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## HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR JANUARY

### Return of the Online Quiz!



To get us through the short days and long evenings ahead, we are delighted to announce the return of our very popular online quizzes, which will run weekly at 8.00pm on Friday evenings in January and February. We'll alternate weekly between family quizzes and quizzes for adults, starting with a family quiz 'The Year 2022' on 6 January, followed by a quiz for adults 'TV, Movies & Music of the Nineties & Noughties' on 13 January. Here's the full schedule:

**20 Jan:** *Disney, Star Wars, Marvel/DC and Harry Potter* - Family

**27 Jan:** *Food & Drink, Sports & Games* - Adults

**3 Feb:** *Cartoons, Famous Faces, Graphic Novels & Manga* - Family

**10 Feb:** *The 21<sup>st</sup> Century* - Adults

**17 Feb:** *Animated Animals, Books, Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales* - Family

**24 Feb:** *History/Geography, The Oscars, Flags, Famous Faces* - Adults

To find out more and to register yourself or your team, email Seán at [libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:libraryquiz@dlrcoco.ie).

### Picture Book Workshop series with **Adrienne Geoghegan**

Wed 25 January – Wed 22 February  
11.00am-1.00pm  
Online via Zoom

A series of 5 sessions, running every Wednesday morning. This is a follow-on course; some experience necessary. Participants must commit to attending all 5 sessions.

Booking required via [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie)



Do you have a first or second draft that you need critical feedback on?

Have you created characters that you want to bring to life?

Are you striving to get a plot working or wondering about your word count?

Under Adrienne's expert guidance, different writers and picture book makers will have an opportunity to present their project and receive helpful and constructive comments from their peers.

There will also be information on current markets and advice on how to approach publishers. The Zoom link will be emailed to participants in advance of the event.



## Events Celebrating St. Brigid as part of Brigid 1500

'Brigid 1500' is a national programme of events, to celebrate and commemorate St. Brigid the woman, her life and her legacy in a broad and rich way. The main aim of 'Brigid 1500' is to create a meaningful cultural and societal legacy that appeals to a diverse contemporary audience. 'Brigid 1500' will engage communities with the story and heritage of St. Brigid, providing a tangible connection with the past through events and programmes that have an ongoing meaning and relevance. The programme will engage with the values St. Brigid championed including faith and spirituality, biodiversity and sustainability, arts and culture, social justice, peace, hospitality and education. Visit the website <https://brigid1500.ie> for more details and national event listing.



### Make a St. Brigid's Cross with Wicklow Willow

Events for dlr Schools. Max 1 class per session

Wed 25 January, Dalkey Library,  
10.30-11.30am & 12.00-1.00pm

Friday 27 January, dlr Lexlcon,  
10.30-11.30am & 12.00-1.00pm

All materials supplied. Booking required.  
Teachers should contact the relevant library directly.

Join Aoife from Wicklow Willow for a fun and educational St. Brigid's Crossmaking Workshop. Learn how to make your very own traditional Irish Cross, woven from fresh rushes to celebrate our female patron saint, Brigid of Kildare.

### Make a St. Brigid's Cross with Wicklow Willow

Family events.  
Max 20 per session

Wed 25 January,  
Cabinteely Library,  
3.00-4.00pm

Fri 27 January,  
Shankill Library,  
3.00-4.00pm



All materials supplied. Booking required by contacting the relevant library directly.

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### Memories of Brigid with Candlelit Tales

Sat 28 January, 3.00-4.00pm

Childrens Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

All welcome

Suitable for ages 7yrs+

Candlelit Tales tell the stories of ancient Ireland in a new way, with magical storytelling and music. Join us for stories of Brigid. Some say she was a goddess, and some say she was a Saint, but all agree that she was wise, compassionate, and powerful. At this time of year, her power rises with the Sun. Hear these ancient stories told with energy, passion, and original music.

### Wild Women: A St. Brigid's Day Celebration

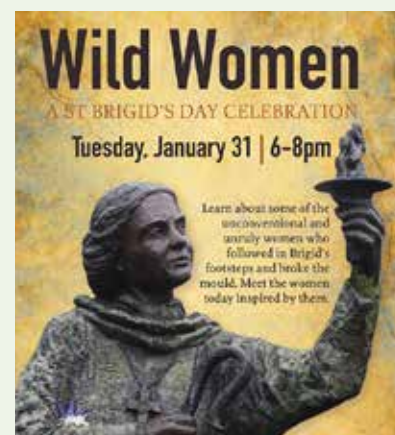
Tues 31 January, 6.00-8.00pm

Studio Theatre, dlr Lexlcon

Free, but booking required via [eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)

St. Brigid was a trailblazer. Learn about some of the unconventional and unruly women who followed in Brigid's footsteps and broke the mould. Meet the women today

inspired by them, and her. Panel discussion chaired by Flor MacCarthy featuring Ailbhe Smyth, Flor MacCarthy, Senator Eileen Flynn, Sarah Webb, Justine McCarthy, Martina Devlin and Lise-Ann McLaughlin.





### Valentine's Day Cardmaking

Sat 28 January, 11.00am  
Cabinteely Library  
Ages 7-12 yrs

Make your own Valentine card with library staff.  
Booking required. Email: [cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie) or Phone (01) 285 5363.

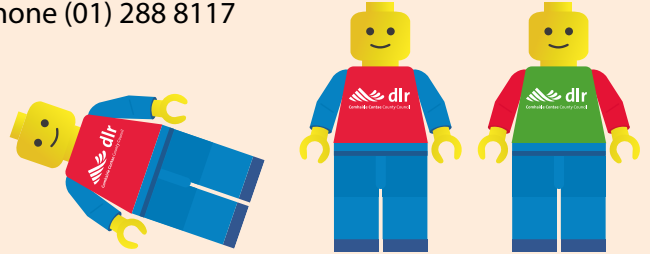


### Family LEGO Time Blackrock Library

Sat 21 January 10.30-12.30pm

Lego fun for all the family!

Booking essential. For more information and to book, please contact [blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie) or phone (01) 288 8117



## ONGOING BRANCH LIBRARY EVENTS

### Baby & Parent Group, Dalkey Library

Mon 9 & 23 January, 10.30am  
Suitable for ages 18 mths and under

Booking required.  
Email: [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie) or Phone (01) 285 5277.

### Scrabble Club, Dundrum Library

Dundrum Library's Scrabble Club meets fortnightly on Friday afternoons from 2.00-4.30pm and would love to welcome some new or returning members. Scrabble sets are provided. The next meeting will be on Friday 20 January. Come along on Friday 20 January or 3 February to try it out. No booking required.



### Parent and Toddler group, Blackrock Library

Every Friday morning 10.30am-12.00pm

Booking essential by emailing [blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie) or phoning (01) 288 8117.

### Blackrock Library Book Clubs

We are looking for new members so if you would like to join a Book Club for the New Year, please contact us at [blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie) or (01) 288 8117.



### Toddler & Parent Group, Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 18 mths – 3 yrs  
Fridays, 10.30am

20 Jan: STEAM morning,  
27 Jan: Let's Build

Booking required.  
Email: [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie) or Phone (01) 285 5277

### After-School storytime, Blackrock Library

Every Tuesday 3.30-4.00pm. All Welcome.

### Junior Book Club, Shankill Library

Thurs 26 January, 4.00-5.00pm

Reading *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

Suitable for ages 9-12 yrs  
All welcome.

Please contact [shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie) or Phone (01) 282 3081 to join.

## HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

### Ulysses 101

Thurs 2 February, 6.00 - 8.00pm

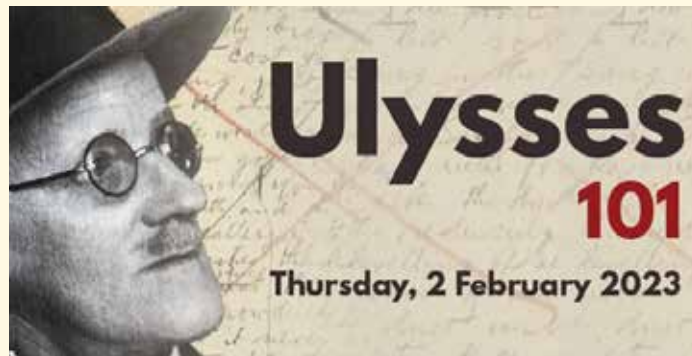
Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Join us to celebrate Joyce's birthday and the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the publication of *Ulysses*. Sam Slote, Professor of English at TCD, who recently published his superb *Annotations to Joyce's Ulysses*, will describe how he took on the mammoth task of researching a myriad of references in Joyce's epic. Morgan Cooke will perform music on Joyce's piano, which was in Joyce's home in Trieste, is a part of the Joyce Tower collection and now resides in dlr Lexlcon. Karen Kelly will read extracts from the 'Sirens' episode of *Ulysses*.

FREE EVENT

Booking required

via <https://joycetower.ie/events/ulysses-101/>



### Poetry at the Lexlcon

Tara Bergin, Dawn Watson and Grace Wells

Mon 6 February, 7.00pm

Online via dlr YouTube Channel

Register in advance to receive event link

As part of **Brigid 1500**, and in celebration of St Brigid's Day 2023, Poetry at the Lexlcon will welcome three Irish poets, Tara Bergin, Dawn Watson and Grace Wells, whose varied and vibrant work is central to women's writing today. We will explore the many ways to inhabit contemporary womanhood, and the echoes of complex Irish women, such as St Brigid, throughout our history. This event will include poetry readings and discussions of history, nature and how the past prints itself onto the present. This event will be facilitated by **Rosamund Taylor**, whose debut poetry collection, *In Her Jaws*, is published by Banshee Press.

*This event is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.*



### Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays

We are delighted to continue our Neurodivergent Studio Saturdays. These Saturdays host a variety of workshops tailored to children with additional needs/neurodivergence.

*One adult guardian is required to attend with a child/children and can feel free to join in the fun.*

dlr Libraries will also have an area set up with a selection of sensory toys and equipment. Should children need time to self-regulate, there will be space and time to do so.

Booking and enquiries to [libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie)

**Save the dates for upcoming Studio Saturdays!**

**Sat 11 Feb:** Fun Movement with Lisa from Active Academy

**Sat 4 March:** Messy Art with Laura and Lucinda/Quaint Baby Art

**Sat 15 April:** Playful Yoga with Lydia Sasse

**Sat 20 May:** event details tbc

**Sat 24 June:** event details tbc



## Yarnspinnners dlr: Storytelling

### Circle for adults

Wed 15 February, 6.30-7.30pm

[And every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month thereafter - no meeting July and August]

Room 4, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

Free admission, no booking required



dlr Lexlcon is delighted to announce a monthly Yarnspinning Story Circle for adults. This is aimed at gathering together people who are interested in listening to and sharing stories. For our very first Yarnspinnners event on 15 February, we welcome actor, storyteller, author and broadcaster, Nuala Hayes, who will begin the session by sharing some tales and will then open to the floor. Nuala enjoys listening to the sharing of stories, which is the ethos of the Yarnspinning movement and is delighted with this new initiative to encourage the sharing of oral stories in the beautiful and storied building of dlr Lexlcon, overlooking the harbour of Dún Laoghaire, a place of comings and goings and many stories.

## Community Dementia Information Hub

Tuesday 21 February,

2.30-3.30pm

Shankill Library

All welcome



St. Joseph's Shankill is the largest home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. They are starting a community dementia information hub. It is a signposting service to supports and services for people living with dementia and their family members. Join them in Shankill Library for more information and to answer any questions you might have, or visit their website: [www.saintjosephsshankill.ie](http://www.saintjosephsshankill.ie)

## Ireland Reads

Saturday 25 February

Save the date! Ireland Reads returns to remind us all to take a break from our busy lives and spend some time reading. Taking some time for ourselves to relax and do the things we enjoy, like reading, is important to help look after our mental well-being. So make time to **Squeeze in a Visit!** to your nearest dlr Library, pick up a book or six and find out about

all our services and resources. Check out **irelandreads.ie** to see about pledging reading minutes on the day.

*Ireland Reads is a public libraries initiative, in partnership with Healthy Ireland, publishers, booksellers and authors.*



## Refresh your Writing with Leo Cullen



6-week creative writing course

Starting Wed 22 February

11.30am - 1.00pm

Room 2, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

Booking required via [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie)

Write so well, you will want to read it out loud.

Taking from the works of good writers, Leo will provide examples of writing which will help stimulate your own work. You will be given writing exercises which you will read to the group. Work will be appraised within a friendly environment. Fail again. Fail better, says Nobel Prize winner, Samuel Beckett, once of this parish. Write again. Write better, say we!

## dlr Age-Friendly Magazine 2023

The third issue of this free, annual magazine is now available and can be picked up in your local dlr Library, Church, Community Centre, Primary Care Centre and Shopping Centre. In this issue, we celebrate the *Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World*, the overall theme for the UN International Day of Older Persons in 2022. The magazine aims to guide,

inform and entertain its readers with a wealth of information on activities and services for older people in the County, articles on how to access these services, guidance on issues of interest and items to inspire creativity and entertain. So pick up a copy for yourself and a friend!





## DLR LEXICON EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

### The Sea - David Branigan

Until 28 January

Level 4

During the Pandemic, local photographer David Branigan received an Arts Council grant to produce a book of his work. The book features 21 images in black & white. 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 around Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and are both land-based and afloat. These beautiful images have been made into this breathtaking, unmissable exhibition.



### Dún Laoghaire Baths 1843-2023

Until 28 February

Level 3

Marking the re-opening of the Dún Laoghaire Baths area and celebrating the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their original opening, this exhibition is a pictorial celebration of life, work and play in the Baths. From their origins as a private enterprise, through the Edwardian redevelopment by the Urban District Council and covering heydays and dereliction through to the present day. It charts the highs and lows of this much-loved local institution – swimming lessons, sunbathing paradise, childhood freedom, protests, ice creams and fun park. Told through the images and the voices of those who lived, worked and played in the Dún Laoghaire Baths over many years, the exhibition brings the past to life, while looking to the next chapter in the life of this iconic Dún Laoghaire attraction.

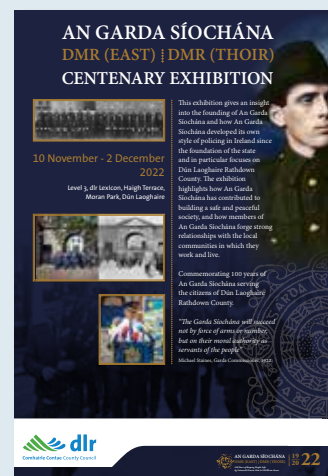


### An Garda Síochána Centenary Exhibition

Until 28 February

Lab Area, Level 3

This exhibition gives an insight into the founding of An Garda Síochána and how the Gardaí developed their own style of policing in Ireland, from the foundation of the State with a particular focus on the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The exhibition highlights how An Garda Síochána has contributed to building a safe and peaceful society, and how members of An Garda Síochána forge strong relationships with the local communities in which they work and live.



### Christians in Morocco Living Together

Until 28 February

Level 3

Drop in and take a look at this exhibition which has been curated by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Dublin.



### Norman Ashe Photographic Exhibition

1 February – 1 March

Level 4

A collection of aerial photographs from the early 1950s, taken by Dublin-based photographer Norman Ashe, that have been collated into this exhibition by Patrick Kiersey. Many of the images pertain to the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.

*This exhibition is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.*



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### Parent & Toddler Group, Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 18 mths – 3 yrs  
Fridays, 10.30am

3 Feb: Toddler Book Club

10 Feb: Sensory Morning

17 Feb: Yoga with Eike

24 Feb: Let's Build

Booking required.

Email: [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie) or Phone (01) 285 5277

### Baby Yoga with Eike

Mon 27 Feb, 10.30am

Suitable for ages 18 mths and under

Booking required.

Email: [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie) or Phone (01) 285 5277

### Family Book Club, Dalkey Library

Sat 11 February, 11.00-11.45am

Suitable for 7yrs+ plus parent/guardian

### Baby and Parent Group, Dalkey Library

Mon 13 February, 11.00am

Suitable for ages 18 mths and under

Booking required, please contact  
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### Film Club, Blackrock Library

Next screening, Thurs 16 February, 5.30pm

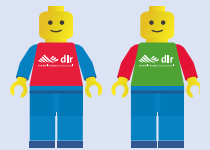
Booking required.

For more information and to book please contact  
[blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie) or phone (01) 288 8117

### Blackrock Library Family Lego Time

Sat 18 February 10.30-12.00pm

Lego fun for all the family!  
Booking required.



Please contact [blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie)  
or (01) 288 8117

### English in the Library, dlr Lexlcon

Every Monday, 5.45-7.45pm

Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Informal English conversational classes aimed at  
migrants working and living in Ireland.

Enquiries: [englishinthelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:englishinthelibrary@gmail.com)

### Storytime in dlr Lexlcon

Every Tuesday, 3.30pm

Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for 3-6 yrs

Join us every Tuesday afternoon for this interactive  
and fun storytelling session with old favourites and  
new gems.



### Baby Book Club, dlr Lexlcon

Second Wednesday of the month,  
10.00am

Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

Come along to the Baby Book Club with your baby/toddler and  
introduce young children to the joy of books and reading as well as  
socialising with others in a Library setting.

## Kanopy: new film streaming service!

We are delighted to announce a new film streaming service now available to dlr Library members. Kanopy provides access to thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.

dlr Library users can easily access this new service with their library card, and all for free! Just search Kanopy on our website [libraries.dlrco.ie](http://libraries.dlrco.ie) and follow the instructions to create your account.

Then grab some popcorn and settle down to enjoy some classic or indie movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning foreign films and more!



## 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.dlrco.ie](http://libraries.dlrco.ie), sign up for our fortnightly ebulletin on our website, and follow us on social media.



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