

News & Events

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

EVENTS FOR MAY & JUNE 2024

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR MAY

Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity arts initiative

Bealtaine Festival at dlr Libraries

Throughout May Various Libraries

Bealtaine Festival takes place across Ireland in May every year and is a celebration of the arts and creativity as we age, through an events and activities programme that champions generational interdependence and diversity. This year's theme is *Lust for Life*. We encourage everyone to take part and get involved.

From a series of Creative Writing workshops to Poetry by the Pond; from storymaking to storytelling, there's something to spark an interest in everyone.

We have dance and active movement workshops, music for well-being; arts and crafts sessions including knitting, jewellery making, felting and much more!

So read on and rediscover your Lust for Life! Look for the Bealtaine logo for more details on events and activities happening in dlr Libraries.



Festival of Inclusion at dlr Libraries

May sees the return of the annual dlr Festival of Inclusion, a community-based social inclusion events programme which aims to highlight and celebrate social inclusion initiatives across the County, to encourage all to actively participate and engage in the community, and bring people together to connect and celebrate community well-being, raise awareness and promote friendship, equality, diversity and integration across the County.

This year's Festival will run from Wednesday 15 to Sunday 26 May. The theme of this year's Festival is *Building Friendships in the Community* | *Ag Cothú Cairdis sa Phobal*. Look for the Festival of Inclusion logo for more details on events and activities happening in dlr Libraries.



Writing Memoir & Historical Fiction: A Creative Writing Workshop with Patsy Murphy & Liz McManus

Thurs 2 May, 2.00-3.30pm Dalkey Library

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Max 12.

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

This workshop is divided into 2 sessions of 45 mins. Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

Liz McManus on Memoir Writing will cover: Everyone has a story to tell but how to get started? Deciding who are the readers for your memoir. How to structure your memoir. How to do research and how to deal with others whom you may be writing about. How to edit your work.



Patsy Murphy on Historical Fiction will cover: A discussion of this type of writing. Why choose this genre? Character/Plot/Setting and Research. Examples of historical fiction. Discussion of participants' ideas. Participants may choose to bring a brief outline of an idea that interests them.



Our Amazing Mountains

Thurs 2 May, 6.30-7.45pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

Booking essential via Dublin Mountain Partnership eventbrite.

Three short talks in the Studio by experts on archaeology, ecology, and farming in the Dublin Mountains, followed by Q&A. This event is part of the 2024 Dublin Mountains Festival. Find out more at **dublinmountains.ie**



Folk Music for Wellbeing with Ruairí O'Shea

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Fri 3 & 24 May, 10.30-11.30am Shankill Library

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

Ruairí is an Offaly-born, Shankill-based folk and traditional musician. Working in the area of Arts in Healthcare, he uses the power of our folk music to bring people together, enliven and heal. Join for a session of folksongs, from Ireland and elsewhere, in the quiet and intimacy of these library sessions. Open to all and appropriate for any age.



Crafts for Adults in dlr Lexicon

Max 15 spaces per each event. All materials supplied.

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

Acrylics with Nicola Sedgwick

Tues 7 May, 10.30am-12.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Nicola will guide you through a small landscape painting in acrylics.

Needle felt a landscape with Sharon Wells

Tues 14 May, 10.30am-12.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Sharon will show you the basics of creating a landscape with wool fibre.

Self-discovery and healing through art with Mary Daugherty

Tues 21 May 10.30am-12.00pm Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexicon

Join Mary for a relaxing session of creation and exploration through art.

Sustainable sewing with Tamara Fiabane

Tues 28 May, 10.30am-12.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

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Tamara will show you how to use scrap fabric to make something useful and beautiful.



Making Free with the Past: A Creative Writing Workshop with Máiríde Woods & Patricia Hickey

Thurs 9 May, 11.00am-12.30pm Room 2, Level 5, dlr Lexicon

Bealtaine Festival

Max 12

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

Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

In the first part of this workshop, Máiríde and Patricia will draw on poems by Eavan Boland which use the theme of memory and refer to the work each of them contributed to the anthology *Tearing Stripes off Zebras*. Participants will look at the stages in turning a recollection into a finished piece of prose or poetry.



In the second part, participants will draw on a memory of their own to write a paragraph or poem, followed by a discussion and consideration of how they might develop and edit their work. The workshop is aimed at people interested



in exploring the way writers use and change specific memories. Given the present interest in lifewriting, we hope this will catch the imagination of participants!

Craft and Chat Circle

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Tuesdays, 11.00am Room 3, Level 5, dlr Lexicon

Join us for our weekly chat and craft circle. Bring in what you are working on, learn from others or impart your wisdom on them. This group is self-led, and all are welcome.

Upcycling Wall Hanging Workshop with Lynn Haughton

Wed 8 May, 10.30am-12.00pm Dalkey Library

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To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Join Textile Waste Artist Lynn Haughton for this fun workshop upcycling t-shirts! In the workshop, you will learn how to turn t-shirts into yarn. This yarn can be used for many creative projects. We will then use upcycled looms to weave the t-shirt yarn into a beautiful wall hanging to take home. T-shirts will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own old t-shirts to use if you like.



Unique Jewellery Making Workshop

Thurs 9 May, 6.00-7.30pm Dalkey Library

Bealtaine Festival

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Craft beautiful unique earrings and a bracelet with expert crafter Mary Daugherty.



Something Old, Something New: A Story-Making Workshop with Colin Urwin Bealtain

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Sat 11 May, 10.30am – 2.30pm Deansgrange Library

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

The title provides the perfect metaphor for the process Colin often uses to forge his stories that sound as if they have been around for hundreds of years. The old rhyme finishes with...something borrowed, something blue and a silver sixpence in her shoe. The 'something borrowed' can be family anecdotes or scraps of folklore; 'something blue' might be a memory or emotion, the 'silver sixpence' can be a physical object that is inspirational, even magical. Weaving these strands together or just following one, Colin will guide workshop participants through a fun process of creation in which 'Something Old' and perhaps ill-defined can



be reimagined and turned into a wonder tale that is not just 'Something New' but eminently tellable. This is a workshop for adults and booking is essential.

Washing Windows IV: Irish Women Write Poetry

Bealtaine Festival

Sat 11 May, 2.00-4.00pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

All welcome, no booking required

Newly-published by Ireland's oldest original feminist press, Arlen House, and comprising 100 new poems chosen by Alan Hayes; *Washing Windows IV: Irish Women Write Poetry* is an anthology from women who have yet to publish a full collection. The anthology comes with a sparkling introduction

by Nuala O'Connor.
This event will be a celebration of the wealth of creativity and vision in Ireland, North and South, in both languages, by contemporary women writers with poetry

Copies of the book will be for sale at the event.

reading.



Bicycle safety checks & bike stencilling

Thurs 16 May, 3.00-7.00pm Lexicon main entrance, Pond level

All welcome, no booking required

Part of National Bike Week 2024, basic bicycle safety checks will be available outside the main entrance to the Lexlcon. These checks will be carried out by staff from The Bike Hub and will include replacement of some small parts where available. We will have Ytang from Explicit Bikes working alongside The Bike Hub. Ytang is a professional bike mechanic and bike painter and will do high quality stencil painting on bikes and scooters.



dlr Yarnspinners: Storytelling Circle for Adults

Wed 15 May, 6.30-7.30pm (refreshments available from 6pm) The Lab, Level 3, dlr LexIcon

No booking required, all welcome.

For adults interested in listening to and sharing stories, Yarnspinners monthly storytelling circle is delighted to welcome guest storyteller **Órla McGovern**. Órla is an award-winning Storyteller, performer and writer based in



Galway. She is Artistic Director of Moth & Butterfly Storytelling Festival, and from the Finnish forests to the Glens of Antrim, she tells stories and workshops at venues small and large around the world. Órla's plays have been produced globally and she has written two books of stories 'Dublin Folk Tales for Children' & 'Wild Waves & Wishing Wells.' She is a member of Galway collective Theatre 57 and of the Connemara Arts Collective Interface Inagh. As well as theatre and folk performance, Órla also acts for film and TV. Some credits include 'Stay,' 'Lily,' Sanctuary, and 'North Circular Road.' She is a member of Ohana, the European Collective of Improvisors, and she loves to swim in the sea.

Blackrock Library Film Club

Thurs 16 May 5.30pm Blackrock Library

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

Join us for a screening of a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem every third Thursday of the month, followed by a group discussion.

This month's screening is the French film **Petite Maman** (2021), directed by Céline Sciamma.





Creative Brainwaves - Talks & Workshops on the Creative Arts Improving Brain Health

Thurs 16, Tues 21 & Wed 22 May
Times vary (tea & coffee will be provided
30 mins prior to each talk)
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

Booking essential via dlr Libraries eventbrite

Creative Brainwaves is a three-part series of talks and workshops exploring how engaging in creative arts can improve your brain health. The series features neuroscientists, psychologists, researchers, people with dementia and their carers, people with acquired brain injury, brain health activists and creative artists, all of whom work to improve brain health. This series is curated and facilitated by Mike Hanrahan, Global Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI), Trinity College Dublin.



THE ART OF HOPE ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY

Thurs 16 May, 11.00am - 1.00pm

The Art of Hope: Acquired Brain Injury with Dr Karen Foley, Chief Executive Officer of Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, Gráinne McGettrick, Policy & Research Manager with Acquired Brain Injury Ireland and Paul O'Brien, artist living with a brain injury.

THE ART OF LIVING YOUNGER ONSET DEMENTIA

Tues 21 May, 6.30-8.30pm

The Art of Living: Younger Onset Dementia with Dr Kevin Quaid, author & co-founder of Lewy Body Ireland, Helena Quaid, carer, poet & Chair of Dementia Carers Campaign Network, Helen Rochford-Brennan, Global Dementia Ambassador, Vice Chair of the Irish Dementia Working Group and member of the Board of Alzheimer Europe, Carmel Geoghegan, Founder of Dementia Ireland Empowering Communities, and Eleanor Edmond, advocacy & human rights consultant.

THE POETRY OF DANCE FOR BRAIN HEALTH

Wed 22 May, 11.00am – 1.00pm

The Poetry of Dance: for Brain Health with Prof lan Robertson, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at TCD & Founding Director of GBHI, Julie Feeney, singer-songwriter, composer, actress, carer and record producer, Anusha Yasoda Mohan, perceptual neuroscientist & dancer, and Mike Hanrahan, author, songwriter, guitarist and Global Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at the Global Brain Health Institute (GBHI), Trinity College Dublin.

Mixed Media Art Workshop with Artist Kim Jenkinson

Fri 17 May 10.30-11.30am Cabinteely Library

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

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this mixed media art workshop. In this workshop we will create colourful decorative hanging butterflies using watercolour paint, pastels, fabric and wire to build colour, pattern and texture.





Soap Making Workshop with Aoife Munn

Mon 20 May, 10.30-11.30am Dalkey Library

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Each participant will make their own bar of soap and packaging from recycled material.

Active Movement Intermediate Taster Sessions with Active Academy

Tues, 21 May, 10.00-10.45am & 11.00-11.45am Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

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

We are delighted to partner with Lisa Redmond of Active Academy for these intermediate level fitness taster sessions for adults, suitable for anyone who has completed a series of Active Movement classes or who would like to challenge themselves further. These are functional fitness classes designed to help with everyday life and suitable for all abilities.

All exercises can be modified and performed at your own level. Booking is essential.



Get Lost in VR

Tues 21 May, 11.30am-12.10pm & 1.30-2.10pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

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

Join library staff on an exciting tour of our new virtual reality headsets. With wide-ranging content from an African safari, landing in a seaplane, to visiting anywhere in the world, we are looking forward to sharing this fantastic, fun new technology.

These sessions are for adults. Booking is essential.



Faux Pa comedy event with Seán Begley

Wed 22 May, 7.00-8.15pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexicon

Booking via dlr Libraries eventbrite

Suitable for ages 15 yrs+

Award-winning comedian Seán

Begley (Comedy Cellar, Edinburgh Fringe, Electric Picnic) brings his new solo show 'Faux Pa' to dlr Lexicon. Seán reflects on the many blunders and challenges he has experienced over the course of the past four decades. Life's interactions can often be awkward, divisive, and incredibly embarrassing, but each one can be a learning experience. 'Faux Pa' is about embracing inadequacy, learning from one's errors and ultimately trying to be a better person.

The evening will also feature two local Dún Laoghaire comics:

Domenico Rea has an edgy comedic style strongly influenced by his Italian roots. Growing up surrounded by chips and strong women has shaped the comedian we know today.

Gary Cahill is a Dublin-based comedian who has gigged all over Ireland, Berlin and Philadelphia. He made the semi-finals of Cherry Comedy breakout competition in 2022 and the final of Show me the Funny in 2023. He is a resident of the Ha' Penny Comedy Club in Temple Bar.

Knitting workshop with Pauline Gallagher

Fri 24 May, 10.00am-1.00pm **Dalkey Library**

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Join Pauline Gallagher of The Knitting Class in this fun workshop where you will learn to knit a beanie hat on circular needles.

Learn also how to create customised beanies from any yarn using Pauline's Beanie Hat Planner and Recipe Pattern.



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dlr Lexicon World of Cinema Film Club

Mon 27 May, 5.30pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexicon



No booking required Over 18s only

For a 'reel' cinematic experience this Summer, join us for free screenings of an eclectic mix of films from the World of Cinema. May's film is **Unforgiven** by Clint Eastwood. Starring Eastwood as William Munny, an aging outlaw and killer who takes on one more job, years after he had turned to a gentler way of life.



James Joyce Book Club and Discussion Group

Mon 27 May, 6.30-8.00pm **Dundrum Library**

Places are limited. Email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 298 5000 to join up.

Are you interested in James Joyce, have always been curious but don't quite know where to start, or just want to talk about Joyce with other people? Come join us at Dundrum Library for our monthly Joycean discussion group.

The group will explore various elements of Joyce's work, and his life and times in an informal and friendly group setting, welcoming everyone from those just starting their journey to lifelong fans.

Gilgamesh – a shadow puppetry event

Tues 28 May, 3.00-4.00pm - for adults Wed 29 May, 11.00am-12.00pm - for TY students Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

Booking via dlr Libraries eventbrite

Long before writing was invented, storytelling was both a form of entertainment and a way in which myths were handed down. The Sumerian



epic of Gilgamesh, incised on clay tablets centuries before the Bible, contains such things as the flood and man's quest for immortality. Storytellers in many cultures illustrate their narrative with images. In the present case, a background of light and shadow, populated with the figures of the tale, does this. Music also often supports or accompanies storytelling and here it provides a third element creating a blend of word, image, and music.

The show, which will last about 45 minutes, will be presented by a live narrator and musician in front of a three-metre-wide screen. Characters and moments of the story will appear and merge as shadows on the screen and draw the audience into the world of Gilgamesh. Q & A follows event.

Memoir Writing: A Creative Writing workshop with Mary Rose Callaghan and Phyl Herbert

Sat 25 May, 11.00am-12.30pm Cabinteely Library Bealtaine Festival

Max 12. To book, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5363

Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme

This session will look at the different types of memoir writing. Both Mary Rose and Phyl have recently published their memoirs. The morning will include some writing exercises to help the process of getting started. If time allows, we will also look at how to structure and develop a memoir and of course there will be some surprises.



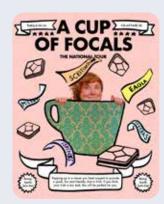


Cup of Focals with Áine Gallagher

Wed 29 May & 26 June, 2.00-4.00pm Level 3, dlr Lexicon

No booking required, drop in event

Come and have a cup of focals with Áine Gallagher, Ireland's only guerrilla Irish language enthusiast. Áine will be sitting in the library with her literal cup of focals, ready and waiting to have a quick chat with you as Gaeilge. Áine loves to create fun and surprising ways to get people using their cúpla focal. If you're someone who



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would love to speak Irish a bit more, but can feel nervous, you should definitely drop in for a fun and friendly chat with Aine.



Online Book club with Mary Burnham

Wed 29 May, 7.30-8.30pm

Online via Zoom

If you like reading and discussing books but from the comfort of your own home, this is the club for you! Join our excellent book club facilitator Mary Burnham on the last Wednesday of each month for lively chat and engaging reads.

The title for our May meeting is **The Other Side of You** by Sally Vickers. A number of copies of this title are available to collect from staff on Level 4, dlr Lexlcon, or check our online services BorrowBox and Libby for downloadable e book and e audiobook editions. If you would like to be added to the mailing list and receive the Zoom meeting link straight to your inbox, please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Southside Traveller Action Group (STAG) bring The Wagon Project to dlr LexIcon

Thurs 30 May, 11.00am- 3.00pm LexIcon Pond & Lab

11.00am, 12.00pm: class visits 1.00-3.00pm open visits

Come celebrate Traveller Pride Week in dlr LexIcon with a visit to The Wagon. Be a part of old traditional traveller lifestyle. Let The Wagon bring you on a journey as we invite you inside to have the opportunity to immerse yourself in past traditions and livelihoods of Irish Travellers.

This event will include a screening of The Wagon documentary in the Lexicon Lab. This was filmed by IADT students Daragh O'Shea, Aaron Fallows and Orla Engstfeld.



Poetry by the Pond with poet Katie Donovan

Thurs 30 May, 2.30pm Bealtaine Festival

Lexicon Pond (If bad weather, Level 3, dlr Lexicon)

All welcome, no booking required

Sea swimming, our threatened natural world, a woman's bodily autonomy, bereavement and survival are some of the themes explored by Katie Donovan in her latest collection of poetry *May Swim*, just published by Bloodaxe Books. Candid, uncompromising, lyrical and sardonic, her powerful



poetry has engaged and enthralled audiences in Ireland and abroad for 30 years. Come to hear this proud citizen of Dún Laoghaire read her poems in the suitably watery environs of the tranquillity pool beside dlr Lexlcon. Her new collection, *May Swim* appears, appropriately, in May of this year, and is inspired by her love of the sea.

Copies will be on sale at the event.

Writing your Life Story: A Creative Writing workshop with Ivy Bannister

Thurs 30 May, 1.30-3.00pm Dundrum Library

Max 12

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

Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

Do you want to write a memoir? Or stories and poems, using the world around you as a springboard? This is a practical workshop which will help get you started. Join facilitator Ivy Bannister who has published a memoir, a book of poetry and a book of short stories. Her work has been broadcast by RTÉ radio and the BBC, and she has written more than fifty pieces for Sunday Miscellany and The Living Word.

Dance with Olwyn Lyons

Fri 31 May, 11.00am-12.00pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

Booking via dlr Libraries eventbrite

If you are 50+ and love to dance, register now to book your place for this lively, engaging, fun dance session with Olwyn and uplifting music!



Credit: Kirsty Lyons

Healthy Age-Friendly Homes: Pop-Up Information Sessions



Throughout May. All dlr Libraries. All welcome, no booking required.

The Healthy Age-Friendly Homes Programme aims to support older people to live in their own home with dignity and independence, for as long as possible. This is a national programme that offers a free home assessment visit to anyone over 65 years of age. The programme is funded by the Department of Health, under Sláintecare, and operated by Meath County Council on behalf of the Local Authorities. Find out more about the programme and how it might benefit you, or a family member, and meet one of the local co-ordinators at one of our information sessions in May.

Thurs 2 May, 2.00-4.00pm, Cabinteely Library

Thurs 9 May, 11.30am-1.30pm, Deansgrange Library

Mon 13 May, 10.00am-12.00pm, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Wed 15 May, 10.00am-12.00pm, Blackrock Library

Thurs 16 May, 2.00-3.30pm, Shankill Library

Mon 20 May, 10.00am-12.00pm, Dalkey Library

Mon 20 May, 2.00-4.00pm, Stillorgan Library



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EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Studio Saturday with Active Kids Academy

Sat 18 May

11.00am-3.00pm for families living with neurodiversity 3.00-4.00pm active fun session open to all families



Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

No booking required, all enquiries to libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays host a variety of workshops tailored to children with additional needs/ neurodivergence. This session will offer something for everyone from obstacle courses to the slower pace of fine motor skills activities such as number blocks & peg boards. Children can play at their own level and choose between lots of different activities that interest them. The emphasis is on creating a safe, fun environment to allow the children to be themselves, play at their own pace and enjoy the activities that interest them. A parent or guardian must accompany their child at all times. No booking required but if the space is full, you may be asked to wait in our Quiet Room for a short while.

Toddler Group

Friday Mornings, Fri 3, 10, 24 & 31 May 10.30-11.15am **Dalkey Library**

Booking is essential for all dates. To book for each session, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Join us at the Library on Friday mornings, something different on each morning, from playtime to music mornings! This group is suitable for ages 18 months-3 years old. Please note there is no Toddler Group on 17 Mav.



Lego Clubs in dlr Libraries



Lexicon Lego Club

Beginning Thurs 9 May, 3.30pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Booking is essential because places go fast! To book a spot for your child, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie, Tel (01) 280 1147, or talk to library staff

Whether you want to build mighty castles, super cars, or you let your imagination run wild, all is welcome with the return of The Lexicon Lego Club, for 6 more weeks of Lego fun, starting every Thursday from 9 May - 13 June.

Dalkey Library Lego Challenge Club

Sat 11 May, 11.00am-12.30pm Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+ accompanied by an adult.

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Family Lego Time in Blackrock Library

Sat 18 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm Blackrock Library

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

Wild about stories! Storytime with library staff

Mondays 13, 20 & 27 May, 3.00-3.30pm

Deansgrange Library

Ages 3-6 yrs, no booking required

Join library staff as they celebrate nature through stories and rhyme!



Baby Group

Mon 13 & 27 May, 10.30-11.15am Dalkey Library

To book for each session, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Join us for fun baby playtime or sensory social time best suited for our baby borrowers. Set in a quiet

library with dimmed lights, colourful eggs and a selection of toys to play with.



SuperTones Children's Choir Summer Concert

Wed 29 May, 4.00pm Blackrock Library

All welcome!

We are delighted to welcome back the wonderful SuperTones to Blackrock Library with some sunny seaside songs to get you in the mood for summer!

With conductor Julie Shanley, assisted by Nicole Cooney. The SuperTones Childrens' Choir is a fun and diverse musical group open to all.



Accessible Services Collection: Pop-Up Information Sessions

Throughout May Various libraries

No booking required, all enquiries to libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

dlr Libraries'
Accessible Services
Collection includes
sensory/tactile toys,
equipment and tools
to help build motor
skills and other items
that may help develop
life skills. As part of
our commitment



to supporting neurodiverse communities, this collection is one element of our accessible services which include Social Stories for each library, quiet evenings in many branches as well as events tailored to neurodiverse audiences.

If you would like to learn more about the ASC collection or dlr Libraries' related services, come along to one of our pop-up information sessions to see a selection of the collection and chat with a staff member.

Tues 14 May 6.00-7.00pm Shankill Library
Thurs 16 May 6.00-7.00pm Stillorgan Library
Tues 21 May 6.00-7.00pm Blackrock Library
Wed 22 May 6.00-7.00pm dlr LexIcon

Informal meet-up for parents/families living with neurodivergence and/or additional needs

Last Friday of each month, 31 May & 28 June 9.45-11.15am Room 4, Level 5, dlr LexIcon

No booking required.

Enquiries to dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 280 1147

Come along a for a chat and a cuppa and hear about our inclusive library services for those living with neurodiversity and additional needs.

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR JUNE

dlr Cruinniú na nÓg 2024

Sat 15 June, 11.00am-3.00pm Various Venues



Calling all children and young people in dlr! Join us for Cruinniú na nÓg 2024. We are thrilled to announce Cruinniú na nÓg across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown on Saturday 15 June. Cruinniú na nÓg is Creative Ireland's 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 our heritage and place, with a family day in Blackrock Park, nature-based workshops at

Fernhill Park and Gardens, and a silent disco in Myrtle Square in Dún Laoghaire. Keep an eye out on our website for further information and we hope you can join us on the day.



Summer Stars 2024 at dlr Libraries

1 June - 31 August All dlr Libraries



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, notes and pictures on the books they have read, and visits to their 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!

Summer Crafts for Adults at dlr Lexicon



Max 15 spaces per each event. All materials supplied.

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

Introduction to wet felting with Miriam Brady

Thurs 6 June, 10.30am-12.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Come learn the basics of the ancient craft of wet felting.

Bookmaking and mixed media with Nicola Faull

Thurs 13 June, 10.30am-12.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Decorate your own pages and then make them into a book.

Watercolour a kingfisher with Fiona Ní Ghliasáin

Thurs 20 June, 10.30am-12.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Learn how to produce an original watercolour painting.

Mixed media with Fiona Ní Ghliasáin

Thurs 27 June, 10.30am-12.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Delve into the possibilities of mixed media and explore different mediums to create a unique landscape.

10 Ways to Get Started: A Creative Writing workshop with Lia Mills & Catherine Dunne

Thurs 6 June, 10.30am-12.00pm Deansgrange Library

Max 12.

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

Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme. Catherine Dunne and Lia Mills will lead participants through a discussion of how to kick-start your writing, with examples; we will do some writing and reading practice. This workshop is for beginners and for writers who have got stuck along the way and want to revitalise their work.

The Domestic in Poetry and Prose: A Creative Writing workshop with Shauna Gilligan & Sara Mullen

Tues 11 June, 6.00-7.30pm Blackrock Library

Max 12. To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 8117 Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

Honouring the theme of the domestic in much of Eavan Boland's poetry, this workshop will take a theme from Sara's poetry and Shauna's prose in the *Tearing Stripes off Zebras* anthology. Using lines or elements of this work as prompts, as well as real life objects including baking utensils and found objects as inspiration, Sara and Shauna will guide participants through writing exercises in an exploration of memories of home and the objects which evoke them, looking at meaning and the extraordinary in the everyday domestic. Participants can work on poetry or prose, or explore both.

Workshop Outcomes

Participants can expect to:

- learn more about symbols and using the everyday as prompts and ways into writing.
- discuss symbols with each other and the group
- engage in free form writing using guided prompts
- receive feedback on work (if wished)
- write short texts in the genres of poetry and prose
- create ideas for further development

Film Screening: Dinner 2050 - The Future of Food in Ireland

Thurs 13 June, 6.00pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexicon

Suitable for ages 12 yrs+ Booking through dlr Libraries eventbrite



This is a great chance to unwind, enjoy a thoughtprovoking film together, and maybe spark some discussions about our own food choices. The producer, chef Tadgh Byrne, and a panel will be available for any questions after the screening.

dlr Yarnspinners: Storytelling Circle for Adults

Wed 19 June, 6.30-7.30pm (refreshments available from 6pm) Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

No booking required

For adults interested in listening to and sharing stories, Yarnspinners monthly storytelling circle is delighted to welcome guest storyteller **Paddy O'Brien**. Paddy was born in Co. Kerry and is a natural storyteller who has appeared at Storytelling festivals all over Ireland. He has been a featured teller on many occasions at the world-famous Cape Clear International Storytelling Festival. Paddy can entertain any audience from age 3 to 103 with his fantastic stories, songs and verse - told in his own inimitable way.

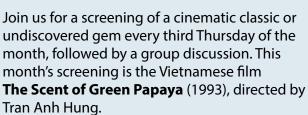
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Blackrock Library Film Club

Thurs 20 June, 5.30pm Blackrock Library

To book, email

blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 8117





Online Book Club with Mary Burnham

Wed 26 June, 7.30-8.30pm Online via Zoom

If you like reading and discussing books but from the comfort of your own home, this is the club for you! Join our excellent book club facilitator Mary Burnham on the last Wednesday of each month for lively chat and engaging reads.



The title for our June meeting is **Absolutely and Forever** by Rose Tremain. A number of copies of this title are available to collect from staff on Level 4, dlr Lexlcon, or check our online services BorrowBox and Libby for downloadable e book and e audiobook editions. If you would like to be added to the mailing list and receive the Zoom meeting link straight to your inbox, please email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Jigsaws and games in dlr LexIcon

Over the next while, we'll be leaving some board games and puzzles around dlr Lexlcon. Drop in and see if you can add a few pieces to help us complete a 2,000-piece Community Jigsaw Puzzle on Level 3 and 1,000-piece puzzle on Level 4. Plus, our Junior Scrabble Club is inbound - keep your eyes peeled for this!!

Toddler Group

Fri Mornings, 10.30-11.15am Dalkey Library

Booking is essential for all dates.

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Join us on Friday mornings, something different on each morning, from playtime to music mornings! This group is suitable for ages 18 months-3 years old.



Lexicon Lego Club

Thurs 6, 13 June, 3:30pm Meeting Room 1, Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Booking is essential because places go fast! To book a spot for your child, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie, Tel (01) 280 1147, or talk to library staff.

Whether you want to build mighty castles, super cars, or you let your imagination run wild, all is welcome with the return of The LexIcon Lego Club, for 6 more weeks of Lego fun, starting every Thursday from the 9 May - 13 June.

Dalkey Library Lego Challenge Club

Sat 8 June, 11.00-12.30 Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+ accompanied by an adult. To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Family Lego Time in Blackrock Library

Sat 15 June, 10.30am to 12.30pm Blackrock Library

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



Seabreezy Storytime with library staff

Mondays 10, 17 & 24 June, 3.00-3.30pm Deansgrange Library

Ages 3-6 yrs All welcome, no booking required.

The sun is shining and we are off to the seaside this June during Storytime!



Baby Group

Mon 10 & 24 June, 10.30-11.15am Dalkey Library

Booking essential for all dates, please email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317



Join us for fun baby playtime or sensory social time best suited for our baby borrowers. Set in a quiet Library with dimmed lights, colourful eggs and a selection of toys to play with.

Children's Sewing Workshop with Green Thread

Sat 29 June 10.00am-12.00pm Dalkey Library WES

Suitable for ages 8-13 yrs

Places limited. To book,

email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Ever tried sewing? Come and join our introduction to machine sewing class for kids. Make a scrunchie and a drawstring bag of your very own!

Storytelling and Collage Workshop with Úna Woods

Sat 22 June, 10.30-11.20am Blackrock Library

Suitable for ages 6-10 yrs. To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 8117





Join author and illustrator Úna Woods for a Summer Stars storytelling and stick-along workshop. Create your own Fly-a-Kite collage based on Úna's picture book *A Blooming Great Day!* All materials provided.

Summer Crafts!

Wed 26 June, 2.00-3.00pm Dalkey Library

Suitable for children aged 6+yrs To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Join us for a fun arts and crafts workshop with a summer theme!



Studio Saturday with Dave's Jungle

Sat 29 June,
11.00am, 12.00pm & 1.00pm
sessions are for families living with neurodiversity
2.20pm & 3.20pm sessions are open to all families
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

No booking required, all enquiries to libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays host a variety of workshops tailored to children with additional needs/neurodivergence. Join us as we welcome Dave's Jungle to the Studio for an exciting session where we will learn about how animals hunt, use their senses, catch their prey and eat. You may even get the opportunity to get up close to a crocodile, tarantula, scorpion, snake or lizard! Each session lasts 40 minutes and there will be lots of time for attendees to ask Dave questions about the animals and to interact with them if they wish. A parent or guardian must accompany their child at all times. No booking is required but if the space is full, you may be asked to wait in our Quiet Room until the next session begins.

EVENTS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Squid Workshop with Mona

Wed 5 June 10.00-11.30am The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Suitable for 4th – 6th class
To book their class in, teachers in
dlr schools should email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 280 1147

Do you want to learn about Squid? Well, this workshop is for you!

During the first part of this workshop, students will watch a video on squid, learning amazing facts about squid and their internal and external anatomy. Following this, marine biologist, Mona McCrea will demonstrate a dissection of a squid and how to discover if the squid is male or female. In groups, the class will then dissect a squid, with each child having the opportunity to do an aspect of the dissection and write their name in squid ink, just like pirates!

FIRST® LEGO® League Discover in the Lab

Wed 12 June, 10.00-11.00am & 11.30am-12.30pm The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon



Suitable for junior infants – 1st class. To book their class in, teachers in dlr schools should email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 280 1147

FIRST® LEGO® League Discover is a global STEM programme for young people aged 4-7 years, which helps develop STEM skills from an early age. Using the LEGO® Education Discover Set as a starting point, teams design a new model of their own with LEGO® DUPLO® elements, discovering STEM skills along the way. Working in teams of 4 children in this MASTERPIECE-themed season, children will imagine and innovate new ways to share their passions, hobbies and interests with others while learning about how experts in a variety of creative fields use STEM in their roles.

FIRST® LEGO® League Discover finishes with a Celebration Event to recognise the children's achievements. Their hard work and perseverance are celebrated with a certificate and lots of high fives!

EXHIBITION PROGRAMME



Creativity at Sallynoggin College

30 April - 8 May Level 3, dlr Lexicon

This exhibition will present an exciting, diverse, and imaginative mix of artwork created by students from both the Art, Craft & Design Portfolio Preparation course, and the Advanced Art & Design course at Sallynoggin College of Further Education (SCFE).

Of special interest to all who appreciate the beauty of Dún Laoghaire will be a stunning series of paintings by the SCFE Art students which were completed in the Lexlcon. Each painting has been worked from a different viewpoint and presents an opportunity to discover a new perspective of Dún Laoghaire. Also included in the exhibition will be fashion photography and videos of work, styled and designed by SCFE Fashion Design students and Fashion Buying, Styling and Visual Merchandising students.

Dublin's Monumental Mountains

1-15 May Level 4, dlr Lexicon

Once you leave the settled valleys of the lowlands, the Dublin Mountains seem



open and wild in comparison to the busy urban landscape at its feet. Yet it is a landscape that has been used by people since they first arrived on this island about 10,000 years ago. Since the forest clearances of the first farmers in the Neolithic, it has undergone many changes, and is still a dynamic place. Enjoy learning about how our ancestors used the uplands, this landscape of stories, Dublin's monumental mountains. *Part of Dublin Mountains Festival 2024*.

The Infinite and the Infinitesimal

Throughout May Lexicon Garden, Moran Park

Visit this photo exhibition during May as part of the month-long Dublin Mountains Festival, Féile na Sléibhe. The ancient tombs on the Dublin Mountain peaks hold clues to our ancestors' understanding of time, landscape and their place in nature. At another scale entirely - the tiny wonders known as bryophytes can be found all over the mountains. These were the first land plants, here on earth long before the first humans.



Offshoot Photography Society Annual Exhibition

1 - 31 May Deansgrange Library

Offshoot Photography Society is delighted to announce its Annual Exhibition will be on display again in Deansgrange Library for the month of May. The exhibition highlights the work of local amateur photographers. Both locals and visitors alike are invited to enjoy this stunning exhibition as they visit the Library.

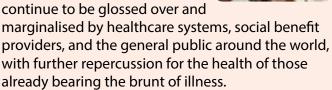


EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

Chronic Illness: A creative exploration

16 - 30 May Level 4, dlr Lexicon

The effects of chronic illness on people's bodies and lives are varied and, in many cases, poorly understood.
Conditions such as myalgic encephalomyelitis or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) and Long Covid, in particular, continue to be glossed over and



This exhibition is the outcome of a research project that asked people suffering from ME/CFS, long Covid, and other chronic conditions to use arts to convey what it is like to live with chronic illness. Responses ranged from photographs to drawings, embroideries, knitting, collages, and poetry. This exhibition gathers all those to share the often invisible experiences of chronically ill people and bring to light the resilience and creativity of this community.

Room to Explore, Art Exhibition for 0–5 year olds

Helen Barry, Anne Bradley, Jane Hayes, and Órla Kelly

Curated by Anne Cradden Gallery, Level 3, dlr Lexicon 18 May - 11 August

dlr Arts Office are excited to present *Room to Explore, an Art Exhibition for 0-5 year olds,*



Illustration by Debora Adachi

including artworks by artists Helen Barry, Anne Bradley, Jane Hayes and Órla Kelly. The artists have carefully considered the materials, colours, textures and have worked with early years children to help them create these interactive artworks. Understanding the importance of discovery and familiarity for young children, the exhibition is designed to be visited and revisited by young children and their caregivers, allowing 'room to explore'.

As part of the exhibition programme, we have lots of creative dates for your diaries! Kicking off with the opening day on Saturday 18 May, come and meet the artists and join one of the free drop-in workshops for young children.

Humans of Dublin and Dún Laoghaire

5 June- 25 July Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Launch: Thurs 6 June 6.00pm, all welcome

Peter Varga is an author, photographer, and creator of the social media phenomenon *Humans of Dublin*. Over the past decade, he has approached thousands of people on the streets of Dublin and posted over 2,500 portraits and stories to his page. His collection beautifully encapsulates the essence and spirit of Dublin through its residents. Each portrait and accompanying story serve as a glimpse into an individual's life but also as a piece of a larger narrative that celebrates the collective human experience. These stories range from uplifting tales of love and success to poignant accounts of hardship and perseverance, illustrating the shared humanity that connects us all.



By highlighting the uniqueness of each individual's journey, Varga pays homage to the city's rich cultural diversity and reminds us of the power of storytelling. His work functions as a living archive of Dublin at this point in time, capturing the city's evolving identity and preserving the voices of its people for future generations. This 60 portrait exhibition will feature 10 unique stories created specifically for this exhibition, featuring people from Dún Laoghaire.

In recent months, dlr Libraries have been working on enhancing and expanding our services, for existing as well as potential new users.

Increased Opening Hours

From March 2024, our library spaces are open an additional 42 staffed hours on a weekly basis, making a total of 475.5 hours open to the public per week - 376 staffed hours and 99.5 self-service hours. These revised opening hours include 9.30am opening and lunchtime opening across most of the

week, plus the introduction of Monday night opening until 8pm in 2 additional branches Deansgrange and Dundrum Libraries.



Library Website Upgrade

In April 2024, we launched an upgrade to our existing website, which mirrors the main Council website in terms of layout and accessibility features. This upgrade

will allow us to quickly update information on our services and resources; from our book collections to our sensory toys and equipment, from the latest branch news to details of our events programme, not forgetting our expanding collection of online material. We also include designated pages for information on local and national initiatives that library staff are involved in such as the Right to Read Literacy Campaign, Healthy Ireland at your Library and Age-Friendly Libraries.

Study Spaces Pilot: dlr Lexicon

Did you know staff in dlr LexIcon are piloting a new online Study Spaces booking system from April to June 2024? Please see our website or contact staff in dlr LexIcon for further details.

dlr Libraries: Our resources and services

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



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May Bank Holiday Arrangements dlr Libraries and dlr Lexicon will be closed from Saturday 4 May to Monday 6 May inclusive. All Libraries will re-open as normal on Tuesday 7 May 2024.

June Bank Holiday Arrangements dlr Libraries and dlr LexIcon will be closed from Saturday 1 June to Monday 3 June inclusive. All Libraries will re-open as normal on Tuesday 4 June 2024.

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

**You must register for this service in advance with library staff. All our online services are available 24/7; all you need is your library card and PIN



