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# **Earrach i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall 2025**

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## **Spring in Fingal Libraries 2025**

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



**Céard atá ar siúl i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall!**  
**What's on in Fingal Libraries!**

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# Cuir tús le d'athbhliain le turas chuig an leabharlann

## Your Spring 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 2025.

### Spring Events at a Glance

Event	Location	Start Time
<b>Monday, 13th January</b>		
Sustainable Arts and Crafts	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
<b>Wednesday, 15th January</b>		
Getting Started with Your Family History	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
<b>Thursday, 16th January</b>		
Digital Photography Course (for more dates see page 41)	Malahide Library	6:00pm
Drop-in Homework Support Sessions (for more dates see page 25)	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
<b>Saturday, 18th January</b>		
New Year, New You: How to Keep New Year's Resolutions	Malahide Library	2:00pm
<b>Monday, 20th January</b>		
Yoga (for more dates see page 12)	Blanchardstown Library	11:45am
<b>Wednesday, 22nd January</b>		
Autism – Self-care Skills for Parents and Caregivers (for more dates see page 14)	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
<b>Saturday, 25th January</b>		
Saturday Matinée (for more dates see page 41)	Malahide Library	2:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 28th January</b>		
The Real History of St. Brigid	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
Make a St. Brigid's Brideog Doll	Malahide Library	3:00pm
Story Circle	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
Sarah Sparkles (for more dates see page 18)	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
<b>Thursday, 30th January</b>		
St. Brigid's Cloak Collage	Rush Library	3:30pm
Toddler Time	Malahide Library	10:30am
<b>Tuesday, 4th February</b>		
Gardening for Biodiversity	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm



Event	Location	Start Time
<b>Thursday, 6th February</b>		
Learning Through Play	Garristown Library	11:00am
<b>Friday, 7th February</b>		
Chair Yoga (for more dates see page 11)	Malahide Library	2:00pm
<b>Saturday, 8th February</b>		
Mindfulness Through Movement (for more dates see page 12)	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Program LED Light Strips	Malahide Library	2:30pm
Design Your Own Superhero	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
<b>Monday, 10th February</b>		
Tai Chi (for more dates see page 11)	Rush Library	2:00pm
Valentine's Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
eServices Clinic	Rush Library	3:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 11th February</b>		
Valentine's Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Valentine's Crafts	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Valentine's Crafts	Rush Library	3:30pm
Valentine's Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm
Valentine's Crafts	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
<b>Wednesday, 12th February</b>		
Sustainable Fashion Demonstration	Donabate Library	5:30pm
Getting Started with Your Family History	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
<b>Thursday, 13th February</b>		
Valentine's Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm
Valentine's Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm
Your Sustainable Wardrobe	Skerries Library	6:30pm
<b>Saturday, 15th February</b>		
Silent Book Club	Swords Library	11:30am
<b>Monday, 17th February</b>		
Astrophotography	Swords Library	6:30pm
<b>Tuesday, 18th February</b>		
Freeplay Lego	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Get Writing!	Donabate Library	11:00am
Where do Words Come From?	Malahide Library	6:30pm
Make Origami Animals	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
YA Creative Writing Workshop	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
<b>Tuesday, 19th February</b>		
Animal Antics!	Malahide Library	2:00pm



Event	Location	Start Time
<b>Thursday, 20th February</b>		
Create like Frida Kahlo	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Design Your Own Superhero	Swords Library	3:30pm
Get Writing!	Rush Library	6:00pm
Spring Gardening	Swords Library	6:30pm
Age Action's Care & Repair	Rush Library	10:30am
<b>Friday, 21st February</b>		
Role-Play Village	Blanchardstown Library	10:00am
<b>Saturday, 22nd February</b>		
Active Lego	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Cecelia Ahern in conversation	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
A Little Birdie Told Me...	Skerries Library	2:30pm
Design Your Own Superhero	Donabate Library	2:00pm
<b>Monday, 24th February</b>		
Sensory Musical Tots	Skerries Library	10:30am
<b>Tuesday, 25th February</b>		
Practice Leaving Cert Irish	Blanchardstown Library	5:00pm
Gardening for Biodiversity	Malahide Library	3:00pm
Create Your Own Graphic Novel	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
<b>Wednesday, 26th February</b>		
The Framing of Harry Gleeson	Howth Library	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, 27th February</b>		
Pencil Drawing Course (for more dates see page 34)	Swords Library	5:30pm
Land Questions in Fingal in the 1920s	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	7:00pm
<b>Saturday, 1st March</b>		
Magnificent Mask-Making	Howth Library	11:00am
Construction Club	Rush Library	10:30am
The Birth, Life and Death of Our Solar System	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
<b>Monday, 3rd March</b>		
Support Your Child's Reading (for more dates see page 37)	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
The Birth, Life and Death of Our Solar System	Malahide Library	6:00pm
<b>Wednesday, 5th March</b>		
Magnificent Crown-Making	Garristown Library	3:45pm
Astrophotography	Donabate Library	6:30pm
The Birth, Life and Death of Our Solar System	Howth Library	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, 6th March</b>		
Píosa Spraoi le Cupán Focail(s)!	Blanchardstown Library	3:30pm
Scéalta Béaloideas	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Getting to Know Your Smartphone (for more dates see page 38)	Rush Library	10:00am



Event	Location	Start Time
<b>Saturday, 8th March</b>		
Bad Bridget	Blanchardstown Library	12:00pm
My Writing Life: Ciara Geraghty	Donabate Library	2:30pm
Scéalaíocht don Teaghlach	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
Coimicí Gael	Rush Library	11:00am
Coimicí Gael	Malahide Library	2:00pm
Celebrating the Milestones of Ethnic Minority Artists in Ireland	Balbriggan Library	2:00pm
<b>Monday, 10th March</b>		
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
eServices Clinic	Rush Library	3:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 11th March</b>		
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm
St. Patrick's Day Quiz	Swords Library	3:30pm
Gardening for Biodiversity	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
<b>Wednesday, 12th March</b>		
Ceol & Amhránaíocht Thraidisiúnta	Malahide Library	6:30pm
Scéalta Béaloideas	Howth Library	4:00pm
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Swords Library	3:30pm
Getting Started with Your Family History	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	2:30pm
<b>Thursday, 13th March</b>		
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Donabate Library	3:00pm
St. Patrick's Day Crafts	Rush Library	3:30pm
<b>Friday, 14th March</b>		
Active Lego	Donabate Library	10:30am
Stained Glass Butterfly Window	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
<b>Tuesday, 18th March</b>		
Practice Leaving Cert Irish	Balbriggan Library	5:00pm
Ten Weeks to Better Mental Health (for more dates see page 14)	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, 20th March</b>		
Construction Club	Swords Library	6:30pm
<b>Friday, 21st March</b>		
Chair Yoga (for more dates see page 11)	Donabate Library	10:00am
<b>Saturday, 22nd March</b>		
Construction Club	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm
Practice Leaving Cert Irish	Swords Library	11:00am
Mother's Day Family Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am



Event	Location	Start Time
<b>Monday, 24th March</b>		
Active Lego	Howth Library	4:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 25th March</b>		
Mother's Day Crafts	Rush Library	3:30pm
Mother's Day Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm
<b>Thursday, 27th March</b>		
Mother's Day Crafts	Garristown Library	3:30pm
<b>Saturday, 29th March</b>		
Write, Act, ACTION!	Swords Library	10:00am
Menopause: Your Questions Answered	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
<b>Wednesday, 2nd April</b>		
Facts About Bats	Howth Library	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, 3rd April</b>		
Upcycled Birdies	Rush Library	3:30pm
Spring into Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
<b>Friday, 4th April</b>		
Tai Chi (for more dates see page 11)	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
<b>Saturday, 5th April</b>		
Spring Into Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am
<b>Monday, 7th April</b>		
Easter Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Spring into Storytime	Rush Library	3:00pm
Manage Your Money	Swords Library	6:30pm
<b>Tuesday, 8th April</b>		
Easter Crafts	Malahide Library	3:30pm
Spring into Storytime	Rush Library	3:00pm
<b>Wednesday, 9th April</b>		
Spring into Storytime	Garristown Library	3:45pm
Spring into Storytime	Malahide Library	10:00am
Spring into Storytime	Skerries Library	3:30pm
Manage Your Money	Rush Library	6:30pm
Manage Your Money	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, 10th April</b>		
Spring into Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
History of Kenure House	Rush Library	6:30pm
<b>Tuesday, 15th April</b>		
Easter Crafts	Donabate Library	3:30pm
Easter Crafts	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Easter Crafts	Garristown Library	3:00pm
Easter Crafts	Rush Library	3:30pm
Spring into Storytime	Swords Library	2:30pm



Event	Location	Start Time
<b>Wednesday, 16th April</b>		
Easter Crafts	Swords Library	2:30pm
<b>Thursday, 17th April</b>		
Easter Crafts	Garristown Library	3:00pm
Easter Crafts	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
Spring into Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
<b>Tuesday, 22nd April</b>		
Sensory Musical Tots	Garristown Library	11:00am
Spring into Storytime	Donabate Library	11:30am
Eco Suncatcher Windchimes & Eco Fridge Magnets	Balbriggan Library	3:30pm
<b>Wednesday, 23rd April</b>		
Neurodivergent Active Lego	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Astrophotography	Blanchardstown Library	6:30pm
<b>Thursday, 24th April</b>		
Spring into Storytime	Blanchardstown Library	3:00pm
Getting Started in Local History Research	Skerries Library	6:30pm
<b>Friday, 25th April</b>		
Dave's Jungle	Balbriggan Library	11:00am
<b>Saturday, 26th April</b>		
Spring Into Storytime	Balbriggan Library	10:30am

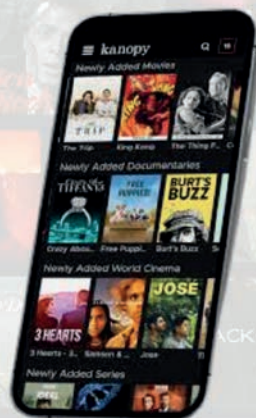
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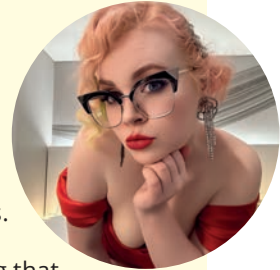


## St. Brigid's Festival Events

### The Real History of St. Brigid

with Katie Charlwood

Celebrate St. Brigid's Festival with Katie Charlwood, host of the 'Who Did What Now' history podcast. Katie will explore the world of patron saints – where the real stories are often far wilder (and weirder) than the sugar-coated versions you've heard. Spoiler alert: they're not all halos and miracles. Katie will unpack the gritty, sometimes gruesome, and often downright bizarre truths behind these iconic figures, proving that history is far stranger than legend. Adult audience



**Blanchardstown Library**

Tuesday, 28th January

6:30pm – 7:30pm

All welcome

### Make a St. Brigid's Day Brídeog Doll

with Kim Jenkinson

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this children's art workshop, using a mix of fabric, wire and natural materials to create your own version of a brídeog doll to celebrate St. Brigid's Day. Ages 7+



**Malahide Library**

Tuesday, 28th January

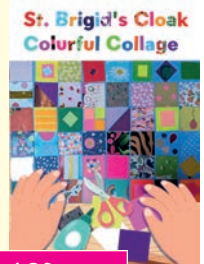
3:00pm – 4:00pm

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### St. Brigid's Cloak: Colourful Collage

with Úna Woods

Learn all about the legend of St. Brigid's magical cloak and create your own colourful cloak collage using coloured paper. Ages 5+



**Rush Library**

Thursday, 30th January

3:30pm – 4:30pm

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

### Story Circle

Stories for children aged 7+

**Balbriggan Library**

Tuesday, 28th January

3:30pm – 4:30pm

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







Ireland Reads is a national initiative to celebrate the joy of reading. Throughout February and especially on Ireland Reads Day, Saturday, 22nd February, people across Ireland will get lost in a good book! It doesn't matter what you read, where you read or how well you read, as long as you read.

### Cecelia Ahern in conversation with Sarah-Jayne Tobin

To celebrate Ireland Reads Day, join acclaimed novelist Cecelia Ahern as she chats to Sarah-Jayne Tobin about her latest novel *Into The Storm*, and her prolific body of work. Cecelia Ahern's novels have been translated into 35 languages and sold more than 25 million copies in over 50 countries. Two of her books have been adapted as films and she has created several TV series. Sarah-Jayne Tobin is a content editor with [Evoke.ie](http://Evoke.ie) & DMG Media and a broadcaster on Virgin Media TV, Newstalk, and FM104/Q102.



**Balbriggan Library**

Saturday, 22nd February

11:00am – 12:00pm

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

### A Little Birdie Told Me... with Tarsila Krüse

Join author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse for a delightful reading session featuring her brand-new picture book, *A Little Birdie Told Me... There's going to be a party! All the birds are invited, from the little robin to the graceful swan. There will be games, dancing, and cake - and someone very special is coming! Who could it be? Come along and find out!*



**Skerries Library**

Saturday, 22nd February

2:30pm – 3:30pm

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

### Design Your Own Superhero with Alan Nolan

Ever wanted to design your own superhero? Join author, illustrator, and comic creator Alan Nolan as he talks about favourite comics from his childhood as well as modern day comic superstars like *Dog Man*, *Bunny Vs Monkey* and *The InvestiGators*. Alan will show you how to design your very own superhero! Ages 8 - 12



**Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 8th February

2:00pm – 3:00pm

**Swords Library**

Thursday, 20th February

3:30pm – 4:30 pm

**Donabate Library**

Saturday, 22nd February

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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





### Bad Bridget: The Lives of Irish Emigrant Women

with Dr. Elaine Farrell and Dr. Leanne McCormick

Bad Bridget is a podcast and book telling the untold stories of generations of Irish emigrant women who saw their American Dream become a nightmare. Dr. Elaine Farrell and Dr. Leanne McCormick, the team behind the project, will chat with historian and presenter Laura Fitzachary about the laughs, tears, prison sentences, resourcefulness, and untold stories of these women.



**Blanchardstown Library**

Saturday, 8th March

12:00pm – 1:00pm

All welcome

### My Writing Life

with Ciara Geraghty

Celebrate International Women's Day with bestselling novelist, Ciara Geraghty, as she talks about her writing life. Ciara has written ten novels as well as short stories and screenplays. Her first children's book will be published in June 2025. She co-hosts the podcast BookBirds, where she re-reads books she loved back in the day and talks about them.



**Donabate Library**

Saturday, 8th March

2:30pm – 3:30pm

All welcome

### Celebrating the Milestones of Ethnic Minority Artists in Ireland

with Melatu Uche Okorie

On this global day celebrating the cultural, economic, and political achievements of women, join author and educator Melatu Uche Okorie, along with fellow writers, as they discuss arts practice in Ireland with the spotlight focused on female artists. Melatu Uche Okorie is the Nigerian-born author of the critically acclaimed short story collection, *This Hostel Life*. A strong advocate for diversity in literature, she believes there's a story in all of us.



**Balbriggan Library**

Saturday, 8th March

2:00pm – 4:00pm

All welcome





# Eachtraí Éire Shláintiúil i Leabharlanna Fhine Gall / Healthy Ireland Events in Fingal Libraries

Fingal Libraries brings you these free events under the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme



Active Living / Age-Friendly

## Chair Yoga with Yoganamara

In these gentle exercise classes over four weeks, you will increase your flexibility, reduce stiffness, de-stress and find more energy. You will use a chair to practise modified versions of traditional Yoga postures.



<b>Malahide Library</b>	Friday, 7th February Friday, 14th February Friday, 21st February Friday, 28th February	2:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Friday, 21st March Friday, 28th March Friday, 4th April Friday, 11th April	10:00am – 11:00am

**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.

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

## Tai Chi 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.

<b>Rush Library</b>	Monday, 10th February Monday, 17th February Monday, 24th February Monday, 3rd March	2:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Friday, 4th April Friday, 11th April Friday, 25th April Friday, 2nd May	2:00pm – 3:00pm

**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.

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## Mindfulness Through Movement

with Katrina Barker

Join Katrina for gentle movement and deep breathing exercises to calm your nervous system, reduce stress, and help you relax into postures and stretches in a mindful way. This practice is chair based and open to all levels of fitness.



<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Saturday, 8th February Saturday, 15th February Saturday, 22nd February Saturday, 1st March	11:00am – 12:00pm
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**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.

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## Yoga with Joan McGinn

Join us for Yoga classes with Joan McGinn brought to you by DDLETB (Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board). Learn how to stretch, breathe, and relax. All levels welcome – ‘If you can breathe you can do yoga!’

<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Starts Monday, 20th January. Classes run for 12 weeks	11:45am – 1:15pm
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**Please note:** Participants must bring own yoga mat. 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.

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Health Information Events

## Menopause: Your Questions Answered

with Dr Caoimhe Hartley from Menopause Health

Join menopause specialist Dr. Caoimhe Hartley for a talk and Q&A about menopause. Dr. Hartley founded Menopause Health in 2021 with the goal of helping Irish women access the best advice and individualised care from the time of perimenopause. She says, *"I believe we need to invest in ourselves and stop feeling ashamed of reaching out for information and help. There is so much life and love and living after menopause and we need to enable women to enjoy every minute of it."*



Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 29th March

11:00am – 12:00pm

All welcome

## New Year, New You: How to Keep Your New Year's Resolutions

with Yuki Fragariani

Ever wonder why you start strong on new resolutions, only to find yourself slipping back into old habits? 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.

Malahide Library

Saturday, 18th January

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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





## Autism – Self-care Skills for Parents and Caregivers

with Rita O'Donovan

This ten-week course is aimed at parents and carers who support family members with autism. These sessions offer an opportunity to connect with others and practice mindfulness, meditation, and gentle somatic movement - skills that can support us in times of frustration, low mood, or anxiety.

<p><b>Blanchardstown Library</b></p>	<p>Wednesday, 22nd January          Wednesday, 29th January          Wednesday, 5th February          Wednesday, 12th February          Wednesday, 19th February          Wednesday, 26th February          Wednesday, 5th March          Wednesday, 12th March          Wednesday, 19th March          Wednesday, 26th March</p>	<p>6:30pm – 7:30pm</p>
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**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## Ten Weeks to Better Mental Health

with Rita O'Donovan

This ten-week course for adults offers participants a relaxed informal space to explore techniques and skills to look after our mental health and build resilience.

<p><b>Blanchardstown Library</b></p>	<p>Tuesday, 18th March          Tuesday, 25th March          Tuesday, 1st April          Tuesday, 8th April          Tuesday, 15th April          Tuesday, 22nd April          Tuesday, 29th April          Tuesday, 6th May          Tuesday, 13th May          Tuesday, 20th May</p>	<p>6:30pm – 7:30pm</p>
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**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**



## Upcycled Birdies

with Tarsila Krüse

Join author-illustrator Tarsila Krüse for an hour of creativity and sustainability! Inspired by her latest book, *'A Little Birdie Told Me'*, children will transform toilet paper rolls into charming, whimsical birds. Ages 6+



**Rush Library**

Thursday, 3rd April

3:30pm - 4:30pm

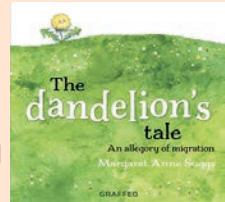
**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**

Tarsila will also be visiting Balbriggan Library on 12th March for a fantastic event with an invited audience of children from a local school!

## Magnificent Crown-Making

with Margaret Anne Suggs

Join author-illustrator Margaret Anne Suggs for this workshop based on her book, *The Dandelion's Tale*. The children will create grassy dandelion crowns, decorated with characters from the book. Ages 4 - 8



**Garristown Library**

Wednesday, 5th March

3:45pm - 4:45pm

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

## Magnificent Mask-Making with Margaret Anne Suggs

Join author-illustrator Margaret Anne Suggs for this workshop based on her book, *The Dandelion's Tale*, which is an allegory of migration. Children will create masks of dandelion faces. Ages 2 - 6

**Howth Library**

Saturday, 1st March

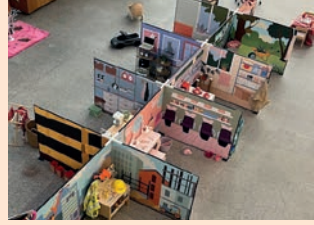
11:00am - 12:00pm

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



## Role-Play Village with Messy Adventures

At the Role-Play Village, children enter a world of make believe using their imagination and creativity. The village represents real-world scenarios with miniature tools and utensils. Ages 1 - 7



**Blanchardstown Library**

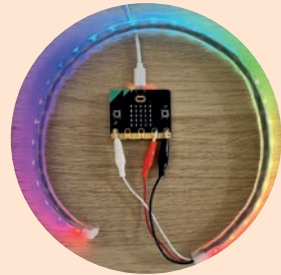
Friday,  
21st February

Session 1: 10:00am – 11:00am  
Session 2: 11:30am – 12:30pm  
Session 3: 1:30pm – 2:30pm  
Session 4: 3:00pm – 4:00pm

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

## Program LED Light Strips Workshop with Coding Ireland

Get ready to light up the room with creativity and coding! In this hands-on workshop, students will program a microbit computer to control LED light strips, creating stunning effects like colour changes, patterns, and even shooting stars triggered by a clap. Ages 9 - 13



**Malahide Library**

Saturday, 8th February

2:30pm – 3.30pm

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

## Dave's Jungle Interactive Animal Show

Explore fascinating topics like spider senses, how snakes experience the world, the incredible talents of chameleons, and more. This event offers children the chance to discover amazing facts, inspiring a passion for learning about nature. Ages 5+

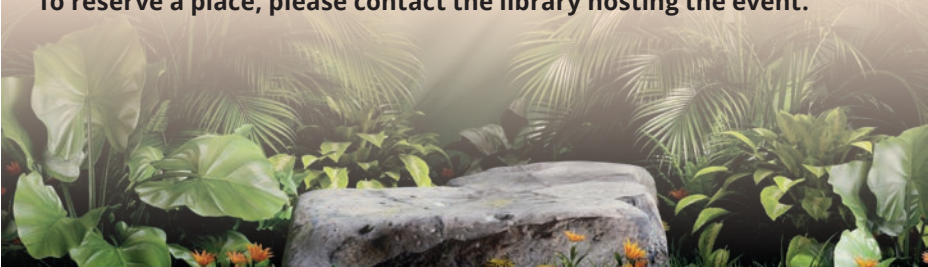


**Balbriggan Library**

Friday, 25th April

11:00am - 12:00pm

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





## Write, Act, ACTION!

with Maeve Devoy

Whether you want to write or perform, this workshop on creative writing and theatre will help you with character development, dialogue, scene, and setting. There will be an opportunity for every drama enthusiast to capture the magic of the stage. Ages 7 - 12



**Swords Library**

Saturday, 29th March

10:00am-12:00pm

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

## Animal Antics!

with Juliette Saumande

Join writer Juliette Saumande for a fun and relaxed writing jam celebrating pets and creating creatures through the magic of poems. For young creatives aged 8 - 12



**Malahide Library**

Wednesday, 19th February

2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

## Balbriggan Youth Theatre performs Storytime through drama

Want to nurture your child's love for reading? Watch out for some fun and interactive performances from the Balbriggan Youth Theatre this coming Spring. Our talented actors will have lots of fun with the little ones as they perform extracts from the library's collection of picture books.

**All welcome and no booking required.  
For more information, contact Balbriggan Library.**



## Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles

Join us in Blanchardstown Library for a fun and interactive Toddler Time with the talented Sarah Sparkles. All welcome



**Blanchardstown Library**

Tuesday, 28th January  
Tuesday, 25th February  
Tuesday, 25th March  
Tuesday, 29th April  
Tuesday, 27th May

11:00am – 12:00pm

## Create like Frida Kahlo

Join us in Blanchardstown Library as we show you how to create like the artist Frida Kahlo, who is known for her beautiful, colourful paintings and portraits. Ages 8 - 12



**Blanchardstown Library**

Thursday, 20th February

3:00pm

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

## Freeplay Lego

Drop-in and build lego session.  
Ages 5 – 8



**Blanchardstown Library**

Tuesday, 18th February  
Tuesday, 22nd April

3:00pm

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

## Make Origami Animals

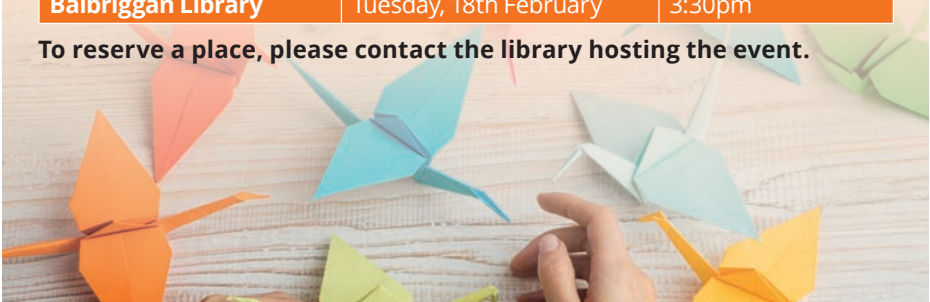
Welcome to the amazing world of paper and creativity! Learn how to make cool origami animals with easy step-by-step instructions. Ages 8+

**Balbriggan Library**

Tuesday, 18th February

3:30pm

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



### Create Your Own Graphic Novel

A picture paints a thousand words! This fun workshop is perfect for budding comics creators. Make a mini comic book from a single sheet of paper and wow your family and friends! Ages 6+

**Balbriggan Library**

Tuesday, 25th February

3:30pm

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

### Stained Glass Butterfly Window

Learn about Ireland's native pollinators and create a beautiful translucent butterfly to hang on your window! Ages 6+

**Balbriggan Library**

Friday, 14th March

3:30pm

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

### Eco Suncatcher Windchimes & Eco Fridge Magnets

To celebrate Earth Day, use mason jar lids, contact paper, and gathered foliage with sturdy twigs to create natural chimes. We will also make fridge magnets with paper butterflies, bottlecaps, and multicoloured gems. Ages 8+

**Balbriggan Library**

Tuesday, 22nd April

3:30pm

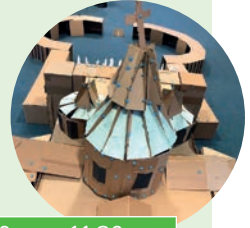




## Sensory Friendly Events

### Construction Club with Messy Adventures

Explore construction with safe children's cardboard tools! Work in a team to design and develop communication, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. Ages 4 – 8

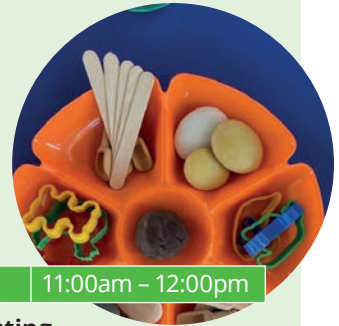


<b>Rush Library</b>	Saturday, 1st March	10:30am – 11:30am
<b>Swords Library</b>	Thursday, 20th March	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Saturday, 22nd March	2:30pm – 3:30pm

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

### Learning Through Play with Messy Adventures

This sensory session focuses on loose parts, small world, open ended & heuristic play. There is no formal teaching in this session as we allow the children to lead their own play. Ages 12 months – 5 years

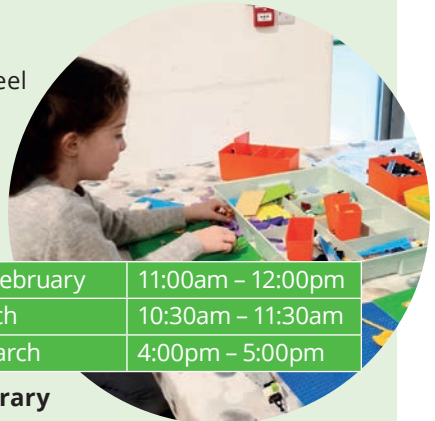


<b>Garristown Library</b>	Thursday, 6th February	11:00am – 12:00pm
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**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**

### Active Lego with Sensory Explorers

Lego sessions with a twist! Often children feel unsure or unable to attend Lego sessions as they find focusing or staying seated too difficult. Active Lego includes floor stations with STEM sets and gross motor skill obstacle courses. Ages 6+



<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Saturday, 22nd February	11:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Friday, 14th March	10:30am – 11:30am
<b>Howth Library</b>	Monday, 24th March	4:00pm – 5:00pm

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





## Sensory Friendly Events

### Neurodivergent Active Lego with Sensory Explorers

While neurodivergent families are welcome in all Active Lego sessions, this session is specially catered to neurodivergent families and will have a smaller group size. All ages

**Blanchardstown Library** | Wednesday, 23rd April

3:00pm – 4:00pm

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



### Toddler Time with Sensory Explorers

Toddlers will play with taste-safe themed sensory trays and use toys and equipment to encourage discovery and play. Ages 6 months+

**Malahide Library** | Thursday, 30th January

10:30am – 11:30am

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



### Sensory Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan

This workshop is a fun, developmental, musical activity for all children and more specifically children with additional sensory needs. Join us for singing, dancing, listening, and instrument playing in a gentle environment. Ages 0 – 7

**Skerries Library** | Monday, 24th February

10:30am – 11:30am

**Garristown Library** | Tuesday, 22nd April

11:00am – 12:00pm

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



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To celebrate World Book Day Ireland 2025, authors Muireann Ní Chíobháin, Tarsila Krüse, Padraig Kenny, Alan Nolan, and Aoife Dooley will visit libraries and schools across Fingal between 3rd- 7th March. This is the third year of the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour, which gives primary school children a fun opportunity to meet some of their favourite authors. The children will also be gifted a copy of the author's book!



# Seachtain na Gaeilge: 1d – 17ú Márta 2025

Is féile idirnáisiúnta í Seachtain na Gaeilge agus tá sé ar an cheiliúradh Gaeilge agus cultúrtha is mó a bhíonn ar siúil gach bliain.

## Irish Language Week: 1st – 17th March 2025

Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Language Week) is an International Irish language festival and one of the biggest celebrations of our native language and culture that takes place each year.

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

'Is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste' seo é an sprioc don ceardlann seo le Áine Gallagher, aka 'the queen 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.

*In this fun family, pop up event, 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).*



**Blanchardstown Library**

Thursday, 6th March

3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Fáilte roimh chách/ All welcome**

### Scéalta Béaloideas (Irish Legends and Folklore) le Róisín Murphy

Den ceiliúradh linn, le scéalaí Róisín Murphy agus a cuid scéalta tradisiúnta ó Éirinn. Oiriúnach do leanáí 7+

*Storyteller Róisín Murphy delves into much loved Irish stories that have been passed down through the generations, ó lámh go lámh, ó glúin go ghlúin. This event is bilingual. Ages 7+*



**Donabate Library**

Thursday, 6th March

3:30pm – 4:30pm

**Howth Library**

Wednesday, 12th March

4:00pm – 5:00pm

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



## Scéalaíocht don Teaghlach (Family Storytime) le Seosamh Ó Maolalaí

Insíonn Seosamh scéalta i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge le chéile. Bíonn an-spraoi ina chuid scéalaíochta.

*Seosamh tells stories in English and Irish together. His storytelling is great fun for all the family.*



**Balbriggan Library**

Saturday, 8th March

11:00am – 12:00pm

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

## Coimicí Gael le Aidan Courtney

Sa cheardlann dátheangach seo, taispeánfaidh Aidan Courtney conas stiallghreannáin a chruthú agus conas cartúin a tharraingt. Píosa spraoi cruthaitheach do gach duine!

*In this bilingual workshop, Aidan Courtney will show you how to create comic strips and draw cartoons. A bit of creative fun for everyone! Ages 8+*



**Rush Library**

Saturday, 8th March

11:00am – 12:00pm

**Malahide Library**

Saturday, 8th March

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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

## Ceol & Amhránaíocht Thraidisiúnta na hÉireann (Irish Traditional Music & Singing)

le Antaine Ó Faracháin & Nollaig MacCarthaigh

Is amhránaí ins an stíl dhúchasach é Antaine Ó Faracháin a chasann i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge agus is píobaire den scoth é Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh a bhfuil an-mheas air mar cheoltóir.

*Antaine Ó Faracháin sings in the native style in both Irish and English and Nollaig Mac Cárthaigh is an excellent piper who is renowned for his skills as a musician.*



**Malahide Library**

Wednesday, 12th March

6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Fáilte roimh chách/ All welcome**





## Drop-in Homework Support Sessions

Learn to study independently with all the resources of the library at your fingertips: encyclopaedias, dictionaries, C-pen readers, revision books and more! Ages 12 – 15

<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Thursday, 9th January Thursday, 16th January Thursday, 23rd January Thursday, 30th January	3:30pm
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**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## Practice Leaving Cert Irish with Áine Gallagher

In this hour-long workshop hosted by comedian Áine Gallagher, students can expect a fun mix of games and discussion to help them prepare for their Leaving Certificate Irish oral examinations. The focus is on practicing conversational Irish without any need for it to be perfect.



<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Tuesday, 25th February	5:00pm – 6:00pm
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Tuesday, 18th March	5:00pm – 6:00pm
<b>Swords Library</b>	Saturday, 22nd March	11:00am – 12:00pm

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

## Get Writing!

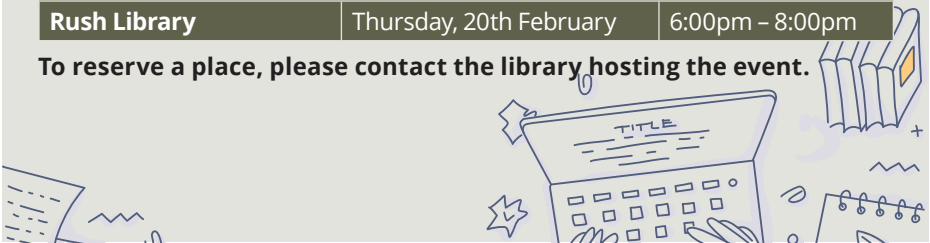
with Claire Hennessy

Claire Hennessy will guide you through getting creative ideas onto the page, including developing characters and plot ideas. There'll be time to share some work (optional!) and ask questions about any projects you might be working on. Ages 13 – 17



<b>Donabate Library</b>	Tuesday, 18th February	11:00am – 1:00pm
<b>Rush Library</b>	Thursday, 20th February	6:00pm – 8:00pm

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





### YA Creative Writing Workshop

with Adiba Jaigirdar

Join award-winning Young Adult author Adiba Jaigirdar for a creative writing workshop, perfect for complete beginners or aspiring authors. You will learn writing tips and participate in a dynamic workshop with the author of *Four Eids and a Funeral*, *Rani Choudhury Must Die*, *The Henna Wars* and more. Ages 13 – 17

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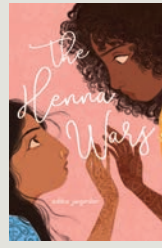


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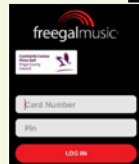
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## Engineers Week

To celebrate Engineers Week (Saturday, 1st – Friday, 7th March) classes from local primary schools are invited to the library for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) workshops with Anyone4Science.



### Mechanical Hand Workshop

A class of primary school children in Balbriggan will make their own mechanical hand model.

### Bioplastic Workshop

A class of primary school children in Skerries will learn about bioplastic and make their own piece of bioplastic from milk.

### Design a Kite

Primary school children in Malahide, Swords, and Blanchardstown will design and make their own kite.



## Technology Week

To celebrate Technology Week (Thursday, 17th – Wednesday, 23rd April) classes from local primary schools are invited to the library for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) workshops with Anyone4Science.



### Coding Bracelet

A class of primary school children in Rush will learn about the language of computers, binary, and make a bracelet spelling their name using binary code.

### Mind Reading Maths

A class of primary school children in Donabate will learn to use maths and special cards to read everyone's minds!

### Cracking the Code

A class of primary school children in Howth will learn about the concept of secret codes and make their own coding machine.



## Continuing Your Online Journey with CybersafeKids



CyberSafeKids will facilitate interactive workshops on how to stay safe online for first year students invited to Blanchardstown, Swords, and Rush libraries from local schools. These sessions will explore issues such as encountering harmful content, cyberbullying, and developing critical thinking skills when spending time online.

## Family Literacy Project at Scoil Mhuire, Blakestown

Fingal Libraries is delighted to continue its family literacy project. This Spring, parents and children selected by Scoil Mhuire in Blakestown will take part in a project with literacy experts Stephen Brett and Colm O'Donovan, who 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 story session with the children.



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# Children's Crafts & More

## Valentine's Crafts

<b>Malahide Library</b>	Monday, 10th February (ages 4 – 7) & Tuesday, 11th February (ages 6 – 10)	3:30pm
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Tuesday, 11th February (ages 5 – 10)	3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Rush Library</b>	Tuesday, 11th February (ages 5 – 8)	3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Garristown Library</b>	Tuesday, 11th February Thursday, 13th February (ages 5 – 12)	3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Swords Library</b>	Thursday, 13th February (ages 4 – 9)	3:30pm
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Tuesday, 11th February (ages 8 – 12)	3:00pm

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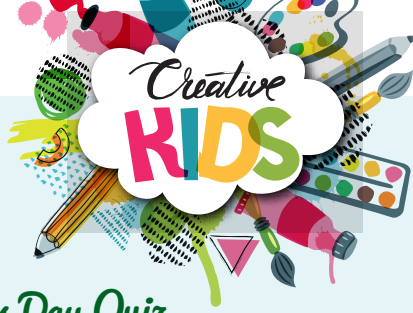


## St. Patrick's Day Crafts

<b>Malahide Library</b>	Monday, 10th March (ages 4 – 7) Tuesday, 11th March (ages 6 – 10)	3:30pm
<b>Garristown Library</b>	Tuesday, 11th March Thursday, 13th March (ages 5 – 12)	3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Swords Library</b>	Wednesday, 12th March (ages 4 – 9)	3:30pm
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Thursday, 13th March (ages 5 – 10)	3:00pm – 4:30pm
<b>Rush Library</b>	Thursday, 13th March (ages 5 – 8)	3:30pm – 4:45pm

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





## St. Patrick's Day Quiz

<b>Swords Library</b>	Tuesday, 11th March (ages 6 – 11)	3:30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

## Mother's Day Crafts

<b>Rush Library</b>	Tuesday, 25th March	3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Garristown Library</b>	Tuesday, 25th March Thursday, 27th March	3:30pm – 4:45pm

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

## Mother's Day Family Storytime

<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Saturday, 22nd March	10:30am
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All welcome

## Easter Crafts

<b>Malahide Library</b>	Monday, 7th April (ages 3 – 7) Tuesday, 8th April (ages 6 – 10)	3:30pm
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Tuesday, 15th April (ages 5 – 10)	3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Tuesday, 15th April (ages 8 – 12)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Garristown Library</b>	Tuesday, 15th April Thursday, 17th April (ages 5 – 12)	3:00pm – 4:30pm
<b>Rush Library</b>	Tuesday, 15th April (ages 5 – 8)	3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Swords Library</b>	Wednesday, 16th April (ages 4 – 9)	2:30pm
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Thursday, 17th April (ages 6 – 10)	3:30 pm

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



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- The BorrowBox app.
- A valid Fingal Library card and PIN.



**Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme, which aims to promote literacy and reading for fun. We hope you can join us for the following Storytime sessions in your library during the month of April.**

<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Thursday, 3rd April Thursday, 10th April Thursday, 17th April Thursday, 24th April	3:00pm
<b>Garristown Library</b>	Wednesday, 9th April (ages 3 – 7)	3:45pm – 4:45pm
<b>Malahide Library</b>	Wednesday, 9th April	10:00am
<b>Skerries Library</b>	Wednesday, 9th April	3:30pm – 4:15pm
<b>Rush Library</b>	Monday, 7th April Tuesday, 8th April Teddy bear sleepover	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Swords Library</b>	Tuesday, 15th April (ages 4 – 8)	2:30pm
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Tuesday, 22nd April (ages 5 – 10)	11:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Saturday, 5th April Saturday, 26th April	10:30am

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







## Dungeons and Dragons

Enter the world of tabletop roleplay at your local library – slay monsters, loot treasure, and forge friendships in a realm of creativity, imagination, and teamwork.

### Dungeons and Dragons for Children

<b>Balbriggan Library</b> Contact library for details	New campaign for ages 10+
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b> Contact library for details	New campaign for ages 8 – 10 New campaign for ages 10 – 12

### Dungeons and Dragons for Teens

<b>Blanchardstown Library</b> Contact library for details	New campaign for ages 12 – 14 New campaign for ages 14 – 16
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### Dungeons and Dragons for Adults

A D&D club for adults is starting in Blanchardstown Library. This club is self-run by members with support and materials provided by library staff. Contact Blanchardstown Library for details.

### Family Games

Families (adults and children) play side-by-side to defeat monsters, solve puzzles and complete quests in beginner friendly family games of Dungeons and Dragons. Suitable for children aged 7+, accompanied by an adult sidekick!

**Blanchardstown Library** (contact library for details)

### Dungeon Master Workshop

Learn how to run games for your friends. Ages 10+

**Blanchardstown Library** (contact library for details)

### Map-Making Workshop

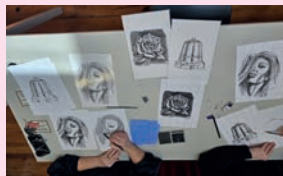
Create new worlds of adventure from your imagination. Ages 10+

**Blanchardstown Library** (contact library for details)



## Pencil Drawing Course with Catherine McCourt

Would you like to learn how to draw? Catherine McCourt will teach you how to transfer images to paper using the grid method in this three-week course. Learn how to study and observe images and build tones using a variety of pencils. All materials supplied.



<b>Swords Library</b>	Thursday, 27th February	5:30pm – 7:30pm
	Thursday, 6th March	
	Thursday, 13th March	

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



## Irish Astronomy Week 2025 (Saturday, 1st – Saturday, 8th March)

### The Birth, Life and Death of Our Solar System with Mick Mc Creary

Join the President of the Irish Astronomical Society (I.A.S.) Mick Mc Creary for a fascinating talk on how our Solar System formed about 4.5 billion years ago. He will also explore the so-called 'Goldilocks Zone' – how conditions are just right for life to evolve on earth – and the eventual end of our Solar System.

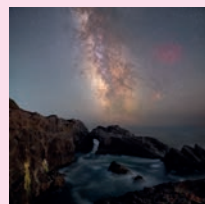


<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Saturday, 1st March	2:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Malahide Library</b>	Monday, 3rd March	6:00pm – 7:00pm
<b>Howth Library</b>	Wednesday, 5th March	6:30pm – 7:30pm

All welcome

### Astrophotography with Tom O'Donoghue

Astrophotographer Tom O'Donoghue has spent many years perfecting the art of taking deep sky photographs. In these talks, he will guide you through the methods and skills used in successful astrophotography.



<b>Swords Library</b>	Monday, 17th February	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Donabate Library</b>	Wednesday, 5th March	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Wednesday, 23rd April	6:30pm – 7:30pm

All welcome





**Sustainable Living Events**

## Gardening for Biodiversity

with Aoife Munn

Discover how to create a garden that supports wildlife through the year, while looking great and requiring less maintenance. This talk is full of easy to implement ideas that will create a space for both you and the wildlife in your garden.



<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Tuesday, 4th February	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Malahide Library</b>	Tuesday, 25th February	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Tuesday, 11th March	11:00am – 12:00pm

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

## Your Sustainable Wardrobe

with the Sustainable Life School

Get tips on how to source sustainable clothes, what to do with the clothes you no longer want, and how to care for clothes to make them last longer.



<b>Skerries Library</b>	Thursday, 13th February	6:30pm – 7:45pm
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**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## Sustainable Fashion Demonstration

with Aga Hutcheson

Discover the art of upcycling old clothes into stunning, one-of-a-kind pieces. This interactive and fun experience will inspire you to upcycle your wardrobe while promoting sustainable fashion practices.



<b>Donabate Library</b>	Wednesday, 12th February	5.30pm – 7:30pm
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**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**



## Sustainable Arts and Crafts

with Aga Hutcheson

Learn the art of crafting beautiful, eco-friendly creations with Aga Hutcheson. These workshops will utilise recycled materials, promoting sustainability, recycling, and reusing.



**Balbriggan Library**

Monday, 13th January

2:00pm – 3:00pm

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



## Facts About Bats

with Bat Conservation Ireland

Join Bat Conservation Ireland for an engaging talk about bats. Discover the fascinating truths and debunk the myths surrounding these incredible flying mammals. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the vital role our native bats play in our environment.

**Howth Library**

Wednesday, 2nd April

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

## Spring Gardening

with Unwind With Plants

It's time for the garden to come back to life after winter! Get tips for a good start to the growing season including sowing seeds, protecting new plants from frost, pruning techniques, plant nutrients, and moving or dividing plants while they are still dormant.



**Swords Library**

Thursday, 20th February

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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





**Skills  
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## Support Your Child's Reading with Stephen Brett

Join Stephen Brett, a primary school principal and literacy expert, for an engaging series of talks about how to support your child's learning at home. Parents of all primary school children from junior infants to sixth class will gain effective strategies to support their child's reading development.



**Blanchardstown Library**

Monday, 3rd March  
Monday, 10th March  
Monday, 24th March  
Monday, 31st March

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

## Manage Your Money

with MABS, the Money Advice and Budgeting Service

Do you find it hard to save? Are rising utility costs getting on top of you? MABS, the Irish money advice service, will be offering a FREE budgeting and money management sessions. MABS has been supporting people with money advice, budgeting, and problem debt for 30 years.

**Swords Library**

Monday, 7th April

6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Blanchardstown Library**

Wednesday, 9th April

6:30pm – 7:30pm

**Rush Library**

Wednesday, 9th April

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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





**Skills for Life  
Age Friendly**

## Getting to know your Smartphone

with Sabine McKenna

Do you have an Android smartphone that you would like to get to know better? In three hands-on sessions, you will explore its basic features, as well as learn about the most widely used apps, such as email, WhatsApp, and Instagram.



<b>Rush Library</b>	Thursday, 6th March Thursday, 13th March Thursday, 20th March	10:00am – 11:00am
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**To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.**

## Age Action's Care & Repair (C&R) Programme

with Marie Keegan

Marie Keegan from Age Action will give a talk on Age Action's Care & Repair programme, which assists older people to remain in their homes. The programme attends to small repairs free-of-charge, removes trip hazards, installs aids to prevent falls, and brings beds downstairs.

<b>Rush Library</b>	Thursday, 20th February	10:30am – 11:30am
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**All welcome.**

## Fingal Libraries eServices Clinics

Library staff will show you how to access and use Fingal Libraries free eServices on your tablet or smart phone, including e-books, audiobooks, online newspapers and databases, at these drop-in sessions.

<b>Rush Library</b>	Monday, 10th February Monday, 10th March	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Blanchardstown Library</b>	Every Wednesday	2:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Malahide Library</b>	Third Thursday of every month	2:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Balbriggan Library</b>	Last Wednesday of every month	2:30pm – 3:15pm

**All welcome.**





## History and Heritage Events

### Land Questions in Fingal in the 1920s: the case of Mrs. Menton and Hilltown Farm

with Dr. Declan Brady

For many, Irish independence failed to deliver the progress and prosperity promised. Questions relating to land and class persisted in Fingal in the 1920s. Join Dr. Declan Brady for a fascinating discussion of the case of Mrs. Menton and Hilltown farm in Swords in 1929, which gives an insight into local society and attitudes at the time.



**Fingal Local Studies and Archives**

Thursday, 27th February

7:00pm – 8:00pm

**To book a place, please contact Local Studies and Archives at Email: [local.studies@fingal.ie](mailto:local.studies@fingal.ie) / Tel: 01 8704486.**

### History of Kenure House & Estate (Kenure Park)

with Frank Whearity

Join Frank Whearity for a fascinating talk on the rise and fall of Kenure house and estate and the families who lived there from the mid-17th century. All that remains of the former palatial mansion, which was demolished in 1978, is the free-standing portico.



**Rush Library**

Thursday, 10th April

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

### Getting Started in Local History Research

with Dr. Bernard Kelly

This talk is aimed at those who are considering or have researched some topic of local history. It will provide pointers on how to research, where best to look for information, and how and make findings available to the public.



**Skerries Library**

Thursday, 24th April

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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



## The Framing of Harry Gleeson

with Kieran Fagan

Retired journalist Kieran Fagan will speak about his book *The Framing of Harry Gleeson*, which tells the true story of a man hanged in 1941 for a murder he didn't commit. Efforts to clear Harry Gleeson's name culminated in a posthumous pardon in 2015. His remains were brought home for burial in his native Co. Tipperary in 2024, 83 years after he was executed.



Howth Library

Wednesday, 26th February

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

## Getting Started with Your Family History

Join us in Fingal Local Studies and Archives (46 North Street, Swords) for monthly sessions on how to trace your family history. We will examine the online resources freely available through Fingal Libraries, and how these can be used in your search.

Fingal Local Studies  
and Archives

Wednesday, 15th January  
Wednesday, 12th February  
Wednesday, 12th March

2:30pm – 3:30pm

To book a place, please contact Local Studies and Archives at

Email: [local.studies@fingal.ie](mailto:local.studies@fingal.ie) / Tel: 01 8704486.

## Silent Book Club

Drop in to the silent book club for adults where people get together to read their book in silence for 30 minutes, and then share their thoughts on it with others! All welcome.

Swords Library

Saturday, 15th February

11.30am







## April Short Story Competition

Write a short story entitled 'Flight' in no more than 2,000 words. Prizes for best entries. Opening date 2nd of April, closing date 30th of April. Contact Malahide Library for details.

## Six Week Digital Photography Course with Barry O'Carroll

This course in digital photography, suitable for beginner or intermediate photographers, will cover camera settings, the exposure triangle, compositional tools to create appealing photos, and understanding what kinds of light work best in various situations.



**Malahide Library**

Starts Thursday, 16th January

6:00pm – 7:45pm

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

## Where do words come from? A History of the English Language with Barry O'Carroll

This talk delves into the history of the English language, its origins in Germanic Anglo-Saxon and Norman French dialects, and other influences on the language we speak today. Find out why we say 'ghost' but also 'phantom' and what the difference is between a 'hearty welcome' and a 'cordial reception'. Discover how you speak foreign languages every day without realising it!

**Malahide Library**

Tuesday, 18th February

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

## Saturday Matinée

Prepare to step back in time at the library, with curated classics from the Golden Age of Hollywood.

**Malahide Library**

Saturday, 25th January  
Saturday, 22nd February  
Saturday, 29th March  
Saturday, 26th April

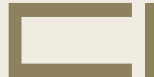
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**All welcome.**





Clár Éire Ildánach  
Creative Ireland  
Programme



## Creative Ireland in Fingal Libraries

The Creative Ireland Programme is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media. It is an all-of-government culture and wellbeing programme that aims to inspire and transform people, places, and communities through creativity. Creative Ireland is committed to the vision that every person in Ireland should have the opportunity to realise their full creative potential. Fingal Libraries play a key role in delivering Creative Ireland projects within our library network.

We have also had a role in the delivery of the Cruinniú na nÓg programme since its inception. Cruinniú na nÓg, a day of free creativity for children and young people, takes place in June each year. Access to events, projects and showcases is free, local, and interactive.

To learn more about the Creative Ireland Fingal Programme please visit <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/fingal/>.





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Check out the fantastic workshops for all ages in the Fingal Makerspace, Blanchardstown Library, this Spring.

Please scan the QR code above for details of all upcoming Makerspace events and bookings.



## Regular Events at your Local Fingal Library

Discover a fabulous range of recurring events at your local library – from language groups and sensory quiet time to activities to keep the children busy. Contact your local library for more information about the following events.

<b>Balbriggan Library</b>		
<b>Spanish Conversation Group (adults)</b>	Every Thursday	6:00pm – 7:30pm
<b>Knitting and Crochet Club (adults)</b>	Every Monday	6:00pm – 7:00pm
<b>Irish Conversation Group (adults)</b>	Every Thursday	6:30pm – 8:00pm
<b>Balbriggan Book Club (adults)</b>	Last Wednesday of the month	6:00pm – 7:30pm
<b>Creative Poetry Writing Club</b>	Every Tuesday	6:30pm – 7:45pm
<b>Sensory Quiet Time</b>	Every Monday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Warehouse Writers' Group</b>	Every Friday	2:30pm – 4:00pm
<b>Virtual reality (VR) drop-in sessions (age 13+)</b>	Tuesdays monthly (contact library for details)	TBC
<b>Scrabble Club (adults)</b>	Every Monday	11:00am – 12:00pm
<b>eServices drop-in clinic</b>	Last Wednesday of every month	2:30pm – 3:15pm
<b>HSE Balbriggan Breastfeeding Club</b>	Every Thursday	11:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Young Adults Book Club (ages 12 – 17)</b>	Monthly on Saturdays (contact library for details)	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Family Storytime</b>	Fortnightly on Saturdays (contact library for details)	10:30am – 11:00am
<b>Balbriggan Library Film Club</b>	First Saturday of every month	2:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>LGBTQ+ Book &amp; Film Club (adults)</b>	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Academic Referencing Sessions</b>	Contact Library for details	TBC

### **Baldoyle Library**

**Baldoyle Library is currently closed for improvement works.**



## Blanchardstown Library

<b>Sensory Friendly Quiet Time (all ages)</b>	Every Monday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Baby Book Club</b>	Third Tuesday of every month	11:30am – 12:00pm
<b>Peaceful Playtime (ages 4+)</b>	Every Wednesday	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Parent and Toddler Group</b>	Every Thursday	11:00am – 12:30pm
<b>Storytime (ages 4+)</b>	Every Thursday	3:00pm – 3:30pm
<b>Junior chess club</b>	Second Thursday of every month	3:30pm
<b>Board Games for adults</b>	Fortnightly, Tuesdays	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Adult Craft Circle</b>	Fortnightly, Tuesdays	6:30pm – 7:45pm
<b>Age Action</b>	Every Friday	10:00am – 1:00pm
<b>Breast Feeding Support Group</b>	Every Wednesday	11:00am – 1:00pm
<b>eServices Clinic</b>	Every Wednesday	2:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>French Conversation</b>	Every Saturday	10:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Irish Conversation</b>	Every Saturday	12:00pm – 1:00pm
<b>Life Ring</b>	Every Saturday	1:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Older &amp; Wiser Ukrainian Group</b>	Every Monday	10:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Virtual Reality (VR) drop-in sessions (ages 13+)</b>	Every third Monday	2:00pm – 3:30pm

## Donabate Library

<b>Baby Book Club</b>	Every Thursday	10:00am – 10:30am
<b>Sensory quiet time</b>	Every Monday	5:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Caint agus Comhrá</b>	Third Monday of every month	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Monday evening book club (adults)</b>	Last Monday of every month	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Donabate Community Crafters (adults)</b>	Every second Wednesday	6:00pm – 7:30pm
<b>Knitting club (adults)</b>	Every Thursday	11:00am – 1:00pm
<b>Junior Chess club (ages 5 – 10)</b>	Every Friday	3:30pm – 4:30pm
<b>Chinkwell Writers' Group (adults)</b>	Every second Saturday	11:00am – 1:30pm
<b>English class (adults)</b>	Every Thursday	11:00am – 1:00pm



## Garristown Library

<b>Chess Club (ages 7 – 12, beginners welcome)</b>	Mondays and Tuesdays	3:15pm – 4:30pm
<b>Storytime (ages 3 – 7)</b>	Every Wednesday, except last Wednesday of the month	3:45pm – 4:45pm
<b>Scrabble Club (ages 7 – 12)</b>	Every Thursday	3:15 pm – 4:30pm
<b>Junior Readers' Book Club (ages 8 –12)</b>	Last Wednesday of every month	3:45pm – 4:45pm

## Howth Library

To be notified of events at Howth Library, please contact Howth Library and ask to be added to their mailing list. Contact details at back of brochure.

## Malahide Library

<b>French for Beginners</b>	Contact library for details.	
<b>Age Action computer classes</b>	Every Thursday	12:00pm – 2:00pm
<b>Sensory quiet time</b>	Every Wednesday	5:30pm – 6:30pm
<b>Junior Chess Club</b>	Contact library to register interest	
<b>Community Jigsaw</b>	Pop in and see if you can complete the 1,000–piece jigsaw in the Reading Room!	
<b>Spanish Conversation Group</b>	Every Thursday	6:00pm – 7 :30pm
<b>eServices clinic</b>	Third Thursday of every month	2:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Knitting and crochet supplies available for on-the-spot crafting</b>		
<b>Toddler Time</b>	Every Thursday	10:00am – 11:30am
<b>Afternoon and evening book clubs</b>	Contact library for details.	
<b>Afternoon and evening film clubs</b>	Contact library for details.	
<b>Yoga classes</b>	Contact library to register interest	
<b>Eckhart Tolle meditation morning</b>	Every Saturday	11:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Virtual reality sessions (ages 13+)</b>	Contact library to book.	



## Rush Library

<b>Irish Conversation Group (adults)</b>	Every second Tuesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Quilting group (adults)</b>	Every Tuesday	10:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Book Club (adults)</b>	First Wednesday of every month	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Baby Book Club</b>	Second Wednesday of every month	10:00am – 11:00am
<b>Pyrography (adults)</b>	Every Monday	6:00pm – 8:00pm
<b>Age friendly social club (adults)</b>	Every second Thursday	11:00am – 1:00pm
<b>Community art group (adults)</b>	Every Friday	2:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Meet Me at the Altar - local musician performances</b>	Every Saturday afternoon	3:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Guided meditation (adults)</b>	Last Saturday of every month	10:30am – 12:30pm
<b>Scrabble Club (adults)</b>	Every Thursday from 9th January	6:30pm – 7:30pm

## Skerries Library

<b>Baby Book Club</b>	Second & third Monday of every month	10:30am
<b>Computer Class</b>	Every Monday	2:00pm – 4:00pm
<b>Knitting group</b>	Every Tuesday	2:30pm – 4:30pm

## Swords Library

<b>Baby Book Club</b>	Alternate Tuesdays	10:30am – 11:30am
<b>Writers Club (Adults)</b>	Every Tuesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Sensory quiet time</b>	Every Thursday	6:30pm – 7:30pm
<b>Beginners' Computer classes</b>	Every Thursday	10:00am – 1:00pm
<b>Improvers' Spanish class</b>	Every Friday	10:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Beginners' Spanish class</b>	Every Thursday	10:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Irish Conversation group</b>	Every Wednesday	6:30pm – 7:30pm

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

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

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