

News & Events

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

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 Lexicon

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



Cúinne Gaeilge

Gach Luan / Every Monday, 6.30pm Dundrum Library

All welcome / Fáilte roimh chách 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!

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.



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.



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.





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.





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!



From swerve of shore to bend of bay

Thurs 24 July, 6.00pm The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

Bookings via Offshoot Photographic Society's Eventbrite

Come join us for a photographic journey from Killiney to Sandymount presented by members of the Offshoot Photographic Society. Over the course of approximately 60 captures, the photographers will spend time discussing their images on screen.



Speranza and Son:
Jane and Oscar Wilde,
Drawing Room Rebels
with William O'Brien

Thurs 31 July, 6.30pm Dalkey Library

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



Oscar Wilde was one of the most brilliant men of the 19th century, but he was however greatly influenced by his beloved mother, Jane Wilde, a remarkable woman in her own right. William O'Brien will examine their complex relationship, revealing how in almost all aspects of his life, Oscar drew on her example to create the larger-than-life persona that both brought him success, but also ultimately disaster.

dlr Lexicon Studio Film Club Presents: Irish Cinema Season

Thurs 31 July, 6.00pm Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

All welcome, no booking required

Closing a season of the best in Irish film, this screening will be as voted for by you, the audience! We could be screening documentaries, film shorts, or feature length feel-good classics like *The Snapper*, homegrown indie darlings like *Intermission* or darkly tragicomic award winners like *The Banshees of Inisherin*. Join us in celebrating your favourite Irish films.



REGULAR EVENTS FOR ADULTS IN JULY

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



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 Lexicon

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 Lexicon

Suitable for ages 5-8 yrs To book, email dlrlexiconlib@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.



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 Oscarwinning 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.



Red King Chess Workshops and Tournament

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon 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 LexIcon

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!



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!





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 spraíúil 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.

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.

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 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.



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 Tríona 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 Tríona 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 Tríona 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 onepage 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 Deangsrange 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-bystep guidance,
we will explore
drawing and
colouring
techniques
with multiple
mediums.



Badger Books Scavenger Hunt

Thurs 17 July – Sat 30 August Cabinteely and Deansgrange Libraries



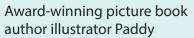
All welcome, no booking required.

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



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.

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.



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 seasidethemed canvas artwork inspired by *Maisy Goes on Holiday* by Lucy Cousins! Please wear old clothes or an apron. All materials provided.

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/quardian.



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

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writing games with library staff and learn how stories are made.

Storytime in Spanish with Erica

Wed 23 July, 3.30-4.00pm Children's Library, Level 4, dlr LexIcon

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!



Manga Comic Workshop with Amy Louise O'Callaghan

Thurs 24 July, 2.00 pm The Lab, Level 3, dlr LexIcon 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.

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.



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 Lexicon





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!



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.



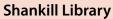


Cabinteely Library To book, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7216



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



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.



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!

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.



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.

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!



Artist Trading Cards Group

Thurs 21 August, 6.30-7.30pm Dalkey Library



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.

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!

dlr Lexicon Studio Film Club Presents: Page to Screen Season

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

All welcome, no booking required

Join LexIcon 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.



REGULAR EVENTS FOR ADULTS IN AUGUST

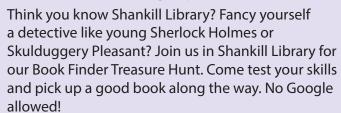
Caint Agus Cupán	Cabinteely Library	Mondays	3.00-4.00pm
Craft Circle	Shankill Library	Every Wednesday	11.00am

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Book Find Treasure Hunt

Month of August Shankill Library

Suitable for ages 7-12 yrs All welcome, no booking required.





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.

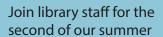
Bring the whole family to Deansgrange Library to construct the best newspaper fort ever! We'll have tons of paper rolls ready for you to start building as soon as you arrive. Put your engineering skills to the test and see how big a fort your group can build. Will it stand on its own? Can you fit inside?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



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



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.





EXPLORERS

Al 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 Al 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.

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.



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!**



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.



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.







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 Lexlcon



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.

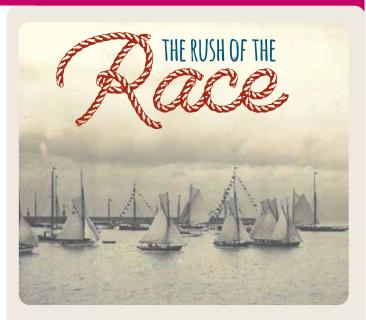
With thanks to the National Library of Ireland for the loan of this exhibition.



OffShoot Photographic Exhibition and Launch

Fri 11 July – Mon 18 August Launch: Thurs 10 July Level 4, dlr Lexicon

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.



The Rush of the Race

Tues 1 July – Sun 27 July Level 3 & Level 5, dlr Lexicon

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.

Our Changing Coast

From Tues 1 July Level 5, dlr Lexicon

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

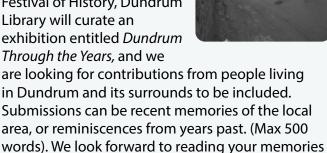
Dundrum Through the Years exhibition: Call for submissions

Dundrum Library

of Dundrum!

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

As part of this years' Dublin Festival of History, Dundrum Library will curate an exhibition entitled Dundrum Through the Years, and we



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 LexIcon

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 Lexicon

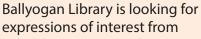
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is pleased to announce the publication of the Draft Masterplan for Dún Laoghaire Harbour and invites members of the public to take part in the consultation process. Informed by over 1,000 formal submissions and wide community input, the Draft Masterplan outlines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



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.

Cubbie Sensory Management Pod Ballyogan Library and dlr Lexicon

The Cubbie is a sensory management pod designed to help people regulate their sensory experiences in various environments. Available for use in dlr LexIcon 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.

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.

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 Lexicon 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

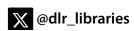
To find out more about our Clubs and Groups, our ASC (Accessible Services Collection), Reader Pens, Vision Aids, Acorn Tablets, Home Energy Saving Kits, Book Sets and all our online resources, call in and chat to a member of staff, visit our website at **libraries.dlrcoco.ie**, sign up for our fortnightly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



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August Bank Holiday Arrangements

dlr Libraries and dlr Lexicon 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



