

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

EVENTS FOR MAY & JUNE 2025

Ballyogan Library

Ballyogan Library, the newest addition to our branch network, has now moved to full-time hours.

Opening hours are as follows:

Monday – Thursday 9.30am – 8.00pm

Friday & Saturday 9.30am – 5.00pm

If you haven't yet visited, drop in and chat to the team there to find out more about the dedicated Teen area, Music room, and Event Room upstairs; the Cubbie sensory pod and outdoor space downstairs, in addition to the study spaces, free Internet and Wifi, PCs, printing, copying and scanning facilities and



a Changing Places bathroom. Plus there are books for all ages and interests, as well as audio books and DVDS to borrow and take home.

Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, Ballyogan Court, Dublin 18, D18 HT72

Tel:(01) 204 7222 Email:ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR MAY

Bealtaine 2025

This May marks 30 years of Bealtaine, Ireland's national festival encouraging arts and creativity as we age, run by Age & Opportunity. Join dlr Libraries as we celebrate with a programme of events across our branches, ranging from crafts to film screenings and Yoga to poetry!



Bealtaine: dlr Lexlcon Studio Film Club Presents Musicals on Film

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

All welcome, no booking required

An American in Paris, Wed 7 May, 6.00pm

La La Land, Wed 14 May, 6.00pm

Join dlr Lexlcon Studio Film Club for a Bealtaine celebration of the swooniest film genre to ever tap-dance on celluloid. We will be screening quintessential classic Hollywood musical *An American in Paris*, starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron with music by George Gershwin, which inspired the Oscar winning *La La Land* (starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone), to be screened the following week.



HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

Washing Windows V – Readings from New Anthology

Wed 7 May, 6.30pm

Dundrum Library

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



Sat 10 May, 2.00-4.00pm

Level 3, dlr Lexicon

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

Wed 28 May, 6.15-7.45pm

Meeting Room, Deansgrange Library

To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7218

Arlen House, the feminist press celebrates 50 years of publishing this year. Join us for readings from their latest anthology **Washing Windows V: Women Revolutionise Irish Poetry, 1975-2025**, edited by Alan Hayes and Nuala O'Connor. This is the largest collection of poetry by Irish women ever compiled with over 300 contemporary poets from all over the island and further afield writing poems of power, potency and poignancy in English and Irish. Readings will be given by multiple poets who have contributed their work to the series.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Classic Irish Book Club

Thurs 1 May, 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 others suggested by attendees. We will be discussing Mary Lavin's *The Becker Wives & Other Stories* in May. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book, please call into Shankill Library to collect.

Jigsaw Swap

Thurs 1 - Thurs 15 May
Cabinteely Library

All welcome,
no booking required



Due to popular demand, we are running another jigsaw swap in Cabinteely Library. Come along to donate your completed jigsaws and choose a new one.

Imram na nÓg 2025: Féile Litríochta do Pháistí

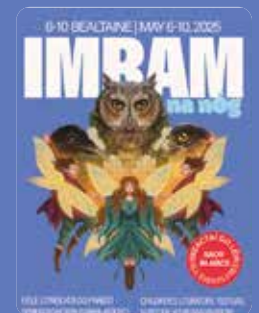
Studio Theatre & Level 4, dlr Lexicon

For advance booking, email eolas@imram.ie

Once again, dlr Libraries is thrilled to partner with IMRAM na nÓg, the Irish language literature festival for Children. Hundreds of children from Gaelscoileanna will attend events at IMRAM na nÓg, the Irish language literature festival for children, in dlr Lexicon in May, where they will be spellbound by some of the best authors in the country. Amongst those authors are Laureate na nÓg Patricia Forde, whose workshop will focus on her latest book, *An Mac Tíre Deireanach*; Sadhbh Devlin, whose beautiful version of the story of the deer who meets Fionn Mac Cumhail, *An Fia sa Choill* has just been published plus Gráinne Holland and friends with An Crann Sí.

We'll also be joined by scriptwriter for television and film Richie Conroy, whose third novel about Emily Porter has just come out; and broadcaster, musician and writer Tristan Rosenstock whose second novel, *Inis Mara* was published recently.

The festival also includes free public events, and a wonderful show, *Seo í Rita*, featuring Máire Zepf and Mr. Ando, from the CULA4 tv series. Eachtraí Teidí features Sadhbh Rosenstock reading and singing songs from her latest book.



Read on for more information, pick up a copy of the IMRAM brochure in the Library or visit: <https://imram.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/IMRAM-na-nOG-3sm.pdf>



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Felting workshop with Miriam Brady

Thurs 8 May, 2.00–4.00pm
Dalkey Library

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

Miriam Brady is a textile artist and feltmaker working with wool and silk in her studio in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains. Learn how to design a beautiful landscape image using the technique of needle felting using wools and silks in this two hour workshop.



Folk Music for Well-being with Ruairí O'Shea

Fri 9 May, 11.30am
St. Joseph's Dementia Care Home, Shankill

For more information, including bookings, email
libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Mon 12 & 19 May, 11.00am-12.00pm
Dalkey Library

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

These sessions, free to the public, are an opportunity to gather in community around old folksongs and traditional music. If you feel like singing along, you can enjoy the heart medicine of group singing. But there's no pressure! if you prefer to join by just sitting in and absorbing, you'll find yourself most welcome. Led by local folk musician Ruairí O'Shea.

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Storytelling Circle at Deansgrange Library with Nuala Hayes

Mon 12 May, 6.30-7.30pm
Meeting room, Deansgrange Library

To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7218

A Storytelling Circle is aimed at gathering people together who are interested in listening to and sharing stories. Pull up a chair as a professional storyteller shares their stories, then opens the floor to those who have their own stories to tell. No pressure to tell, all listeners are welcome! Nuala Hayes is an actor, storyteller, broadcaster and author. Currently an Artist in Residence on the seven islands of West Cork as part of the Arts Council's Creative Places Initiative, Nuala believes that local stories which emerge through Yarnspinning Groups across Ireland, are contemporary versions of the tales at the fireside in days gone by.

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Let's talk birds and ruffle some feathers

Tues 13 May, 2.00-4.00pm
Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon



Booking via dlr Libraries
Eventbrite

You are invited to celebrate Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 by joining us as we put the spotlight on Ireland's diverse and brilliant bird species. Hosted by DLR's Climate Action, Biodiversity and Libraries Teams, the event will begin with an insightful talk from Anne Murray, dlr Biodiversity Officer, about the interesting birds to be found here in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, and how we can protect them. Following the talk, you can enjoy a screening of *Birdsong*, a poignant documentary that captures the journey of Ornithologist Seán Ronayne from Cobh, Co. Cork, who is on a mission to record the sound of every bird species in Ireland – that's nearly 200 birds!

Whether you're an avid birdwatcher, a nature enthusiast, or simply curious about the natural world, don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the birds in our local environment. **Please note:** Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Introduction to Sketching with Bex Shelford**

Wed 14, 21 & 28 May, 6.30-7.30pm
Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

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

Join us for three weeks of Introduction to Sketching, where we'll explore the fundamentals of drawing in a relaxed and encouraging environment. In the classes, we'll cover essential techniques such as tone, perspective, and proportions, helping you build confidence and develop your skills at your own pace. Whether you're a seasoned sketcher or haven't picked up a pencil since primary school, everyone is welcome. Come along, have fun, and rediscover the joy of sketching. Participants must be able to attend all 3 sessions.

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Race, Politics, Literature: James Baldwin's America with Dr Ciarán Leinster

Wed 14 May, 3.00-4.00pm
Deansgrange Library



Max 25, All welcome

This talk is a taster lecture session from the Lifelong Learning Programme at University College Dublin. This Programme provides a series of courses that are participative, engaging, and facilitated by experts in their field. Lifelong Learning courses cover a broad range of topics including Languages, Art Appreciation, Irish Studies, History, Literature, Philosophy, and Writing. They are open to all adult learners regardless of previous educational experience and provide a unique opportunity to explore a subject without examinations.

The programme caters to an ever-growing community of around 1,000 Lifelong Learners and we encourage you to join! To contact UCD about their Lifelong Learning Programme, email all@ucd.ie or Tel (01) 716 7123.

**Remember When...Storytelling Circle**

Thurs 15 May, 11.30am-12.30pm
Dundrum library

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7720

As part of Bealtaine festival, join us in Dundrum Library for a special Remember When Storytelling Circle; an interactive Storytime for older adults designed for them to share their own stories and memories. The theme for this meeting will be 'Songs from our Childhood'.

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Acrylic Painting Workshop with John Carpenter

Thurs 15 May, 5.30-7.30pm
Dalkey Library

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

Join artist and tutor John Carpenter to learn more about painting with acrylics. Take your artwork home with you at the end. All materials supplied.

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Navigating the symptoms of Perimenopause: with My girls Gynae

Mon 19 May, 6.30-7.30pm
Deansgrange Library

To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7218

My Girls Gynae bring together the latest medical/scientific research, combined with a focus on nutrition and lifestyle recommendations to help women experience an easier, healthier transition into Menopause. Dr Geraldine Connolly, Consultant Gynaecologist will talk about the medical management of perimenopause symptoms. Paula Herbert, Yoga teacher and Ayurvedic practitioner will talk about how to use natural, holistic supports to minimise symptoms. Gather better information, tools and techniques to help you connect with your gynaecological health and thrive during Perimenopause.



Creative Brainwaves 2025

Fri 16 May, 11.00am - 3.30pm
Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon

More information and booking details via dlr
Libraries eventbrite

dlr Libraries are delighted to be partnering once again with the Global Brain Health Institute and Creative Ireland Creative Health & Wellbeing programme to deliver another session of talks and workshops around brain health. Curated by Atlantic Fellows for Equity in Brain Health, Karen Meenan and Mike Hanrahan, this day-long event features medical professionals, creatives and voices from those living with and caring for dementia patients. Topics include services available to those with dementia, the impact of Virtual Reality (VR) in a care setting and a panel discussion with caregivers. There will be poetry, music and the opportunity to look at VR headsets on display.

Pick up a separate flyer in dlr Libraries.

Coiled Baskets with Sharon Wells

Tues 20 May, 2.30 to 4.00pm
Cabinteely Library

To book, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7216

Join crafter and artist Sharon Wells as part of Bealtaine and make a unique decorative coiled basket using cotton cord and yarn. All materials provided.

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Gardening for Biodiversity with Aoife Munn

Tues 20 May, 6.00pm
Shankill Library

All welcome, no booking required

Discover how to have a low maintenance garden that is teeming with wildlife and beautiful to behold. This talk with sustainability consultant and horticulturalist Aoife Munn will guide you on how to spend less time gardening and more time enjoying your wonderful outdoor space this year. Free biodiversity friendly seeds for all who attend.

**Libraries E-Resources Information Session**

Thurs 22 May, 3.30-4.30pm
Dalkey Library

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

Did you know that dlr Libraries have an entire virtual library to explore? Do you want to use our website or app? Would you like to access e-books and e-audiobooks, to stream music or select films? Join library staff to learn more about what our virtual library has to offer and have your questions and queries answered.

**Biodiversity Week: Murmurations**

Wed 21 May, 6.30pm
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

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

During Biodiversity Week, award-winning photographer James Crombie will join us in dlr Lexicon to discuss his new photography book *Murmurations*. This promises to be an exciting talk with the book being described as an incredible combination of narrative and photography, which details one man's quest to capture the beauty of an Irish natural phenomenon. It examines how our local environments harbour a wealth of beauty and complexity, if only we're able to look closely enough.

**Explore with VR for Bealtaine**

Mon 26 May, 10.00-10.45am & 11.15am-12.00pm
Meeting Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

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

As part of Bealtaine, join us for an exciting Virtual Reality session for adults. Explore the world from the comfort of your chair! Plan a holiday by checking out locations virtually or just dream about going somewhere exotic without the queues!

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Marconi and the Magic of Radio 1900-1950s.

Mon 26 May, 11.30am -12.30pm

Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon

All welcome, no booking required

As part of our programme of events linked to the exhibition on Guglielmo Marconi, join distinguished naval historian and former Radio Officer Joe Varley as he shares fascinating insights into the powerful role played by the radio during this period. Joe will also focus on the achievements of Marconi, noting his close ties with the Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire area.



Introductory Talk of the History of Foxrock by Myles Reid of Foxrock Local History Club

Mon 26 May, 6.30-7.30pm

Meeting room, Deansgrange Library

Max 25

To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

Foxrock, or in Irish, *Carrig an tShionnaigh*, is in the civil parish of Kill in the barony of Rathdown. It has been recorded in the place names records by Liam Price as 'Clonkeen now generally called Foxrock and this is quite a modern name'. The placenames record notes that it is also called *Cnoch Shionnaigh* or anglicised as Knockshinna. The old Gaelic area, which Foxrock is part of, was called **Clonkeen**. This was part of the wide, flat valley, with the ground rising gently towards the ridges of Rochestown Avenue on the east and Brennanstown, Brighton and Torquay Roads above the N11 on the west. The 'Clon' portion of the name Clonkeen tells us that the area was a fertile clearing, a meadow, surrounded by boggy ground, while the 'caoin' element points to a pleasant, gentle, and congenial ambience in the valley. To learn more about the area, join Myles Reid from the Foxrock Local History Club. The group held its first meeting in January 1981 and has been giving talks and having outings since. Over the past 44 years they have covered many local topics and general history of the country around us. More information on their website: foxrocklocalhistory.ie.



Biodiversity Week: Planting for Biodiversity

Sat 24 May, 2.00-3.00pm

The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

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

During Biodiversity Week, join Aoife Munn in dlr Lexlcon for a workshop focused on Planting for Biodiversity. This workshop is for those who would like to better support biodiversity in their area through choice of plants while also creating an easy to maintain garden. The workshop will be looking at everything from planting techniques to types of plants, with lots of time for questions too.



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dlr Lexlcon Studio Film Club Presents: Irish Cinema Season

Mon 26 May, 6.00pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon
(entrance through Ink Café)

All welcome, no booking required

Continuing a season of the best in Irish film, each screening will be as voted for by you, the audience! We could be screening documentaries, film shorts, or feature length feel-good classics like *The Snapper*, homegrown indie darlings like *Perrier's Bounty* or darkly comic award winners like *In Bruges*. Join us in celebrating your favourite Irish films and keep an eye out for surprise special seasonal screenings or film industry guest speaker events!

**Felted Summer Meadow with Sharon Wells**

Tues 27 May, 2.30 - 4.00pm
Cabinteely Library

To book, email
cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel: (01) 204 7216

Using wool fibre and yarn, crafter and textile artist Sharon Wells will guide you in making a beautiful needle felted and stitched landscape picture. All materials provided.



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**Tuning into Nature workshop with Natasha Ariff**

Tues 27 May, 11.00am- 1.00pm
Dundrum Library

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7720

Although we mostly use sound to communicate, humans are highly visual animals. This workshop with Natasha Ariff, biodiversity and landscape consultant, is both an exploration of soundscape ecology - the study of the entire collection of sounds that are emitted from a landscape – and an invitation to the participants to become attuned to the natural world.

Using film and an audio presentation of bird song, participants are invited to 'turn on their ears' by actively listening. These sounds are explored using words and pictures, thereby providing the tools for the participants to create their own language to describe the magic of nature. Both the act of listening and writing will leave an imprint of the bird sounds on the participants' mind, which hopefully, they will remember the next time they hear them, having now been tuned into nature!

**Musical Memories Celebratory sing-along performance**

Thurs 29 May, 11.00am-12.00pm
Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required.

Celebrate Bealtaine with a choral performance by our Musical Memories Choir!

Come along, listen and sing along if you wish to our wonderful musical memories choir, who will be singing wonderful classic songs, many familiar uplifting classics. All welcome, no booking required.

Musical Memories is kindly supported by Newpark academy of Music, dlr Age Friendly, dlr Arts Office and dlr Libraries.

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EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Seo í Rita le Máire Zepf agus Mr Ando: I mram na nÓg

Thurs 8 May, 2.30-3.15pm
Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 5-8 yrs
For more information, email eolas@imram.ie

Is í Rita príomhcharachtar i naoi leabhar agus sraith teilifíse ar Cúla4 atá cruthaithe ag an údar Máire Zepf agus ag an maisitheoir Mr Ando, agus tá lucht leanúna dílis i measc pháistí na tíre seo aici. Sa seó álainn seo atá lán le scéalaíocht, líníocht bheo, agus cluichí, cuiffidh muid aithne ar Rita – an cailín beag le smaointe móra.

Award-winning author Máire Zepf and illustrator Mr Ando have created one of the most popular characters in children's fiction in Ireland – Rita, the little girl with big ideas. In this wonderful show with storytelling, drawing and games we get to know Rita, star of the Cúla4 series.



Eachtraí Teidí le Sadhbh Rosenstock: Imram na nÓg

Fri 9 May, 2.30-3.15pm
Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 2-6 yrs

For more information, email eolas@imram.ie

Is breá le Teidí agus a theaghlach a bheith ag spraoi, ag léamh agus ag canadh. Léifidh Sadhbh Rosenstock a leabhar nua do pháistí. Tabhair an teidí is ansa leat chuig an leabharlann agus beidh spórt is spraoi againn!

Teidí and his family love playing, reading and singing. Join Sadhbh Rosenstock as she reads from her new children's book and sings songs with the children. Bring along your favourite teidí and we will have great fun together!

REGULAR EVENTS FOR ADULTS IN MAY

Classic Irish Book Club	Shankill Library	Thurs 1 May	7.00 – 8.00pm
Club Leabhar Filíochta	dlr Lexlcon	Wed 28 May	6.30 – 7.30pm
Craft and Chat	dlr Lexlcon	Every Tuesday	11.00am – 12.30pm
Craft Circle	Shankill Library	Every Wednesday	11.00am

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Clinic Leabhar le Leabhar Pháistí Éireann**Book Clinic for lovers of books as gaeilge!**

Sat 10 May, 12.00-4.00pm
Deansgrange Library

Aois 0-18.

All welcome, no booking required

Clinic Leabhar le Leabhar Pháistí Éireann / Book Clinic with Children's Books Ireland (CBI)

An léitheoir óg tú? Sa tóir ar shraith nua? Buail isteach ar an gClinic Leabhar, labhair leis an Dochtúir Leabhar, faigh Comhairle uathu maidir leis na leabhair is fearr leat agus tabharfaidh siad oideas duit leis an gcéad leabhar eile ar cheart duit a léamh!

Are you a young reader? Drop into our Book Clinic, speak to the Book Doctor and get advice about the types of Irish language books you will probably love. Each appointment lasts 15 minutes, there is no need to book in advance, just pop in!

**Fighting Words na Gaeilge le Ola Majekodunmi: Imram na nÓg**

Sat 10 May, 2.00-4.00pm
Meeting room, Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 8-10 yrs

Booking essential by emailing majella@imram.ie

Ar mhaith leat do scéal féin a scríobh? Sa cheardlann seo faoi stiúr an chraoltóra agus an scríbhneora Ola Majekodunmi, beidh deis ag páistí tús scéil a chumadh mar ghrúpa, agus ansin beidh deis acu a gcuid scríbhneoireachta féin a dhéanamh. Caithfear spásanna a chur in áirithe roimh ré, seol rphost chuig majella@imram.ie le hainmneacha agus aois na bpáistí.



Would you like to write your own story? Under the direction of writer and broadcaster Ola Majekodunmi, children will create a story as a group, then each child will have the opportunity to write their own story. Places must be booked in advance, send an email to majella@imram.ie with the names and ages of the children.

Bike Health Checks with The Bike Hub

Tues 13 May, 3.00 - 5.00pm
Cabinteely Library

Thurs 15 May, 3.00-7.00pm
Dundrum Library

Fri 16 May, 1.00-3.00pm
Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required

Celebrate Bike Week with dlr Libraries and get your bike checked with the Bike Hub. Popping up all over Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown for Bike Week, mechanics are available to do free safety checks of your bike, including checking the brakes, tyres, wheels, pedals, chain, gears and handlebars, to let you know what you need to be ready to cruise into summer. Don't forget to pop into the Library afterwards to join and see what wonders await you with your library card!



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dlr Lexlcon Studio Teen Book & Film Club

Wed 14 May, 3.00pm

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

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

Read. Watch. Discuss. Join us for a lively monthly discussion about Young Adult (YA) books adapted for film and TV. We will discuss all things YA - novel, graphic novel, tv show and film with plenty of time for friendly arguments about which one was better. Bring a snack and come along for a chat. We'll share our favourites, watch a short extract of our title of the month on our big Studio Theatre cinema screen, collect the book and media and decide on next month's pick.



Supertones Summer Concert

Wed 14 May, 4.00pm

Blackrock Library

We are delighted to welcome back the wonderful SuperTones children's choir and conductor Nicole Cooney with some sunny songs to get you in the mood for summer. All welcome!

Sensory Sessions: Yoga with Lydia Sasse

Sat 17 May, various times

Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon

Bookings via dlr Libraries Eventbrite

Lydia Sasse trained in the Special Yoga Centre in the UK and has worked with children for over 20 years. As always, a quiet room will be available for anyone needing to self-regulate.

Yoga Therapy - Parent & Child Pairs

1.30-2.00pm. Suitable for ages 6 mths-5 yrs

Lydia will teach participants a simple interactive yoga therapy routine to help with coordination, flexibility and strength, as well as emotional regulation and digestion. Ideally suited for children who are happy to stay on their mat for a period of time.

Yoga Adventures – Child Only

2.15-2.45pm & 3.00-3.30pm

Suitable for ages 5-9 yrs

Lydia will lead the children through the medium of story, into engaging 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.

Special Yoga Class

3.45-4.15pm. Suitable for ages 9-15 yrs

This yoga class aims to create an environment where independent children with additional needs can explore the medium of yoga in an inclusive space. The class will include yoga poses and sequences that will help to strengthen core muscles, bring about balance, and give simple tools for anxiety and emotional regulation.



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Morse Code Buzzers

Sat 17 May, 2.00-4.00pm
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 8 yrs+

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

As part of our Guglielmo Marconi series of events this May in dlr Lexlcon, we are delighted to hold a family-friendly STEM session with Spain Hughes Fagan. Families will create at least one Morse Code buzzer to take home with them. Children must be accompanied at all times at this inter-generational workshop.

**Agon Roleplaying Club**

Thursdays from 22 May - 12 June, 5.00-7.00pm
Room 2, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 14 yrs+

To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Set sail across the wine-dark sea with a new roleplaying experience. Create a mighty hero of Ancient Greece, embark on epic adventures, gain divine favour, and build your own everlasting legend. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice. Limited places available, so book early!

Teddy Bears' Picnic with Aisling Smith

Wed 21 May, 10.00am, 11.30am & 2.00pm
Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 0-12 mths
To book your time slot, email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

The little teddy bears are having a lovely time today! But when one teddy cub gets lost while playing hide and seek, she needs help to find her way back to the party. Bring your bear and be ready to play. Written and directed by Aisling Smith for a very young audience.

**Elmer Day craft packs**

Sat 24 May, drop in across the day
Dundrum Library

Suitable for ages 3-7 yrs

To register for your pack in advance, email
dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7220

We're delighted to celebrate Elmer Day with a craft pack you can take home to create your own Elmer sun catcher! Be sure to register via email for your craft pack in advance, then call in to the library on Elmer day to pick it up.

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Tráth na gceist / Family quiz as Gaeilge

Sat 24 May, 11.00am / 24ú Bealtaine 11.00am
Dundrum Library / Leabharlann Dhún Droma

Max. 3 – 4 people per team

Cláraigh ag dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie nó
Teil (01) 204 7220

Beidh maidin spráíúil ann do dhuine ar bith a bhfuil grá acu don Ghaeilge, pháistí agus daoine fásta araon! Tá fáilte roimh gach leibhéal Gaeilge!

Riachtanais: Beidh an tráth na gceist á reáchtáil ag úsáid Kahoot. Roimh an tráth na gceist, le do thoil: íoslódáil Kahoot nó bain úsáid as ag <https://kahoot.it>

Suiteáil méarchlár Gaeilge ar do ghuthán.
3 nó 4 dhuine in aghaidh an fhoireann.

**Natural Art Workshop for Biodiversity Week**

Sat 24 May, 12.00-1.00pm
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 6 yrs+, children must be accompanied by an adult
To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7219

During Biodiversity Week join Aoife Munn for a sensory-friendly workshop which looks at making easy-to-do art from natural materials and is full of exploratory learning. It is a lovely activity that can be done anywhere at any time, where you'll need nothing but nature around you. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**dlr Lexlcon Family Film Club: Isle of Dogs**

Thurs 29 May, 3.30pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon
(entrance through Ink Café)

All welcome, no booking required

Join dlr Lexlcon's Family Film Club for one of our monthly screenings. In the *Isle of Dogs* (2018), the mayor of Megasaki orders all the dogs to be quarantined on an island after the outbreak of canine flu. A young boy arrives on the isle to search for his dog with the help of a few exiled mongrels. A quirky, big-hearted stop motion animation feature directed by the inimitable Wes Anderson.

Running time: 102 mins



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Morse Code Machine

Throughout May
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for all ages

All welcome, no booking required

Alongside the Marconi exhibition currently on view in dlr Lexlcon, we are adding our own Morse Code machine for families to try out. Are you able to decipher the sentence we have encoded in Morse Code? Visit the branch in May to put your skills to the test!



REGULAR EVENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & PARENTS IN MAY

Lego Challenge Club	Dalkey Library	Sat 10 May	11.00am – 12.00pm
Family Lego Time	Blackrock Library	Sat 24 May	10.30am -12.30pm
Baby & Toddler Group	Shankill Library	Every Monday	10.30am – 12.45pm
Baby & Toddler Group	Cabinteely Library	Every Wednesday	10.00 – 11.00am
Baby Group	Dalkey Library	Wed 7 & 21 May	10.30- 11.15am
Toddler Group	Dalkey Library	Fri 2,9,16,23 & 30 May	10.30 – 11.15am
*Toddler Time	dlr Lexlcon	Thurs 1,15 & 29 May	10.30 – 11.30am
Storytime	Cabinteely Library	Every Tuesday	3.30 – 4.00pm
Storytime	Dundrum Library	Every Thursday	3.00 – 3.30pm
Storytime	Shankill Library	Every Wednesday	3.00 – 3.30pm

*Booking essential via dlr Libraries eventbrite. Bookings open 1 week before event date.

EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS

dlr Libraries Schools Quiz: Heats

Suitable for 6th Class

To book, email libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie

Can your school become the next dlr Schools' Quiz champions?! Contact Seán at libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie to book your place and try and find out.

- Each school in dlr may enter a team for their 6th class/es
- Each team may have a maximum of four team members
- The top teams in each heat advance to the Grand Final in dlr Lexlcon on Friday 30 May
- The top teams in the final will win some fantastic prizes for their school

- The winning team will take home the dlr Schools Quiz Trophy

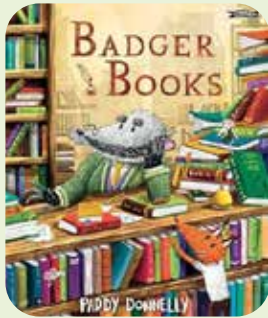


Mon 19 May, 10.00am Blackrock Library	Mon 26 May, 10.00am Dalkey Library
Tues 20 May, 10.00am Shankill Library	Tues 27 May, 10.00am Deansgrange Library
Wed 21 May, 10.00am dlr Lexlcon	Wed 28 May, 10.00am Ballyogan Library
Thurs 22 May, 10.00am Dundrum Library (limited wheelchair access)	Thurs 29 May, 10.00am Cabinteely Library

EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Storytime and draw along workshop with award-winning author illustrator Paddy Donnelly

Fri 9 May, 12.00-1.00pm
Deansgrange Library



Suitable for Senior Infants - 3rd class
To book, teachers should email
deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

Paddy Donnelly is an Irish author and illustrator living in Belgium, whose picture book *The Golden Hare* was winner of the An Post Irish Book Awards Children's Book of the Year in 2024. His latest book *Badger Books*, is about a bookshop, run by a badger! On its shelves, you can find books about every animal. From bears to elephants, tigers to dinosaurs and pandas to narwhals. But there's one book they don't have... and it's one that Rory the Fox really, really wants.

Bee Habitat workshop

Mon 12 May, 10.00 & 11.00am
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Max 30

Suitable for 2nd – 6th Class
To book, teachers should email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Join Alison Robertson for this Bee Habitat workshop. Learn about the different types of bees that visit your garden. Use this knowledge to make a bee house to help solitary bees thrive in your garden. This is a Schools event.



Bee Anatomy Workshop

Wed 14 May, 10.00am & 11.00am
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Max 30

Suitable for all classes
To book, teachers should email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Join Alison Robertson for a Bee Anatomy workshop where children will learn about bee anatomy and make an anatomically correct bee cookie. This is a Schools event, suitable for all ages.



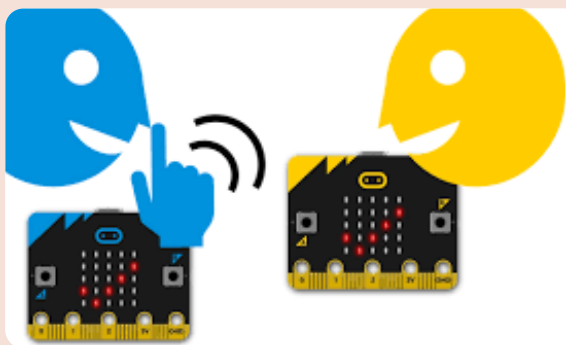
Drawing Faces Workshop for World Drawing Day

Fri 16 May, 10.00 & 11.15am
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

One class per workshop
Suitable for 4th - 6th Class
To book, teachers should email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Celebrate World Drawing Day with Bex Shelford. Get ready to put pencil to paper and bring some faces to life! In this fun and hands-on workshop, we'll explore how to draw different facial expressions—from big happy smiles to dramatic angry eyebrows! It's all about experimenting, having fun, and discovering your own style. At the end, we'll get creative with a big group piece (a crowd of expressive faces!) Perfect for young artists who love to doodle, sketch, and use their imagination!

EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS



Microbit Radio Messages with Spain Hughes Fagan

Mon 19 May, 10.00am – 12.00pm
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Max 30

Suitable for ages 10 yrs+

To book, teachers should email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

As part of our Guglielmo Marconi exhibition and series of events, we are offering a STEM session for primary schoolchildren. Join Spain Hughes Fagan and learn how you can send different messages over radio from one microbit to another.

Save the Date! TY STEM Entrepreneur Camp 2025

Mon 6 – Fri 10 October
9.30am - 3.00pm
each day
The Lab, Level 3,
dlr Lexlcon

Max 30

Suitable for Transition
Year students

To register your interest, email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

The Lab @ dlr Lexlcon is delighted to host its 7th STEM Camp. Open to all students in Transition Year, this Autumn the programme will run over the course of one week and will bring together a broad range of topics including hands-on workshops and Maker Days. There will also be the opportunity to Q&A with established guest entrepreneurs.

Places are limited so register now!



HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR JUNE



dlr Cruinniú na nÓg 2025

Saturday 7 June

Ballyogan Library, dlr Lexlcon & Myrtle Square

Calling all children and young people in dlr. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (dlr) County Council is thrilled to announce Cruinniú na nÓg across dlr on Saturday 7 June. Cruinniú na nÓg is the national day of free creativity for children and young people. It aims to celebrate and encourage children and young people's (aged 0–18 yrs) participation in culture and creativity by doing, making, and creating.

This year we will be celebrating the opening of our new library in Ballyogan with a mini festival including workshops and performances by young musicians and dancers, a silent disco in Myrtle Square, Dún Laoghaire presenting some local young DJ talent, and spoken word, theatre, dance and art workshops and performances by and for young people across the county.

For more information, see
<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/dlr-events> or
pick up a separate flyer from mid-May.



HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR JUNE

**Summer Stars****Sun 1 June – Sun 31 Aug**

Our annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children returns to all our library branches this summer. Summer Stars is a free, national reading programme available to all children. Each child is invited to sign up at their local library and enjoy reading lots of books as part of this adventure during the summer holidays. Participants are given a Summer Stars Reading booklet to record and track their own progress, make notes and pictures on the books they have read, and log their visits to the Library. Children are encouraged to continue reading throughout the programme with rewards and incentives along the way. Keep an eye on our website to find out more about our Summer Stars events happening and sign up for your Reading Booklet to track all your summer reading!

**Bloomsday Festival****Tues 10 – Mon 16 June**

For more information, including bookings, visit www.joycetower.ie/events-listing

Join us to celebrate Bloomsday 2025. In partnership with James Joyce Tower and Museum, we have various events waiting for you including pop-up readings and musical performances. Read on for more information on our Bloomsday events.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Managing Anxiety with psychotherapist Fiona Hall MIACP

Thursday 5 May, 6.00pm
Dalkey Library

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

As part of Healthy Ireland at your Library, join psychotherapist Fiona Hall for a talk on managing anxiety. At some point in our lives, we may all experience anxiety. For others, anxiety is a daily experience. In this workshop we look at practical steps we can take on a day-to-day basis to help adjust our mindsets, reduce our stress factors and lower our anxiety levels.

**Introduction to Hand Quilting**

Tues 3, 10, 17 & 24 June
10.30am - 12.30pm

Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

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

Join experienced patchwork quilting tutor AnnMarie Costello of Crafty Studio for an introduction to hand quilting. The workshops will take place over four weeks and AnnMarie will introduce you to English Paper Piecing, a traditional method of hand quilting. All materials will be provided, and participants must be available to attend all four sessions.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Healthy Eating for a hectic lifestyle

Wed 4 June, 6.30pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1,
dlr LexIcon

Booking via dlr
Libraries Eventbrite



Join registered dietitian Ellen Curran for a talk on Healthy Eating for a hectic lifestyle. The talk will cover, meal planning and shopping, fuelling your meals and snacks, improving hydration, cooking nourishing easy recipes and busting nutrition myths. Ellen is a highly experienced dietitian, whose professional career includes work as a clinical dietitian in one of the largest HSE teaching hospitals.



Ulysses on the South Coast

Thurs 12 June, 6.30pm
Shankill Library

All welcome, no booking required

James Joyce's *Ulysses* is the Book of Dublin. To celebrate Bloomsday, Library staff member Brendan will give a talk focusing on the connections between the book and the city and county South of the Liffey. Edwardian dress is optional!

Storytelling Circle at Deansgrange Library with Sorcha Hegarty

Mon 9 June 6.30-7.30pm
Deansgrange Library

All welcome

To book email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7218

dlr Yarnspinners Storytelling Circle is aimed at gathering people together who are interested in listening to and sharing stories. Pull up a chair as a professional storyteller will share their stories, then open the floor to those who have their own stories to tell. No pressure to tell, all listeners are welcome!

Sorcha set up Candlelit Tales with her brother Aron to tell the stories of Irish mythology and folktales in cozy, informal settings, with acoustic musical backing. Sorcha has entertained audiences with her versions of these ancient tales from Knockanstockan Music Festival and Galway Theatre Festival to children's parties and old people's homes in Dublin. Sorcha is also a playwright and author of her own original stories, which often draw on mythological themes and archetypes.



Mindfulness for Adults

Sat 14 June, 10.00-11.00am
Blackrock Library

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

Thurs 26 June, 6.30-7.30pm
Dundrum Library

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

Join Mindfulness Therapist Sarajane McCarthy (as seen on Ireland AM), to explore the transformative power of mindfulness. Learn how this ancient practice can bring balance, focus and calm to our sometimes hectic modern lives. Experience first-hand how simple, yet effective, mindful meditation can be, and discover how you can develop your own bespoke mindfulness practice that works for you. Brought to you by Healthy Ireland at Your Library.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

dlr Lexlcon Studio Film Club Presents: A Special Bloomsday Screening

Mon 16 June, 5.30pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon
(entrance through Ink Café)

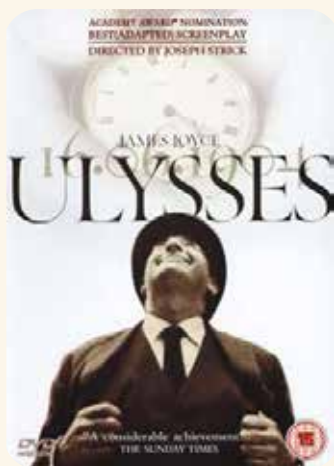
All welcome, no booking required

Two Irishmen, Leopold Bloom and Stephen Dedalus, meet in 1904 Dublin....

Join dlr Lexlcon Studio Film Club on Bloomsday for a screening of *Ulysses*. Starring Milo O'Shea as Leopold Bloom, Barbara Jefford as Molly Bloom, Maurice Roëves as Stephen Dedalus, and T. P. McKenna as Buck Mulligan.

This 1967 Oscar-nominated classic film adaptation of Joyce's cornerstone of western literature was directed by Joseph Strick.

Running time: 132 mins



ADHD and Adults with Ken Kilbride, CEO of ADHD Ireland

Tues 17 June, 6.00pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1,
dlr Lexlcon

**Booking via dlr Libraries
Eventbrite**

ADHD affects 5% of the population but there remains a lack of understanding and acceptance around the condition. This talk aims to fix all that in somewhere around 75 - 90 minutes!

- ADHD what it is and what it isn't (or a crash course in ADHD)
- Supporting yourself as an adult with ADHD or someone you know
- Who are ADHD Ireland, what do they do and who they do it for?
- Q&A



An Author's Journey from Paper to Print

Thurs 19 June, 6.00-7.30pm
Cabinteely Library

No booking required.
For more information, email
cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7216



Don't miss the chance to meet local author Denise Weiershaus for a book reading, discussion and insights into the world of self-publishing. Denise will unveil the secrets behind *The Perfect Family*, her latest crime thriller, and offer a rare glimpse into the art of the creative writing process and self-publishing. Copies of *The Perfect Family* will be available for purchase and signing.

Our townlands, a local history talk by Padraig Laffan

Mon 23 June, 6.30-7.30pm
Deansgrange Library

**To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7218**

Would you like to know more about the local history of the area around you? Come along to find out about the different townlands of the area, including Deansgrange, Kill o the Grange, Foxrock, Cabinteely and more. How they came to be, how they came to be named and where they all are.

The Foxrock Local History Club held its first meeting in January 1981 and has been giving talks and outings every year since. The area covered by the Club includes the old Kill parish townland areas of Cabinteely, Cornelscourt, Deansgrange, Foxrock, Galloping Green and Newtownpark. Over the past 44 years they have covered many local topics and general history of the country around. Their short and all day outings have brought them to many of the major historic sites in the country. They have published many of their talks and have currently 93 publications in their booklet series.

More information
on their website:
foxrocklocalhistory.ie.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**eResources Information Session: Take the library with you on your holiday!**

Wed 25 June, 1.00-2.00pm
Dundrum Library

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7720

Join us as library staff engage in an interactive session introducing library members to the many library e-resources available to them with their library card; from Borrowbox to Universal class.

dlr Lexlcon Studio Film Club Presents: Irish Cinema Season with Pride: Breakfast on Pluto

Wed 25 June, 6.00pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon
(entrance through Ink Café)

All welcome, no booking required

Irish Cinema Season celebrates Pride month this June with Cillian Murphy's award-winning turn in director Neil Jordan's classic *Breakfast on Pluto*. Set in the 1970s, it tells the story of Patrick 'Kitten' Braden who sets off from a small Irish town that doesn't understand them on an odyssey to London to find their mother who abandoned them as a baby. Also

starring Brendan Gleeson and Liam Neeson and adapted from Patrick McCabe's 1998 Booker Prize shortlisted novel, it's a tale of overcoming all the odds with wit, charm, and unconquerable panache.

**dlr Lexlcon Studio Film Club Presents: Irish Cinema Season**

Thurs 26 June, 6.00pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon
(entrance through Ink Café)

All welcome, no booking required

Continuing a season of the best in Irish film, each screening will be as voted for by you, the audience! We could be screening documentaries, film shorts, or feature length feel-good classics like *The Snapper*,

homegrown indie darlings like *Perrier's Bounty* or darkly comic award winners like *In Bruges*. Join us in celebrating your favourite Irish films and keep an eye out for surprise special seasonal screenings or film industry guest speaker events!



REGULAR EVENTS FOR ADULTS IN JUNE

Classic Irish Book Club	Shankill Library	Thurs 5 June	7.00 - 8.00pm
Craft and Chat	dlr Lexlcon	Every Tuesday	11.00am – 12.30pm
Craft Circle	Shankill Library	Every Wednesday	11.00am

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Summer Stars Book Club

Fortnightly from Wed 4 June – Wed 27 August

3.00-3.30pm

Dundrum Library

Suitable for ages 10-12 yrs

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7720

Join us for a very special Summer Stars Book Club, beginning 4 June and continuing fortnightly until 27 August. Library staff will facilitate this club and will feature some of your favourite authors including Sharna Jackson and Shane Hegarty. Each meeting will feature a reading from staff and discussion with the group. All books will be available for collection from the Library. Take the opportunity to mark up your Summer Stars card with us in Dundrum Library!



Summer Stars Storytime

Wed 11 June, 3.00-3.30pm

Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 3 yrs+

All welcome, no booking required

Are you ready to go wild at the seaside? Come along to Shankill Library for a Summer Stars storytime where library staff will be reading fun picture books and talking about exciting holiday adventures!



Summer Stars Bracelet Making

Thurs 12 June, 2.30-3.30pm

Stillorgan Library

Suitable for ages 8 yrs+

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

Join library staff for this craft workshop to celebrate Summer Stars. Make some jewellery and choose your next Summer Stars read! Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian.



Cantonese Flowermaking Workshop for Children with Hilda Chan

Thurs 12 June, 3.00-4.00pm

Deansgrange Library

Max 20

Suitable for ages 6-12 yrs

To book, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

Join us for a fun and creative flowermaking workshop inspired by traditional Cantonese "Faa Pai" (ceremonial flower plaques). Children will get hands-on experience crafting colourful miniature flower plaques while learning about this unique part of Hong Kong's cultural heritage. No prior experience needed — just bring your imagination!



Dinosaur Family Day

Sat 14 June, 9.30am - 5.00pm. Across the day
Cabinteely Library and Garden

Suitable for families

All welcome, no booking required

Have a roaring good time in Cabinteely Library as we celebrate our historic friend, the dinosaur. We will have a fun-filled dinosaur hunt around the Library, and dinosaur-related activities to keep your little ones busy.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES



Summer Stars Handmade Book Workshop

Tues 17 June, 3.30pm
Shankill Library



Suitable for ages 8 yrs+

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

Join Wicklow-based artist Nicola Faull to create your own handmade book. Design a cover for your favourite book characters or tell your own stories.

Clever Little Handies Rhyme & Sign Storytime



Mon 23 June, 10.30am

Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 0-3 yrs

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

Clever Little Handies present a Rhyme and Sign Storytime for parents and their babies and toddlers for Summer Stars. Join us as we bring characters to life through the magic of storytelling, creativity and sign language. Participants can sign along as we go, no previous experience necessary as a brief introduction to baby sign will be given with instructions on how to do the ISL signs that we will use. It's not just about reading words; it's about creating a multisensory experience that ignites curiosity and joy.



Flipbook Animation Workshop

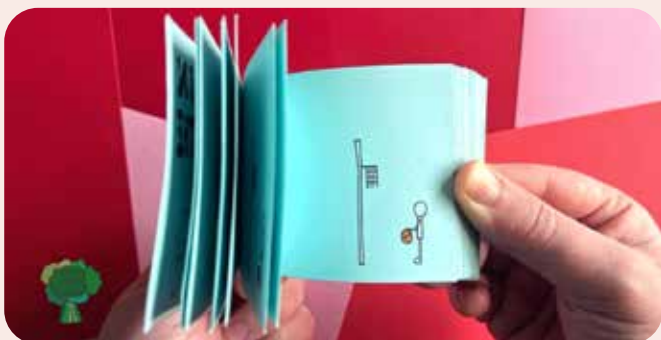
Sat 21 June, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Blackrock Library



Suitable for ages 8-13 yrs

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

Interested in drawing and animation? As part of Summer Stars, join Joseph Orr and Sinéad Doyle from the award-winning Speak Broccoli to learn how to use the basic principles of hand-drawn animation to make your own creations come to life! This workshop is a mixture of live demonstrations, easy to follow drawing guides and practical hands-on creativity. All materials are provided and you get to take your flipbook home with you.



Children's Nature Poetry



Wed 25 June, 3.00-3.30pm

Shankill Library

All welcome, no booking required

Do you want to stroll like a tiger? What would you do if you met a crocodile? As part of Summer Stars, come along to Shankill Library to hear some nature poems with library staff.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

dlr Lexlcon Family Film Club: *Kensuke's Kingdom*

Thurs 26 June, 3.30pm

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

Cert: PG

All welcome, no booking required

Join dlr Lexlcon Family Film Club for one of our monthly screenings. Young Michael and his dog wash up on a remote island when a violent storm sweeps them overboard during a sailing trip. Believing he's all alone, Michael is surprised to discover a mysterious Japanese man who's lived on the island since World War II. Initially suspicious of each other, the boy and the old man must soon join forces when dangerous invaders threaten their fragile paradise. An adaptation of the Michael Morpurgo bestselling children's novel, featuring the voices of Sally Hawkins, Cillian Murphy and Ken Watanabe.



Sensory Sessions: SensoryPlay Session with SENSEable Kids

Sat 28 June, 1.30, 2.30, & 3.30pm

Sensory Space,
Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 4-10 yrs

Bookings via dlr Libraries Eventbrite

Join Karen Andersen for these sessions, designed for neurodiverse young people. The child will get to explore a multitude of sensory materials following their natural curiosity and their thirst for knowledge. The session is designed to provide a fun, supportive environment where the parent can follow the child's lead in what order they want to do the activities. All of the materials are taste-safe and nut-free.



Mindfulness Storytelling for Children with Sarah Tully

Sat 28 June, 2.00 – 3.00pm

Cabinteely Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+

**To book, email
cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7216**



A gentle introduction to Mindfulness for children with Sarah Tully as part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme. Children will learn mindfulness techniques to relax, promote positivity and imagination. The session concludes with stories and exercises to encourage children to relax.



REGULAR EVENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & PARENTS IN JUNE

Lego Challenge Club	Dalkey Library	Sat 7 June	11.00am - 12.00pm
Family Lego Time	Blackrock Library	Sat 28 June	10.30am - 12.30pm
Baby & Toddler Group	Shankill Library	Every Monday	10.30am - 12.45pm
Baby & Toddler Group	Cabinteely Library	Every Wednesday	10.00am
Baby Group	Dalkey Library	Wed 4 & 18 June	10.30 - 11.15am
Toddler Group	Dalkey Library	Fri 6,13 ,20 & 27 June	10.30 - 11.15am

EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Molly & Bram's Dickensian Dublin with Alan Nolan

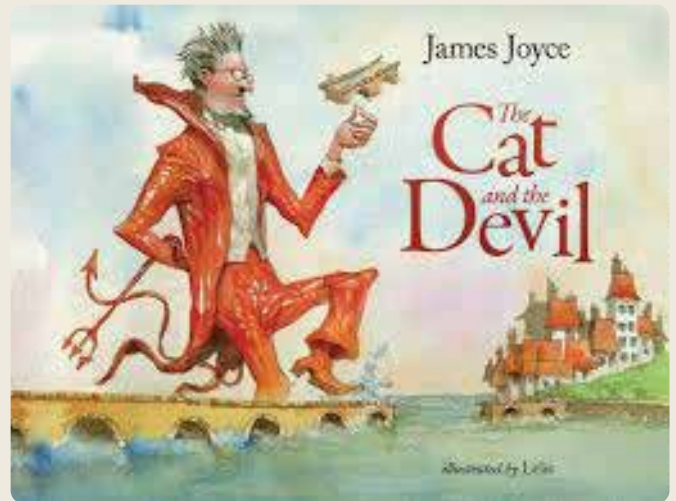
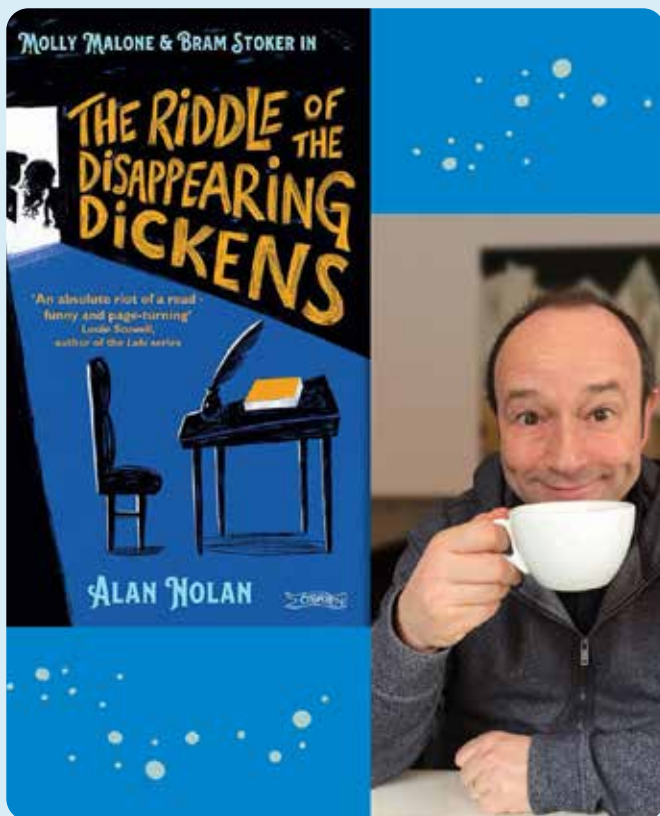
Wed 4 June, 10.00-11.00am & 11.15am-12.15 pm
Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

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

Wed 11 June, 10.30-11.30am
Shankill Library

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

How well do you think you know Dublin in Victorian times? Join author & illustrator Alan Nolan for this Summer Stars schools' event 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.

**The Cat & The Devil**

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

Tues 10 June,
10.00-10.30am & 11.15-11.45am

Wed 11 June,
10.00-10.30am & 11.15-11.45am

To book, teachers should email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Ballyogan Library

Thurs 12 June,
10.00-10.30 am & 11.15-11.45am

To book, teachers should email
ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie

"My dear Stevie: I sent you a little cat filled with sweets a few days ago but perhaps you do not know the story about the cat of Beaugency". James Joyce wrote this story in a letter to his four-year-old grandson Stephen ("Stevie"). It is commonly known as 'The Cat and the Devil' however it is also known as *The Cat of Beaugency*. This marvellous story has been brought to life by the talented Moonfish Theatre Company.

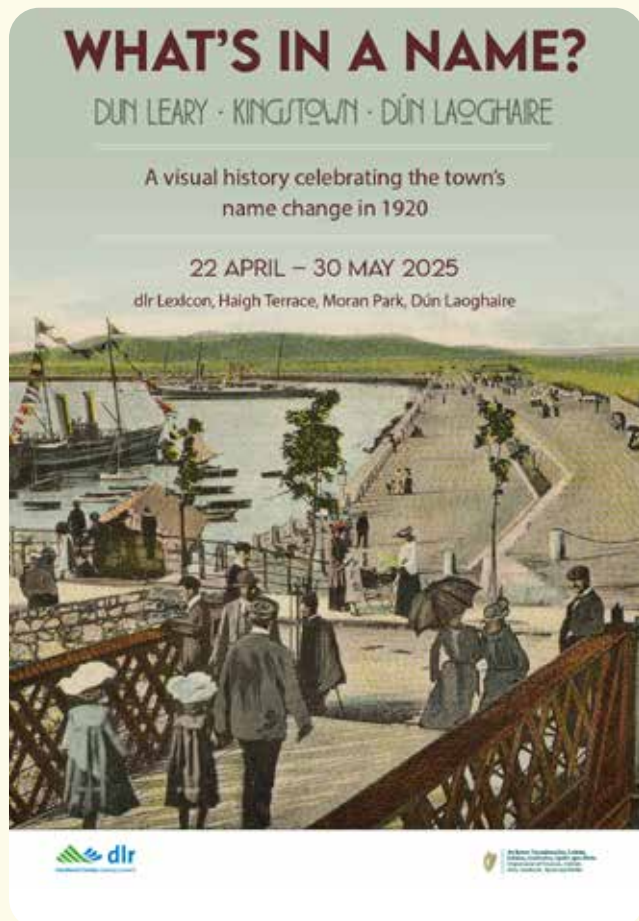
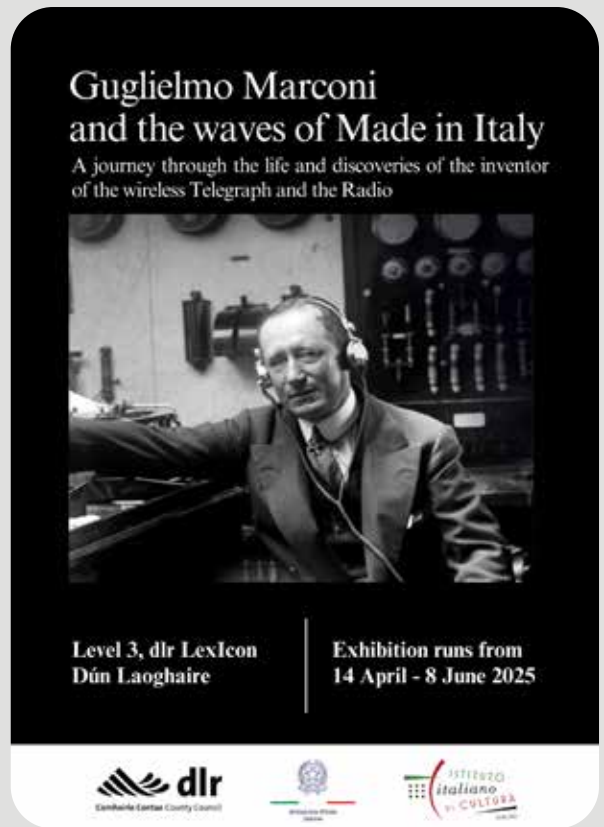
This school event is part of dlr Libraries Bloomsday Festival 2025, in partnership with James Joyce Tower and Museum.

EXHIBITION 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

Tues 15 April – Sun 8 June
Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the birth of the Italian-Irish scientist Guglielmo Marconi, we are celebrating his 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 displays 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 have scheduled some events for families, schools and adults during May. See other listings in this newsletter or our website for details.



What's in a name? A Visual History Celebrating the Town's Name Change in 1920

Tues 22 April – Fri 30 May
Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

As part of dlr Lexlcon's 10th Anniversary, we are showcasing this very popular exhibition which was first displayed in 2020. In 1821 the name Dunleary or Dun Leary was changed to Kingstown in honour of King George IV's visit to this bustling and rapidly developing town. In 1920, it was officially given the name Dún Laoghaire, referring to the original Irish name for Dunleary. In the years following the establishment of the Irish Free State, the use of Kingstown gradually diminished and was replaced in the consciousness of visitors and residents of the town by variants of the name – Dunleary, Dun Laoire and Dún Laoghaire.

dlr Libraries acquired nearly 700 postcards of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area from the sale of the Seamus Kearns Collection of Postcards in 2019. These images form the basis of a publication entitled ***What's in a Name? Dun Leary – Kingstown – Dún Laoghaire: A Visual History***, an accompanying exhibition featuring a selection of these postcards.

EXHIBITION PROGRAMME



Sallynoggin College of Further Education end of year Art Exhibition

Tues 6 – Mon 12 May
Level 4, dlr Lexicon

We welcome this Art exhibition from the students of Sallynoggin College of Further Education. This initiative is of particular interest to anyone wishing to prepare a portfolio to gain entry to Third Level Art Colleges. It presents the work created by this year's students and demonstrates how they have developed their ideas through a variety of techniques.



Cantonese Flower Exhibition

June
Deansgrange Library

This mini-exhibition showcases the vibrant world of Cantonese ceremonial flower plaques — large, hand-crafted floral displays used in festivals, business openings, and community celebrations across Hong Kong. Learn about the symbols, colours, and craftsmanship behind these towering art pieces, and discover how they continue to evolve in modern times.

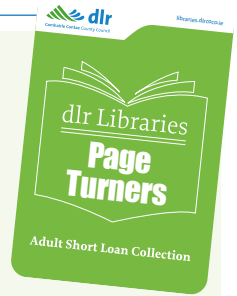
What to look out for:

- A handcrafted miniature flower plaque
- Archival images of traditional plaques in Hong Kong
- A peek into the meaning behind common decorative elements (like dragons, the phoenix and auspicious phrases)
- Short descriptions in both English and Chinese

Holiday reads from your local dlr Library!

With summer holidays fast approaching, thoughts turn to reading on lazy, hazy summer days. And in dlr Libraries we have your summer reading covered! Our popular short loan collections, Page Turners for adults, and Rapid Reads for children, provide extra copies of popular, hard to get books, without the need to reserve ahead of time. This short loan collection allows loans for 10-days, giving our readers time to enjoy the latest must-have books before dropping them back for the next reader. These books can't be reserved or renewed so do pop in to browse the collection. They are available in all our branches, and coming soon to Stillorgan Library.

And if you are going away and don't want to bring a physical book, dlr Libraries has not one but two online library resources available to provide your holiday reads, and two more just for children. Borrowbox and Libby are both full with the latest must-haves, as well as something to suit all literary tastes, for young and old alike. And for our younger readers, we also have LoTE and Tumblebooks. They are available for free for all dlr Library members. All you need is your library card number and PIN. Details and links for all our services can be found on the e Resources page of our website: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/using-your-library/eresources>



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May Bank Holiday Arrangements

dlr Libraries and dlr Lexlcon will be closed from **Saturday 3 May to Monday 5 May** inclusive.
All Libraries will re-open as normal on **Tuesday 6 May 2025**.

June Bank Holiday Arrangements

dlr Libraries and dlr Lexlcon will be closed from **Saturday 31 May to Monday 2 June** inclusive.
All Libraries will re-open as normal on **Tuesday 3 June 2025**.

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.

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