

Note: This is an abridged events listing. More details found at [libraries.dlrcoco.ie](http://libraries.dlrcoco.ie) and [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie)

## EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2024

### HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

#### Book Launch: 'Digging up the Raj in the Attic' by Shabnam Vasisht

Thurs 14  
November,  
6.00pm

The Lab,  
Level 3,  
dlr Lexicon

All welcome

Shabnam Vasisht is a visual artist and author and having inherited a keen interest in the past from her historian mother, her most recent books are on local history. Over her four decades in Ireland, Shabnam has noticed that people often mentioned their ancestors who worked in India during British rule. After four years of deep and extensive research, Shabnam has produced 'Digging up the Raj in the Attic' – the second in the series, after 'Digging up the Raj in Deansgrange Cemetery'. This book narrates the remarkable achievements of a wide range of Irish people in British India – moviemakers, tea-planters, civil servants, soldiers and others.

The publication is supported with a grant from dlr Heritage Office.



#### Christmas Wreath Making for Adults

Sat 23 November, 10.00-12.00pm

Blackrock Library

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

Come and make a beautiful seasonal wreath with Aoife from Wicklow Willow, using basketry-grade willow and fresh, hand-harvested, sustainably-sourced organics. Suitable for all skill levels.

#### Science Week storytime

Mon 11 November,  
3.00-3.30pm

Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 3-6 yrs  
No booking required

Calling all budding scientists!  
We are marking Science Week in Deansgrange with a specially-themed storytime.



## EVENTS FOR ADULTS

### Learn to Sew

Mon 4 November, 5.30-7.30pm

Dundrum Library

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

Have you always wanted to learn how to use a sewing machine? Join us in Dundrum Library for a beginner class for adults. Sewing machines and all materials will be supplied.



### Dalkey Library Writers' Group

Wed 6 November & Wed 4 December,  
10.30am-12.30pm

Dalkey Library

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

Are you a budding writer? Have a passion for prose? If so, would you like to join our new monthly Writers' Group in Dalkey Library? The group is aimed at beginners and those who have started their writing journey but feel they would benefit from interaction and support in a group setting. Our facilitator, who will lead the group, is a local writer with previous writing group experience.



Friends  
of the  
Elderly  
Ireland

### Friends of the Elderly Volunteer Appeal Pop-Up

Mon 4 November, 10.30am-12.30pm

Level 3, dlr Lexicon

No booking required, all welcome

Do you have a spare hour each week to visit elderly people in your area? Friends of the Elderly will be providing information on how to volunteer. Drop in and have a chat with them!

### Another Martyr for Old Ireland? The Dead of 1 November 1920 with Eunan O'Halpin

Wed 6 November, 6.30pm

Dundrum Library

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

Join Professor Emeritus Eunan O'Halpin from Trinity College Dublin at Dundrum Library for a lecture on the War of Independence in Dublin and the death of Kevin Barry.



## EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**Yogalates for Adults with Elaine Chapman**

Sat 9 November, 11.00am-12.00pm

Dundrum Library

**To book, email [dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie) or Tel (01) 298 5000**

Yogalates is a fun mat-based workout that's a fusion of Yoga and Pilates, drawing on a powerful mind-body connection through breath work and core stabilisation. Go at your own pace in this beginner's class, that aims through body weight exercises and postures to improve your muscle tone, flexibility and restore balance.

Please wear comfortable workout gear, socks or bare feet and bring a small towel for your neck comfort.

**Making Christmas Clay Angels**

Fri 15 November, 10.00am

Shankill Library

**To book, email [shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie) or Tel (01) 282 3081**

Join this festive workshop where we will be painting and creating our own clay angels with everything from acrylic paints to gold leaf.

**Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**

Tues 19 November, 2.00pm

Cabinteely Library

**To book, email [cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie) or Tel (01) 285 5363**

Join Aoife from Wicklow Willow to make a beautiful seasonal wreath. This two-hour workshop uses basketry-grade willow to form your wreath, which you then decorate with fresh, hand-harvested, sustainably sourced organics. Suitable for adults of all skill levels.

**Musical Memories Welcome Back session!**

Thurs 14 November, 11.00am-12.00pm

Deansgrange Library

**No booking required**

To celebrate the return of the Musical Memories dementia choir in January 2025, we are hosting a 'taster' session in the library. We would be delighted to see some familiar faces and welcome new ones!

**Blackrock Library Film Club**

Thurs 21 November, 5.30pm

Blackrock Library

**To book, email [blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie) or Tel (01) 288 8117**

Join us for a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem every third Thursday of the month, followed by a group discussion. This month's screening is *Hiroshima, Mon Amour* (1959), directed by Alain Resnais.



## EVENTS FOR ADULTS



### Winter Crafts at dlr Lexlcon

Room 1 Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

To book email [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie) or  
Tel (01) 280 1147

### Christmas Card Making with Nicola Faull Thurs 14 November, 11.00am-12.30pm

Wicklow artist Nicola Faull will facilitate this fun Christmas Card making workshop. Using simple ink pens, watercolour and acrylic paint techniques you will make a number of Christmas Card designs which you can also use for gift tags or frameable pieces of art. All materials will be provided.

### Christmas Wreath making with Sharon Wells and Miriam Brady

Thurs 21 November, 11.00am-12.30pm

Join crafters and felt-makers Sharon Wells and Miriam Brady as they show you how to create your own wreath using a straw ring base, some wire and lots of natural foliage such as ivy, cones and dried flowers. All materials will be provided.

### Candle Making with Susie Kenny

Thurs 28 November, 11.00am-12.30pm

Susie Kenny will teach how to make clean burning candles using pure soya wax and cotton wicks. You will choose a decorative lidded tin and some natural crystals to make your individual candle to take home. Essential oils will scent your creation, with the added option of adding colour to your wax. All materials will be provided.

### Soap Making with Susie Kenny

Thurs 5 December, 11.00am-12.30pm

Join Susie Kenny and learn the melt and pour process of soap making. Each participant will select their shaped mould, choose a colour and an essential oil to scent their soap, so everyone will leave with at least one bar of their very own soap! We will use an organic soap base and pure essential oils. Some inclusions could be coffee grounds, oat flakes or lavender flowers, the choice is up to the individual. All materials will be provided.

### Book Launch: 'Times & Tides - an anthology'

Tues 26 Nov, 6.00pm

The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

No booking required, all welcome

In March 2023, a series of writing workshops commenced in dlr Lexlcon, facilitated by Leo Cullen. From these beginnings, emerged dlr Lexlcon's first writers' group who style themselves as the Scribes of March.

*Times & Tides* is a collection of poetry, prose and short stories from the fifteen local writers who are members of this group. Come and meet them as they launch their first anthology.



## EVENTS FOR ADULTS



### Irish Cinema Season – Lexlcon Studio Screenings

Thurs 28 November, 6.00pm  
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

Email [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie) or  
Tel (01) 280 1147

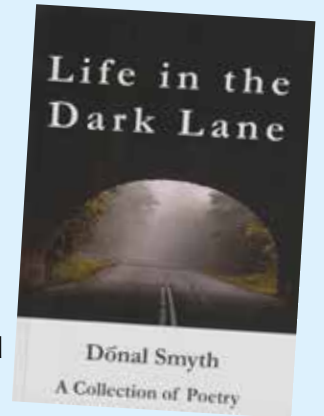
Join us at dlr Lexlcon each month for a provoking and inclusive “frame by frame” discussion of Irish Cinema with a panel of experts followed by a Q&A. Your films, your season! Vote for your favourite Irish film on the night and we’ll screen them monthly till May.

### Poetry Evening with Dónal Smyth

Fri 29 November, 6.30-7.30pm  
Dalkey Library

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

Join Poet Dónal Smyth for an evening of poetry in Dalkey Library. Dónal will be reading from his book of poetry *Life in the Dark Lane*. Attendees are also invited to read their favourite poem or a poem of their own. Alternatively, you are welcome to just listen and enjoy the evening.



### Christmas Card Making with Kim Jenkinson

Fri 29 November, 10.00-11.00am  
Shankill Library

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

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for a morning session of festive crafts. Make your own Christmas cards and enjoy the artistic process.



### Eco Christmas Crafts for Adults with Aoife Munn

Thurs 28 November, 5.30pm  
Dundrum Library

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

Adult mindful crafting session using beautiful natural material such as hessian paper and wood slices to create unique decorations and gifts.



### Age Action Computer Training

Blackrock Library

For all enquiries, please email  
[gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie)  
or call 0818 911 109

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competency-based  
digital training for older  
people in Ireland.



## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES

### dlr Libraries' Baby & Toddler Groups



#### Toddler Group

Fri 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 November  
10.30-11.15am  
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 18 mths – 3 yrs  
To book, email [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto: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!

#### Toddler Time at dlr Lexlcon

Every Thurs from 5 November, 10.30-11.30am  
Level 3 or Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 18 mths – 3 yrs  
Booking via dlr Libraries Eventbrite

Join us on Thursday mornings for dlr Lexlcon's Toddler Time! Weekly events include playtime with toys, Getting Crafty, Rhythm and Rhyme and visits from puppets.

#### Baby Group

Wed 13 & 27 November, 10.30-11.15am  
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 0 - 18 Months  
To book, email [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto: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.

### dlr Libraries' LEGO Clubs



#### Lego Challenge Club

Sat 9 November, 11.00am-12.00pm  
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+  
To book, email [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie) or  
Tel (01) 285 5317

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

#### Family Lego Time

Sat 16 November, 10.30am - 12.30pm  
Blackrock Library

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

Lego fun for all the family in Blackrock Library every third Saturday of the month. Just bring your imagination!

#### Shankill Lego Club

Sat 23 November, 11.00am-12.00pm  
Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+  
To book, email [shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie) or  
Tel (01) 282 3081

Whether you want to build a castle, a zoo, or simply let your imagination run wild, please join in the fun and book your child a space in Shankill LEGO Club!



## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES

### Nature Heroes Workshop with Averil Rafferty

Sat 2 November, 11.00am-12.00pm  
Dalkey Library

Ages 6-12

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

Join us for an exciting Nature Heroes Workshop where kids will discover the wonders of the natural world and learn how to protect it by becoming everyday heroes for nature! At this hands-on workshop, children will plant native tree seeds and play fun, interactive games that teach the importance of caring for the Earth. Together, you'll explore how simple actions can make a big difference for the world we all share.



### Music Workshop Dabbledoo

Tues 12 November, 3.30pm  
Dundrum Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+

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

Join us for a music workshop with library staff. The workshop is designed to be accessible, engaging and fun, and focuses on playing together as a group.



### Dalkey Library Video Game Club

Thurs 7 November, 5.00-7.00pm  
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 9-12 yrs

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

With the long winter evenings drawing in, why not meet other gamers in Dalkey library for an hour or two? Our staff-led video game club will test your gaming skills with some of the best titles on the Xbox One.



### Children's Christmas Crafts with Kim Jenkinson

Thurs 21 November, 3.00pm  
Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 6-8 yrs

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

Join us in Shankill Library for some fun Children's Christmas Crafting with Kim!



## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/ FAMILIES

### What to do on a Rainy Day

Thurs 21 November, 2.30pm & 4.00pm  
Project Room, Level 3, (next to Gallery)  
dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 3-6 yrs

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

Grace, a young Brazilian girl, recently moved to Ireland with her family. As she navigates the challenges of adapting to a new life in the often grey and rainy climate, she discovers vibrant opportunities that come with it.

Through storytelling, puppets, and playtime, families are invited to engage with Grace's adventures. Let's create together a magical, multilingual world where language and culture are celebrated and embraced!

Children must be accompanied by parents/ guardians but all family are welcome.



## SCHOOLS EVENTS

### Exploring Insects through the Senses with Nessa

Fri 8 November,  
10.00-11.15am & 11.45am-1.00pm  
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for 3rd – 6th class

To book for their class, teachers should email  
[dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie) or Tel (01) 280 1147

Creative Entomologist Nessa brings her fun, interactive, brilliantly bug-filled workshop to dlr Lexlcon. Incorporating music and art, the children



will come out of this colourful workshop with a new sense of wonder for the many legged creatures all around them.

### Philosophy Workshops with Curo

Mon 18 November,  
10.00-11.30 am & 12.00-1.30pm

The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for 3rd – 6th class

To book for their class, teachers should email  
[dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie) or Tel (01) 280 1147

Little people thinking big! Curo P4C (philosophy for children) bring their fun, interactive workshop to dlr Lexlcon. The children develop their own



questions in response to a given stimulus, enquiring thoughtfully, and collaboratively, as a group guided by the facilitator.



## HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

### FAMILY TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY



Part of the national Right to Read literacy campaign, family events and activities take place in libraries during December to support the involvement of the whole family in children's reading and to increase awareness of the benefits of reading as a fun, educational activity for everyone. Look for the Family Time logo in our December events listing!

#### Christmas Treasure Hunt

Mon 2 December - Sat 14 December

Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for under 12s

All welcome

*"My name is Richard Pumpernickel,*

*The Christmas Librarian, and I'm in a pickle!*

*I'm running up against the clock*

*To tabulate our Christmas stock!"*

Our Christmas Librarian is running out of time to figure out how many amazing Christmas books we have available here in the library! However, throughout the Children's Library he's left clues to help you figure it out. Can you help Richard Pumpernickel find the answer before Christmas? Correct answers will be entered into a prize draw.

*"O children of the Lexlcon,*

*I have a challenge and its hands-on:*

*If you're brighter than Rudolph and quicker than Prancer,*

*Hidden in the Library you will find the answer!"*



#### Storytime with Santa Claus & Helena the Storyteller

Thurs 12 December, 3.45-4.45pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 4 -10 yrs

Booking via dlr Libraries Eventbrite

News has travelled to the North Pole that all the children who visit the library are on the nice list, so Santa Claus is making a very special visit to dlr Lexlcon for his fun-filled, festive show! With the help of his friend Helena the Storyteller, Santa will join us for stories, games and a delightful Christmas sing-along!



#### SuperTones Children's Choir Concert

Wed 18 December, 4.00pm

Blackrock Library

All welcome

We are delighted to welcome back the wonderful SuperTones to Blackrock Library with some festive songs to get you in the mood for Christmas! With conductor Julie Shanley, assisted by Nicole Cooney, the SuperTones Children's Choir is a fun and diverse musical group open to all.



## EVENTS FOR ADULTS

### Christmas Wreathmaking Workshops at dlr Libraries

Come and make a beautiful seasonal wreath with Aoife from Wicklow Willow. These two-hour workshops use basketry-grade willow to form your wreath and decorate your creation with fresh, hand-harvested, sustainably sourced organics. Sessions are suitable for adults of all skill levels.

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5.30-7.30pm**

**Dalkey Library**

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or Tel (01) 285 5317

**Friday 13 December,  
10.00-12.00pm**  
**Shankill Library**

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



### Christmas crafts with Kim Jenkinson

**Thurs 19 December, 11.00am-12.00pm**  
**Deansgrange Library**

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

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this seasonal craft workshop. Using decoupage, we will create colourful Christmas baubles to take home ready to hang.



### Blackrock Library Film Club

**Thurs 19 December, 5.30pm**  
**Blackrock Library**

To book,  
email [blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto: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 *Kolya* (1996), directed by Jan Sverák.

## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES



### dlr Libraries' Baby & Toddler Groups

#### Dalkey Toddler Group

**Fri 6, 13 & 20 December, 10.30am-11.15am**  
**Dalkey Library**

Suitable for ages 18 mths-3 yrs

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Tel (01) 285 5317

Join us at the Library on Friday mornings, something different on each morning, from playtime to music mornings!

#### Dalkey Toddler Group

**Wed 11 December, 10.30am-11.15am**  
**Dalkey Library**

Suitable for ages 0-18 mths

To book, email [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto: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.

### dlr Libraries' LEGO Clubs

#### Lego Challenge Club

**Sat 7 December, 11.00am-12.00pm**  
**Dalkey Library**

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+

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Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+  
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Tel (01) 282 3081

Whether you want to build a castle, a zoo, or simply let your imagination run wild, please join in the fun and book your child a space in Shankill LEGO Club!

**Soap Making workshop**

Tues 3 December,  
3.30pm  
Dundrum Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+

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



This wonderful eco-friendly soap making workshop for kids has plenty of choices from colours and smells to unique shapes.

**Dalkey Library Video Game Club**

Thurs 5 December, 5.00-7.00pm  
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 9-12 yrs  
To book, email [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie) or  
Tel (01) 285 5317

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**Christmas Storytime in dlr Libraries**

Come and listen to some festive stories read by our very own library staff.



**Christmas Storytime**

Mon 9 & 16 December, 3.00-3.30pm  
Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 3-6 yrs  
No booking required

**Christmas Storytime**

Wed 11 & 18 December, 3.00-4.00pm  
Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 4-6 yrs  
To book, email [shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie) or  
Tel (01) 282 3081

**Christmas Storytime**

Thurs 12 December, 3.30pm  
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 4-8 yrs  
To book, email [dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie) or  
Tel (01) 285 5317





## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

### Children's Christmas Crafting

Thurs 5 & 12 December, 3.00-4.00pm  
Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 4-6 yrs

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

Join us for a magical hour of holiday cheer with fun crafting activities for children! Embrace the festive spirit and add your own individual touch to your creations.



### Christmas Crafting with White Doodle Art

Sat 7 December,  
11.30am-1.00pm

Blackrock Library

Suitable for ages 6 yrs+

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



Join Susie from White Doodle Art to make a wooden decoration, paper garland and snowflakes to bring home for the festive season! Make sure to wear an apron or old t-shirt. All materials provided.

### Design Your Own Christmas Mug Workshop

Wed 11 December, 3.30-5.00pm  
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 10-14 yrs

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

Join library staff to design and print your own Christmas Mug. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



### Christmas Elves Yoga workshop

Mon 16 December, 3.00-4.00pm

Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 5-8 yrs

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

Join Sabrina in dlr Lexlcon for a fun-filled yoga workshop with a Christmas theme.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



### Christmas Crafts

Tues 17 December, 3.30-4.30pm

Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 4-12 yrs

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

Join us for a Christmas Craft extravaganza with Library staff!



### Christmas Junk Art Workshop

Tues 17 December, 3.30-4.30pm

Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 3-6 yrs

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

Join library staff to create Christmas-themed sustainable art! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

### Make Reindeer Food with the Cool Food School

Wed 18 December, 3.30-4.30pm

The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+

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

Join the Cool Food School to make Reindeer Food just in time for Christmas Eve!

All children must be accompanied by an adult.



### Family Film Club

Thurs 19 December, 3.00pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

All welcome

Drop in for a screening of a festive family-friendly Christmas film.

*Children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the film.*



### Family Lego Workshop for Christmas

Thurs 19 December, 3.30-5.00pm

The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+

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

Book a place at this fun family Lego workshop. Use your imagination to create Christmas or winter-themed Lego builds. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



### Family Storytime at Cabinteely Library

Every Wed, 3.00pm  
Cabinteely Library

No booking required,  
all welcome

Join library staff for a weekly Storytime session every Wednesday afternoon.





## EXHIBITION PROGRAMME



### **Migrants: An exhibition of work by artist Issa Watanabe**

**8 November - 13 December**

**Launch: Wed 4 December,  
3.00pm**

**All welcome**

**Level 3, dlr Lexlcon**

Presented by the Peruvian Embassy in Ireland, this exhibition highlights the work of Issa Watanabe, one of the most recognised Latin American illustrators in recent years. Her book *Migrants*, published in Spain and in 18 countries, has received important distinctions, such as the Libreter Award (Barcelona, 2020) and the Gran Premio BIBF Ananas (Beijing, 2021). The artist's journey has a strong self-taught element: she began studying Literature at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, later resided in Mallorca, where she took some art courses, and then returned to the Peruvian capital to fully dedicate herself to her creative work.

*"The first drawing I made was inspired by a series from photographer Magnus Wenman, who portrayed Syrian children sleeping in makeshift camps in the middle of the forest. The children's gaze reflected not only profound sadness but, above all, the terror they were experiencing. They have lost their homes, witnessed the atrocities of war, and endured extreme poverty; they have felt the suffering that comes with losing their parents or siblings in such a violent way, and there is no solace. What can I do but draw? At least, through a drawing, I can try to reach that forest" - Issa Watanabe*

### **Seamus Heaney Listen Now Again**

**1 - 30 November**

**Level 4, dlr Lexlcon**

Enjoy an immersive experience that guides you through the poet's life and work, revealing the internal and external forces that shaped his work. This banner version of the exhibition currently on display in Bank of Ireland Cultural and Heritage Centre, Dublin 2, draws on the extensive archive that Seamus Heaney and his family donated to the National Library of Ireland in 2011.

Curated by Professor Geraldine Higgins, Director of Irish Studies at Emory University, this exhibition was created in partnership between the NLI, the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, and Bank of Ireland.





## EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

### The Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown exhibition

November & December

Deansgrange Library

The Big House formed the private domain for generations of the political, military and financial elites of Ireland and while it was largely removed from the everyday experience of Irish men and women, it often stood at the centre of the local economy, providing employment for those living in the area. The world of the Big House became increasingly unsteady as Ireland tilted towards independence and the grand houses that survived the fires of the 1920s faced further change during the twentieth century. Many of them were adapted and changed for use as convents, hospitals and schools. This exhibition was originally curated by David Gunning, former dlr Historian in Residence.

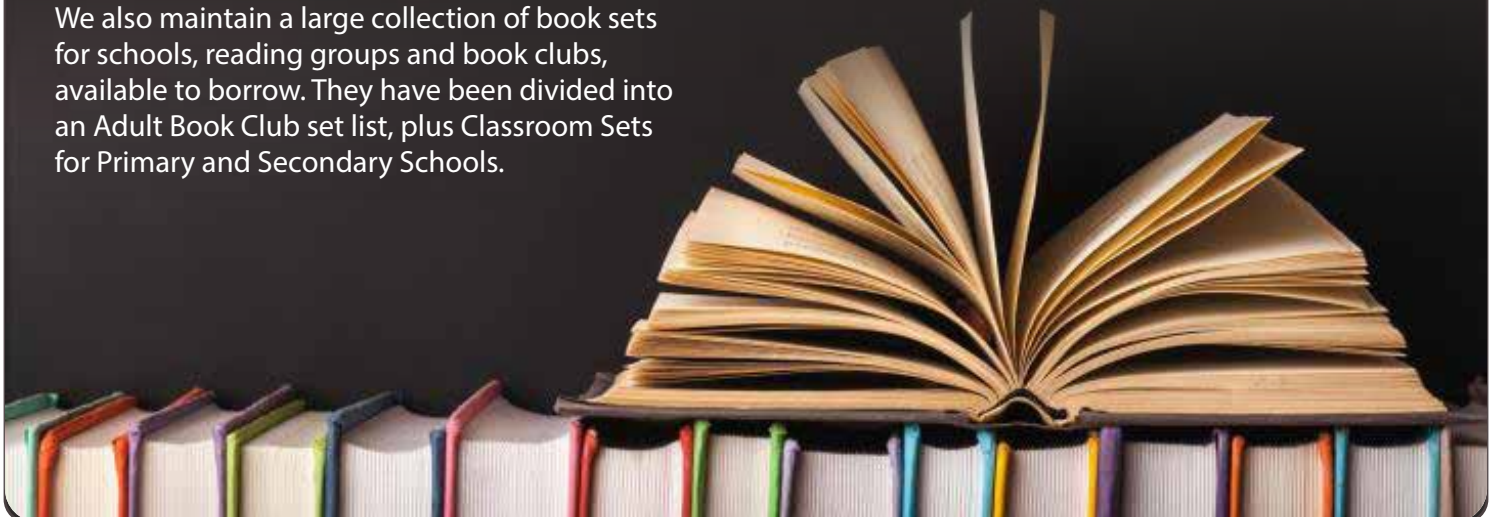


### dlr Libraries Book Clubs & Book Sets

Did you know that dlr Libraries currently have a total of 21 Book Clubs in operation; 19 in-person and 2 online? So if you feel like heading into the festive season or starting the New Year with a fresh book-related activity, why not contact staff in your local dlr Library and see what's on offer to suit you? If you are already a member of a book group, read on to find out more about our Book Sets.

We also maintain a large collection of book sets for schools, reading groups and book clubs, available to borrow. They have been divided into an Adult Book Club set list, plus Classroom Sets for Primary and Secondary Schools.

If you're interested in starting a book club amongst your friends or you are a teacher looking to borrow a set for your class, visit our website for a list of available titles. To enquire about availability of any of our sets, or to reserve them, email [librarybib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:librarybib@dlrcoco.ie). Happy reading!



## Typewiz – a new resource for dlr Schools

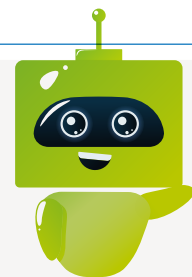
A new fun and interactive way for students to learn how to type, based on proven academic research. Typewiz is now available free from dlr libraries for interested teachers and parents to assist their child or teen!

Typewiz is a typing tutorial designed for students. The unique 'gamified' approach motivates students to learn how to touch type, by offering them word per minute badges, and they can earn new avatars or virtual coins, that can be used in the typing game arcade. A virtual coin used for each game is earned by the student's performance on the Typewiz course, motivating them to complete exercises quickly and accurately. Students can take breaks from

typing after each module and see reports on their progress. Reports and course certificates are available to print.

We also continue to offer TTRS (Touch Type Read Spell) which is an award-winning, multi-sensory course that teaches typing, reading and spelling. It's highly accessible and recommended for users with dyslexia, ASD, or visual impairment. Also suitable for adults and mature learners who struggle with literacy.

**Contact us at [LibraryIT@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:LibraryIT@dlrcoco.ie) for more information on either resource.**



## dlr Libraries: Our resources and services

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## Christmas Holiday Arrangements

All dlr Libraries will open as normal on Monday 23 December 2024.

On **Tuesday 24 December, dlr Lexicon, Deansgrange and Dundrum Libraries** will open from **9.30am to 1.00pm**. All other libraries will remain closed.  
**All dlr Libraries will re-open as normal on Thursday 2 January 2025.**

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

\*\*You must register for this service in advance with library staff.

All our online services are available 24/7; all you need is your library card and PIN

