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# **BALLYROAN LIBRARY** **JANUARY 2026** **EVENT GUIDE**

# CHILDREN AND FAMILY

TIME	EVENT	AGE	BOOKING
Every Monday, 3.30pm	<b>Storytime:</b> A fun, interactive storytime for little ones! Adult supervision required.	3 - 6 years	No booking required
Every Monday, 6pm	<b>Sensory time:</b> Dimmed lights, reduced noise, and additional resources (sensory toys, magic table) are available on request.	All	No booking required
Tuesday, 13th, 20th & 27th Jan 10am	<b>Toddler Time:</b> Music and fun activities for little ones.	0 - 3 years	Booking required via Eventbrite, the Monday preceding <b>each session</b> , 10am
Every Saturday from 10th Jan, 10am	<b>Junior Chess with Fred:</b> A weekly chess class for children.	Ages 7 - 12 years	No booking required but spaces limited
Wed, 7th Jan, 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 6pm	<b>Coder Dojo:</b> Join us for a fun session of coding in the library.	8-12 years	Booking required via Eventbrite, the Monday preceding <b>each session</b> , 10am
Sat, 10th Jan 2pm	<b>Relaxed Movie Screening:</b> Everyone deserves the magic of movies in a comfortable setting. Join us for first movie screening of 2026, <b>Smallfoot</b> , in a setting which is suitable for children with additional needs and their families.	All	Booking required via Eventbrite from 3rd Jan, 10am
Mon, 12th Jan 4.30pm	<b>Sensory Explorers:</b> A fun, relaxed play session for neurodiverse children and their siblings.	Age 6+, adult supervision required	Booking required Eventbrite from 5th Jan, 10am



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<b>Fri, 16th Jan 10am</b>	<b>Magic Baby Tummy Time:</b> Join other parents to give baby some tummy time practice using our Magic Table light projector and toys.	For babies not yet crawling.	Booking required via Eventbrite from 21st Dec, 10am
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am</b>	<b>Build and Create Family Challenge:</b> Dive into a world of creativity and engineering at our Magna-Tiles and Marble Run event! This hands-on activity invites families to collaborate on designing and building marble run racetracks and construct amazing 2D and 3D Magna Tile creations.	Family	Booking required via Eventbrite from 9th Jan, 10am
<b>Wed, 21st Jan 3pm</b>	<b>January Crafts for Kids:</b> Join us for a fun and relaxing crafting session.	7+ years	Booking required Eventbrite from 5th Jan, 10am
<b>Tues, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 3pm</b>	<b>St. Brigid's Kite workshop</b> To celebrate St Brigid's Day, children will learn all about her life as well as design, colour and build their own St Brigid themed kite. Each participant will have their own kite to take home and fly and reuse many times in the future	7+ years	Booking required via Eventbrite from 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 10am
<b>Wed, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 3pm</b>	<b>Make a St Brigid's Day Cross</b> with artist Elena Buttner.	7+ years	Booking Required via Eventbrite from 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan, 10am



# TEENS

TIME	EVENT	AGE	BOOKING
Tue, 20 Jan 5pm	<b>Creative Writing Workshop with Claire Hennessy for Teens</b>	13-17 years	Booking required via Eventbrite from 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am

# ADULTS

TIME	EVENT	AGE	BOOKING
<b>Mondays 11am</b> ----- <b>Thursdays 6.30pm</b>	<b>Stitched Together :</b> Come along for our informal, friendly and very crafty meet-up. All crafts welcome – crochet, knitting, sewing, embroidery etc. No need to book.	Adults	No booking required
<b>Every Wednesday 11am</b>	<b>Scrabble:</b> Get ready for a triple word score! Drop in to our weekly club and enjoy a game of scrabble. No need to book. Adults only.	Adults	No booking required
<b>Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2pm</b>	<b>Golden Moments:</b> Ballyroan Bingo!	Adults	All Welcome
<b>Mon, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm</b>	<b>Firstival: Balfolk Dancing</b> Join us for a lively taster session introducing Balfolk dancing. Originating from folk traditions across Europe, Balfolk is all about simple, flowing dances—circles, lines, and easy partner steps—that anyone can pick up. No experience is needed.	Adults	Booking required via Eventbrite from Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan, 10am
<b>Wed, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 1:30pm</b>	<b>History Hub:</b> Join us to watch Finding Brigid: Siobhan McSweeney (Traitors Ireland; Derry Girls) goes in search of the real St Brigid	Adults	Booking via Eventbrite from 2nd Jan, 10am



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Wed, 14th Jan 11am	<b>Ciorcal Cainte:</b> Join us for an informal Irish language conversation group where all levels of Irish are catered for! #bantrialas	Adults	Booking required via Eventbrite from 7th Jan, 10am
Wed, 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am	<b>Firstival: Joomchi Paper Crafting.</b> Learn the fundamentals of Joomchi, experiment with colour and texture, create your own expressive paper artwork to take home. No experience is required — just curiosity and a love for creative discovery.	Adults	Booking Required, via Eventbrite from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan, 10am
Thurs 15th Jan 11am	<b>Firstival: Silverwork, Forge a Silver Ring:</b> An introduction to core silversmithing skills — sawing, soldering, filing, hammering, and polishing. Guided by a highly experienced goldsmith with extensive industry and jewellery-design expertise.	Adults	Booking required, via Eventbrite from 2nd Jan, 10am
Thurs, 15th Jan 7pm	<b>The Reading Circle:</b> Drop in to our Reading Circle, grab a cuppa and enjoy listening to a story or poem - no pressure to talk or read.	Adults	Booking required via Eventbrite from 2nd Jan, 10am
Sat, 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm	<b>Firstival: Acrylic Jewellery Making.</b> Try something new and make your own pair of beautiful, custom earrings in this relaxed, hands-on workshop with our Maker in Residence. No experience needed	Adults	Booking required, via Eventbrite from 2nd Jan 10am

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<b>Mon 19th Jan 5.30pm</b>	<b>Silver Screens at the Library:</b> Join us for a screening of <i>The Servant</i> (1963). Written by Harold Pinter, starring Dirk Bogarde and James Fox.	Adults	Booking required, via Eventbrite from 12th Jan, 10am
<b>From Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3.30pm 4 week course</b>	<b>Chair Yoga:</b> Chair yoga is a form of therapy yoga practiced sitting on a chair, or standing using a chair for support. Led by Paula, DDLETB	Adults	Booking required via Eventbrite from 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 10am
<b>Tue, 20th Jan 6.30pm</b>	<b>Rathfarnham &amp; Ballyroan Historical Society Lecture:</b> Liz Gillis will offer a local perspective on the role of women in the Irish Revolution in her talk <i>Women in the Irish Revolution: A Local Perspective</i> .	Adults	Booking required, via Eventbrite from 6th Jan 10am
<b>Wed, 21st Jan 6.30pm</b>	<b>Tradfest: Ceol agus Craic:</b> Join Martin and Mick for a lively session of Irish traditional music.	All	Booking via Eventbrite from 7th Jan, 10am
<b>Saturday 24th Jan 11am</b>	<b>Tradfest: Teen Trad Session.</b> Join young musicians from Craobh Naithí Comhaltas branch for an informal session of traditional music.	All	All Welcome
<b>Saturday 24th Jan 2.30pm</b>	<b>An Afternoon with writers Deirdre McCarthy and Maria Tempany</b> discussing parenthood and the rollercoaster of life! Facilitated by Natalie Ryan, Poet's Perch	Adults	Booking via Eventbrite from 3rd Jan, 10am

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<b>Mon, 26th Jan 6.30pm</b>	<b>Film Screening - Lipservice - An Club Ghaelach</b> Join us for a screening of the Irish language short film "Lipservice" followed by a discussion. As part of "An Club Ghaelach"	Adults	Booking via Eventbrite from 12th Jan, 10am
<b>Tues, 27th Jan 6.30pm</b>	<b>Reset Your Home: Practical tips to declutter:</b> Hazel Burton, CPD-certified professional organiser and founder of The Home Reset, will share practical, accessible strategies for decluttering and sustainable home organisation.	Adults	Booking via Eventbrite from 6th Jan, 10am.
<b>Tues, 27th Jan 6pm</b>	<b>Create a Custom Mug Workshop for Adults</b> - Join our hands-on workshop where creativity meets technology!	Adults	Booking required via Eventbrite from 12th Jan, 10am
<b>Thurs, 29th Jan 6.30pm</b>	<b>Autism and Girls: a talk by Dr Dorothy Armstrong (MSc PhD) Occupational Therapist</b> This talk will discuss some of the reasons why autism can be underdiagnosed in females, the road to diagnosis and the stress many autistic females are under through masking to 'fit in'.	Adults	Booking required, via Eventbrite from 8th Jan 10am
<b>Friday 30th Jan 3pm</b>	<b>Introduction to Raising Bi-Lingual Children - A talk for Parents &amp; Carers:</b> Learn about bilingual language development. Talk presented by Inmaculada Gomez Solerwill of Mother Tongues.	Adults	Booking required via Eventbrite from 10th Jan, 10am





Book Ballyroan Library events here:

# Eventbrite

ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.ie



## LIBRARY ONLINE RESOURCES

Even when the library is closed, we're open!

New Year resolution to learn something new?



Try the library's online resource Universal Class and tick off a resolution off that list. Universal Class provides access to hundreds of online courses to help you learn the skills needed to achieve your goals in 2026.

To find out more about our local history resources, online and in the library, visit: [southdublinlibraries.ie](http://southdublinlibraries.ie)

## Firstival at Ballyroan Library



South Dublin Libraries' Firstival offers adults the opportunity to try new activities in our special Taster Sessions. Try **Balfolk Dancing, Joomchi Paper Crafting, Silversmithing and Jewellery Making!** More details in this brochure and booking required via Eventbrite from 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan at 10am.  
**Firstival - New Year, New You, New Hobby!**



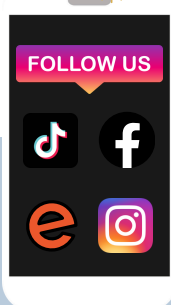
### OPENING HOURS

Mon - Thur

9.45am - 8pm

Fri & Sat

9.45am - 4.30pm



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The staff of Ballyroan Library wish all their patrons  
a happy and healthy New Year!