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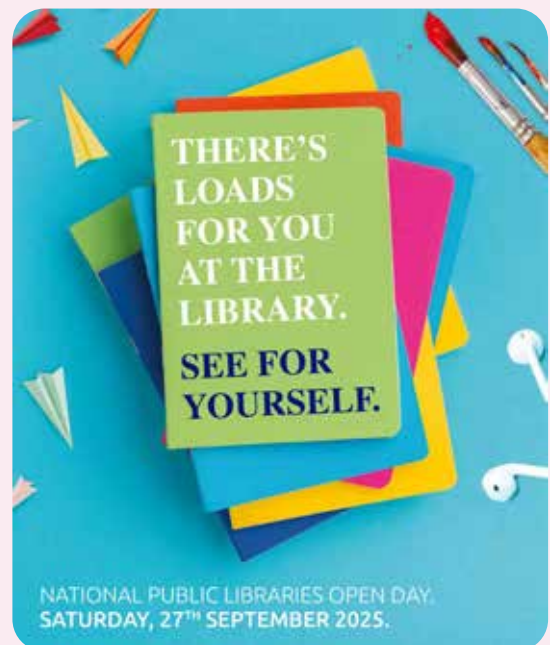
EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

National Public Libraries Open Day

Saturday 27 September
All open dlr Libraries

The second annual National Public Libraries Open Day takes place on Sat 27 September in libraries all across Ireland. Library staff are inviting you to "take a closer look" at the modern, inclusive and vibrant services libraries offer. Find out more about our various collections, the variety of events and resources that are available to use and borrow – from Sensory Toys to VR headsets; 3D printers to Reader Pens. Save the date and make the decision to visit and support your local dlr Library that day and see what's there for you.

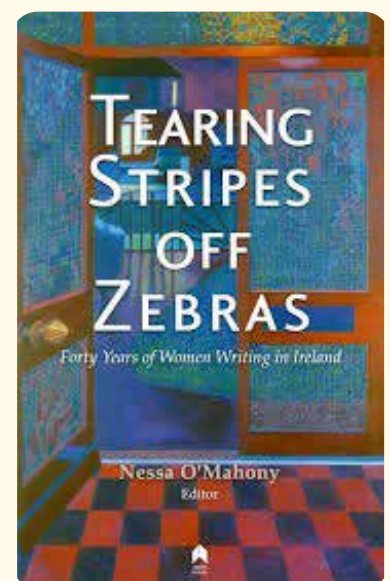


Creative Writing with WEB Women's Writing Group

September & October
dlr Lexlcon and Ballyogan Library

Following the success of their collection *Tearing Stripes Off Zebras* (2023), dlr Libraries are delighted to welcome several members of the WEB Women's Writing Group as they host a series of workshops and talks in both dlr Lexlcon and Ballyogan Libraries. During this 8-week programme, celebrated writers and poets Catherine Dunne, Lia Mills, Ivy Bannister, Shauna Gilligan, Liz McManus, Patsy Murphy, Sara Mullen, Celia de Fréine and Phyl Herbert will guide and encourage participants interested in learning the craft of writing fiction, poetry and memoir.

Read on for details of workshops and booking details.



HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Bronntanas i Leabharlanna dlr / Bronntanas in dlr Libraries

Fri 26 & Sat 27 September

I mí Mheán Fómhair, beidh Leabharlanna dlr i bpáirt le Gaeilge365 ag óstáil Bronntanas, féile nua a cheiliúránn na féidearthachtaí a chruthaíonn an Ghaeilge do theaghlaigh. Tá gach ócáid deartha ar bhealach a chuirfidh tuistí agus páistí ag cruthú cuimhní trí Ghaeilge, is cuma cén túsphointe atá acu.

Lean ort ag léamh le tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoi imeachtaí Gaeilge i Leabharlanna dlr Lexlcon, Bhaile Uí Ógáin agus Dhún Droma mar chuid de Fhéile Bronntanas.



This September, dlr Libraries joins with Gaeilge365 to host Bronntanas, a new festival celebrating the possibilities the Irish language creates for families. Every event is designed to help parents and children create memories through Irish, regardless of their language ability.

Read on to find out more about Irish language events for families in dlr Lexlcon, Ballyogan and Dundrum Libraries as part of the Bronntanas Festival.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS



Easy Exercise for Adult Beginners

Wed 3, 10, 17 & 24 September

10.00 - 10.45am

Series of 4 workshops

Blackrock Library

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

We are delighted to welcome Active Academy back to Blackrock Library for this series of four classes suitable for adults wanting to get back to exercise and people looking for a gentler workout. Each session will be based around functional everyday fitness and will cover variations of all exercises to ensure that everyone can participate at their own level.

Writing Memoir: How To Get Started with Ivy Bannister

Thurs 4 September, 10.30am – 12.00pm

Ballyogan Library

To book, email ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7222

Most writers mine their own experience to create poems, fiction and memoir. This session will be about getting your unique story out of your head and onto the page, whether you're writing for yourself, your family or a broader audience. We'll look at theme, structure, voice and narrative. We'll consider characterisation and place. There will be a few simple exercises, so bring pen and paper and a sense of adventure.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS



Readers' Day - A writer who lived in literature: The life and work of Jennifer Johnston

Sat 6 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr LexIcon

Booking via dlr Libraries Eventbrite

Join us for our Readers' Day to commemorate the life and work of internationally acclaimed local writer Jennifer Johnston. Programmed by writer Martina Devlin on behalf of dlr Libraries, the day will feature conversations with Frank McGuinness, Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, Carlo Gébler, Dermot Bolger, Christine Dwyer Hickey and many more. There are two ticket types available for this event: a morning session ticket (10.00am-1.00pm) and afternoon session ticket (2.00pm-4.00pm). You can book both if you would like to attend for the full day.

This event will be recorded for podcasting at a later date.

Upcycling and Repair Workshop with Green Thread

Mon 8, 15 & 22 September, 5.00 – 7.00pm
Room 3, Level 5, dlr LexIcon

To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie



Have you always wanted to breathe new life into your clothes instead of throwing them away? Join Green Thread for a hands-on series of upcycling and repair workshops designed for adults who want to make their wardrobes more sustainable.

Basic machine sewing skills are required to take part and participants must attend all 3 workshops. Spaces are limited, so don't miss out on this creative and eco-friendly opportunity!

This is a Skills for Life event.



Introduction to Machine Sewing Workshops

Wed 10, 17 & 24 September, 6.00-8.00pm
Ballyogan Library

To book, email ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7222

Barbara Connolly from Green Thread and her team will be teaching an introductory machine sewing workshop at Ballyogan Library. Sewing machines and materials will be provided for this creative journey, all you need to bring is yourself and your creative spirit.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Nature Journaling with Joyce Fitzpatrick

Thurs 11 September, 6.30pm
Dundrum Library

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

Nature journaling reflects on your relationship with nature: the sky, sea, trees, plants, birds, animals and insects.

In this workshop, join nature therapist Joyce Fitzpatrick and discover how spending time in nature deepens your awareness of the beauty which surrounds you, bringing inner stillness, awe and wonder. Tips on how to develop the practice of journaling will be provided. No previous skills are needed in writing or drawing, and materials are supplied on the day, so why not try it? Bring an open mind and a sense of adventure.



The Domestic in Poetry and Prose with Shauna Gilligan

Thurs 11 September,
6.30-8.00pm
Ballyogan Library

Booking via
ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7222



Using lines or elements of poetry and prose as prompts, as well as real life objects including baking utensils and found objects as inspiration, participants will be guided through writing exercises in an exploration of memories of home and the objects which evoke them, looking at meaning and the extraordinary in the everyday domestic. Participants can work on poetry or prose, or explore both.

Shauna Gilligan, writer and educator, has received numerous awards for her writing including the Cecil Day Lewis Literary Bursary for Literature and the Irish Writers' Centre/Tyrone Guthrie Centre Jack Harte Bursary (2025). She co-edited the anthology of prose, poetry and visual art, *Fire: Brigid and The Sacred Feminine* (Arlen House: Dublin, 2024) with Niamh Boyce.



Reduce your food waste

Tues 16 September, 6.30pm
Dundrum library

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

Sustainability and biodiversity consultant Aoife Munn joins us in Dundrum Library to share tips and tricks for reducing food waste.

This is a Skills for Life event.



Demystifying AI (for Adults) with Spain Hughes Fagan

Sat 13 September, 2.30-4.30pm
Deansgrange Library

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

Demystifying AI (For Adults) is a fun, accessible, and engaging hands-on workshop designed for anyone curious about Artificial Intelligence. The workshop aims to clarify what AI is, with a primary focus on Machine Learning, a key area within AI. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with various Machine Learning applications and train models to distinguish between participants and images. This workshop is open to everyone interested in AI, and no prior technical knowledge is necessary.



This is a Skills for Life event.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Financial Workshops

Wednesdays 17 September – 22 October
(6 weeks)

10.30am – 12.30pm

Room 3, Level 5, dlr Lexicon

To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7219

Join us for a six-week age-friendly programme to learn about budgeting basics, loans and credit scores, digital and online banking, avoiding frauds and scams, savings and financial planning. Enjoy tea, coffee and pastries in a relaxed space while making friends and gaining confidence in managing your money. Participants must be able to attend all 6 workshops.



This programme is in partnership with DDLETB and was funded under the Collaboration and Innovation Fund under the ALL (Adult Literacy for Life) Strategy.

Beginner's Painting and Drawing with John Carpenter

Wed 17 & 24 September, 2.00-4.00pm
Cabinteely Library

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

A gentle introduction to drawing and painting. John Carpenter will guide you and give you the confidence to create your own artwork that you can take home. All materials supplied. These are two separate stand-alone classes. Please book for one session only.



U.N. SUSTAINABLE GOALS WEEK IRELAND 2025 (19-28 SEPT)

Sustainable Gardening and Environmental Awareness Workshop

Mon 22 September, 3.00pm
Dalkey Library

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

Join Marie from Unwind With Plants for an interactive and practical presentation and discover a gardening approach that has less impact on the environment.

- Find out how to harvest seeds to sow next spring, and how to grow microgreen vegetables using less soil and water
- Look at how to encourage more biodiversity into your garden
- Learn how plants help purify the air and the effect of 'Greenhouse Gases' on our environment and atmosphere
- Learn how to easily recycle items into useful re-usable garden accessories.



U.N. SUSTAINABLE GOALS WEEK IRELAND 2025 (19-28 SEPT)

Natural Skincare Masterclass with FeeBee Foran

Mon 22 September, 6.30pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexicon

Booking essential via dlr Libraries Ticket Tailor.

Visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dlrlibraries> for all bookable events.

Natural Skincare Masterclass presented by Feebee Foran, herbalist, owner of Forager Skincare & resident forager on Ireland AM. You will learn to make natural skincare products like poultices, natural exfoliants, calming skin tonics and a nourishing lip balm. Learn the secrets of the herbalist and how to create your own natural skincare routines.



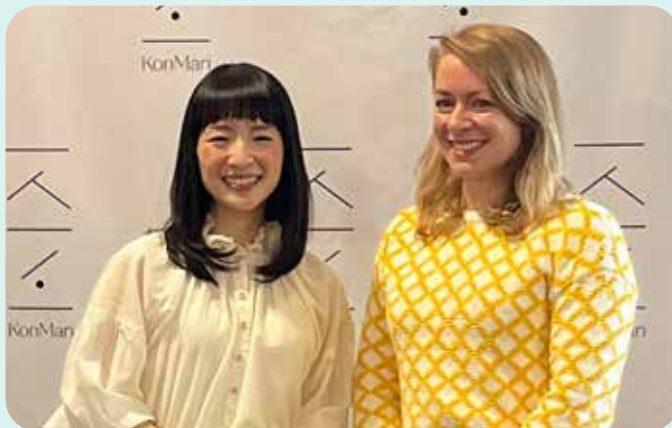
This masterclass is for informational purposes only and does not constitute medical advice; please consult a healthcare professional for any skin-related concerns.

Declutter Your Life, Sustain Our Planet: A KonMari Approach

Wed 24 September, 6.30pm
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7219

Join KonMari Consultant Justine Conroy for an inspiring talk connecting the dots between mindful tidying and sustainability. Learn how embracing a tidier, more intentional life can lead to a significant positive impact on your personal well-being and the wellbeing of our world. Don't miss this opportunity to transform your relationship with your belongings and contribute to a more sustainable future.



The Home Reset

Mon 22 September, 6.30pm
Ballyogan Library

To book, email ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7222

Join Hazel Burton from The Home Reset for practical tips on how to declutter and reset your home with maintainable organised systems. Topics covered will include the science behind clutter, where to start, how to declutter and ongoing maintenance of organisation systems.



Joyful Needlework with Tamara Fiabane

Thurs 25 September, 10.30am-12.30pm
Room 1, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7219

Join us and meet your crafty neighbour to celebrate harvest time in a fun and relaxed environment celebrating UN SDG Week 2025. Together you will create a piece of upcycled textile art using a coffee sack, a variety of techniques, and recycled materials. Prepare yourself to do a bit of embroidery mixed with needle felting and hand sewing to create something unique.



U.N. SUSTAINABLE GOALS WEEK IRELAND 2025 (19-28 SEPT)



Sustainable Beauty Care Talk

Thurs 25 Sept, 6.00-7.00pm

Dalkey Library

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

Join Nathalie and Diane from the Sustainable Life School to learn how you can reduce plastic and create a clutter-free and relaxing sustainable self-care routine that is good for you and the planet.

In this session you will come away with:

- Easy swaps you can make in the bathroom to go plastic free
- The "How To" on sustainable makeup, skin, hair care, hygiene and menstrual products
- Demo on how to make your own dry shampoo

This is a Skills for Life event



Sustainable Gardening Through the Seasons with Aoife Munn

Mon 29 September,
6.00pm

Room 2, Level 5,
dlr Lexlcon

To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Discover how to create a beautiful, thriving garden while caring for the planet. In this inspiring and practical session, horticulturalist and sustainability consultant Aoife Munn will share eco-friendly techniques to manage pests, support biodiversity, and keep your garden flourishing all year round.

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EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Introduction to Bridge: An 8-week Course

Mondays 29 September - 24 November,
10.30am-12.00pm

Dalkey Library

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

Sharpen your mind and master the game of strategy, logic, and fun - learn bridge!



Sign up for an eight-week course led by Michael O'Loughlin. Taking place every Monday morning from the end of September until the end of November, this course will teach you how to play the world's most social card game.



The Domestic in Poetry and Prose with Sara Mullen

Tues 30 September,
10.30am – 12.00pm
Room 2, Level 5, dlr Lexlcon

Booking via
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7219

Using lines or elements of poetry and prose as prompts, as well as real life objects including baking utensils and found objects as inspiration, participants will be guided through writing exercises in an exploration of memories of home and the objects which evoke them, looking at meaning and the extraordinary in the everyday domestic. Participants can work on poetry or prose, or explore both.

Sara Mullen writes poetry and short fiction and her work has featured in various journals and anthologies including, most recently, *Tearing Stripes off Zebras* (Arlen House, 2023), *Fire: Brigid and the Sacred Feminine* (Arlen House, 2024) and *Washing Windows V* (Arlen House, 2025). She teaches English language and literacy, and creative writing.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

My Girls Gynae Workshop - Talk on Puberty for Girls and their Families

Mon 8 September, 6.00pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1,
dlr Lexlcon



Suitable for ages 10 yrs+ accompanied by parents or guardians
To book, email libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

Join us for an informative and supportive session designed for girls and their families through the journey of puberty, bringing together medical and holistic information. Geraldine Connolly, Consultant Adolescent Gynaecologist and Paula Herbert, Yoga teacher and Ayurvedic Practitioner will be talking about:

- Usual sequence of physical changes during puberty
- Being prepared for the first period
- Positive messaging around development and periods
- Period products
- Self-care during the period



This is a Skills for Life event

Toddler Time in dlr Lexlcon

Toddler Time in dlr Lexlcon is back on a fortnightly basis! Join us on Wednesday mornings for facilitated events to help your little one grow and learn. Booking opens for each session a week before the event.

Toddler Time: Mischa O'Mahony

Wed 10 September,
10.30-11.30am
Children's Library, Level 4,
dlr Lexlcon



Suitable for ages 18 mths-3 yrs
Booking essential via dlr Libraries Ticket Tailor
Visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dlrlibraries>
for all bookable events.s

Toddler Time: Messy Adventures

Wed 24 September,
10.30-11.30am
Children's Library, Level 4,
dlr Lexlcon



Suitable for ages 18 mths-3 yrs
Booking essential via dlr Libraries Ticket Tailor
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for all bookable events.

Leanaí na Leabharlainne @ Leabharlann Ghráinseach an Déin

Gach Déardaoin 10.30am - 12.00pm
 Ó 11 Meán Fómhair 2025

Deansgrange Library

Oiriúnach do leanaí 0 - 3 bliana agus a gcuid gcúramóirí le Gaeilge.

Tá fáilte roimh chách, níl aon ghá le háirithint.

All welcome, no booking required.

Buail isteach ar an ngrúpa spraoi nua seo do leanaí as Gaeilge. Cuirfear bréagáin ar fáil i Leabharlann na bPáistí, áit a mbeidh scéalaíocht agus cúpla amhrán againn le chéile.

Irish Language Baby Group @ Deansgrange Library

Every Thursday, 10.30am - 12.00pm
 from 11 September 2025

Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 0-3 yrs accompanied by their parents/carers.

All welcome, no booking required.

Drop in to this new fun group for children in Irish. Toys will be provided in the Children's Library, where we will have storytelling and a few songs together.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

**Sensory Sessions: Dave's Jungle**

Sat 20 September, 11.00am, 12.00pm, 1.00pm, 2.20pm & 3.20pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

Booking essential via dlr Libraries Ticket Tailor
Visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dlrlibraries> for all bookable events.

Back by popular demand, Dave's Jungle will arrive in dlr Lexlcon for September's Sensory Sessions! Join Dave and his reptilian pals for an interactive session where you will learn about how animals hunt, use their senses and catch their prey.

Each session lasts 40 minutes with plenty of opportunities for attendees to ask Dave their follow-up questions.

**Please note sessions from 11.00am - 2.20pm are for neurodiverse children and their families. 3.20pm session is open to all families.*

Cruthaímis le Chéile – le Sinéad Ní Chofaigh

Fri 26 September, 2.30-3.30pm
Children's Library, Dundrum Library

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

Ceardlann idirghníomhach le Sinéad Ní Chofaigh. Oibreoidh teaghlach le chéile chun a samhlaíocht a spreagadh, scéal nua a chumadh agus píosa ealaíne a chruthú leis. Spreagfaidh an seisiún seo comhoibriú, spraoi agus cruthaitheacht trí Ghaeilge, agus beidh saothar uathúil agus cuimhne roinnte ag gach teaghlach ag deireadh an lae. Oscailte do gach aoisghrúpa.



An interactive workshop with Sinéad Ní Chofaigh where families spark their imaginations, co-create a story and bring it to life through art. This playful session encourages teamwork and creativity in Irish, leaving each family with a unique artwork and shared memory. Open to all ages.



Part of the Bronntanas Festival.

Dráma Clainne le Gabrielle Breathnach

Fri 26 September, 3.00-4.00pm
Ballyogan Library

To book, email ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7222



Ceardlann drámaíochta spreagúil le Gabrielle Breathnach. Bainfidh teaghlach taitneamh as rólíomairt, cluichí agus samhlaíocht, ar fad trí mheán na Gaeilge. Tabharfaidh páistí agus tuismitheoirí beocht do scéalta nua le chéile agus bainfidh siad sult as cruthaitheacht agus spraoi. Oscailte do gach aois,

spás taitneamhach agus scíthmhar chun Gaeilge a úsáid ar bhealach cruthaitheach. Oscailte do gach aoisghrúpa.

A lively family drama workshop with Gabrielle Breathnach. Through role-play, games and imagination – all in Irish – children and parents bring new stories to life together. Open to all ages, this is a relaxed, creative space where families can explore Irish in a playful way.

Part of the Bronntanas Festival.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Biongó na nEachtáir le HK Ní Shioradáin

Sat 27 September, 11.00am-12.00pm
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexicon

Suitable for ages 6-9 yrs

To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7219



Tuirlingíonn spáslong i nDún Laoghaire! Tá na heachtráin ag iarraidh Gaeilge a fhoghlaim trína gcluiche is ansa leo – Biongó. Cuirfidh HK Ní Shioradáin spraoi agus spleodar ar fáil agus teaghlaigh ag cabhrú leis na cuairteoirí ár dteanga dhúchais a fhoghlaim. Oiriúnach do pháistí 6–9, ach tá fáilte mhór roimh siblí. Tá an

imeacht cairdiúil do pháistí néara-éagsúla.

A spaceship lands in Dún Laoghaire! The aliens want to learn Irish through their favourite game – Bingo. HK Ní Shioradáin leads this lively session where families help the visitors discover our native tongue. Best suited for ages 6–9 yrs, with siblings very welcome. Neurodiverse-friendly fun for all.

Part of the Bronntanas Festival.



Graffiti Workshop with Street Art Ink

Sat 27 September, 1.30-3.30pm
Deansgrange Library

Suitable for ages 12 yrs+

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



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.

#Take a Closer Look



National Public Libraries Open Day VR Demo

Sat 27 September, 2.00-3.00pm
Ballyogan Library

Drop in, no booking required.



Drop in for a demo of our VR headsets with library staff. Visit a farm, skydive, and explore the virtual world from the comfort of the library!

#Take a Closer Look



Deep Sea Family Day

Sat 27 September, All Day
Cabinteely Library

Suitable for all ages

All welcome, drop-in event
across the day

Our library is at the centre of the community so celebrate National Public Libraries Open Day and pop into Cabinteely Library to say hello. Our Deep Sea Family Day explores the wonders and adventures of the deep sea; from sea creatures to mermaids and pirates. Enjoy ocean-related crafts and a treasure hunt for all the family.

#Take a Closer Look



EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS

U.N. Sustainable Goals Week Ireland 2025 (19-28 Sept): Workshops for Schools

Energy and Circuits Workshop for Schools

Mon 22 September,
9.30-11.00am &
11.30am-1.00pm
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon



Suitable for 4th-6th class
To book, teachers should email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Dive into our interactive Energy and Circuits workshop with The Rediscovery Centre!

Participants will explore the different types of energy, where they come from, the differences between renewable and non-renewable energies, and little things that we can all do every day to save energy. The workshop also includes a range of hands-on, interactive activities, culminating in them making and testing out their own circuits.

Zero Food Waste Workshop with the Cool Food School

Tues 23 September,
10.00am & 11.30am
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for 2nd class and upwards

To book, teachers should email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Join the Cool Food School for this workshop which will focus on zero food waste by using carrot peels to make carrot skin crisps and carrot tops to make nut-free pesto.



HIGHLIGHT EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Murder One Crime Writing Festival

Fri 17 – Sun 19 October
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

For more information, including bookings, visit www.murderone.ie



Featuring some of the most well-known and internationally-renowned crime writing stars, Murder One, Ireland's International Crime Writing Festival,

returns to Dublin for its 8th year with a whole host of not to be missed events, talks and workshops. And of course, not forgetting younger budding crime writers too - this year Murder One has a schools' programme with some events for children.

Supported by the Arts Council and dlr Libraries.

Children's Book Festival

For more information, including bookings, visit our website libraries.dlrcoco.ie

October is Children's Book Festival time, which means time for some fantastic events with authors and illustrators. This annual celebration helps to spread the enjoyment of books and reading among families, authors, illustrators, teachers and librarians all over Ireland. We have a great line-up with something for everyone!

Our local schoolchildren will be dazzled by authors and illustrators including Erika McGann, Aoife Dooley, Juliette Saumande, Megan Wynne, Gráinne O'Brien, Margaret Anne Suggs, Alan Nolan, Sarah Webb, Kevin Moran, Dave Rudden, Brían Dungan, Ciara Geraghty, Leona Forde, Karen Harte, Máire Zepf and Sarah Sparkles.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

In October, we continue our Creative Writing series with the WEB Women's Writing Group, and learn more about the craft of writing fiction, poetry and memoir.



Writing Memoir with Liz McManus and Patsy Murphy

Thurs 2 October, 6.30 – 8.00pm
Ballyogan Library

Booking via ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie



Creative Writing with Catherine Dunne

Thurs 9 October,
10.30am-12.00pm
Ballyogan Library

Booking via ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie

Photo: Simon
Robinson



Memoir Writing - Finding Your Inner Voice with Phyl Herbert

Tues 14 October,
10.30am – 12.00pm
Room 2, Level 5, dlr Lexicon

Booking via dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie



Creative Writing with Lia Mills

Tues 21 October,
6.30-8.00pm
Room 3, Level 5, dlr Lexicon

Booking via dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Photo: Simon
Robinson



Caint ar an bhFilíocht Chomhaimseartha le Celia de Fréine

Tues 7 October, 6.30-8.00pm
Room 3, Level 5, dlr Lexicon

Booking via dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

Labhróidh an file Celia de Fréine faoin bhfilíocht chomhaimseartha. I measc na dtéamaí a phléifear díreoidh sí ar chúrsaí cogaíochta, ar an bpaindéim Covid 19 agus cé chomh tábhachtach is atá mórimeachtaí an tsaoil a chur ar an taifead i bhfoirm fhileata. Is iad *Léaslíne a Lorg : In Search of a Horizon* (Arlen House 2022) agus *Focal den Fhírinne : A Grain of Truth*(Arlen House 2024) na saothair a bheidh faoi chaibidil.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Thursdays



Sci-Fi Book Club

Starting Thurs 2 October, 6.30pm
Deansgrange Library

The Sci-fi/Fantasy Book Club is set for relaunch this autumn in Deansgrange Library. The Club will meet on the first Thursday of the month. To find out more, and what the first title for discussion will be, drop in and chat to library staff or email the branch.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

An evening with Andrea Mara**Thurs 9 October, 6.30pm****Dundrum Library****Suitable for ages 8-13 yrs****To book, email dundrumlib@dlrcoco.ie or****Tel (01) 204 7220**

Dundrum Library are delighted to invite you to an evening with bestselling author, Andrea Mara. Join us to hear Andrea chat about writing and publishing.

Andrea Mara is a number one *Sunday Times*, *Irish Times* and Kindle bestselling author, whose books have sold more than 900,000 copies across all formats. Her most recent novel, *It Should Have Been You*, was a Number 1 bestseller in Ireland for four weeks, and a Top Ten bestseller in the UK hardback charts. Andrea lives in Dublin with her husband and three children.

**The Story of the Sinking of the RMS Leinster****Fri 10 October, 3.00pm****Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon****All welcome, no booking required**

The story of the sinking of the *RMS Leinster* has been told in a number of books, articles and in talks. On the 107th anniversary of the sinking, join maritime historian Philip Lecane along with documentary maker Rose McCarthy for a screening of her short film *Forgotten, the Greatest Tragedy Ever on the Irish Sea*.

The film captures all the drama of the sinking using letters from the time, poetry and interviews with Irish and Welsh relatives of several of the casualties.

**dlr Yarnspinners
Storytelling Circle with
Ailsa Dixon****Mon 13 October, 6.30-7.30pm****Deansgrange Library**

All welcome, no booking required. Free parking available.

Join us and a guest storyteller each month who will entertain with some stories and then open the floor to anyone who wishes to tell their own stories. Listeners and tellers both welcome!

Ailsa Dixon is a critically-acclaimed traditional storyteller and musician based in Scotland.

With a focus on place-based folktales and unheard histories, her work ranges from innovative contemporary performance to workshop facilitation and applied storytelling for wellbeing.

At the heart of everything she does is the connection between people, story and place.

Magic Table Monday**Mondays 6, 13, 20 October, 3.00-3.45pm****Dalkey Library****To book, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or****Tel (01) 204 7217**

Come along and try out our Magic Table. Otherwise known as a Tovertafel, the Magic Table consists of a series of interactive games projected onto a flat surface. Designed originally for those with dementia, Tovertafels now include programmes for adults with intellectual disabilities and children/young people with additional needs.

The playful light projections respond to hand and arm movements, allowing users to interact with the images and enticing all age groups to get moving and have fun together.



EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Sustainable Parenting Talk with The Sustainable Life School

Thurs 23 October, 6.30pm
Dundrum Library

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

Join us in Dundrum Library as we learn climate conscious parenting tips and tricks from The Sustainable Life School. Spaces are limited, so early booking is advised.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Flipbook Animation Workshop for Children's Book Festival

Sat 11 October,
10.30am - 12.00pm
Blackrock Library



Suitable for ages 8-13 yrs

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

Interested in drawing and animation? This Children's Book Festival, join Joseph Orr and Sinéad Doyle from the award-winning Speak Broccoli to learn how to use the basic principles of hand-drawn animation to make your own creations come to life. This workshop is a mixture of live demonstrations, easy to follow drawing guides and practical hands-on creativity. All materials are provided and you get to take your flipbook home with you.



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Toddler Time: Messy Adventures

Wed 8 October, 10.30-11.30am
Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

Suitable for ages 18 mths-3 yrs
Booking essential via dlr Libraries Ticket Tailor
Visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dlrlibraries>
for all bookable events.

Toddler Time in dlr Lexlcon is back on a fortnightly basis! Join us on Wednesday mornings for facilitated events to help your little one grow and learn. Booking opens for each session the week before the event.



Active Lego with Active Kids Academy

Fri 10 October,
2.00pm, 3.00pm & 4.00pm
Ballyogan Library



Suitable for ages 4 yrs+
Booking essential via dlr Libraries Ticket Tailor
Visit <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dlrlibraries>
for all bookable events.

Join Active Kids Academy for their inclusive Active Lego. These sessions are open to all neurodiverse children and their families, where participants will be able work at their own pace and ability, free to explore and rejoin the Lego tables at any stage.

Activities available will include:

- Free Building - children can choose what to build
- Guided Building - with building theme prompt cards
- Structured Building - children can work together to build Lego Sets
- Duplo Area – including train set for children to explore
- There will be an obstacle course, fine motor skill activities or sensory zone for those who may need a break. Please note, this is not a drop off event and adult supervision is compulsory. As there will be a large amount of small Lego pieces available, children must be supervised at all times.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

**Beginner's Chess
for Families with
Red King Chess**

Sat 11 October,
12.00–1.30pm &
2.00–3.30pm
Cabinteely Library



Suitable for ages 7-14yrs
and their parents/ guardians
To book, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel. (01) 204 7216

Are you and your child interested in learning how to play chess together? Join Red King Chess expert Ruairí as he takes you through the rules and moves to make an effective chess player. These are standalone classes, so please book for one class only. All materials supplied. Places are limited, so book early.

Halloween Costume Swap

Tues 14 October, 5.30-7.00pm
Dalkey Library

For more information, email
dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7217



As a sustainability initiative, we will be organising a Halloween Costume Swap in October.

You can drop off your unwanted Halloween Costumes (Children and Adults!) to a member of library staff throughout September and collect a voucher to participate in the October Halloween Costume Swap.

**Book Illustration with Úna Woods for
Children's Book Festival**

Sat 18 October,
10.00 - 11.00am
Blackrock Library



Suitable for ages 6-10 yrs
To book, email
blackrocklib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7215

Join illustrator Úna Woods for a fun and creative workshop as she shares all about the exciting new book she's illustrated —

Ellora McGee: Trainee Banshee! written by Sinéad O'Hart.

Hear behind-the-scenes stories about the characters and artwork, then get hands-on as Úna shows you how to draw some of the magical characters yourself!

**Toddler Time: Rhyme & Sign Storytime**

Wed 22 October, 10.30-11.30am
Children's Library, Level 4, dlr Lexicon

Suitable for ages 18 mths-3 yrs

Booking essential via dlr Libraries Ticket Tailor

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for all bookable events.

Clever Little Handies present a Rhyme and Sign Storytime for caregivers and babies/toddlers. Join us as we bring characters to life through the magic of storytelling, creativity and sign language. Participants can sign along as we go, no previous experience necessary as a brief introduction to baby sign is included.



It's not just about reading words; it's about creating a multisensory experience that ignites curiosity and joy. Please note, this is not an ISL led event.

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN / FAMILIES

Spooky Skull Light-Up Eyes Workshop

Tues 28 October, 2.00-3.00pm
Ballyogan Library

Suitable for ages 10 yrs+
To book, email ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7222

Join library staff to use circuits, LEDs and soldering to make a 3D printed skull's eyes glow red and take your skull home with you for the perfect Halloween decoration!



Halloween Mask-Making Workshop

Wed 29 October,
10.30 - 11.30am
Blackrock Library

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

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this spooktacular Halloween workshop where you will create your own mask to take home using a variety of art materials and techniques!



Úna Woods Spooktacular Halloween Storytime and Hunt

Tues 28 October, 3.30pm
Cabinteely Library

Suitable for ages 4 yrs+
To book, email cabinteelylib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel. (01) 204 7216

Join the incredible Irish children's picture book creator Úna Woods for a spooky storytime event, where she will read from her amazing picture books and tell you about how she creates her characters.

Afterwards, she will teach you how to draw spooky characters. Don't forget to do our Dublin Vampire-themed library hunt based on Úna's fabulous picture book *Have You Seen the Dublin Vampire?*



Halloween Crafts

Wed 29 October
11.00am: Suitable for ages 3-6 yrs
2.00pm: Suitable for ages 7 yrs+
Ballyogan Library

To book, email ballyoganlib@dlrcoco.ie or
Tel (01) 204 7222

Join us for some seasonal crafts. Get creative making some spooky Halloween crafts in one of our sessions. Halloween Fancy Dress is welcome!



EVENTS FOR SCHOOLS

The Forgotten Tragedy: the sinking of RMS Leinster with Carmel Uí Cheallaigh

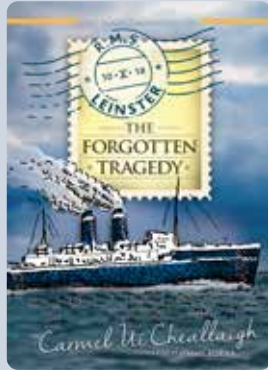
Fri 10 October, 10.00 am
Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexlcon

This is a schools event.
Suitable for 3rd/ 4th class.

To book, teachers should email
dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

The sinking of the RMS Leinster is regarded as Ireland's greatest maritime disaster. Over one hundred years on, it is high time for reflection and commemoration. How and why did this terrible tragedy happen?

Join author and retired librarian Carmel Uí Cheallaigh as she reads from her book for children *RMS Leinster: The Forgotten Tragedy*. A tour of the library will follow the event.



EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

Jennifer Johnston Exhibition

Mon 15 September – Sun 5 October
Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

As part of our commemoration of the life and work of Jennifer Johnston, we are displaying the exhibition that dlr Libraries produced in partnership with Jennifer Johnston's family to celebrate her 90th birthday in January 2020.

Jennifer and her family donated her writing desk and over 2,000 of her books to dlr Libraries, including numerous translations of her novels, signed gifts

received from many fellow writers, dramatists and artists, plus a large collection of her own books. This collection in dlr Lexlcon collection is fully catalogued and this exhibition showcases aspects of the life and work of this remarkable writer.



EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

W.M. Letts Exhibition – Her Life and Work

Tues 19 August - Thurs 11 September
Level 4, dlr Lexlcon

This exhibition celebrates the life and work of Winifred Mary Letts, poet, dramatist and children's author who had stories serialised on BBC radio and in Ireland. Much of W. M. Letts work is set in Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford. Don't miss the opportunity to visit this exhibition now available in dlr Lexlcon for a short period only.

**Irish Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers 50th Anniversary Exhibition**

Wed 3 – Fri 19 September
Level 3, dlr Lexlcon

The Irish Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers was established by Lillias Mitchell in 1975.

This year, they are celebrating 50 years of their Guild with an exhibition of members' work in dlr Lexlcon. The exhibition will showcase the crafts of spinning, weaving, tapestry weaving and dyeing.



EXHIBITION PROGRAMME

All about Agatha Christie

Fri 17 October – Sun 16 November
Level 3 & Level 5, dlr Lexicon

Alongside the Murder One Crime Festival in October, dlr Libraries will feature a new exhibition on the most famous detective writer in modern times.



Curated by John Curran, world expert on Agatha Christie with the support of dlr Libraries staff, this exhibition highlights the life and work of the writer and showcases some items from John's collection including first editions, film posters and curiosities relating to Agatha's work.



FÉILE NA STÁIRE
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DUBLIN FESTIVAL
OF HISTORY

Dublin Festival of History: Glass Reflections of Times Past in Our County

26 Sept – 2 November
Level 5, dlr Lexicon

Visit our new exhibition of early 20th century glass plate photographs from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and surrounds. Curated by the dlr Local Studies team from the Frank O'Flanagan Collection, these images are great reflections of times past in our County. This exhibition is part of the wider Dublin Festival of History 2025.

Talk: Reflections on Glass Reflections
Wed 1 October, 6.30-7.30pm
The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon

To book, email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7219

Join us for a talk to accompany Glass Reflections of Times Past in Our County. Delivered by a member of the dlr Local Studies team, this event will include a presentation on the glass plate photographs and the times that they reflect.

NEWS FROM DLR LIBRARIES

New Clubs in Dalkey Library

We are delighted to announce 3 new Clubs for adults starting in the Autumn in Dalkey Library. Whether you're a movie buff or a budding chef, or you just want to practise your English in a relaxed, informal setting, we have you covered!

English Language Conversation Group

Sat 6 & 20 September, 3.00-3.45pm
Dalkey Library

For more information, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel (01) 204 7217

Dalkey Library is starting a new English Conversation Group. Sign up to come along and meet for informal chat and conversations to practise English with others.



Movie Mingle Film Club

Tues 23 September, 6.30-7.30pm
Tues 21 October, 6.30-7.30pm

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



Dalkey library staff are in love with Cinema and bring you a new club for those as passionate about the silver screen as we are. We will cover films of all genres and eras, including independent and arthouse movies. Join us as we delve into some great cinematic titles. As said by Humphrey Bogart's Rick in Casablanca, *"I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."*

Seasoned Readers' Cookbook Club

Tues 30 September, 6.30-7.30pm
Dalkey library

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



Are you passionate about food? Do you like to experiment with your plates? Do you love talking about different dishes all the time? If the answers are yes, this is the club for you! Each month library staff will choose a cookbook and members of the club will try at least two of the recipes at home before meeting to discuss their experiences.

NEWS FROM DLR LIBRARIES

How to be Energy Smart at Home

Sat 27 September, 11.30am - 1.00pm
County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, A96 K6C9

Free, but booking is required via DLRCC events
Eventbrite

How to be Energy Smart at Home is a free clinic to help you to learn how to be energy smart and to 'Ask the Experts' your questions. Join our colleagues in County Hall, as they bring together energy experts to share a wide range of information from no-cost saving energy tips, understanding energy bills and smart meters, to examples of home energy retrofits to reach a high Building Energy Rating (BER). You will also hear about accessing grants for home energy upgrades, solar panels and how to lower your energy bill. The short presentations will be followed by an opportunity to ask your one-to-one questions to the Energy Experts.

And don't forget you can borrow a Home Energy Saving Kit (HESK) from dlr branch libraries to take home with you. These handy kits can help householders better understand their energy use and reduce their bills. The tools in the kit address key areas of energy use in the home - space heating, hot water and electricity consumption - and can identify common issues such as lack of insulation, poor ventilation and the appliances that might be driving up energy bills. There may be a short waiting time for kits; talk to library staff to find out more.

**Oíche Ilteangach - Off the Scéal Multilingual Open Mic**

Mondays 29 September, 13 & 20 October
3, 10 & 24 November
6.30-8.00pm

Studio Theatre, Level 1, dlr Lexicon

All welcome, no booking required

Join Daniel Flynn and Ola Majekodunmi, co-curators of these multilingual open mic nights for poets, musicians, storytellers and comedians from all backgrounds. Danile and Ola create space for Dublin's multilingual, multicultural artists — whether you perform in English, Irish, or any other language, they want to hear from you.



Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme

**dlr Libraries' Creative Writing Programme for Teens**

October – November 2025

Suitable for ages 15 - 17 yrs (4th – 6th year)

For more information, email
libraryculture@dlrcoco.ie

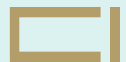


As part of our Creative Ireland programming, dlr Libraries will be welcoming acclaimed poet, writer and dramatist Colm Keegan along with talented comic colourist Triona Farrell, as they deliver a series of workshops to local teenagers.



Participants will choose which artist to work with, and over the course of four weeks the two groups will be guided by the facilitators after four weeks, as they each create their own original story.

Clár Éire Ildánach
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Spotlight on: Ballyogan Library

Come take a closer look at our newest branch, Ballyogan Library, which opened in March 2025. If you haven't already visited, here are a few reasons why you should:



- Check out our Podcast Studio with all the equipment you need to start your broadcasting adventure
- Join us for our weekly quiet evening on Wednesdays, 6.00 – 7.45pm. We will have dimmed lighting, silent self-service machines, and sensory toys for those with sensory issues
- Try our Cubbie, a sensory management pod designed to help people regulate their sensory

experiences in various environments. It provides a customisable space with adjustable lighting, sound and visuals, allowing users, especially those with sensory sensitivities, to find comfort and focus

- Check out our Teen Area and browse our Manga and Graphic Novel collections
- Design your own 3D print with the help of library staff. Need that replacement part or want to design your own creations? Just ask us.

Open Mon-Thurs 9.30am- 8.00pm
and Fri & Sat 9.30am - 5.00pm

Drop in and say hello to the team.

Ballyogan Library, Samuel Beckett Civic
Campus, Ballyogan Court, Dublin 18,
D18 HT72



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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October Bank Holiday Arrangements

dlr Libraries and dlr Lexlcon will be closed from **Saturday 25 October** to **Monday 27 October** inclusive.
All Libraries will re-open as normal on **Tuesday 28 October 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

