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EVENTS FOR JULY & AUGUST 2025

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR JULY

Summer Stars at dlr Libraries

Our annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children has returned to all our library branches this summer. Summer Stars is an exciting national reading-based programme, available free of charge to all children, encouraging them to continue reading throughout the summer months. Every child is invited to sign up at their local library and enjoy reading lots of books as part of this adventure, with rewards and incentives along the way.

Keep an eye on our website to find out more about our Summer Stars events and sign up for your Reading Booklet in any of our libraries to track all your summer reading!



Coastival Family Fun Day

Sat 5 July, 11.00am – 4.00pm
dlr Lexlcon

All welcome, no pre-booking required, but registration on the day required for some events

As part of Coastival Maritime Festival 2025, join us at dlr Lexlcon for a Family Fun Day. There will be free events all day including puppet shows, music, art, crafts and more. No booking required so just come along and have fun! For the full programme of events, check our website, libraries.dlrcoco.ie.



Photo: Peter Cavanagh

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Cúinne Gaeilge

Gach Luan / Every Monday,
6.30pm
Dundrum Library

All welcome /
Fáilte roimhách

Eolas/Info:
dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie nó/or
Tel. (01) 204 7220

Join us for our new Cúinne Gaeilge - practise speaking Irish in a relaxed environment with no pressure to be fluent!

Bí linn ag ár gCúinne Gaeilge - cleachtadh do chuid Gaeilge gan aon bhrú!



Ballyogan Library Smart Cafe

Wednesdays & Fridays from
Wed 2 July - Fri 8 August, 10.30am – 12.00pm
Ballyogan Library

Suitable for ages 18 yrs+
All welcome, no booking required

Join us for free smartphone and computer workshops with refreshments in your new Ballyogan Library in partnership with DDLETB and Dún Laoghaire Adult Education Service. Drop in and have fun over a cuppa and a sweet treat. Feel more confident and discover how to use online banking, mygov.ie, car tax and other apps you need while you meet new people and make friends. Anyone over 18 is welcome to come along and find out more.

First Tuesday Book Club

Tues 1 July, 6.00pm
Shankill Library

For more information, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224

This month we will be discussing the One Dublin One Book choice for 2025, *Dublin, Written in our Hearts*, an anthology of fiction, poetry, essays and memoir pieces collated in celebration of the city. Readers are witness to the daily interactions which take place, from the lonely misfit in Caitríona Lally's *Eggshells* to the loud antics of a Welsh stag party in Thomas Morris' *All the Boys*. There is much in this anthology that may seem familiar, but it's when we peel the layers back from story to story, the city reveals itself more vividly.



Smart Cafe

Join us for FREE smartphone and computer workshops with refreshments in your new Ballyogan Library

Relaxed cafe-style space with expert tutors

Just drop in and have fun over a cuppa and a sweet treat. Feel more confident and discover how to use online banking, mygov.ie, car tax and other apps you need. Meet new people and make friends. Anyone over 18 welcome to come along and find out more

Starting 2nd July - 8th August

Every Wednesday & Friday

10:30-12:00

Crafting and Creators' Circle

Starts Wed 2 July, 2.30-4.30pm
Then weekly during July and August
Meeting Room, Deansgrange library

To book, please email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

Interested in crafting and creating?
Would you like to do so in a social setting?

Bring your knitting, crochet, sewing, doodling or drawing projects and chat to other crafters and creators. Maybe pick up some crafting tips! Please note, places are limited so booking is required.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

**Chess season at Deansgrange Library!****Starts Thurs 3 July****Beginners Tuition: 2.00-3.15pm****Improvers tuition: 3.45-5.00pm****Weekly games sessions throughout July and August, Thursdays, 2.00-5.00pm****Adult Library, Deansgrange library****Suitable for age 14 yrs+****All abilities are welcome.****To book, please email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218**

Have you always wanted to learn chess? Or perhaps you know the rules but would like to refresh your skills and have an informal and friendly place to play? If so, Chess Season at Deansgrange Library is for you! Paul Cassidy, Chairperson of Dún Laoghaire Chess club, will offer tuition sessions for both beginners and improvers on Wed 3 July. Paul was a member of the Irish team which played in the Chess Olympic Games in Cuba 1966 and Skopje 1972.

We will then begin our weekly games sessions throughout July and August. Come and be part of a community that shares a passion for this great game. Engage in friendly matches, sharpen your skills, and connect with fellow chess enthusiasts. We'll provide the chess sets, some books and information to help you improve your skills.

The Circular Economy for Everyone**Thurs 3 July, 6.30pm****Dalkey Library****To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7217**

To mark World Plastic Bag Free Day 2025, Aoife Munn will be giving a talk about the circular economy where you can discover the best ways to save the planet without sacrifice on your part. From upcycling to shopping green, learn the difference between green companies and those that green wash, and lots more!

**First Friday Book Club****Fri 11 July, 11.00am****Shankill Library****For more information, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224**

This month we will be discussing *I am, I am, I am* by Maggie O'Farrell. This is a memoir with a difference - the story of the near-death experiences that have punctuated her life, it is a book that will make you conscious of your own vulnerability and question your coping skills in the face of adversity.

Seed Gardening Club**Thurs 3 July, 6.30pm****Cabinteely Library****To book, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7216**

Share your horticultural knowledge, seeds and cuttings with other like-minded and green-fingered people in the community in this friendly informal club.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS



Register of Electors pop-up stalls

All welcome, no booking required

The Register of Electors Team will be in the library for any queries regarding registering to vote or updating your details on the register of electors.

Dundrum library

Tues 8 July, 10.00am-12.00pm

Ballyogan Library

Tues 15 July, 10.00am-12.00pm

Shankill Library

Thurs 24 July, 2.30-4.30pm



Shankill Garden Group

Tues 15 July, 6.00pm

Shankill Library

All welcome, no booking required.

Interested in gardening but not sure where to begin? Want to meet others who share a passion for all things earthy? Join us on the third Tuesday of the month for the Shankill Garden Group. Come and talk tips and tricks to growing a garden. No experience required, all welcome.

Painting Workshop with John Carpenter

Thurs 17 July, 5.30-7.30pm

Dalkey Library

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or

Tel (01) 204 7217

Take up the opportunity to participate in a craft that will give you years of enjoyment. Artist John Carpenter returns to Dalkey Library with his popular painting workshop.



eResources Information Session: Take the library with you on your holiday!

Wed 23 July, 1.00-2.00pm

Dundrum library

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or

Tel (01) 204 7220

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. All free with your library card!



Caint Agus Cupán	Cabinteely Library	Mondays	3.00-4.00pm
Craft Circle	Shankill Library	Every Wednesday	11.00am

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES



Competition! Write a Summer Story

Tues 1 July – Fri 22 August

Open to children aged 5-15 yrs

Enquiries to Deansgrange library staff, email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

You have all summer long to write a short story about *Summer*. Write about something that happened during your holidays or make up a completely new story! Get writing and be a Summer Star. Need some inspiration? Get reading! All great writers love to read.

Email or hand in your piece to library staff before Fri 22 August to be in with a chance to win a One 4 All voucher worth €25. Entries must be between 200-800 words and will be displayed in the library for all to enjoy during September!

Graffiti Workshop with Street Art Ink

Tues 1 July 12.00-2.00pm

dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 13 yrs+

To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Street Art Ink presents its highly engaging and guaranteed enjoyable stencil and spray workshops where participants will learn stencil and spray skills under the guidance of our experienced street artists to create their own bespoke piece of graffiti art.



Yoga Storytime

Wed 2 July, 2.30-3.30pm

dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 5-8 yrs

To book, email dlrllexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Join staff and enjoy a calming yoga story combining activity, mindfulness and relaxation.



Summer Stars Book Club

Wed 2, 16 & 30 July, 3.00-3.30pm

Dundrum Library

Suitable for ages 10-12 yrs

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel. (01) 204 7220

Join us for a very special fortnightly Summer Stars Book Club throughout the summer. Library staff will facilitate this club which will feature some of your favourite authors including Sharna Jackson and Shane Hegarty. Each meeting will feature a reading from staff and discussion with the group. All books will be available for collection from the library. Take the opportunity to mark up your Summer Stars card with us in Dundrum Library!



Suncatcher Making with Kim Jenkinson

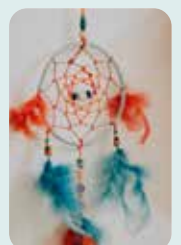
Thurs 3 July, 3.00pm

Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 7-10 yrs

To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this summer-themed children's art workshop using fresh flower petals and foliage to create a colourful hanging suncatcher.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Gamers' Club

Friday 4 & 18 July, 3.30-4.30pm
Cabinteely Library

Suitable for ages 7 yrs+
All welcome, 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.

**Mixed Media with Susie Fortune**

Fri 25 July, 3.00pm
Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 8-12 yrs
To book, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7224

Join Artist Susie Fortune and celebrate Summer Stars at Shankill Library. Make a mixed media picture using black sugar paper, drawing, collage and Posca markers inspired by Erika Mc Gann's book, *The Night-time Cat and the Plump Grey Mouse*, *A Trinity College Tale*.

**Summer Family Film Club**

Sat 5 July, 10.00am
Blackrock Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+
To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7215

Join us for a summer screening of the wonderful 2008 Oscar-winning animated classic *Wall-E*. (Rated G, children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian throughout).

**Storytelling with Storygate**

Sat 5 July, 3.30pm
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 6 yrs+
To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7217

Join German storyteller Simone Schuemmelfeder from StoryGate for a fantastic session of tales and puppetry fun. With Gimme the Baby Vulture, Simone will entertain children and adults alike.

**Beach Finds Treasure Hunt**

Mon 7 – Sat 19 July
Shankill Library

All welcome, no booking required.

Ready for some fun this summer? Join us for our beach finds treasure hunt. Find items you would see by the seaside and enjoy summer and holiday reads.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Red King Chess Workshops and Tournament



Studio Theatre, Level 1,
dlr Lexlcon
Suitable for ages 7-14
yrs

Participants must attend first two sessions.

**To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 236 2700**

Ahead of International Chess Day on Sunday 20 July, get ready with these workshops and tournaments from Red King Chess.

Workshop One: Pawn to King Tues 8 July, 2.30-5.30pm

In this first session we will learn the rules for all the pieces on the chess board. By the end of Day One you will know how to play with the Pawn, Rook, Knight, Bishop, King and Queen

Workshop Two: Checkmate! Wed 9 July, 2.30-5.30pm

During this session we will study check and checkmate, some tricks and tactics, and we will learn how to use the Chess Clock! By the end of Day Two you will be able to play a full game of chess.

Tournament Thurs 10 July: 2.30-5.30pm

Tournament Time. Test your chess skills against the best players in Dún Laoghaire in our 6-round Swiss tournament. Who will be the King or Queen of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown?

**Please note: Workshops are open to all levels, while the tournament is only suitable for people who have attended the first two sessions or already know how to play a full game of chess.*

Coastival VR Session - Under the Sea

Wed 9 July, 2.00 & 3.00pm

Meeting Room 3, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Join us for an exciting virtual reality exploration of ocean creatures, underwater landscapes and marine life! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Build a Fort with Newspaper

Wed 9 July, 2.00-3.30pm
Deansgrange library

**Suitable for ages 4 yrs+
(little ones may need help!)**

All welcome, no booking required.



Bring the whole family to Deansgrange Library to construct the best newspaper fort ever! We'll have tons of paper rolls ready for you to start building as soon as you arrive. Put your engineering skills to the test and see how big a fort your group can build. Will it stand on its own? Can you fit inside? Challenge your team to find the soundest structure you can make out of only newspaper, then take it apart and try something new.

Summer Stars Unicorn Family Day

Sat 12 July, 9.30am-5.00pm
Cabinteely Library

All welcome, no booking required.

Come and celebrate the world of magic and imagination on our Unicorn Day. Join us for all-day activities including crafts, stories, a Unicorn hunt and more!



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Coastival Jack Flash Magic & Juggling Show

Sat 12 July, 10.30am &
11.30am
Children's Library, Level 4,
dlr Lexicon

All welcome, no booking
required

This show will entertain all
ages with its unique blend
of magic tricks, juggling
and comedy. Audience
participation is welcome!

**McCormick Puppets Present Puss & Boots Family Puppet Show**

Sat 12 July, 2.30-3.30pm
Deansgrange library

Suitable for all ages
To book, please email
deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7218



Puss & Boots is the story of a young man called Carabas, whose daddy leaves him a cat, but the cat demands boots and asks him to trust him. Through adventures the Cat plots and plans to bring Carabas the life he wants as the Cat tricks kings and animals to create an imaginary kingdom and tangles with the Ogre. Is there a princess to fall in love with? Meet Cheeky Monkey! Watch mermaids and horses dance! Enjoy the magic of puppetry in Deansgrange library!

Puppeteer Julie-Rose McCormick has performed abroad and throughout Ireland for over 30 years.

**Tráth na gceist / Family quiz as Gaeilge**

Sat 12 July, 11.00am
Leabharlann Dhún Droma / Dundrum Library

Max. 3 – 4 people per team
Cláraigh ag / register at dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie
nó Tel. (01) 204 7220

Beidh maidin spráíúil ann do dhuine ar bith a bhfuil grá acu don Ghaeilge, pháistí agus daoine fásta araon!

Fógra Tábhachtach:

- Tá fáilte roimh gach leibhéal Gaeilge!
- Cuimhnigh, *is fearr Gaeilge bhriste ná Béarla cliste!*
- Suiteáil méarchlár Gaeilge ar do ghuthán.
- 3 nó 4 dhuine in aghaidh an fhoireann.

Introduction to knitting for children

Mon 14 & 21 July, 2.30pm
Dundrum library

Suitable for ages 8 yrs+
To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel. (01) 204 7220

If you've ever wanted to learn how to knit, now is your chance! Join Joanne and Mila for two introductory workshops on knitting for children. All materials will be provided, and you must be able to attend both sessions.

**Storytime with Andrea**

Mon 14 July, 3.30pm
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 6-12 yrs

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7217

Come along for a Summer Stars Storytime where library staff will be reading fun picture books and talking about exciting holiday adventures! Booking essential.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Helium Arts Free Summer Art Camp

Tues 15 – Thurs 17 July,
10.30am-12.00pm
& 2.00-4.00pm

Mounttown Community
Centre, Dún Laoghaire,
A96 KR65

Suitable for ages 8-12 yrs
For more information,
including bookings, please
visit www.helium.ie



Creative Ireland dlr and the DLR Children and Young People's Services Committee are delighted to be supporting the ongoing work of Helium Arts in dlr. This free summer camp opportunity is for children with lifelong health conditions who live in the county. Helium Arts is the national children's arts and health organisation and is committed to nurturing and honouring creativity as a natural resource for a child's wellbeing.

Comic book making workshop for Teens with Triona Farrell

Tues 15 July, 3.00pm
Dundrum library

Suitable for ages 12 yrs+
To book, email
dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7220



Join Triona Farrell, colourist for Dark Horse, Image and Marvel, for a workshop where you will create your own comic book. Participants will work with a script from Triona and learn how to lay out comics.

Dress Up Storytime

Wed 16 July, 3.30-4.00pm
Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexicon

All welcome, no booking required

Come along to our Storytime in your favourite costume or as your favourite book character and join our dressed-up storytellers. Let your imagination run loose!



White Doodle Workshop - Inspired by Lottie Brooks

Wed 16 July, 1.00-2.30pm
Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 10-12 yrs

To book, please email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7218

Join Susie from White Doodle for this workshop inspired by the book *The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks* by Katie Kirby. Come along as we dive into the world of doodle zines — mini handmade magazines packed with doodles.

Learn how to fold a one-page zine, use Lottie-style prompts to get your ideas flowing and discover how to mix doodles and stories. Perfect for fans of Lottie Brooks or anyone who secretly loves doodling and journaling. All materials provided, just bring your imagination!



Bunny vs Monkey Draw-Along Workshop with White Doodle

Wed 16 July, 3.00-4.30pm
Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 7-9 yrs

To book, please email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7218

Join White Doodle Art for a fun draw-along inspired by *Bunny vs Monkey* – the comic series by Jamie Smart. In this workshop, young artists will learn how to draw some of their favourite characters, from the brave Bunny to the mischievous Monkey and their forest friends. Through simple step-by-step guidance, we will explore drawing and colouring techniques with multiple mediums.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Badger Books Scavenger Hunt

Thurs 17 July – Sat 30 August
Cabinteely and Deansgrange Libraries



All welcome, no booking required.

Visit Cabinteely and Deansgrange Libraries to follow clues and find pictures and characters from best-selling author Paddy Donnelly's beautiful new picture book *Badger Books*. Visit both libraries to complete the challenge!

Create Your Own Story Workshop with Paddy Donnelly

Thurs 17 July, 10.00-11.00am
Deansgrange library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+
To book, please email
deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7218



Award-winning picture book author illustrator Paddy Donnelly will be doing a virtual workshop, zooming into Deansgrange Library! Children will hear Paddy read his new picture book, *Badger Books*, and engage in some fun draw-along activities to create their very own stories. Originally from Ireland, Paddy now lives in Belgium and has published 27 children's books, including *Fox & Son Tailers*, *Badger Books* and *The Golden Hare*, which was awarded the 2024 An Post Irish Book Awards Children's Book of the Year, while *Fox & Son Tailers* was chosen as one of the official World Book Day titles in 2025.

Art Workshops with Me and the Moon

Fri 18 July, 2.00-3.00pm & 3.30-4.30pm
Deansgrange Library

To book, please email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7218

Join Me and the Moon for a Process Art workshop designed to stimulate children's curiosity, creativity and confidence.



Younger artists (4-7 yrs):
2.00-3.00pm

Mixed-media collage: Draw, paint, cut, paste and create your own Eric Carle inspired art with *Me and The Moon*!

Older artists (8-12 yrs): 3.30-4.30pm

Illustration: We will discuss and develop character illustration, drawing inspiration from your favourite books.

**Summer Stars Seaside Art Workshop**

Sat 19 Jul, 10.30am - 12.00pm
Blackrock Library

Suitable for ages 6-8 yrs
To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7215

Join Susie from White Doodle Art to explore drawing, collage and simple printmaking techniques to create your own unique seaside-themed canvas artwork inspired by *Maisy Goes on Holiday* by Lucy Cousins! Please wear old clothes or an apron. All materials provided.

Summer Stars Storytime

Thurs 17 July, 2.30-3.00pm
Stillorgan Library



Suitable for ages 5 yrs+
To book, email stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7225

A chance to see and read some lovely picture books to celebrate Summer Stars! Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Summer sound series

Sat 19 July, 2.30pm
Dundrum library

Suitable for ages 6 yrs+
To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel. (01) 204 7220

Join library staff for the first of two summer workshops exploring sound experiences. This workshop focuses on echo and how it occurs and is used in nature and in music. Limited spaces are available for this event so please speak to a member of staff.

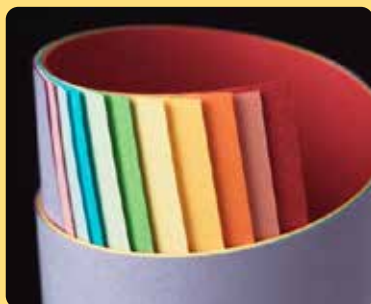


Summer Stars Crafts with Andrea

Mon 21 July, 3.30pm
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 8-12 yrs
To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7217

Join library staff for some fun crafts during the Summer break. All equipment is provided, just bring your crafting fingers!



Summer crafts

Tues 22 July, 2.30pm
Dundrum library

Suitable for ages 3-8 yrs
To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7220

Join Dundrum library staff for a summer themed arts and crafts session. All materials provided, children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



Create Your Own Monster Workshop

Wed 23 July, 2.30-3.30pm
Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 7 yrs+
To book, please email
deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

It's Alive! Or it will be, once you've stapled and stuffed your very own huggable monstrosity. Join library staff and design, cut and create a cuddly toy with all the craft supplies at Deansgrange Library. We can't wait to see what incredible creatures you'll put together!



Children's Creative Writing Games

Wed 23 July, 2.30-4.00pm
Cabinteely Library

Suitable for ages 8-12 yrs
To book, email
cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7216

Interested in being a writer or coming up with your own adventures? Come and try out some creative writing games with library staff and learn how stories are made.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Storytime in Spanish with Erica**Wed 23 July, 3.30-4.00pm****Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon****Suitable for ages 3-6 yrs****All welcome, no booking required**

We're having a super special story time in Spanish. Come along and listen to our tales y disfruta un ratito en español!

**Machine Sewing Workshop for Children****Fri 26 July, 11.00am-1.00pm****Dalkey Library****Suitable for ages 8-13 yrs****To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or****Tel (01) 204 7217**

This engaging workshop will introduce children to the exciting and creative world of machine sewing. Participants will learn the basics of using a sewing machine and discover how to transform upcycled materials into unique accessories. This session also introduces the valuable skills of upcycling and repair, promoting sustainability and resourcefulness.

**Manga Comic Workshop with Amy Louise O'Callaghan****Thurs 24 July, 2.00 pm****The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon****Suitable for ages 12 yrs+****To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie**

Whether you're a manga fanatic or a comic devotee, this workshop will give you all the tips and tricks you need to start drawing your own. Join illustrator Amy Louise O'Callaghan as she teaches you the basics of panelling, story development, sound effects and more.

Dave's Jungle at dlr Libraries!**Tues 29 July, 2.00-3.00pm****Dundrum library****Suitable for ages 5 yrs+****To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or****Tel (01) 204 7220**

Come see Dave's amazing animal and reptile show. Listen to Dave's stories about how animals live their lives – it's sure to keep young and old enthralled! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wed 30 July, 2.00-3.00pm**Deansgrange Library****Suitable for all ages****To book, please email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218**

Join this amazing reptile show where children and families can experience an exciting and interactive science presentation.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

REGULAR EVENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & PARENTS IN JULY

Lego Challenge Club	Dalkey Library	Sat 5 July	11.00am-12.00pm
Lego Club	Shankill Library	Sat 5 & 19 July	11.00am-12.00pm
Lego Club	Dundrum Library	Wed 9 & 23 July	3.00pm
Family Lego Time!	Blackrock Library	Sat 26 July	10.30am-12.30pm
Builders' Club	Cabinteely Library	Sat 12 & 26 July	9.30am-1.00pm
Baby & Toddler Group	Shankill Library	Every Monday	10.30am-12.45pm
Baby Book Club	Dundrum Library	Every Monday	12.30-2.00pm
Baby & Toddler Group	Cabinteely Library	Every Wednesday	10.00-11.00am
Baby & Toddler Group	Ballyogan Library	Every Friday	10.00am-12.00pm
Storytime	Cabinteely Library	Every Tuesday	3.30-4.00pm
Storytime	Shankill Library	Every Wednesday	3.00pm

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR AUGUST

The Yeats Sisters and Irish Design: Making, identities and legacies

July: Dundrum Library

August: dlr Lexicon

In partnership with the Cuala Press Project at Trinity College Dublin, the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Yeats Sisters Commemoration Project, this exhibition will honour and celebrate the global footprint of the Yeats sisters' design heritage.

Elizabeth and Susan (Lily) Yeats were nationally and internationally recognised as leading figures in the Arts and Crafts movement in the early 20th century, but their contribution has perhaps been overshadowed by those of their brothers, painter Jack Yeats and WB Yeats, the poet and Nobel Laureate. The exhibition illustrates how the Cuala Industries, which the sisters founded in 1908, constructed a distinctive and sophisticated form of Irish cultural identity for national and international audiences.



This exhibition is also a collaboration with the Irish Guild of Embroiderers and will include a companion display of a series of contemporary, individual works made by the Guild's members reflecting on, and reinterpreting, the Cuala pressmark: 'a lone tree in an Irish landscape', which was designed by Elizabeth Yeats for the publication of *Love's Bitter Sweet* by Robin Flower, 100 years ago this year.

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Sensory Sessions: Active Academy for Teens

Studio Theatre, Level 1,
dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 15 – 18 yrs
To book, email
libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 236 2700



Active Academy are delighted to partner with dlr Libraries again this summer, bringing an inclusive space for teenagers to hang out with or alongside others while sharing their interests, or try a new activity.

*Please note these sessions are aimed at members of the neurodiverse community.

Teen Time

Tues 19, Wed 20 & Thurs 21 August, 12.00-2.00pm

Available activities include reading zones, Lego, board games, art, beauty and fitness. The sessions are flexible and can be adapted to include any special interests or new things that the teenagers may like to try or share. Places are limited, booking essential.

Teenager Taster Sessions

These short sessions offer participants the chance to try something new. If your teenager needs 1:1 support we would ask you to stay during these taster sessions.

Tues 19 August, 2.15-3.00pm: Inclusive Exercise Class

Try our 30-minute exercise class for all levels and abilities. These classes are aimed at teenagers but we encourage their parents / guardians to join in too.

Wed 20 August, 2.15-3.00pm: Board Games, Book & Hobby Share

Bring along your favourite board game or some books that you may like to swap, review or discuss with other readers. You can also share your hobbies or special interests by introducing them to others and letting us try them out.

Thurs 21 August, 2.15-3.00pm: Lego, Art, Basic Crafts & Beauty

Get creative with Lego, paints, stencils, embroidery sets, bead bracelets and loom bands, or treat yourself to a mini-pamper session with our nail polish and face masks.

Crafting and Creators' Circle

Wednesdays in August, 2.30-4.30pm

Meeting Room, Deansgrange library

To book, please email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

Interested in crafting and creating? Would you like to do so in a social setting?

If so, come along to our crafting circle this summer. Bring your knitting, crochet, sewing, doodling or drawing projects and chat to other crafters and creators. Maybe pick up some crafting tips! Please note, places are limited so booking is essential.

**Chess Season at Deansgrange Library**

Thursdays in August, 2.00-5.00pm

Adult Library, Deansgrange library

Suitable for age 14 yrs+

All abilities are welcome.

To book, please email deansgrangelib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7218

Have you always wanted to learn chess? Or perhaps you know the rules but would like to refresh your skills and have an informal and friendly place to play? Come along to our summer chess sessions and join a community that shares a passion for this great game. Engage in friendly matches, sharpen your skills, and connect with fellow chess enthusiasts. We'll provide the chess sets, some books and information to help you improve your skills, as well as an occasional observer to help move the games along!



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Crochet Starfish with Olga

Thurs 7 August, 6.00-7.00pm

Dalkey Library

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7217

Join Olga for a fun summer crochet workshop for adults and learn how to make a beautiful and colourful starfish.

Bring your own crochet hook and wool scraps that you have at home. Basic crochet skills are required for this workshop, and booking is essential.



Upcycled Hanging Mobile Workshop with Lynn Haughton

Wed 13 August, 10.30am

Meeting Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Join textile waste artist, Lynn Haughton, for a morning workshop in which participants will have the opportunity to work with retired boat sail material and design and create a unique upcycled hanging mobile to take home. These hanging mobiles will be made entirely from ocean related materials including driftwood, fishing line, beach plastics and sail cloth. Lynn will demonstrate techniques and ways to work with the sail cloth material and participants are invited to explore and develop their own designs. A fun, creative, ocean themed upcycling workshop!

Seed Gardening Club

Thurs 7 August, 6.30pm

Cabinteely Library

To book, email
cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7216



Share your horticultural knowledge, seeds and cuttings with other like-minded and green-fingered people in the community in this friendly informal club.

First Tuesday Book Club

Tues 5 August, 6.00pm

Shankill Library

For more information, email shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7224



This month we will discuss *This must be the place* by Maggie O'Farrell. Daniel Sullivan has a complicated life - A New Yorker living in the wilds of Ireland, he has children he never sees in California, a father he loathes in Brooklyn and a wife, Claudette, who is a reclusive ex-film star given to shooting anyone who ventures up their driveway. This novel explores how seemingly small decisions can drastically alter the course of someone's life, and how history can repeat itself across generations.

Painting Workshop with John Carpenter

Thurs 14 August, 5.30-7.30pm

Dalkey Library

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7217

Take the opportunity to participate in a craft that will give you years of enjoyment! Artist John Carpenter returns to Dalkey Library with his popular painting workshop.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Shankill Garden Group

Tues 19 August, 6.00pm
Shankill Library

All welcome,
no booking required.



Interested in gardening but not sure where to begin? Want to meet others who share a passion for all things earthy? Join us on the third Tuesday of the month for the Shankill Garden Group. Come and talk tips and tricks to growing a garden. No experience required, all welcome.

Unwind with Plants: Garden Design with Marie Hirst

Thurs 28 August, 6.30pm
Dundrum Library

To book, email
dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7220



Join horticulturalist Marie Hirst and discover how to design and improve your own garden. Find out the 5 rules of good garden design and how to carry out a site survey. Learn the best order of work when planning a bed or border, the importance of light and shade on plants, and the various types of plants and styles of planting.

Join us for a presentation and take away some great ideas!

eResources Information Session

Wed 20 August, 1.00-2.00pm
Dundrum library

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7220

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. All free with your library card!

**dlr Lexlcon Studio Film Club Presents: Page to Screen Season**

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

All welcome, no booking required

Join Lexlcon Studio Film Club's 'Page to Screen' season for a giant summer blockbuster! You may have seen the film *Jaws*, but have you read the book? Bring your library card to borrow a copy of the book at our screening and see how Peter Bentley's novel (or Robert Lautner's spinoff 'Quint') compares to Steven Spielberg's 1975 classic film adaptation. When the seaside community of Amity finds itself under attack by a dangerous great white shark, the town's chief of police, a young marine biologist, and a grizzled hunter embark on a desperate, edge-of-your-seat quest to destroy the beast before it strikes again.

**Artist Trading Cards Group**

Thurs 21 August, 6.30-7.30pm
Dalkey Library

To register your interest, talk to library
staff, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7217



Register your interest for this new monthly group in Dalkey Library where members will create miniature wallet sized art cards relating to a particular theme and then swap and collect others. Staff member Enid will explain how Artist Trading Cards work and provide supplies to get you started, including a special album/wallet for your card collection.

REGULAR EVENTS FOR ADULTS IN AUGUST

Caint Agus Cupán	Cabinteely Library	Mondays	3.00-4.00pm
Craft Circle	Shankill Library	Every Wednesday	11.00am

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Book Find Treasure Hunt

Month of August
Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 7-12 yrs

All welcome, no booking required.

Think you know Shankill Library? Fancy yourself a detective like young Sherlock Holmes or Skulduggery Pleasant? Join us in Shankill Library for our Book Finder Treasure Hunt. Come test your skills and pick up a good book along the way. No Google allowed!

**Gamers' Club**

Friday 1, 8 & 22 August,
3.30-4.30pm
Cabinteely Library

Suitable for ages 7 yrs+

All welcome, 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.

**Summer Family Film Club**

Sat 9 Aug, 10.00am
Blackrock Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+

To book, email blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7215

Join us for a summer screening of the awesome and hilarious original 2014 *The Lego Movie*. (Rated G, children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian throughout).

Build a Fort with Newspaper

Sat 9 August, 2.00-3.30pm
Deansgrange library

Suitable for ages 4 yrs+ (little ones may need help!)

All welcome, no booking required.

Bring the whole family to Deansgrange Library to construct the best newspaper fort ever! We'll have tons of paper rolls ready for you to start building as soon as you arrive. Put your engineering skills to the test and see how big a fort your group can build. Will it stand on its own? Can you fit inside? Challenge your team to find the soundest structure you can make out of only newspaper, then take it apart and try something new.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Summer sound series

Sat 9 August, 2.30pm
Dundrum library

Suitable for ages 6 yrs+

To book, email
dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie
or Tel (01) 204 7220

Join library staff for the second of our summer workshops exploring sound experiences. This workshop focuses on echo and how it occurs and is used in nature and in music. Limited spaces are available for this event so early booking is advised.

**Upcycled Summer Flower Craft**

Tues 12 August, 6.00-7.00pm
Dalkey Library

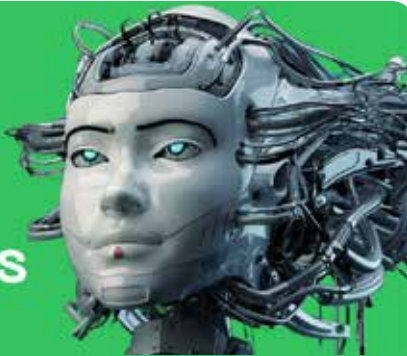
Suitable for ages 7-12 yrs

To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7217

Join Olga at Dalkey Library for a fun Summer flower with recycled material workshop. In this fun session, we will learn how to make a beautiful flower using egg cartons. We will cut, paint, and transform an egg carton into a pretty flower.



AI EXPLORERS

**AI Explorers' Workshop with Coding Ireland**

Tues 12 Aug, 1.00pm
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Suitable for ages 13 yrs+

To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

In this workshop, we will learn what AI is and how it works by training AI models to recognise objects, facial expressions, and hand gestures using Google's Teachable Machine. We'll use our trained AI model in a Scratch game to control a car by moving their hands.

Doodle bot

Tues 12 August, 2.00 & 3.00pm
Dundrum library

Suitable for ages 8 yrs+

To book, email
dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7220

Do you like tinkering with electronics and coding? Join us for a Doodle Bot workshop! Design and build your very own doodling robot using a simple motor-powered circuit.

**Summer Stars Book Club**

Wed 13 & 27 August,
3.00-3.30pm
Dundrum library

Suitable for ages 10-12 yrs

To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7220

Join us as we continue our Summer Stars Book Club throughout the summer holidays. Library staff will facilitate this club and will feature some of your favourite authors including Sharna Jackson and Shane Hegarty. Each meeting will feature a reading from staff and discussion with the group. All books will be available for collection from the library. Take the opportunity to mark up your Summer Stars card with us in Dundrum Library!



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Summer Stars Storytime

Thurs 14 August, 2.30-3.00pm
Stillorgan Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+
To book, email
stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7225

A chance to see and read some lovely picture books to celebrate Summer Stars! Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



Summer Stars Craft session with Andrea

Mon 18 August,
3.30-4.30pm
Dalkey Library

Ages 8-12 yrs
To book, email
dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7217

Summer Stars Crafts - Join library staff for some fun crafts during the Summer break. All equipment is provided, just bring your crafting fingers! Booking essential.



Badger Books Virtual Draw-Along Workshop with Paddy Donnelly

Sat 16 August, 10.00am
Cabinteely Library

Suitable for ages 5 yrs+
To book, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7216

Join bestselling, award winning picture book author/illustrator Paddy Donnelly at a virtual workshop in the library where children will hear Paddy read his new picture book, *Badger Books*, and engage in some fun draw-along activities to create their very own stories. Paddy has published 27 children's books, including *Fox & Son Tailers*, *Badger Books*, *The Golden Hare*, *The Vanishing Lake* and *Here Be Dragons*.



Irish Myths and Legends Storytime with Andrea

Tues 19 August, 2.00-3.00pm
Dalkey Library

Suitable for ages 6-12 yrs
To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7217

Join library staff for stories of Irish myths and legends as part of our Summer Stars programme.



Harry Potter Science Workshop

Sat 16 Aug, 10.30 - 11.30am
Blackrock Library

Suitable for ages 7-12 yrs
To book, email
blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7215

Join Anyone4Science for this fun Harry Potter Herbology workshop...create magic soil, learn about germination and make your own origami pot in which you will plant seeds to bring home with you to grow! All materials provided.



Make Your Own Bookmark

Thurs 21 August, 2.30 pm
Children's Library, Level 4,
dlr Lexicon

All welcome, no booking required

Join us for a family-friendly creative crafting session and make your own beautiful bookmark. All materials supplied. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

**Summer Stars Craft Workshop**

Tues 19 August, 2.30pm
Dundrum library



Suitable for ages 8-11 yrs
To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7220

To celebrate Summer Stars, staff in Dundrum Library are running a Summer Stars-themed arts & crafts session. All materials provided, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Captain Ho Ho's Magic Show

Sat 30 August, 10.30am & 11.30 am
Children's Library, Level 4,
dlr Lexicon



All welcome, no booking required

Ahoy mateys! Join us for a fantastic swashbuckling Summer Stars finale at our pirate-themed magic show with fun for all the family. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



REGULAR EVENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN & PARENTS IN AUGUST

Lego Club	Dundrum Library	Wed 6 & 20 August	3.00pm
Lego Club	Shankill Library	Sat 9 & 23 August	11.00am-12.00pm
Family Lego Time	Blackrock Library	Sat 30 August	10.30am-12.30pm
Builders' Club	Cabinteely Library	Saturday 16 & 30 August	9.30am-1.00pm
Baby & Toddler Group	Shankill Library	Every Monday	10.30am-12.45pm
Baby & Toddler Group	Cabinteely Library	Every Wednesday	10.00-11.00am
Storytime	Cabinteely Library	Every Tuesday	3.30- 4.00pm
Storytime	Shankill Library	Every Wednesday	3.00pm

EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

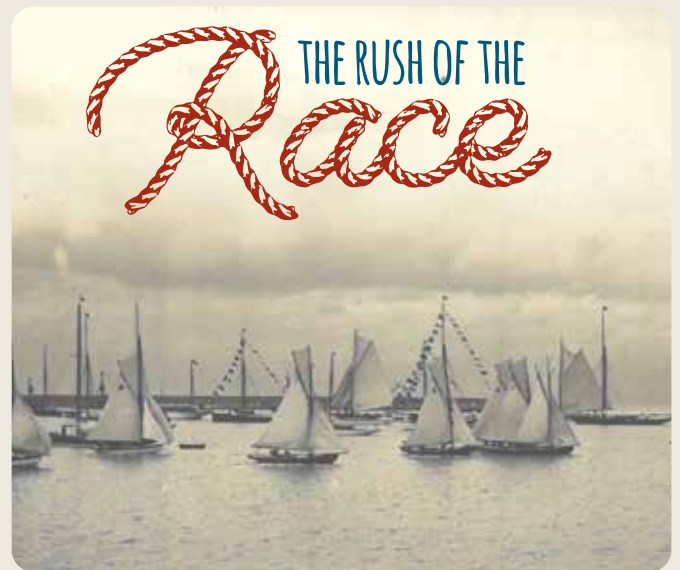
Tall Tales and Deadly Drawings

July and August

Deansgrange Library

Ireland is a country of stories and storytellers. Over the years, the stories that have been written down have made their home on the shelves of the National Library of Ireland (NLI). *Tall Tales and Deadly Drawings* recalls the books that have inspired people over generations, celebrating storytelling, books, and reading. In this exhibition you will find some of the books you loved to read – last week or long ago – and meet books you have yet to enjoy.

With thanks to the National Library of Ireland for the loan of this exhibition.



The Rush of the Race

Tues 1 July – Sun 27 July

Level 3 & Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

From its earliest days, Kingstown served as a centre for yachting in Ireland, with the first regatta being held in 1828. Since that time, Dún Laoghaire has continued to host cruising and racing events. This exhibition, curated by David Gunning, explores the evolution of yachting in Dún Laoghaire, the history of the various local yacht clubs and their contribution to the development of aquatic sports throughout the years, and the social and cultural significance of regattas for the participants, spectators and citizens of the area. The exhibition features images and archival records from dlr Local Studies' Collection.



OffShoot Photographic Exhibition and Launch

Fri 11 July – Mon 18 August

Launch: Thurs 10 July

Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

OffShoot Photographic Society, based in South County Dublin, is showcasing the creative talents of its members in their latest exhibition. Founded in 2008, the society is known for its friendly and inclusive atmosphere, welcoming photographers of all skill levels and genres. The current exhibition reflects this ethos, highlighting the diversity and creativity within the club. Whether capturing landscapes, portraits, or abstract scenes, each piece on display demonstrates the personal vision and skill of its creator. The exhibition is not only a celebration of photography but also a testament to the benefits of community, participation, and a shared passion for image making.

Our Changing Coast

From Tues 1 July

Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

This exhibition charts the history of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's changing coastline, from isolated fishing villages, to growing suburb, to a modern and well-connected global hub. The coastline's repeated transformations are shown in a curated series of images from dlr Local Studies' Collection.



NEWS FROM DLR LIBRARIES

**Dundrum Through the Years exhibition:
Call for submissions****Dundrum Library**

Submissions can be handed in at the branch or emailed to dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie

As part of this year's Dublin Festival of History, Dundrum Library will curate an exhibition entitled *Dundrum Through the Years*, and we are looking for contributions from people living in Dundrum and its surrounds to be included. Submissions can be recent memories of the local area, or reminiscences from years past. (Max 500 words). We look forward to reading your memories of Dundrum!

**A Writer Who Lived in Literature: Jennifer Johnston Readers' Day, curated by Martina Devlin**

Sat 6 Sept,
10.00am – 1.00pm & 2.00-4.00pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

Calling all readers and Book Clubs to our Readers' Day this Autumn! We will commemorate the life and work of internationally-acclaimed writer Jennifer Johnston with Martina Devlin in conversation with Carlo Gébler, Dermot Bolger, Sinéad Gleeson and many more authors.

Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for event and booking details.

The Draft Harbour Masterplan: an exhibition and public consultation

Mon 16 June – Mon 28 July
dlr Lexlcon

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is pleased to announce the publication of the Draft Masterplan for Dún Laoghaire Harbour and invites members of the public to take part in the consultation process. Informed by over 1,000 formal submissions and wide community input, the Draft Masterplan outlines a long-term vision for a vibrant, accessible, and sustainable harbour.

For more information and to make a submission, please visit Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council consultations website: dlrcoco.citizenspace.com.

New Book club in Ballyogan Library

Throughout July and August

For more information, and to register your interest, email ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie



Ballyogan Library is looking for expressions of interest from those who would like to join a new book club. Let us know if you are interested, and if you would like the books to have a specific theme or genre.

New members wanted for clubs and groups in Deansgrange Library**Deansgrange Library**

Are you looking for a new hobby or keen to share your interests with others?

From Chess to Scrabble and Conversation Groups, find out what groups meet regularly in Deansgrange Library. Call in and chat to a member of staff.

Cubbie Sensory Management Pod

Ballyogan Library and dlr Lexlcon

The Cubbie is a sensory management pod designed to help people regulate their sensory experiences in various environments. Available for use in dlr Lexlcon and Ballyogan Libraries, it provides a customisable space with adjustable lighting, sound, and visuals, allowing users—especially those with sensory sensitivities, to find comfort and focus.



For more information, please contact the relevant library.

Driver Theory Test

Did you know that dlr Libraries have revision materials for the latest Official Driver Theory Test, free to use on Public PCs? Car and motorcycle driver content is accessible in all of our branches, while bus and truck theory test software is available in Ballyogan, Blackrock, dlr Lexlcon and Dundrum Libraries. For more information, please contact the relevant library, and let us help you pass that test!



My Little Library Bag

All summer
All branches

My Little Library Book bags are back for all children starting primary school in September 2025! To help children to navigate starting school, libraries have put together a bag with books and resources just for them that can be collected free of charge at any library in the county. Bags are available in both Irish and English and will be available throughout the summer. We can't wait to welcome children and their families in to collect their bags!



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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August Bank Holiday Arrangements

dlr Libraries and dlr Lexlcon will be closed from **Saturday 2 August to Monday 4 August** inclusive.
All Libraries will re-open as normal on **Tuesday 5 August 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

