

News & Events MAY-JUN 2023

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

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR MAY

Bealtaine Festival

Bealtaine is a national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. For the month of May, join dlr Libraries for a wide variety of events from arts and crafts, to knitting and gardening, you're sure to find something creative to keep you busy this month!

Bealtaine Festival

An Age & Opportunity arts initiative

Movement classes in the Gallery with Laura Dowdall

Every Wed in May: May 3,10,17, 24 & 31 Level 3, Municipal Gallery Participants should be able to attend all 5 sessions Max 20 in each class Adaptations for all levels of experience, including beginners To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Somatic Movement

10.15am-11.30am

Gentle movement practice that can be done in a chair.

Somatic Movement focuses on restoring neurological ease, balance, harmony and relaxation to the body and mind. Through somatic movement you will recover dexterity, fluidity and lightness in your body. Somatic movement reduces the impact of ageing on the body. It rewires and reconnects parts of our brain and body that have lost agility over

time and improves cognitive functioning, mental clarity and memory.



Healing Yoga

11.45am-1.00pm

A dynamic, energising class practiced on the floor - *Bring your own yoga mat if possible, but some mats will be available.

Class to revitalise your body, mind, heart and soul with fun flowing sequences to: invigorate the body, boost feel good hormones, detox the mind, restore balance, shake off tension & stress!

Classes include elements of tai chi, chi gung, dance, kundalini yoga, yin yoga, dynamic yoga flow, hatha yoga, sound healing, breath work, self-care practices and healing moditations.



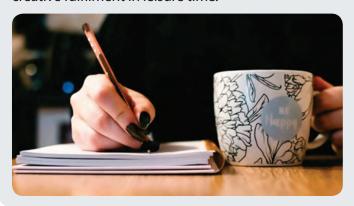


Writing for Well-Being with Martin Keaveney

Tuesdays 2, 9, 23 & 30 May 11.00am-1.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Booking required via eventbrite

Explore the ways creative writing can enhance well-being. We will look at how the regular practice of writing enhances time & space management, appreciation of artistic achievement and productivity and leads to the development of rewarding creative projects both in the home and in the workplace. We will learn how this practice can enrich lifestyles while also providing valuable transferable skills. The objective of the course is to ignite a creative practice that will increase productivity in the workplace and creative fulfilment in leisure time.



TY Tech Sessions

Wednesdays 3, 10, 17 & 24 May 2.00pm-2.30pm & 2.30pm-3.00pm Dalkey Library

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

Students from local Transition Year classes are available in the Library for half-hour sessions to assist with any tech queries you may have about your smart phone, tablet or laptop.



Creative Writing: An Introduction with Martin Keaveney

Wednesdays 3,10,17 & 24 May 6.00pm-8.00pm
Online via ZOOM
Participants should be able to attend all sessions in the series

Booking required via eventbrite

In this introduction course, Dr Martin Keaveney will introduce participants to the exciting and very rewarding craft of creative writing. Learn how to get



started in creative writing, whether it is poetry, short stories or novels. We begin with getting started to write, explore editing your work through poetry and fiction, before providing specialised guidance on the publishing process. Option to submit writing each week and receive typed feedback.

Creative Workshops for the artistically curious with Briege Byrne

Fridays 5, 12, 19 & 26 May

10.30am-12.30pm

Dalkey Library

Max 8

Fridays 5 & 19 May, 2.30-4.30pm

Shankill Library

Max 8

Participants should be able to attend all sessions in the series

To book, contact the relevant Library



Introducing *The Artist's Way for Retirement* in a relaxed, supportive setting.

Exploring latent artistic talent through fun warmups, writing and poetry, imaginative doodling. Try doodling with the non-dominant hand to boost brain activity and Brain Gym exercises to improve listening and memory.

Laughter guaranteed. Go on, take a chance!

All Day Sewing Workshop

Sat 6 May, 10.00am-4.00pm (with 1 hour lunch break) Dundrum Library

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



Sew Fun Studios are coming to Dundrum Library to teach the principles of sewing and design in a 1-day beginners' sewing workshop for adults.

Our beginners' sewing workshop is perfect for the complete beginner or as a refresher for someone who hasn't sewn in many years. We focus on teaching our students the foundation of sewing and pattern reading through making and creating practical fashion accessories whilst teaching basic sewing skills used in creating some of today's top fashion designs. During our day we will walk our students through the operation of the sewing machine, introduce them to basic patterns and tutorials, along with creating two projects which cover multiple sewing techniques. Students will work at their own pace to achieve their goals in a relaxed and fun environment.

Healing Through Art & Meditation with Mary Daugherty

Mon 8 May, 2.15pm-3.45 pm Shankill Library

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

In this class we relax through meditation, then paint through intuition. All art materials supplied. Reiki healing also offered to the group.



Bealtaine Knit-A-Hug!

Mondays 8, 15, 22 & 29 May, 10.30am-12.00pm Blackrock Library

Participants must be able to attend all 4 sessions To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 8117

In this series of workshops, knitting expert Pauline Gallagher will lead a Mystery Knit-Along, in which we will create a knitted hug together.



Wire Tree Sculpture with Susie Kenny

Tues 9 May, 10.30am-12.30pm Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexicon

To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

During this two-hour class, you will choose your crystals and wires and Susie will show you how to make these into a beautiful Tree of Life mandala... or freestanding tree on a rock base if you prefer! All materials and tools will be provided for what should be a fun and creative morning!

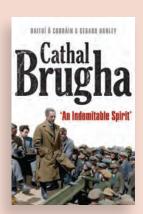


Cathal Brugha: An Indomitable Spirit

Tues 9 May, 6.30pm Dundrum Library

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

Join us at Dundrum Library, where historians Professor Daithí Ó Corráin and Dr Gerard Hanley, will be giving a talk on the life and times of Cathal Brugha. Brugha was a leader in the 1916 Rising and Minister for Defence in the government of the First Dáil, but he is, perhaps unfairly, most widely known for his turbulent



relationship with Michael Collins. Daithí and Gerard, authors of a new critically-acclaimed biography of Brugha, will be discussing the importance of this sometimes misunderstood figure in Ireland's revolutionary history.

Lexicon Writing Group for Adults

Starting Wed 10 May, 11.00am-1.00pm Room 2, Level 5, dlr Lexicon

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

New members welcome to dlr Lexlcon writing group. The group meet fortnightly to share their work. For more information, contact staff at dlr Lexlcon.

Painting with John Carpenter

Thursday 11 & 25 May (separate sessions for booking)
2.00pm-4.00pm
Shankill Library
Max 10

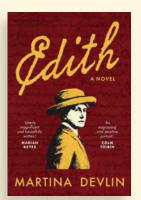
To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 282 3081

Would you like to learn to paint and draw? Over the last 25 years John has introduced thousands of adults and children to the joy of painting. John says there is no magic in it, the magic is in you waiting to be unleashed! Take this opportunity to learn a craft that will give you and others years of contentment and joy! All materials supplied.

Edith by Martina Devlin

Thurs 11 May, 6.30pm Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon Booking required via eventbrite

This promises to be a fascinating evening in the company of author and journalist Martina Devlin and her historical novel *Edith* (Lilliput Press). *Edith* is a captivating novel based on the life of Edith Somerville (1858-1949) of 'Somerville and Ross' fame. It is the early 1920s and Ireland is on the cusp of radical change. Amid the turbulence



of the revolutionary period, *Irish R.M.* writer Edith Somerville struggles to find a place for herself.

The Challenge of Retirement - A talk with Trish Murphy

Tues 16 May, 6.30pm dlr Lexicon Lab, Level 3 Booking required via eventbrite

At the end of a working life, we all hope to enjoy our retirement, but many people find it difficult to adjust to a life after work. Building on her 20 years of experience running courses on preparing for retirement



and redundancy, psychotherapist Trish Murphy understands the challenges of entering this new phase of life. Her talk will cover many subjects that are covered in her book, *The Challenge of Retirement*. She will address such issues as managing relationships, sexuality, mental health, self-care and intergenerational living.

Q&A is a significant part of this talk, so please email in your questions beforehand to dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Pottery Painting Workshop for Adults

Tues 16 May, 6.00pm-7.30pm Dalkey Library

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

Celebrate Spring and join us for a pottery painting session with Siobhán Brennan of Crazy Glazing. Part of our Healthy Ireland At Your Library Programme, we will be painting butterfly garden ornaments which Siobhán will be glazing for us after the event.

dlr Yarnspinners with Storyteller Jack Lynch

Wed 17 May, 6.30pm-7.30pm dlr Lexicon Lab, Level 3 Refreshments available from 6pm All welcome, no booking required

Dublin-born Jack Lynch performs throughout Ireland, combining folkloric elements with ancient Irish myths, Wonder Tales and absurdist Tall Tales, working in schools, libraries, prisons, elderly care homes and arts



festivals. He has represented the Irish oral tradition throughout Europe, in the Middle East, North Africa, the Caribbean, Newfoundland and the U.S. (at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival). Jack works with migrants and asylum seekers, with dementia patients and students of all ages.

Drawing for Beginners for Adults with Nicola Sedgwick

Fri 19 May, 10.30am-12.00pm Shankill Library

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

In this class you will learn the basics of drawing and shading. All materials provided. Nicola Sedgwick is an artist, teacher and author of *You Too Can Draw*.

Acrylic Painting with Fiona Ní Ghliasáin

Thurs 18 May, 10.30am-12.30pm Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexicon To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Join Merrion Square artist, illustrator and photographer Fiona Ní Ghliasáin for an acrylic painting class looking at the local landscape of Dún Laoghaire West Pier. Fiona will show how to mix a palette of colours for this atmospheric scene and offer a few tips on how to create a stone wall and paint boats in water.



Leather Jewellery with Mary Daugherty

Tues 23 May, 10.30am-12.30pm Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexicon To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Join Mary Daugherty's leather workshop and learn how to make a beautiful leather flower pin, which can also be used on a hairband or wristband.



Crochet for beginners with Anne Marie Connolly

Wed 24 & 31 May, 2.30pm-4.00pm Shankill Library Max 10

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

Learn the basics of Crochet this May! All materials supplied.



Bridge for beginners with Michael O'Loughlin

Every Wed from 24 May – 28 June, 10.30am-12.00pm Room 3, Level 5, dlr Lexicon Max 20

Participants should be able to attend all 6 sessions



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

Michael O'Loughlin is the author of the best-selling book *Bridge: Basic Card Play*, is Bridge Correspondent of The Senior Times and has enjoyed teaching Bridge for over 30 years.

Blackrock Library Film Club

Thurs 18 May, 5.30pm
To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 288 8117

Join us to watch a classic or undiscovered gem, followed by a group discussion. This month's screening is *White Material*, directed by Claire Denis.



Upcycling and Sustainability Sewing Workshop

Wed 10 May, 10.00am-1.00pm Dalkey Library

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





Part of our Healthy Ireland at your Library
Programme. This 3-hour workshop introduces the sewer to basic alterations and upcycling of clothing.
Using sample clothing you will cover some basic techniques such as how to alter hems, shorten sleeves, reduce and expand waistbands. You can also bring along an item of clothing to alter with the guidance of our highly experienced tutor.

Best for participants who have completed a beginner's sewing course or have sewing experience and understand how to use and operate a sewing machine.



Family Lego Time

Sat 20 May, 10.30am-12.30pm Blackrock Library To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 8117

Lego fun for all the family!

NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY WEEK (26-28 MAY)



Taking flight - a Recreate workshop

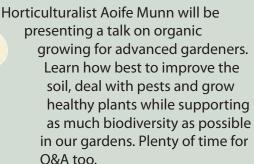
Sat 27 May, 11.00am-1.00pm dlr Lexlcon Lab, Level 3 All ages welcome, young children must be accompanied by an adult Booking required via eventbrite

Working with Recreate.ie and partnering with dlr

Climate Change Department, dlr Lexicon is delighted to hold this family-friendly workshop linking biodiversity and sustainability. Come to the Lexicon Lab and make a bird sculpture out of upcycled materials.



Wed 31 May, 11.00am-12.00pm Dalkey Library To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5277







Junior & Leaving Cert Films

Thursdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 May, 5.30pm Dalkey Library

Join staff in Dalkey Library who will be showing select films on the Junior and Leaving Cert cycle on Thursday evenings.

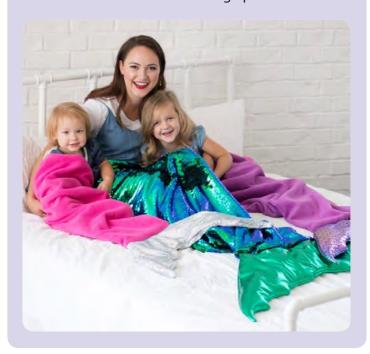
For more details and to book your place, please contact Library staff by email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5277

Mermaid and Shark Blanket Sewing Workshop for Children

Sat 20 May, 10.00am-1.00pm Dalkey Library Suitable for boys & girls aged 7-12yrs

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

This 3 hour workshop will be great fun for the beginner sewer and you will go home with your very own mermaid or shark blanket! Be prepared to have a WHALE of a time sewing up a storm!

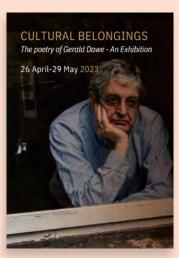


EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

Cultural Belongings - Gerald Dawe Poetry Exhibition

26 April – 29 May Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Gerald Dawe celebrates the art of living in places. Whether Belfast of the 1960s, the anxious territories of the 1970s and 1980s, or the emergent 'new' Irelands, including Dún Laoghaire where he has lived for the past thirty years, his writing expresses the potency



of memory to shape and sustain. One of the country's most distinctive living writers, his poetry and memoirs stand as powerful testimonies to the energy, movement and possibility of the homes and cities in which he resides.

This exhibition, curated by Frank Ferguson in collaboration with the John J. Burns Library, Boston College, charts the places, people and moments that have shaped Dawe's life and his sense of cultural belonging.

The Sea, an exhibition by David Branigan

Wed 3 May – Wed 31 May Deansgrange Library

During Covid, local photographer David Branigan received an Arts Council grant to produce a book of his work. The theme is how we use our connections with the sea to find our resilience, especially in times of crisis. It was intended that the work would be photographed around Ireland, but regional Lockdowns prevented that. The result is that most of the images were taken in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and are both land-based and afloat. These beautiful images have been made into this breathtaking exhibition.





Blot's Most Marvellous Historical Guide to Printing Books

13 May – 20 June Level 4, dlr Lexicon

The National Print Museum's exhibition and book project introduces young (and not so young) audiences to the history of bookmaking and a story of printing in Ireland. The affable George Thomas 'Blot' Dickson, an eighteenth-century printer's apprentice, brings the visitor on a colourful journey, describing the evolution of bookmaking, its processes and its impacts. Dr Angela Griffith of Trinity College Dublin, an expert in the history of the Irish printed image, is the author and curator.

One of the most country's exciting illustrators, Jennifer Farley, has visualised George's story for the page and for the exhibition space. The creative and symbiotic partnerships between writer, illustrator and printer will be traced in a dynamic way for the reader and the visitor.

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR JUNE

Chair Yoga with Eike

Tuesdays 6, 13 & 20 June, 2.00pm-3.00pm Cabinteely Library

Numbers are limited, participants must be able to attend all 3 sessions

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

As part of Healthy Ireland at your Library, join Eike this June for some chair yoga and relax, get fit and become more supple. Wear loose, comfortable clothing.



Family Yoga with Eike

Saturday 10 June, 10.30am-11.30am
Dalkey Library
Suitable for ages 3-10yrs accompanied
by an adult

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

A fun-filled session where we go on a magical adventure... where will our magic mat take us today? The class will include some fun stretching, done together in pairs and there will be some fun games to get everyone involved. The class will end with a few minutes of relaxation. All you need is yourself, loose comfortable clothing and a mat (if you don't have a mat, a giant beach towel will work too).





Summer Songs with the Supertones Children's Choir

Thurs 8 June, 5.30pm Blackrock Library

Join us for some wonderful singing with the fun and inclusive Supertones, conducted by Julie Shanley. All welcome!

Cruinniú na nÓg 2023

Saturday 10 June, 10.00am-4.00pm dlr Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire & Samuel Beckett Civic Campus, Ballyogan

Join us on Saturday 10 June for the annual national day of Creativity for Children.
Across the County, we will be celebrating Cruinniú na nÓg with a vibrant programme of live, outdoor events that will give everyone



the opportunity to let their creativity shine! From circus skills and percussion workshops to art and dance workshops; from kites to beatboxing, there's something for everyone at dlr Cruinniú na nÓg 2023.

dlr Libraries will also be launching new Scéal Trails as part of Cruinniú 2023, so it's a day not to be missed! All events are free, with pre-booking required for some workshops, and registration on the day for others.

Pick up a Brochure with a full listing of events from your local dlr Library at the end of May.

All dlr Cruinniú 2023 events are supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.



Information Hub on Dementia

Monday 12 June, 2.00pm-3.00pm Cabinteely Library

All welcome, no booking required

St Joseph's Shankill is the largest home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. The community dementia information hub is a signposting service to supports and services for people living with dementia and their family members. The team will have information leaflets on the day and will be available to answer any questions you might have.

BEE-UTIFUL Science & Workshops for schools

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

Bee Habitat Workshop

Thurs 15 June, 10.00am-10.45am Dundrum Library Suitable for 1st – 6th class

Introduction to Bees and Bee Habitats. Design and build your own Bee habitat to help Bees thrive in your garden.

Bee Anatomy Workshop

Thurs 15 June, 11.00am-11.45am Dundrum Library Suitable for 1st – 6th class

Introduction to Bees and learn all about Bee anatomy. Make an anatomically correct Bee cookie.

Family Lego Time

Sat 17 June, 10.30am-12.30pm Blackrock Library

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

Lego fun for all the family!

Bloomsday Quiz

Thursday 15 June, 6.30pm Dundrum Library

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

Bloomsday, the annual celebration of Joyce's masterpiece Ulysses, is a



fine day to remind yourself of his genius. Join us this Bloomsday Eve to test your Joycean knowledge!

Blackrock Library Film Club

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Join us to watch a classic or undiscovered gem, followed by a group discussion. This month's screening is *Coffee and Cigarettes*, directed by Jim Jarmusch.
To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 8117.



Harry Potter coding workshop for kids

Sat 17 June, 10.30am-12.30pm dlr Lexicon Lab, Level 3 Suitable for ages 8 – 12 yrs

Booking required via eventbrite from 6 June

Make magic with a wave, a twist and a twirl using the Harry Potter Kano coding kit. Build a wand that responds to your movements, learn to code a variety of challenges and games, wave your wand and see instant effects on screen – make feathers fly, goblets multiply, fire flow, pumpkins grow and more.



Summers Stars at your Library 2023

14 June – 31 August



Summer Stars is an exciting reading-based programme which is available free to all children. Each child is invited to register at their local library and enjoy reading lots of books as part of this adventure during the summer holidays. All participants will be given a Reading Card to record and track their progress and a stamp will be added to their reading card at the library after each book read. There will be rewards and incentives along the way. At the end of the adventure, every completed reading card returned will be entered into a draw for some fabulous prizes.

dlr Yarnspinners with storyteller Colin Urwin

Wed 21 June, 6.30pm-7.30pm dlr Lexicon Lab, Level 3 Refreshments available from 6pm

All welcome, no booking required

Colin Urwin is a moderndav Seanchaí. He is a folk singer, songwriter, storyteller, recording artist and author. As well as telling beautifully crafted traditional tales, he weaves original songs, stories and monologues into his live performances. He has worked in museums, schools, with special needs children and adults, people living with dementia and many other community groups. He has also appeared on stages all over Ireland, the UK and further afield.



Jazz on a Summer's Day

Thurs 22 June, 6.30pm Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon

Booking required via eventbrite from 2 May

Inspired by the famous film Jazz on a Summer's Day, join Emilie Conway with Johnny Taylor (piano), and Barry Donohue (double bass) for a programme of music that plays the lightness and brightness of summer, in the sparkle of some well-known standards.





After That Night

Karin Slaughter in conversation with Edel Coffey

Tues 20 June, 8.00pm Level 4, dlr Lexicon

Tickets available via Murder One International Crime Writing Festival eventbrite

Murder One is thrilled to welcome International No 1 bestselling author Karin Slaughter back to Ireland in what will be a gripping event focused on her new book *After That Night*, which features the return of GBI investigator Will Trent and medical examiner Sara Linton in their 11th electrifying thriller.

Karin Slaughter is one of the world's most popular and acclaimed storytellers. With sales of more than 35 million copies across the globe, her 20 novels include the Grant County and Will Trent books, as well as the Edgar-nominated *Cop Town* and the instant Sunday Times bestselling novels *Pretty Girls*, *Pieces of Her* and *The Good Daughter*.

Karin is one of crime fiction's most articulate ambassadors. She will be chatting to journalist and crime writer Edel Coffey in an evening not to be missed.

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So if you are looking to learn a new language, or you want to brush up before your holidays this year, why not give it a try? You can access this resource on libraries.dlrcoco.ie under Online Library.



dlr Libraries: Our resources and services

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









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June Bank Holiday Arrangements: dlr Libraries and dlr Lexlcon will be closed from Saturday 3 June to Monday 5 June inclusive. All Libraries will re-open as normal on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

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.

