

News & Events

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

EVENTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR JANUARY New Year, New You: Try Something New at Your Local dlr Library

Virtual Reality Demonstration

Tues 21 January, 3.00-4.00pm Dundrum Library

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

Come and experience a demonstration of the wonders of Virtual Reality at Dundrum Library. Explore the Colosseum, the Amazonian rainforest, or the depths of the ocean without ever leaving the library! A relaxed and fully seated demonstration of VR technology for adults.





Irish Language Exchange

Every Tuesday, 10.00-11.30am Meeting room, Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required

Start the New Year by increasing your 'cúpla focal'! Language Exchanges offer the opportunity to practise speaking a language with others. They are not taught classes. All levels of Irish welcome, new attendees very welcome.

Blackrock Library Book Club Thurs 30 January, 6.30pm Blackrock Library

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

Make it your New Year's resolution to join a Book Club! Blackrock Library Book Club is looking for new members. Join us on the last Thursday of every month as we meet in our beautiful Reading Room to discuss a range of great books. We will be discussing *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak at our January meeting. Call in and talk to library staff and pick up a copy of the chosen title ahead of the meeting.





EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Drop-In Information Hub: Adult Education Service

Every Tues, 10.00am-12.30pm Room 2, Level 5, dlr Lexicon All Welcome



Adult Education Service Dún Laoghaire host a Drop-In Information Hub every Tuesday morning in dlr LexIcon. The Hub will have information on a wide range of adult education courses, with something to suit everyone.



Craft Circle

Wednesdays, 11.00am Shankill Library

Drop-in, no booking required

This is a drop-in group where you can join fellow crafters as you work on your current crafting project. Engage in lively conversation, meet new people with similar interests or pick up crafting tips and ideas to inspire your creativity.



Scrabble Club at Deansgrange Library Every Thursday 2.00-5.00pm

Meeting room, Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required

Deansgrange Library's weekly Scrabble Club is seeking new members. Keep your brain active and amaze your friends with your word prowess!



Online Book Club

Thurs 9 January, 6.30pm Online via Zoom Adults

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

We are looking for new members for our Online Book Club, so why not join us from the comfort of your own home to discuss a wide range of books! Facilitated by library staff on the second Thursday of every month, January's meeting will consider Old God's Time by Sebastian Barry.

Musical Memories Dementia Friendly Choir

Every Thursday 11.00am-12.00pm From 16 January 2025

Meeting room, Deansgrange Library

All welcome, no booking required.

For more information, contact Newpark Academy of Music: email enquiries@newparkmusic.ie or Tel (01) 288 3740

The Musical Memories Choir for older people offers the opportunity to come together in a relaxed environment and reconnect through music, which is known to help lift mood, provide cognitive stimulation and support social interaction. Specifically welcoming to people affected by dementia and their family carers, this weekly choir is led by a professional choral director.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

e-Resources Interactive Session

Thurs 16 & 23 January, 1.00-2.30pm Dundrum Library



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

Join us at Dundrum library, where staff will engage in an interactive session introducing library members to the many library e-resources available to them, from Borrowbox to Universal class.

Slow stitches with Ciara Brehony

Mon 20 January, 5.30-7.30pm Meeting room, Deansgrange Library Suitable for ages 15+ yrs



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

This January spend some time in a contemplative space where we use stitching and sewing as a mindful practice. This session is not about producing an end result or finished item, but about the process of using stitching as a mindfulness practice. No previous sewing experience needed. All materials will be provided but participants are welcome to bring any meaningful textiles that they would like to work with.

Jigsaw Swap

Thurs 23 January, 2.00-8.00pm Cabinteely Library



No booking required

Finished all your jigsaws over Christmas and looking for something new? Do you have a stack of finished puzzles you'd like to see go to a new home? Come to Cabinteely and join our Jigsaw Swap. Complete puzzles only, no missing pieces please!

Friends of the Elderly Volunteer Appeal Pop-Up



Sat 25 January, 10.30am-12.30pm Level 3, dlr Lexicon

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!

Brigid's Crossmaking Workshops with Wicklow Willow

Ahead of the bank holiday to celebrate our female patron saint, join Aoife from Wicklow Willow and learn to make your own Brigid's Cross.

Sat 25 January, 10.00am, 10.30am, 11.00am & 11.30am Blackrock Library To book email blackrocklib@dlrcocc

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Join award-winning Wicklow Willow to celebrate Imbolc and make your own St. Brigid's Cross or Brídeog doll. All materials provided.

Tues 28 January, 2.00-3.00pm Cabinteely Library Drop-in, no booking required

Join Wicklow Willow and learn how to use locally sourced rushes to weave a traditional St. Brigid's Cross.

Wed 29 January, 10.00am, 10.30am, 11.00am & 11.30am Dundrum Library To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 298 5000

Join Aoife from Wicklow Willow for a wonderful crafting workshop making traditional St. Brigid's Crosses. Craft your own cross and learn of the lore associated with St. Brigid and her famous crosses as you learn this 1500-year-old craft.

Thurs 30 January, 6.00pm & 7.00pm Dalkey Library To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5317

Come join Wicklow Willow to make traditional St. Brigid's crosses from rushes for display in your home.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Builders' Club

Sat 4 & 18 January, 11.00am-1.00pm Cabinteely Library

Drop-in, no booking required

Attention budding builders! Exercise your

engineering skills at Cabinteely Library every other Saturday. Construct a skyscraper, build a bridge or produce a new pet, with all the Magformers and building blocks we have on offer.



Mindfulness Colouring Sessions

Mondays from 6 January, 9.30am-5.00pm Stillorgan Library Suitable for all ages

All welcome, no booking required

Dispatch the Winter Blues with a fun activity that all ages can enjoy. Avail of the multiple benefits of colouring for kids & adults for boosting your physical and mental health while engaging in a fun activity providing mindfulness and relaxation.



Baby and Toddler Group

Mondays, 10.30-11.45am Shankill Library Suitable for ages 0-3 yrs All welcome, no booking required

A friendly gathering of parents/guardians with their babies and toddlers, with picture books and a small selection of toys for children to enjoy.





Storytime Wednesdays, 3.00pm Shankill Library Suitable for ages 3 yrs+

All welcome, no booking required Come along to Shankill Library to join in the fun of Storytime.

Quiet Evenings

Starting Thurs 9 January, 6.30-7.45pm Stillorgan Library For more information, email stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 9655

In Stillorgan Library, we are working towards making the library more accessible to all our users. Autism assistance dogs are always welcome in the branch, and on Thursday evenings we will have:

Reduced lighting

Phones on silent

Priority queuing for neurodiverse library users



Gamers' Club

Fri 10, 24 & 31 January 3.00-4.00pm Cabinteely Library Suitable for ages 7 yrs+

Drop-in, no booking required

Don't be bored at home! Come and play at our games club in Cabinteely Library. We'll have a changing selection of board games and PS4 games for kids from ages 7 and up, so challenge yourself every other Friday afternoon!

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Where's that Pokemon?

Mon 13 - Mon 20 January Cabinteely Library

Drop-in during opening hours, no booking required

Calling all Pokémon Masters! Pokémon have gotten loose in Cabinteely Library and we need you to identify them all. Search our children's library for 12 different Pokémon and tell us where they're all located. There are also some fun printables to collect while you're in the branch with us!

St Brigid's Cross Making Workshops for Families

Tues 28 January, 3.00-4.00pm Cabinteely Library Suitable for 6 yrs+ Drop-in, no booking required



Wicklow Willow will be here to teach families how to weave a traditional St. Brigid's Cross with rushes straight from the Wicklow Mountains!

Tues 28 January, 3.30pm-4.00pm Dundrum Library, Suitable for 6 yrs+

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

Come along to this staff-led workshop and learn how to make a traditional St Brigid's cross. Hear about the history and folklore associated with this timeless craft and have your cross ready for St. Brigid's day.

Thurs 30 January, 2.30-4.30 pm Shankill Library, Suitable for 6 yrs+

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

Join Aoife from Wicklow Willow for a wonderful crafting workshop making traditional St. Brigid's Crosses.

Fri 31 January, 3.00-4.00pm Meeting room, Deansgrange Library Suitable for 8 yrs+

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

Join Aoife from Wicklow Willow for a wonderful crafting workshop making traditional St. Brigid's Crosses. In this workshop you will learn how to craft your own cross, using sustainably sourced rushes, and learn of the lore associated with St. Brigid and her famous crosses.

Storytime Session

Wed 29 January, 3.00pm Stillorgan Library Suitable for ages 3-8 yrs

To book, email stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 9655



All are welcome to our Storytime session with library staff.

EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Discover the Joy of Reading with Julianne Mooney Siron

Five weeks: Tues 14, 21 January & 4, 11, 18 February

Two sessions: 10.00-11.00am & 11.15am-12.15pm Children's area, Deansgrange Library One primary school class per visit Suitable for 1st to 5th class

To get involved, teachers should email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 0860

Discover the joy of reading with our Reading Programme for primary schools where classes will engage in fun and interactive book-based activities tailored by the reader to suit different age groups and ability levels. The programme is a fun and exciting way of providing opportunities for positive engagement with libraries and reading for children and will involve reading excerpts of books to children, book recommendations, creative responses to the stories including drama, drawing, story-writing and arts and crafts. The children will get time to choose their own books as part of the session.

Julianne Mooney Siron has worked with libraries

and schools in and around Dublin for nearly ten years, creating reading programmes to encourage children to discover the joy of reading. She is the Director of the Dublin Book Festival, one of Ireland's largest book festivals, established in 2006 to celebrate Ireland's writers and publishers.



HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Ireland Reads 2025

Saturday 22 February Various dlr Libraries

Ireland Reads is an annual celebration of books and the joy of reading. On Sat 22 February 2025, we are encouraging everyone to visit their local dlr

library and "Get lost in a good book!" Call in to chat to library staff, get reading recommendations for all ages and reading levels, and find out what else is on offer in your local library!



Ireland Reads Booklet Making

Sat 22 February Cabinteely Library Drop-in across the day, no booking required

Write an 8-page story in a booklet you've made yourself! We'll have everything you need to write, draw and decorate your booklet to celebrate Ireland Reads. What kind of story will you create?



Celebrate Ireland Reads with Ashwin Chacko

Sat 22 February, 12.30pm Children's Library, Level 4, dlr LexIcon Suitable for ages 6-10 yrs



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

Author and illustrator Ashwin Chacko is back in Dún Laoghaire to delight us with his wit and drawings! Come join us for an event full of art, laughs and storytelling.

Wishprint Creative Writing with Eve McDonnell

Sat 22 February, 10.30-11.30am Blackrock Library Suitable for ages 9 yrs+

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

Join awardwinning children's author and artist Eve McDonnell for Ireland Reads to create a wishfilled fingerprint poem to take home with you! All materials provided.

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Celebrate Ireland Reads with Zainab Boladale

Sat 22 February, 2.30-4.00pm Children's area, Deansgrange Library Suitable for ages 13-15 yrs

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

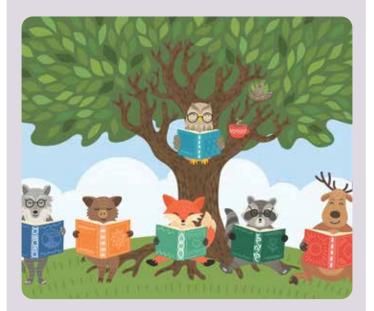
Join author and TV Journalist Zainab Boladale for an exciting celebration of her YA debut, *Braids Take A Day*, published by O'Brien Press. This event will

feature an engaging talk, a reading from the book and a Q&A session, plus a fun live braiding demonstration by one of Ireland's top braiders. This is an event not to be missed! Get your copy of *Braids Take a Day* at the library and read it ahead of the event!



EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Storytime for Ireland Reads 2025



Fri 21 February, 3.00-4.00pm Shankill Library Suitable for ages 3 yrs+

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

Join us in Shankill Library to celebrate Ireland Reads one day early! Come dressed as your favourite literary character and tell us all about the books you love to read.

Sat 22 February, 11.30am-12.15pm Dalkey Library Suitable for ages 4-8 yrs

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

Join library staff for a special Storytime to celebrate Ireland Reads.

Sat 22 February, 11.30am-12.15pm Stillorgan Library Suitable for ages 3-6 yrs

All welcome, no booking required

Celebrate Ireland Reads and join library staff for Storytime.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Seed Club

Thurs 6 February, 6.45-7.30pm Cabinteely Library

For more information, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 285 5363

Announcing the launch of the Cabinteely Seed Club! We are looking for anyone with green fingers to share their



horticultural knowledge, seeds and cuttings in this informal club that will meet on the first Thursday of the month.

Introduction to Hand Sewing Course

Thurs 6, 13, & 20 February 11.00am-1.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

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

Join Tamara for a 3-week course introducing you to the craft of hand sewing. Aimed



at beginners, participants will learn the basic techniques, make a pin cushion and sew their own doll. All materials are provided. Please ensure that you can attend all three sessions.

Creative Writing Workshop with Catherine Talbot

Fri 7 February 10.30am-12.00pm Shankill Library



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

Have you always had a desire to write with more skill and proficiency but were reluctant to join a class? If so, why not join our workshop to develop your writing skills and tap into all that unfulfilled potential? Catherine Talbot will provide tips and techniques to encourage you to express your creativity and gain more confidence in practising this artform.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Bridge for Beginners: 6 week course

Starting Mon 10 February, 10.00-11.30am Level 3, dlr LexIcon To book, email dlrIexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 280 1147

Bridge can be a challenging and exasperating game – especially for a beginner. Join Michael O'Loughlin for this 6-week course where he will guide you through the basics. Players must be available to attend all 6 sessions.



Introduction to Sewing with Barbara Connolly

Mon 10 February, 5.30pm-7.30pm Dundrum Library

To book, email 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 with Barbara Connolly from Greenthread for this beginner class for adults. All materials supplied.



Introduction to Crochet with Anne Marie Connolly

Mon 10 February 6.15-7.45pm Meeting Room, Deansgrange Library Suitable for ages 15 yrs+



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

Come along to an introduction to crochet evening this February. This class is suitable for complete beginners as Anne Marie will introduce basic crochet stitches. All materials provided. We hope to get a regular crochet group established if enough interest.

Intermediate Bridge Classes: 6 week course

Starting Thurs 13 February 10.00-11.30am Level 3, dlr LexIcon

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



If you've already learnt the basics of Bridge, then it's time to take it to the next level! Work with Michael O'Loughlin to improve your game. All players must be able to attend the complete set of 6 sessions.

Blackrock Library Online Book Club Thurs 13 February, 6.30pm

Online via Zoom

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

We are looking for new members for our Online Book Club, so why not join us from the comfort of your own home to discuss a wide range of books? Facilitated by library staff on the second Thursday of every month, February's meeting will consider *The House of Doors* by Tan Twan Eng.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

HSE Health Promotion & Improvement Team South Dublin and Wicklow

Fri 14 February, 10.30am-1.30pm Deansgrange Library

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

Are you thinking about quitting smoking / vaping but not sure where to begin? Do you have a friend or relative who wants to kick the habit for good? Pop in and chat to a member of the HSE Health Promotion Team for some friendly advice and helpful tips.





Book Club

Thurs 27 February, 6.30pm Blackrock Library

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

Blackrock Library Book Club is looking for new members! Join us on the last Thursday of every month as we meet in our beautiful Reading Room to discuss a range of great books. We will be discussing *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood at our February meeting.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Keychain crafting session

Wed 5 February, 3.00pm Stillorgan Library Suitable for ages 6-12 yrs

To book, email stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 9655

Remember those fun plastic cords that were all



the rage in the early 2000s? Well, we are bringing Scoubidou strings back! Join library staff and get ready to add a touch of nostalgia to your keychain collection, whether you are brushing up on your skills, or discovering the joy of Scoubidous for the first time.

Collage for children

Thurs 6 February, 3.00-4.00pm Shankill Library Suitable for ages 6 yrs+

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

Be Creative with Collage! Why not bring a scene or character from your favourite book to life? Or create a new adventure from your imagination. Join Library staff for this fun event.



Intergenerational Sewing Workshop -Hand Sew Your Own Doll or Tote Bag

Sat 8 February, 11.00am-1.00pm Room 1, Level 3, dlr LexIcon Suitable for ages 8 yrs+ with parent/guardian

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

Join Tamara for an intergenerational sewing workshop where children and their parent / guardian can work together to hand sew their own doll or tote bag. All materials provided.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Valentine Cardmaking Workshop

Thurs 13 February, 2.00-3.00pm & 3.00-4.00pm Stillorgan Library

To book, email stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 288 9655

Share the love! Join library staff and create a lovely Card for that someone special this Valentine's Day. All materials supplied.



Toddler Time: Puppets with Fernanda

Wed 26 February 10.30-11.30am Children's Library, Level 4, dlr LexIcon Suitable for ages 18 mths-3 yrs

Booking essential, see dlr Libraries Eventbrite

Toddler Time is back on a fortnightly basis! Join us on Wednesday mornings for facilitated events to help your little one grow and learn.



Dalkey Library Baby Group

Wed 12 & 26 February, 10.30-11.15am Dalkey Library Suitable for ages 0-18 mths

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

Join us for fun baby playtime or sensory social time

best suited for our youngest library members. Set in a quiet library with dimmed lights, colourful eggs and a selection of toys to play with.



Stockingopolis: Storytime and Drawing with Tatyana Feeney

Thurs 27 February 2025, 3.00pm Children's Library, Level 4, dlr LexIcon Suitable for ages 3-8 yrs



Join author / illustrator Tatyana Feeney as she reads her new book, *Stockingopolis*, a big colourful tale of a little grey Victorian town. Following the story, there will be a drawing activity where participants will imagine and explore what other places and things might become more colourful!

Gamers' Club Fri 14 & 28 February 3.00-4.00pm

Cabinteely Library Suitable for ages 7 yrs+

Drop-in, no booking required

Don't be bored at home! Come and play at our games club in Cabinteely Library. We'll have a changing selection of board games and PS4 games for kids from ages 7 and up, so challenge yourself every other Friday afternoon!

EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Author Visit: Michael Foley

Mon 10 February, 10.00-11.00am & 11.30am-12.30pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon Suitable for 5th and 6th class



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

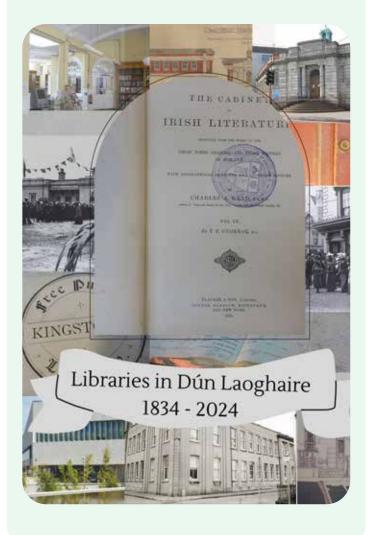
dlr LexIcon welcomes author and journalist Michael Foley for a schools event on the history of Bloody Sunday and Michael's book, *The Children of Croke Park*. Telling the story from the viewpoints of the children, their friends and parents, the book depicts the excitement of match day at Croke Park and the catastrophe that follows on Bloody Sunday in 1920.



EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

Libraries in Dún Laoghaire, 1834-2024 2 – 31 January Level 5, dlr LexIcon

dlr Local Studies presents an exhibition exploring the history of public libraries in Dún Laoghaire, tracing the various reading rooms operating in the town in the 19th century, through to the opening of the Carnegie Library in 1912, and finally dlr Lexlcon in 2014.



National Rehabilitation Hospital Photographic Exhibition

4 - 28 February Deansgrange Library

The annual NRH (National Rehabilitation Hospital) Photography Exhibition is back in Deansgrange Library. See the photos on display this February, created by patients and staff at the Hospital. Creative Arts Therapy plays an important role in the rehabilitation journey



Ouzel Galley Exhibition 4 - 28 February Deansgrange Library

Discover the legend!

Step back in time to 1695 and set sail on an incredible journey with the legendary ship, the Ouzel Galley. This magical exhibition brings to life the exciting story of a ship that left Dublin Bay over 300 years ago. Discover what happened to the ship and its brave crew through the illustrations of local artist Bex Shelford.

Fun activities for you!

Come and pick a spot on the map to guess where the treasure from the Ouzel Galley might still be buried in Dublin Bay! Explore the exhibition with a special activity booklet, full of drawings, fun things to spot, and creative ideas for your own artwork. The story of the Ouzel Galley is waiting for you. Let's discover the legend and maybe even find some treasure along the way!

of adults and children in the NRH, with some patients pursuing a career in photography following on from their journey through the NRH.



Explore dlr Libraries' Accessible Services

dlr Libraries are here to support families and individuals with additional needs. Our Accessible Services Collection (ASC) includes sensory and tactile toys, tools for developing motor skills, and other items designed to support life skills.

To borrow from the Collection, you'll need to set up an ASC card. Once you have your card, you can borrow and return items at any library in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

We're also committed to supporting neurodiverse communities. In addition to the ASC, we offer:

• Social Stories for each library, to help visitors prepare for their visit.

- Designated Quiet Evenings in many library spaces, providing a calm environment.
- Tailored events for neurodiverse audiences.

Discover the full ASC catalogue and learn more about our accessible services on our website: dlr Libraries Services for Those With Autism and Additional Needs



dlr Libraries: Our resources and services

To find out more about our Clubs and Groups, our ASC (Accessible Services Collection), Reader Pens, Vision Aids, 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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