3.00-4.00pm Meeting Room, Deansgrange Library

Max 30 Suitable for Leaving Cert students To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco. ie or Tel (01) 2047 218

Professor Brian Cosgrove is the former head of the Department of English at NUI Maynooth. Brian, a library local, comes to Deansgrange Library to give 2025 Leaving Cert students a chance to



explore themes in this year's Shakespearean play, *King Lear.* The session will begin by observing the parallel experiences of the fathers, Lear and Gloucester, victimised by members of their families, but each redeemed by one virtuous daughter or son. The session will include close readings of the more remarkable sequences in the play. Please bring along your own questions for Brian to answer!

### An Fia sa Choill with author Sadhbh Devlin

Thurs 20 March, 11.00am-12.00pm Children's Library, Deansgrange Library

Suitable for 3rd – 5th class To book, teachers should email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie

#### An Fia sa Choill le Sadhbh Devlin

Tá rud éigin speisialta faoin bhfia a bhualann Fionn Mac Cumhaill léi sa choill. Ní bhíonn súile glasa ag an ainmhí sin de ghnáth... Éist le leagan úr-nua den scéal draíochtúil seo ón bhFiannaíocht agus samhlaigh tú féin mar dhuine ilchruthach – cén ainmhí a roghnófá dá mbeadh tusa in ann do chruth a athrú?

#### An Fia sa Choill (The Deer in the Woods) with Sadhbh Devlin

There is something special about the deer that Fionn Mac Cumhaill meets in the woods. Those animals don't usually have green eyes... Listen to a brand-new version



of this magical tale from the Fenian Cycle and imagine yourself as a shape-shifter – what kind of animal would you choose if you could change into one?

### **Calling All Teachers!**

#### dlr Lexicon

#### To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

dlr LexIcon is reminding you that we welcome visits

from both primary and secondary schools all year around. Bring your class and let curiosity take the lead. Get in touch via email and plan your trip now!



### **HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR APRIL**

### **Spring Into Storytime**

Celebrate 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 all ages with a special emphasis on reading development for children through Storytime sessions.





Storytime with Úna Woods! Sat 5 April, 11.00am-12.00pm

Blackrock Library Suitable for ages 6-10 yrs To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7215

Join Author/Illustrator Úna Woods as she reads her picture book *A Blooming Great Day* and then bloom with creativity as Úna shows you how to make a spring flowers mixed media collage. All materials provided.



### Storytime with Storyteller Julie Anne de Brún

Sat 5 April, 11.00am & 2.00pm Children's Library, Level 4, dlr LexIcon

#### All welcome- No booking required

dlr Lexlcon is delighted to welcome Julie Anne de Brún to the Children's Library. Julie is a well-known storyteller whose passion is to regale young and old with songs and tales through Irish and English.

#### Storytime with Children's Author/ Illustrator Úna Woods

#### Sat 12 April, 3.00pm Cabinteely Library

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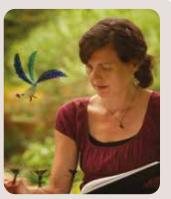


Join the amazing children's author and illustrator Úna Woods for spring themed crafts and storytime in Cabinteely Library.

### Storytime with Author/Illustrator Tatyana Feeney

Tues 22 April, 3.00pm Dundrum Library

Suitable for ages 3-8 yrs To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7220



Author/illustrator Tatyana Feeney, will be reading her new book, *Stockingopolis*, about two children, Lucy and Ben, who live in this small Victorian town by the sea. Stockingopolis, believe it or not, is a real place, now better known as Balbriggan in North County Dublin! Following the story, there will be a drawing activity where we will imagine and explore what other places and things might become more colourful.



### Spring Into Storytime with Alan Nolan Tues 22 April, 3.30pm Dalkey Library

Max 15 Suitable for ages 8-12 yrs To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7217

How well do you think you know Dublin in Victorian times? Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan as he brings you on a whirlwind trip around Dublin's lost landmarks and creepiest crypts – as featured in his hysterically historical series of children's books, starring the young Molly Malone and her best pal Bram Stoker! Meet the 'real-life' Molly and Bram, test your knowledge in the Dickensian Dublin Quiz, and learn how to draw a Deadly Dublin legend.

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#### **Virtual Reality Demonstration**

Tues 8 April, 3.00-4.00 pm Dundrum Library

Max 10 To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7220

Come and experience a demonstration of the wonders of Virtual Reality at Dundrum Library. Explore the Colosseum, the White House, or the depths of the ocean without ever leaving the library! A relaxed and fully seated demonstration of VR technology for adults.





#### **Get Writing Workshop for Teenagers**

Tues 8 April, 5.45-7.45 pm Shankill Library

Max 12 Suitable for ages 14-17 yrs To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224

In this two-hour workshop with YA author Claire Hennessy, participants will try a few different exercises and ways of getting creative work onto the page (and out of our heads), including developing characters and plot ideas. There will be time to share some work (optional) and to ask questions about any projects participants might also be working on.

### **EVENTS FOR ADULTS**

### **Crochet at Deansgrange Library**

Thurs 10 April (Beginners) 6.00-7.30pm Thurs 24 April (Improvers) 6.00-7.30pm Meeting room, Deansgrange Library

#### Suitable for ages 15 yrs+ To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

The second class is for those with some experience looking for guidance on particular stitches or projects. Hooks and yarn provided. *Please note due to high demand, only one crochet class booking per person.* 



### The Place Names of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Thurs 10 April, 6.30-7.30pm Dundrum Library

#### Max 25 To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7220

Join staff member Matthew for a talk on the place names of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. Drawing on sources from the Place Names Commission, dlr Local Studies department, and oral histories, this talk will explore the many and varied place names in the County, and how people and communities are connected across generations, in myriad ways, to these names.





### Film Screening: David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet

#### Wed 23 April, 6.00-7.15pm Meeting Room, Deansgrange Library

#### All ages (Cert: PG) To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

Earth Day 2025 takes place on 22 April. Come along to Deansgrange library for a climate-focused film screening. One man, Sir David Attenborough, has seen more of the natural world than any other. This unique feature documentary is his witness statement, honest, revealing and urgent. It is a powerful first-hand account of humanity's impact on nature and a message of hope for future generations.



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### **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES**



### Visit our Sensory Space for World Autism Day

Sat 5 April, 2.00-4.00pm Sensory Space, Deansgrange Library

#### All welcome Drop-in, no booking required

Deansgrange Library has a self-contained Sensory Space as well as a Tovertafel (Magic Table) that anyone can book to use. Come along on Saturday 5 April between 2.00-4.00pm to see what the space can offer you or your family. Learn about other supports that dlr Libraries can offer the neurodivergent community from books to toys and equipment for lending (ASC collection) as well as events.



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#### **Get Writing with Claire Hennessy** Sat 5 April, 11.00am-1.00pm Deansgrange Library

#### Suitable for ages 12-18yrs To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

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### **Cabinteely Gamers' Club**

Fri 4 & 25 April, 3.30-4.30pm Cabinteely Library

Suitable for ages 7 yrs+ Drop-in, no booking required

Don't be bored at home! Come and play at our games club in Cabinteely Library. We'll have a



### **Cabinteely Builders' Club**

Sat 12 April, 11.00am – 1.00pm Cabinteely Library

#### Drop-in, no booking required

Attention budding builders! Exercise your engineering skills at Cabinteely Library every other Saturday. Construct a skyscraper, build a bridge or produce a new pet, with all the Magformers and building blocks we have on offer.



#### Easter Art Workshop with Kim Jenkinson

Mon 14 April, 11.30am Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 7 yrs+ To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7217

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this children's Easter themed art workshop, where we will be creating colourful painted 'bunnies in the meadow' hanging decorations to celebrate Easter. changing selection of board games and PS4 games for kids from ages 7 and up, so challenge yourself every other Friday afternoon!



### Easter crafts with White Doodle Art

Wed 16 April, 11.30am-1.00pm Blackrock Library

Suitable for ages 6-9 yrs To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7215

Easter make and take crafts with artist Susie Fortune from White Doodle Art. Learn how to create your own Easter sock bunny and decorations in this fun mixed media workshop. All materials provided.



### Easter Arts and Crafts with Kim Jenkinson

Wed 16 April, 3.00-4.00pm Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 6 yrs+ Places are limited so booking is essential. To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this Easter themed art workshop for children where we will be creating colourful Easter bunny bunting to take home.



### **EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES**

#### Sensory Sessions with Active Academy

Sat 12 April, 1.00-1.45pm, 2.00-2.45pm & 3.00-3.45pm Deansgrange Library



# Booking via dlr Libraries eventbrite

Active Kids Academy are delighted to partner with dlr Libraries again to bring you an afternoon of inclusive fun. Our sessions will offer a variety of activities which children can explore independently or with others. We will have Lego stations, a mini obstacle course, sensory play and multiple building stations including magnetic tiles, number blocks and much more. Children can wander between activities at their own pace and whizz around our obstacle course to burn off some energy. These sessions are tailored to children who are neurodivergent and those with additional needs.

Children must be supervised at all times.

### **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

Wed 16 April, 3.30-4.00pm Dundrum Library Garden (weather permitting)



No booking required, all welcome

Join us for a Teddy Bears' picnic

and Storytime in the garden of Dundrum Library. If the weather on the day isn't picnic appropriate don't worry, we'll move the party indoors! Make sure to bring along your teddies and they will have the option of staying overnight for a lovely sleepover at the Library. All the teddies will be returned to their owners the next day.

### World Earth Day - Upcycled Birdie Paper Garland Making with Tarsila Krüse

#### Tues 22 April, 2.00 - 3.00pm The Lab, Level 3, dlr LexIcon

#### Suitable for ages 6-10 yrs To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7219

To celebrate Earth Day 2025 join author and awardwinning children's book illustrator Tarsila Krüse for this family craft event. Tarsila is the author of *A Little Birdie Told Me* and, in this session, participants will make Birdie Paper Garlands from upcycled materials. Families can also bring their own upcycled wrapping paper to the workshop. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### dlr Lexicon's Family Film Club: Missing Link

#### Thurs 24 April, 3.30pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon (entrance through Ink Café) All welcome! No booking required



Join dlr Lexlcon's Family Film Club in our Studio Theatre for one of our monthly screenings! In *Missing Link* (2019), Mr Link hires Sir Lionel Frost, a leading investigator of myths and monsters, in an attempt to travel to America's Pacific Northwest and find his missing relatives.

### Make a Movie on Your Mobile: Workshop for Teens

Wed 30 April, 5.00-7.00pm The Lab, Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Suitable for ages 13 yrs+ To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7219

Unlock the director within you at this Make a Movie on Your Mobile workshop! Tailored for teens 13 yrs+ it's the ideal setting to learn how to craft compelling videos using the smartphone you carry every day. This workshop is not just about learning; it's about doing. You'll leave not only with new skills but also with practical experience that you can apply to your own projects at home. Whether you're new to filmmaking or looking to enhance your existing skills, the Make a Movie on Your Mobile workshop is a great way to dive deeper into the world of mobile moviemaking.



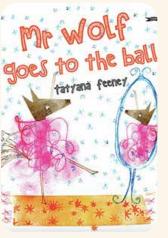
### **EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS**

### Spring into Storytime with Tatyana Feeney

Fri 11 April, 10.00am Shankill Library

Max 25 Suitable for ages 8 yrs+ To book, teachers should email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie

To celebrate *Spring into Storytime* we are delighted to welcome author Tatyana Feeney to Shankill Library where she will host a fun workshop for one of our local schools.



### The Lost Boy with Eve Mc Donnell

Tues 29 April, 11.00am-12.00pm Children's Library, Deansgrange Library

#### Suitable for 5th - 6th class To book, teachers should email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie

In Eve McDonnell's *The Last Boy*, a 'climbing boy' chimney sweep called Brewster is sold to a cruel Master Sweep. When a terrifying storm of stars fills the sky, Brewster casts his wish upon each star to be the last climbing boy, ever. Wishes exist in hopefilled hearts, they create ambition and dreams of better things, they bring smiles and delicious anticipation! What would you wish for? Hot ice-

cream? Dogs that talk and sunshine every day? Or a big change to our world and no homework for a month too? Let's make our mark by creating our own unique WISHPRINT – our wishfilled, sooty and lucky fingerprint!

Photo credit: Mairead Lucy Photography



### **EXHIBITION PROGRAMME**

# Emerging voices: St John of God services art show and competition

#### Mon 3 – Sat 8 March Foyer, Deansgrange Library

This exhibition is an example of how art can be used as a form of communication and self-expression for individuals with an intellectual disability. The theme for this year's exhibition is 'Fáilte' the Irish for welcome, and this aligns with the value of hospitality. This year celebrates the 20th Anniversary of this event, and for the last 10 years, Deansgrange Library has hosted this exhibition during March. We hope that you will come and enjoy the 'Emerging



Voices Art Exhibition' where together we continue to foster a creative and inclusive environment where every voice is heard and celebrated.

Image credit: Welcoming Autism by Jason Nagle, Summer Fruit by Carmel Rooney, Noreen McGuire Welcome to my Party

### **Primary Prints by Kill of the Grange NS**

Mon 10 – Fri 21 March Foyer, Children's Library, Deansgrange Library



This exhibition showcases a

vibrant collection of prints created by the talented 2nd Class students of Kill O The Grange National School. The works were made during a residency with printmaker Susie Fortune, as part of the BLAST (Bring Live Art to Students and Teachers) initiative, supported by their teacher Joanna Allen and the Blackrock Education Centre. Through hands-on exploration and creative expression, the students were introduced to multiple forms of printmaking. We are delighted to share the work of this creative collaboration with the community, and we invite you to celebrate these talented young artists' printmaking!

#### Flash Fiction Exhibition Mon 14 April – Fri 2 May

Mon 14 April – Fri 2 May Deansgrange Library

Look around the Library for Flash Fiction reads! These are submissions from the Flash Fiction competition for local authors that we ran during March.



### **EXHIBITION PROGRAMME**

#### AIB Press Photographer of the Year Award Exhibition 2025

11 March – 6 April dlr LexIcon

We are delighted once again to have the annual awards exhibition of the Press Photographers' Association of Ireland (PPAI) on display in dlr LexIcon. Now in its 47th year the PPAI, AIB Press 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, during 2024 and highlights the dedication and skill of Ireland's top press photographers.



### Stirring Memories: Stories of yesterday April

#### Foyer, Deansgrange Library

What was life like in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown over the years? Storyteller Helena Byrne posed this question to members of local day care centres. Enjoy



these stirring memories of trips to the Baths on sunny days, shopping in the much-loved local shops of the past such as Lee's; and getting dressed up for a Saturday night out in the Top Hat! This heartwarming exhibition is the culmination of a social history project to collect and preserve reminiscences and recollections of times gone by. A huge thanks to the staff and members of the participating day care centres for sharing their stories especially: Beaufort Day Care Centre (Glasthule), The Clevis Unit (Leopardstown), Leopardstown Park Day Centre, Mount Merrion Friendship Club and Shankill Day Care Centre. This was a joint project by dlr Libraries & dlr Age Friendly Programme, supported by the Creativity in Older Age Fund, part of the Creative Ireland Programme.

#### GUGLIELMO MARCONI AND THE WAVES OF MADE IN ITALY:

A Journey Through the Life and Discoveries of the Inventor of the Wireless Telegraph and the Radio

### 14 April – 8 June 2025

#### dlr Lexicon

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the birth of the Italian - Irish scientist Guglielmo Marconi, we will celebrate the genius by recalling some of his extraordinary inventions. This exhibition, organised by the Embassy of Italy in Ireland and the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Dublin with the support of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, is curated by the Ministry of Enterprise and Made in Italy of Rome and will display memorabilia objects that tell the story of Guglielmo Marconi's scientific experience, including showcasing transmitting and receiving devices, telegraphs and radios, historical

photographs and videos. Alongside the exhibition, we will run a series of events. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for updates on the programme!



# ACORN Tablets: Making technology easy and Accessible for all

dlr Libraries have ACORN Tablets for loan as part of our Digital Inclusion project. These tablets are designed to be easy-to-use, especially for older adults with little or no experience of computers or smart devices. The home screen is simple and clear, making it easy to get started. ACORN tablets are available to borrow for a 2-month period to all

dlr Library members. For more information, contact your local branch and chat to staff to learn more.



# Change to existing dlr Libraries telephone numbers

We need to update our library phone numbers to streamline the current system. We hope to keep any inconvenience and disruption to our callers to a minimum. Here's a handy guide of the new numbers to dial:

Ballyogan*	01 204 7222	dlr Lexicon	01 204 7219
Blackrock	01 204 7215	Dundrum	01 204 7220
Cabinteely	01 204 7216	Shankill	01 204 7224
Dalkey	01 204 7217	Stillorgan	01 204 7225
Deansgrange	e 01 204 7218		

\* Ballyogan Library is due to open in early March. Please check our website and social media channels for more information.

### dlr Libraries: Our resources and services

To find out more about our Clubs and Groups, our ASC (Accessible Services Collection), Reader Pens, Vision Aids, 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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