





### Fómhar/Geimhreadh i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2024

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# Autumn/Winter in Fingal Libraries 2024

So much to see ... so much to do!



## Cur tús le do Fhómhar le turas chuig an leabharlann

#### Your autumn starts with a trip to the library

Check out the free talks, workshops and services in Fingal Libraries that can inspire, motivate and support you in 2024.

#### **Autumn Events at a Glance**

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Event	Location	Start Time	
Monday, 23rd September	Monday, 23rd September		
Sustainable Living	Malahide Library	6:30pm	
Tuesday, 24th September			
<b>Toddler Time Stories and Songs</b> (for more dates, see page 10)	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am	
Sustainable Living	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm	
Saturday, 28th September			
Positive Aging: Mindful Movement through Chair Yoga	Balbriggan Library	11:00am	
Thursday, 1st October			
Ethical Fashion	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm	
Thursday, 3rd October			
<b>Learn to Paint and Draw</b> (for more dates, see page 20)	Rush Library	10:30am	
<b>Learn to Paint and Draw</b> (for more dates, see page 20)	Donabate Library	2:30pm	
Friday, 4th October			
Tai Chi course (for more dates, see page 19)	Malahide Library	2:00pm	
Saturday, 5th October			
Dyslexia Explained	Rush Library	2:00pm	
Positive Aging: Mindful Movement through Chair Yoga	Balbriggan Library	11:00am	
Monday, 7th October			
eServices Session	Rush Library	3:00pm	
Career Advice Sessions (for more dates, see page 23)	Malahide Library	6:30pm	
Clock Design & Laser Cutting (for more dates, see page 29)	Blanchardstown Library Makerspace	5:45pm	

Event	Location	Start Time	
Tuesday, 8th October			
Facts About Bats	Skerries Library	6:30pm	
Have Fun with a Cup of Focals!	Swords Library	3:30pm	
Wednesday, 9th October			
Career Advice Sessions	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm	
(for more dates, see page 23)	Biancharuscown Library	0.30piii	
Enhancing Your Well-Being with Aromatherapy	Howth Library	3:00pm	
Thursday, 10th October			
Career Advice Sessions	Swords Library	6:30pm	
Introduction to Clothing Repair	Blanchardstown Library Makerspace	5:45pm	
Saturday, 12th October			
Design a Miniature Dream Home	Rush Library	11:00am	
Design a Miniature Dream Home	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm	
Blanchardstown Library Clothes Swap	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am	
Textile Meet-up for Teens	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am	
(for more dates, see page 30)	Makerspace	11.000111	
Sew a Dog Shaped Cushion	Blanchardstown Library Makerspace	2:00pm	
Monday, 14th October			
Career Advice Sessions	Malahide Library	6:30pm	
Tuesday, 15th October			
Virtual Reality Showcase Sessions	Malahide Library	3:00pm	
(for more dates, see page 31)	,		
Have Fun with a Cup of Focals!	Donabate Library	3:00pm	
Thursday 17th, October			
Career Advice Sessions	Swords Library	6:30pm	
Monthly Textile Meet-up for Adults (for more dates, see page 30)	Blanchardstown Library Makerspace	5:45pm	
eServices Sessions (for more dates, see page 31)	Malahide Library	2:00pm	
Saturday, 19th October			
Big Bear Planetarium	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am	
Tuesday, 22nd October			
Spooky Storytime	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm	
Spooky Arts & Crafts	Malahide Library	3:00pm	
Spooky Arts & Crafts	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm	
Spooky Arts & Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm	



Event	Location	Start Time	
Wednesday, 23rd October			
eServices Session (for more dates, see page 31)	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm	
Spooky Storytime	Rush Library	3:30pm	
Spooky Arts & Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm	
Balbriggan Youth Theatre Spooky Storytime	Balbriggan Library	4:15pm	
Thursday, 24th October			
Halloween Tales	Skerries Library	3:00pm	
Spooky Arts & Crafts	Malahide Library	3:00pm	
Spooky Arts & Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm	
Halloween Quiz	Swords Library	3:30pm	
Introduction to Embroidery	Blanchardstown Library Makerspace	5:45pm	
Tuesday, 29th October			
l Scream, You Scream, we All Scream for Halloween!!!	Donabate Library	11:00am	
l Scream, You Scream, we All Scream for Halloween!!!	Swords Library	2:30pm	
Halloween Tales	Howth Library	11:00am	
Halloween Tales	Garristown Library	3:30pm	
Spooky Arts & Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm	
Spooky Arts & Crafts	Donabate Library	3:30pm	
The Birds of Fingal	Blanchardstown Library	6:45pm	
Virtual Reality Showcase Sessions (for more dates, see page 31)	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm	
Wednesday, 30th October			
l Scream, You Scream, we All Scream for Halloween!!!	Malahide Library	11:00am	
l Scream, You Scream, we All Scream for Halloween!!!	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm	
Halloween Tales	Rush Library	11:00am	
Family Friendly Halloween Movie	Malahide Library	12:30pm	
Thursday, 31st October			
l Scream, You Scream, we All Scream for Halloween!!!	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am	
Spooky Arts & Crafts	Donabate Library	3:30pm	
Saturday, 2nd November			
The Happy Prince	Balbriggan Library	11:00am	



Event	Location	Start Time	
Wednesday, 6th November			
Sensory Slime	Malahide Library	4:00pm	
Sensory Slime	Howth Library	6:30pm	
Thursday, 7th November			
Sensory Play	Garristown Library	3:00pm	
Sensory Slime	Swords Library	6:30pm	
Saturday, 9th November			
Messy Play	Blanchardstown Library	10:30am	
Winter Wellness: Mindful Movement through Chair Yoga	Balbriggan Library	11:00am	
Monday, 11th November			
Sensory Slime	Rush Library	3:30pm	
Wednesday, 13th November			
African Percussion Family Workshop	Corduff Sports Centre	TBC	
Yeats in Howth	Howth Library	6:45pm	
Saturday, 16th November			
Winter Wellness: Mindful Movement through Chair Yoga	Balbriggan Library	11:00am	
Monday, 18th November			
Family Bodhrán workshop	Rush Library	3:30pm	
Tuesday, 19th November			
The Mind Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm	
Saturday, 23rd November			
Messy Play	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm	
Silk Painting Workshop	Balbriggan Library	10:00am	
Monday, 25th November			
Monthly Maker Meet-up for Adults (for more dates, see page 30)	Blanchardstown Library Makerspace	5:45pm	
Wednesday, 27th November			
Clay hanging decorations workshop	Swords Library	3:30pm	
Sustainable Christmas Outfit Demonstration	Malahide Library	11:00am	
Foliage Greeting Cards Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm	
Friday, 29th November			
Messy Play	Donabate Library	11:00am	
Tuesday, 3rd December			
Clay hanging decorations workshop	Donabate Library	3:30pm	



Event	Location	Start Time	
Wednesday, 4th December			
Festive Arts and Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm	
Family Time at Your Library	Garristown Library	3:45pm	
Family Time at Your Library	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm	
Clay hanging decorations workshop	Howth Library	3:30pm	
Winter Wonder Tales	Skerries Library	3:00pm	
Santasaurus	Rush Library	3:30pm	
Friday, 6th December			
Clay hanging decorations workshop	Malahide Library	3:30pm	
Christmas Crackers	Balbriggan Library	3:00pm	
Saturday, 7th December			
Family Time at Your Library	Malahide Library	10:00am	
Family Time at Your Library	Balbriggan Library	10:30am	
Festive Musical Tots	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am	
Monday, 9th December			
Family Time at Your Library	Donabate Library	3:30pm	
Family Time at Your Library	Swords Library	3:30pm	
Family Time at Your Library	Rush Library	3:30pm	
Tuesday, 10th December			
Christmas Quiz	Swords Library	3:30pm	
Scandinavian Wreath Making Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	6:15pm	
Wednesday, 11th December			
Family Time at Your Library	Skerries Library	3:00pm	
Family Time at Your Library	Howth Library	4:00pm	
Christmas Crackers	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm	
Festive Arts and Crafts	Rush Library	3:00pm	
Festive Arts and Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm	
Europe Direct Annual Christmas Concert	Blanchardstown Library	6:00pm	
Thursday, 12th December			
Magic Storytime	Garristown Library	3:30pm	
Festive Arts and Crafts for Adults	Swords Library	2:30pm	
Monday, 16th December	Monday, 16th December		
<b>Festive Family Movies</b> (for more dates, see page 27)	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm	

Event	Location	Start Time
Tuesday, 17th December		
Festive Musical Tots	Garristown Library	11:00am
Festive Arts and Crafts	Malahide Library	3:00pm
Festive Arts and Crafts	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Festive Arts and Crafts	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Wednesday, 18th December		
Festive Family Movie	Malahide Library	1:00pm
Festive Family Movie	Rush Library	5:30pm
Thursday, 19th December		
Festive Arts and Crafts	Malahide Library 3:00pn	
Festive Arts and Crafts	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Saturday, 21st December		
Family Time at Your Library	Balbriggan Library	10:30am



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# FINGAL FESTIVAL PARTIES OF HISTORY

Welcome to Fingal's eighth annual Festival of History, which will run from Monday 1st to Sunday 13th October 2024 throughout our library branches. History at the Library Day takes place on Saturday 5th October in the newly refurbished Carnegie Free Library on North Street, Swords. This year we have incorporated 10 talks, a popup museum, and a heritage trail into our programme. We



hope that there will be something of interest for everyone. All events are free to the public, but places may be limited so booking is advised. Scan the QR code to view the full programme of events or pick up the Festival of History brochure at your nearest Fingal library.



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### Am Scríbhneoireachta

Ceiliúradh ar Chruthaitheacht & Scríbhneoireacht i bhFine Gall

## **The Write Time**

A Celebration of Creativity & Writing in Fingal



#### 1st - 16th November

Fingal Libraries presents the Write-Time, a literary festival for all readers, writers, and culture vultures! The Write-Time will provide entertainment and inspiration for all those interested in the written word. Taking place over the first two weeks in November in library branches, the festival culminates in a showcase of events in the Old Carnegie Library, Swords, on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th November.

There are events for writers on how to get a book published, or for those looking to gain insights from an editor of one of Ireland's best literary magazines. There are also workshops on screenwriting, poetry, writing YA fiction, and how to get your creative ideas down on paper.

For readers, there is a brilliant line-up of stellar writers 'In Conversation.' From Katriona O'Sullivan, author of the best-selling memoir Poor, to the internationally best-selling, award-winning author Christine Dwyer Hickey, to Wendy Erskine, Claire Kilroy, and Kevin Curran. Fingal Libraries will have something for you to enjoy this November - and all for free!

For details, keep an eye on the Fingal Libraries website and social media or enquire at your nearest Fingal library.





## **Toddler Time Stories and Songs** with Sarah Sparkles

Join Sarah Sparkles and her puppet friends for a fully interactive show for little ones, including singing, dancing and movement. And to finish off - lots of bubbles! Ages 0-5



Tuesday, 24th September Tuesday, 29th October Tuesday, 26th November Tuesday, 10th December

11:00am - 12:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

## **Magic Storytime** with Sarah Sparkles

Help Sarah Sparkles create a unique story and discover just how magical you really are. Sing songs, meet her puppet friends, and even help her perform some magic! Ages 5+

**Garristown Library** 

Thursday, 12th December

3:30pm - 4:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

## **Design a Miniature Dream Home**with Kim Jenkinson

The Open House Dublin Festival of Architecture takes place from 12th – 20th October. Join artist Kim Jenkinson for workshops to celebrate Open House Dublin Junior Weekend. Using a wide mix of materials, children will create their own miniature dream homes, spaces, or places to play. Ages 6+



Rush Library	Saturday, 12th October	11:00am – 12:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 12th October	2:00pm – 3:00pm



#### **Big Bear Planetarium**

Visit the Big Bear Planetarium to celebrate Space Week! The Big Bear Planetarium offers an exciting exploration of the universe presented by Carl O' Beirne - one of Ireland's leading astronomers and astrophotographers.



Blanchardstown Library | Saturday, 19th October

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### Píosa Spraoi le Cupán Focail(s)! / Have Fun with a Cup of Focals! with Aine Gallagher

In this fun bilingual workshop, children will play games to practice their cúpla focal and turn them into a simple story. 'Queen of offbeat', Áine Gallagher, uses her 'cup of focals' (cup full of words) to encourage people to give Irish a go, even if it's not perfect. She lives by the saying, "is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste" (broken Irish is better than clever English) and this workshop is all about practicing our Irish in a fun and friendly way. Ages 10+



"Is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste" seo é an sprioc don ceardlann seo le Áine Gallagher, aka "the gueen of offbeat". Is ealaíontóir í Áine agus tá sí i gconaí ag déanamh rudaí nua agus cruthaitheach cun Gaeilge a cur cun cinn agus inspioráid a thabhairt do dhaoine cun an teanga a labhairt. San ceardlann dhá theangach seo, beidh an aidhm cun píosa spraoi a fháil agus Gaeilge a cleactadh gan brú. Má cheapann tú nach bhfuil do chuid Gaeilge ró mhaith, ach ba mhaith leat í a feabhsú, seo é an ceardlann duit.

Swords Library	Tuesday, 8th October	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 15th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### Family Bodhrán workshop with Niall Preston

Discover traditional Irish rhythms with this fun interactive family workshop on the bodhrán! Delivered by champion bodhrán player Niall Preston from the Irish Institute of Music & Song, this workshop is suitable for both children and adults. Bodhráns provided.

**Rush Library** 

Monday, 18th November

3:30pm - 4:30pm



# Dungeons and Dragons

Enter a world of fantasy and adventure with Dungeons and Dragons. Keep an eye on our social media or enquire at your local <u>library for upcoming D&D events</u>.



#### **The Happy Prince: A Musical Recitation**

with Maria & Cecilia Henderson

The Happy Prince by Liza Lehmann is a dramatic recitation for speaker and piano based on the short story by Oscar Wilde. 'The Happy Prince' tells the story of a prince who was made into a golden statue after he died. In life, he lived a sheltered, happy life, but in death he saw all the suffering throughout his city. He befriends a swallow who has been separated from his flock and, together, they help the poor of the city. Ages 7 - 12

**Balbriggan Library** 

Saturday, 2nd November

11:00am - 11:30am

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event



#### **Sensory Friendly Events**

#### Dyslexia Explained with Sinéad Hull

This interactive Dyslexia Explained workshop is for children with dyslexia and their families. Learn about the science behind dyslexia and how the brain learns to read. Dyslexia myths will be explored, and the 'dyslexic advantage' explained! Children can try out tools, such as reading pens, which may help them with reading and/or writing.



**Rush Library** 

Saturday, 5th October

2:00pm - 3:30pm



#### **Sensory Slime**

with Messy Adventures

Join Messy Adventures to make your very own slime. Each child will experiment with different colours, textures, ingredients and even scents. Making slime is fun, relaxing, and educational! Ages 7+



Malahide Library	Wednesday, 6th November	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Howth Library	Wednesday, 6th November	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Swords Library	Thursday, 7th November	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Rush Library	Monday, 11th November	3:30pm – 4:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Sensory Play**

with Messy Adventures

Children attending this session will engage in sensory play using play dough. Ages 7+

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Messy Play**

with Messy Adventures

Messy play is sensory play, enabling children to create a controlled mess using ingredients such as sand, slime, water, jelly, flour, and mud. Ages 7+

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 9th November	10:30am – 11:30am
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 23rd November	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Donabate Library	Friday, 29th November	11:00am – 12:00pm





#### Schools programme



## **Astronauts' Dinner** with Anyone4Science

Primary schools in Malahide, Baldoyle, Garristown and Skerries have been invited to take part in 'Astronauts' Dinner' workshops to celebrate Space Week. Children learn about life on the international space station. Food suitable for taking to space was very different to that eaten by most families at the time of the first space missions. The children



make a dinner suitable for astronauts including soup, fish, veg, potatoes and a tasty dessert!



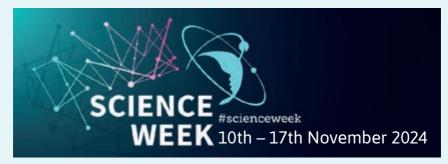
## **Cypher Wheel** with Anyone4Science

Primary schools in Howth, Balbriggan and Swords have been invited to take part in 'Cypher Wheel' workshops to celebrate Maths Week. Perfect for a secret agent who needs to send and receive secret messages without anyone being the wiser. No one will be able to unlock the code unless they have the secret key!



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#### Schools programme



#### **Bright Sparks** with Anyone4Science

To celebrate Science Week, a primary school in Baldoyle has been invited to take part in a workshop where the children learn about electric circuits and build a lighthouse to take home!



#### **CSI Workshop** with Anyone4Science

Primary schools in Rush and Donabate have been invited to take part in 'CSI' workshops to celebrate Science Week. Using the methods of forensic scientists, children will carry out tests on the inks and soils from a 'crime scene' and 6 'suspects'. Using their test results, can they work out who did it?



#### **Family Literacy Project**

at St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown

Fingal Libraries is delighted to continue its family literacy project in November with parents and children selected by St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown. Literacy specialist Stephen Brett and his colleague Colm O'Donovan will encourage children and parents to read together for fun. The mobile library service will be present so families can join the library and choose books. In the last week of the project, children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan will facilitate a fun story session with the children.



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### I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR NALLOWEEN!!!

Join storyteller Pat Ryan in your local library for some spooky stories, funny folk, and tall tales. Suitable for ages 5+.



Donabate Library	Tuesday, 29th October	11:00am – 12:00pm
Swords Library	Tuesday, 29th October	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Malahide Library	Wednesday, 30th October	11:00am – 12:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 30th October	3:00pm - 4:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 31st October	11:00am – 12:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### HALLOWEEN TALES WITH ROISIN AURPHY

Join storyteller Róisín Murphy this Halloween for some scary stories. Hear ancient Halloween traditions and learn about seriously spooky old Irish fairies. Ages 7+

Skerries Library	Thursday, 24th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Howth Library	Tuesday, 29th October	11:00am – 12:00pm
Garristown Library	Tuesday, 29th October	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Rush Library	Wednesday, 30th October	11:00am – 12:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### SPOOKY STORYTIME IN THE LIBRARY

Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 22nd October	3:30pm
Rush Library	Wednesday, 23rd October	3:30pm – 4:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### SPOOKY STORYTIME WITH THE BALBRIGGAN YOUTH THEATRE

Join our actors from the talented Balbriggan Youth Theatre for a Halloween themed story time. Come along in Halloween fancy dress! All welcome. No booking required.

Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 23rd October	4:15pm
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# Halloween

## SPOOKY ARTS NO CRAFTS IN THE LIBRARY

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Malahide Library	Thursday, 24th October	3:00pm – 3.30pm (Ages 6 – 10)
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 22nd October	3:00pm (Ages 8 – 12)
Rush Library	Tuesday, 22nd October Thursday, 24th October	3:00pm – 4:00pm (Ages 5 – 8)
Swords Library	Wednesday, 23rd October	3:30pm – 4:30pm (Ages 4 – 8)
Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 29th October	3:30pm (Ages 4 – 8)
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 29th October Thursday, 31st October	3:30pm – 4:30pm (Ages 5 – 10)

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

# FAMILY FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN MOVIE COME ALONG IN HALAOWEEN FANCY DRESS!

**Malahide Library** Wednesday, 30th October 12:30pm – 2:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

### HALLOWEEN QUIZ

3:30pm - 4:30pm **Swords Library** Thursday, 24th October (Ages 6 – 12)



Positive Ageing Week takes place from 30th September to 6th October and celebrates the contribution and agency of older people in the community.

**Positive Ageing: Mindful Movement through chair Yoga** with Katrina Barker

To celebrate Positive Aging Week, join Katrina for a two-part introduction course featuring chair yoga, mindful movement, breath work and relaxation! This course is designed to promote a feeling of well-being and reduce stress. No experience is necessary, and all levels of fitness are welcome.

**Balbriggan Library** 

Saturday, 28th September Saturday, 5th October

11:00am - 12pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

**Please note:** This workshop involves physical movement. If you have issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if this event is right for you.

## **Winter Wellness: Mindful Movement through chair Yoga** with Katrina Barker

Embrace winter wellness by joining Katrina for a two-part introduction course featuring chair yoga, mindful movement, breath work and relaxation! This course is designed to promote a feeling of well-being and reduce stress. No experience is necessary, and all levels of fitness are welcome.

**Balbriggan Library** 

Saturday, 9th November Saturday, 16th November

11:00am – 12pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

**Please note:** This workshop involves physical movement. If you have issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if this event is right for you.





#### Tai Chi course with Stephen Pentony

Tai Chi is a low impact, slow motion exercise. In this four-week course, Stephen Pentony will guide you through the graceful movements and health benefits of this Chinese practice. Comfortable clothing and footwear are recommended.

Malahide Library	Friday, 4th October Friday, 11th October Friday, 18th October Friday, 25th October	2:00pm – 3pm
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#### To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

**Please note:** This workshop involves physical movement. If you have issues with mobility or balance, please consult your doctor to help you decide if this event is right for you.

#### The Mind Workshop with Yuki Fragariani

Ever wonder why you start strong on new resolutions, only to find yourself slipping back into old habits? Join us for a workshop where you'll explore the power of your subconscious mind. Whether you want to scroll less on your phone, quit smoking, or embrace a healthier lifestyle, this workshop will provide you with practical techniques to harness the power of your mind for a happier, healthier you.

**Blanchardstown Library** Tuesday, 19th November

6:30pm - 7:45pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Enhancing Your Well-Being with Aromatherapy**

with Aromaste

In this session on aromatherapy, we will learn how this practice can enhance your physical and mental well-being. Whether you're curious about what makes an orange smell like an orange or how essential oils can improve your health, this event will provide valuable insights for everyone interested in natural wellness.



**Howth Library** 

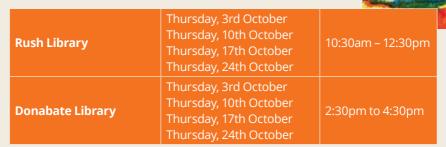
Wednesday, 9th October



#### **Autumn/Winter Events for Adults**

## **Learn to Paint and Draw** with John Carpenter

There's no magic to it - the magic is in you waiting to be unleashed. Take this opportunity to learn a craft that will give you, and others, years of contentment and enjoyment with John Carpenter's four-week course for adults.

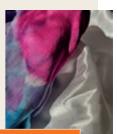


To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Silk Painting Workshop**

with Catherine McCourt

Explore the gentle art of painting on silk. Learn how to paint on 100% pure silk material using procion dyes and inks. Discover how to apply and fix the colours to create colourful vibrant pieces. Each participant will design their own unique silk fan to take home.



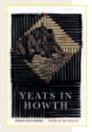
Balbriggan LibrarySaturday, 23rd November10:00am - 12:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Yeats in Howth**

with Kieran McNally

Author Kieran McNally will talk about his new book, Yeats in Howth, which explores the time the great poet W.B. Yeats lived in Howth, his attempts to make his work catch fire, and his struggle to become an artist. The book reveals the enduring influence this Dublin location had on his work.



**Howth Library** Wednesday, 13th November 6:45pm – 7:45pm

#### **Autumn/Winter Events for Adults**

#### **Facts About Bats**

#### with Clare Hamilton, Bat Conservation Ireland

Join us at Skerries Library for an engaging Facts About Bats event with Clare Hamilton from Bat Conservation Ireland, Discover the fascinating truths and debunk the myths surrounding these incredible flying mammals just in time for Halloween. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the vital role our native bats play in our environment.



**Skerries Library** 

Tuesday, 8th October

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **The Birds of Fingal**

with Dr. Frank Prendergast, Birdwatch Fingal

Fingal has a diverse set of habitats from farmland to coastal islands, parklands to urban sprawl. These provide a diverse range of birds from the garden Robin to rare Roseate Terns. The talk by Dr. Frank Prendergast of Birdwatch Fingal will explore Fingal's habitats, wild bird sightings and sounds, and what we can do to protect these for the future.



**Blanchardstown Library** Tuesday, 29th October

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Blanchardstown Library Clothes Swap**

We're delighted to announce the first Blanchardstown Library Clothes Swap. Donate up to five items of new and nearly new women's clothing (no underwear, sleepwear, shoes, sportswear or swimwear) in exchange for tokens which can be used at the event. Swapping is the new shopping!

**Please note:** clothes can be dropped to the library at the following times:

Wednesday, 9th October from 10:00am - 8:00pm; Thursday, 10th October from 10:00am - 8:00pm; Friday, 11th October from 10:00am - 5:00pm. Booking via Eventbrite.



Blanchardstown Library | Saturday, 12th October

10:30am - 1:00pm

#### **Autumn/Winter Events for Adults**

#### Ethical Fashion - the true cost of our clothes with Self Help Africa

This talk will explore the tags on the clothes we wear and what they indicate, how various fabrics are made, greenwashing, and what happens to our clothes when we are finished with them.

**Blanchardstown Library** Tuesday, 1st October

6:30pm - 7:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Inclusive Creativity** with Prosper Fingal

Swords Library is delighted to continue its Inclusive Creativity partnership with Prosper Fingal. Prosper Fingal supports adults with an intellectual disability. A series of workshops in the library will give participants an opportunity to express their creativity and interact with others in a supportive and friendly environment.

#### African Percussion Family Workshop with John Nutekpor

Families who use Corduff Sports Centre are invited to an African percussion workshop with John Nutekpor from The Irish Institute of Music & Song. Celebrate Fingal Inclusion Week by exploring the world of African rhythm and song in this fun, interactive event. Suitable for all the family, young and old. Booking via Corduff Sports Centre.

**Corduff Sports Centre** 

Wednesday, 13th November | TBC



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#### Career Advice Sessions with Jill Barrett

Get job hunting tips, including interview techniques and advice on creating a winning CV, from career expert Jill Barrett. If you feel like you need to diversify or change your career, these sessions will help point you in the right direction.

Malahide Library	Monday, 7th October Monday, 14th October	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 9th October Wednesday, 16th October Wednesday, 23rd October Wednesday, 30th October	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Swords Library	Thursday, 10th October Thursday, 17th October	6:30pm – 7:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Sustainable Living**

To celebrate Sustainable Development Goals Week, join the Sustainable Life School for top tips on reducing plastic, sustainable fashion, and sustainable food in your home and community.



Malahide Library	Monday, 23rd September	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 24th September	6:30pm – 7:45pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Europe Direct Regional Soapbox Competition**

The annual Europe Direct Regional Soapbox Competition will take place in November at Blanchardstown Library. Participants will be invited to deliver a 3-minute speech on a topical theme. The regional winners will receive a prize and go through to the national final with a chance of winning €1,000!

To find out more about this event, please email: <a href="mailto:europedirect@fingal.ie">europedirect@fingal.ie</a>







Call into your local library this December, where the whole family can enjoy reading and sharing festive stories!

Garristown Library	Wednesday, 4th December	3:45pm – 4:45pm
Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 4th December	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Malahide Library	Saturday, 7th December	10:00am – 10:30am
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 7th December	10:30am – 11:00am
Donabate Library	Monday, 9th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Swords Library:	Monday, 9th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Rush Library	Monday, 9th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Skerries Library	Wednesday, 11th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Howth Library	Wednesday, 11th December	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Saturday, 21st December	10:30am – 11:00am





## Festive events for children

#### **Festive Musical Tots**

Music is invaluable in the development of children from a very young age. This musical workshop promises festive fun for tots and parents alike.

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 7th December	11:00am – 12:00pm
Garristown Library	Tuesday, 17th December	11:00am – 12:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Clay hanging decorations workshop**

with Kim Jenkinson

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this children's Christmas craft workshop where we will be creating hanging decorations using air dry clay. Ages 7+

Swords Library	Wednesday, 27th November	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 3rd December	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Howth Library	Wednesday, 4th December	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Malahide Library	Friday, 6th December	3.30pm – 4.30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### Winter Wonder Tales

with Simone

Get into the Christmas Spirit with German storyteller Simone from StoryGate. Enjoy enchanting tales and puppetry, interwoven with Christmas traditions from many lands. Christmas fun for the whole family! Ages 4+



Skerries Library	Wednesday, 4th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm





#### Santasaurus with Niamh Sharkey

Ho, Ho, Ho! Come and join us in a Supersaurus Christmas storytelling & illustration workshop with Niamh Sharkey. Niamh will read from her picture book *Santasaurus* and then everyone will create a Christmas card with your very own Dinodeer, some glittery dinosaur Christmas gift tags & tree decorations to put on all your presents! Ages 5+

**Rush Library** Wednesday, 4th December 3:30pm – 4: 30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Christmas Crackers** with Custard Pie Puppets

Join Custard Pie Puppets for Christmas Crackers! This family show features Santy's helpers Dong & Ding, Frosty the Snowman and of course Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer and many more, all wrapped up with seasonal capers, laughs and sing-along fun.



Balbriggan Library	Friday, 6th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm
Blanchardstown Library	Wednesday, 11th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Festive Arts and Crafts**

Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 4th December	3:30pm – 4: 30pm (Ages 4 – 8)
Rush Library	Wednesday, 11th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm (Ages 5 – 12)
Swords Library	Wednesday, 11th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm (Ages 4 – 8)
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 17th December Thursday, 19th December	3:00pm – 3:30pm (Ages 4 – 7) 3:00pm – 3:30pm (Ages 6 – 12)
Blanchardstown Library	Tuesday, 17th December	3:00pm – 4:00pm (Ages 8 – 12)
Donabate Library	Tuesday, 17th December Thursday, 19th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm (Ages 5 – 10)





#### **Festive Family Movies**

Balbriggan Library	Monday, 16th December Tuesday, 17th December Wednesday, 18th December Thursday, 19th December	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Malahide Library	Wednesday, 18th December	1:00pm – 2:30pm
Rush Library	Wednesday, 18th December	5:30pm – 7:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Christmas Quiz**

Swords Library	Tuesday, 10th December	3:30pm – 4:30pm (ages 6 – 12)
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

## Festive family event

#### **Europe Direct Annual Christmas Concert** with the Dublin Gospel Choir

Europe Direct Blanchardstown is delighted to be hosting the Dublin Gospel Choir for our Europe Direct Christmas Concert. Join us for a festive, fun filled evening that the whole family can enjoy. No booking required. All Welcome.



**Blanchardstown Library** 

Wednesday, 11th December 6:00pm – 7:30pm





## Festive events for adults

#### Sustainable Christmas Outfit Demonstration with Aga Hutcheson

Learn how to craft a bespoke, eco-friendly Christmas outfit for any age using pre-loved clothes, shoes, handbags, sustainable flowers, and unwanted/broken jewellery. Watch as The Wizard of Creation transforms everyday items into one-of-a-kind holiday attire that embodies the spirit of sustainability and creativity.

**Malahide Library** 

Wednesday, 27th November 11:00am – 12:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Foliage Greeting Cards Workshop** with Unwind with Plants

Do you know why we bring evergreen trees and foliage into our homes and hang wreaths on our doors in winter? Find out in our workshop. Make some Christmas greeting cards with foliage attached to send to someone special!

**Blanchardstown Library** | Wednesday, 27th November | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Scandinavian Wreath Making Workshop** with Aoife Munn

Join Aoife Munn for a Scandinavian wreath making session to get you in the Christmas spirit. Each participant will get to bring home their own wreath. Sponsored by Europe Direct Blanchardstown.



Blanchardstown Library Tuesday, 10th December

6:15pm - 7:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **Festive Arts and Crafts for Adults**

**Swords Library** 

Thursday, 12th December 2:30pm – 3:30pm







#### Fingal Makerspace, Blanchardstown Library

Booking for all Makerspace workshops is via the Makerspace Eventbrite page. Please scan the QR code at the top of the page for details of all upcoming Makerspace events and booking.

#### **Clock Design & Laser Cutting (3 sessions)**

Discover laser cutting in a three-part course to design and assemble your own clock. For adults

Blanchardstown Library Makerspace	Monday, 7th October Monday, 14th October Monday, 21st October	5:45pm – 7:45pm
	Monday, 14th October Monday, 21st October	5:45pm – 7:45pm

#### **Introduction to Clothing Repair**

Learn the timeless art of clothing and textile repairs. For adults

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 10th October	E-4Enm 7-4Enm
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#### **Introduction to Embroidery**

Learn embroidery basics and advanced stitches in a creative, relaxed workshop with all materials included. For adults





#### **Monthly Maker Meet-up for Adults**

Unleash your creativity at our monthly Maker Meet-up with expert guidance from industry professionals.

Blanchardstown Library	Monday, 25th November	E:45nm 7:45nm
Makerspace	Monday, 16th December	5:45pm – 7:45pm

#### **Monthly Textile Meet-up for Adults**

Evolve your textile projects in a collaborative, resource-rich environment.

Blanchardstown Library Makerspace	Thursday, 17th October Thursday, 21st November	5:45pm – 7.:45pm
	Thursday, 19th December	

#### **Textile Meet-up for Teens**

Explore textile arts with sewing, embroidery, and fabric crafts at our monthly meetup! Ages 13 - 17.

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 12th October	11:00am – 1:00pm
Makerspace	Saturday, 23rd November	11:00am – 1:00pm

#### **Sew a Dog Shaped Cushion**

Hand sew a dog shaped cushion in a fun, hands-on workshop! Ages 8 – 12.

Blanchardstown Library	Saturday, 12th October	2:0000 4:0000
Makerspace	Saturday, 12th October	2:00pm – 4:00pm



#### **Virtual Reality Showcase Sessions**

Would you like to experience incredible immersive worlds on an Oculus Virtual Reality (VR) device? The Swords Library VR champions will show you how to use this exciting technology. Ages 13+

**Please note** that Meta VR systems are not toys and must not be used by children under 13. For further information please go to https://www.meta.com/ie/quest/safety-center/

Balbriggan Library	Tuesday, 29th October Tuesday, 26th November	2:00pm – 4:00pm
Malahide Library	Tuesday, 15th October Tuesday, 12 November	3:00pm – 4:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

#### **eServices Sessions**

Fingal Libraries provide a wide range of free eServices including e-books, audio-books, online newspapers and databases. You can learn how to access and use these services on your tablet or smart phone at one of these drop-in eServices sessions. All welcome.

Malahide Library	Thursday, 17th October Thursday, 21st November Thursday, 19th December	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Rush Library	Monday, 7th October	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Balbriggan Library	Wednesday, 23rd October Wednesday, 27th November Wednesday, 11th December	2:30pm – 3:15pm



Interested in accessing free digital books, audiobooks, newspapers & magazines? Do you like free music? How about free online courses and language learning?

You can get all this and more with your Fingal Library card. Contact your local library, visit https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-eservices-and-eresources-online or email library.eservices@fingal.ie

## Regular Events at your Local Fingal Library

Discover a fabulous range of recurring events at your local library – from reading and language groups to sensory quiet time, to activities to keep the children busy, we're sure we have an event to inspire you! Contact your local library for more information about these events.

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Balbriggan Library			
Scrabble Club	Every Monday	11.00am - 12:30pm	
Knitting and Crotchet Club	Every Monday	6:00pm – 7:00pm (Adults)	
Sensory Friendly Quiet Time	Every Monday	6:30pm – 7:30pm (All welcome)	
Creative Poetry Writing Club	Every Tuesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm (Adults)	
eServices/Digital Services drop-in clinic	Every Wednesday	2:30pm – 3:15pm (All welcome)	
Balbriggan Youth Theatre	Every Wednesday	4:15pm – 5:15pm (Ages 12 – 17)	
Balbriggan Book Club	Last Wednesday of every month	6:00pm – 7:30pm (Adults)	
HSE Balbriggan Breastfeeding Group	Every Thursday	11:00am – 12:00pm (Adults)	
Spanish Conversation Group	Every Thursday	6:00pm – 7:30pm (Adults)	
Irish Conversation Group	Every Thursday	6:30pm – 8:00pm (Adults)	
Warehouse Writers Group	Every Second Friday	2:30pm – 4:00pm (Adults)	
Young Adult Book Club	Meets monthly on Saturdays (contact library to check next meetup)	3:00pm – 4:00pm (Ages 12 – 17)	
Balbriggan Library Film Club	First Saturday of every month	2:00pm – 4:00pm (Adults)	
LGBTQ+ Adult Book & Film Club	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am - 12:30pm (Adults)	
Academic Referencing Sessions	Contact library to book an appointment		
Virtual Reality (VR) drop-in sessions	Contact library to book an appointment	Ages 13+	
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#### **Baldoyle Library**

Baldoyle Library is currently closed for improvement works.

Blanchardstown Library		
Sensory Friendly Quiet Hour	Every Monday Evening	6:30pm – 7:30pm (All welcome)
E-Services Clinic	Every Wednesday Afternoon	2:00pm – 3:00pm

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Blanchardstown Library		
Peaceful Playtime	Every Wednesday Afternoon	3:00pm – 4:00pm (Ages 4+)
Parent and Toddler Group	Every Thursday Morning	11:00am – 12:30pm
Storytime (4 yrs +)	Every Thursday Afternoon	3:00pm – 3:30pm (Ages 4+)
Adult Craft Circle	Fortnightly Tuesday Evening	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Age Action	Every Friday Morning	10:00am – 1:00pm (Adults)
Breast Feeding Support Group	Every Wednesday Morning	11:00am – 1:00pm
French Conversation Group	Every Saturday	10:00am – 12:00pm (Adults)
Irish Conversation Group	Every Saturday	12:00pm – 1:00pm (Adults)
Life Ring	Every Saturday Afternoon	1:00pm – 3:00pm (Adults)
Older & Wiser Ukrainian Group	Every Monday Morning	10:30am – 12:30pm (Adults)
Blanchardstown Library Baby Book Club	Third Tuesday of every month	11:30am – 12:00pm
Junior Book Club	First Tuesday of each month	3:30pm – 4:30pm (Ages 10 – 12)
Peaceful Playtime	Every Wednesday	3:00pm – 4:00pm (Ages 4+)
Chess Club	Second Monday of every Month	3.30pm – 4:30pm (Ages 8+)
Board Games/Tabletop Games	Second Monday of every Month	3:30pm – 4:30pm (Ages 8+)
Baby Book Club (Seasonal Themes)	Third Tuesday of each Month	11:30am – 12:30pm (Ages 0 – 4)
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Donabate Library		
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Monday Evening	5:30pm – 6:30pm All welcome
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Monday Evening Book Club	Last Monday of every Month	6:30pm – 7:30pm (Adults)
Donabate Community Crafters	Every Wednesday Evening	6:00pm – 7:30pm (Adults)
Baby Book Club	Every Thursday Morning	10:00am – 10:30am (Ages 0 – 4)
Adult Knitting Group	Every Thursday Morning	11:00am – 1:00pm (Adults)
Junior Chess Club	Every Friday Afternoon	3:30pm – 4:30pm (Ages 8+)
Chinkwell Writers Group	Every Second Saturday	11:00am – 1:00pm (Adults)

<b>Garristown Library</b>		
Monday Chess Club / Monday Scrabble Club	Monday afternoons	3:15pm – 4:30pm (Ages 7 – 12)
Tuesday Chess Club	Tuesday afternoons	3:15pm – 4:30pm (Ages 7 – 12)
Scrabble Club	Thursday afternoons	3:15pm – 4:30pm (Ages 7 – 12)
Story Time	Every Wednesday exclast Wednesday of th	
Junior Readers Book Club	Last Wednesday of e month	very 3:45pm – 4:45pm (Ages 8 – 12)
English Classes for Adults (Run by ETB)	Every Monday aftern	1:15pm – 3:15pm (Adults)

#### **Howth Library**

Contact Howth Library for details of events.

Malahide Library		
French for Beginners	Please check with library for availability	Adults
French Conversation Group for Improvers	Every Monday	4:30pm – 5:30pm (Adults)
Spanish Conversation Group	Every Thursday	6:00pm – 7:30pm (Adults)
Sensory Quiet Time	Every Wednesday	5:30pm – 6:30pm All welcome
Toddler Time	Every Thursday	10:00am – 11:30am
Young Adult Bookclub	Monthly on a Saturday, contact the library for dates	3:00pm – 4:00pm (Ages 12+)
Age Action Computer Classes	Every Thursday	12:00pm – 2:00pm (Adults)
Virtual Reality Sessions	Contact library to book a slot	(Ages 13+)
Book Clubs for Adults	Contact the library for more details	(Adults)
Afternoon Film Club & Evening Film Club	Contact the library for more details	
Meditation Group	Every Saturday	11:00am – 12:00pm (Adults)
The following groups are currently full:		

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Yoga Classes • Junior Chess Club • Women's Writers Group
Please contact the library to register your interest.



Rush Library		
Irish Conversation Group	Every second Tuesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm (Adults)
Community art group	Every Friday	2:00pm – 4:00pm (Adults)
Rush Library Book Club	First Wednesday of every month	6:30pm – 7:30pm (Adults)
Rush Library Baby Book club	Second Wednesday of every month	10:00am – 11:00am
Guided meditation	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am – 12:30pm (Adults)
Quilting group	Every Tuesday	10:00am – 12:00pm (Adults)
Prosper group meeting	Every Tuesday	2:00pm – 3:00pm (Adults)
Meet Me at the Altar local musician performances	Regularly on Saturdays - contact library for details	3:00pm – 4:00pm
DDELTB Parenting, Child Development and Play classes	Mondays, 9th September to 18th November	6:00pm – 8:00pm

Skerries Library		
Baby/Toddler Book Club	Second & third Monday of every month	10:30am – 11:00am (Ages 0 – 4)
Knitting/Crochet meet-up	Every Friday	2:30pm – 4:30pm (Adults)
Computer Beginners Class (Run by DDLETB)	Mondays and Wednesdays	2:00pm – 4:00pm (Adults)

Swords Library	/		
Baby Book Club		Alternate Tuesdays * Excluding Tuesdays after Bank Holidays	10:30am – 11:30am
Irish Conversation	Group	Every Wednesday	6:30pm – 7:45pm (Adults)
Sensory Quiet Time	e	Every Thursday	6:30pm – 7:30pm All welcome
Writers' Club		Every Tuesday (Starts Tuesday 10th September)	6.30pm – 7.30pm (Adults)

#### Cá bhfuil mo leabharlann is cóngaraí? Where is my nearest library?

Balbriggan	01 870 4401	balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie
Baldoyle	01 890 6793	baldoylelibrary@fingal.ie
Blanchardstown	01 890 5560	blanchlibrary@fingal.ie
Donabate	01 890 5609	donabate.library@fingal.ie
Garristown	01 835 5020	garristownlibrary@fingal.ie
Howth	01 890 5026	Howth.library@fingal.ie
Malahide	01 870 4430	malahidelibrary@fingal.ie
Rush	01 870 8414	rushlibrary@fingal.ie
Skerries	01 890 5671	skerrieslibrary.library@fingal.ie
Swords	01 890 5582	swordslibrary@fingal.ie
Mobile Library Service	01 890 6719	mobile.libraries@fingal.ie
Housebound Library Service	01 860 4290	housebound.library@fingal.ie
Local Studies and Archives	01 870 4486	Local.Studies@fingal.ie

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