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An illustration of a young girl with pink hair and a large pink bow, wearing a blue dress with a large white circle on the front. She is lying down, reading a blue book. The background is a warm brown color. The text 'squeeze IN A READ' is written in white on the blue circle, with 'ON THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY' below it. A green banner at the bottom left says 'KEEP WELL'. On the right, there is a small graphic of a bookshelf with books labeled 'IRELAND READS' and a text box that says 'Find your perfect read and take the pledge at irelandreads.ie'. At the bottom left, there are logos for 'hi', 'Libraries Ireland', and the 'Government of Ireland'.

**squeeze  
IN A READ**  
ON THURSDAY  
25 FEBRUARY

**KEEP WELL**

Find your perfect read and take  
the pledge at [irelandreads.ie](http://irelandreads.ie)



Ireland Reads is a new national campaign to encourage as many people as possible to get reading. The campaign will run throughout February, culminating with **Ireland Reads Day on February 25th.**

Ireland Reads is about promoting the power of reading for enjoyment and wellbeing. The aim is to encourage everyone, young and old, to get back into the habit of regularly setting aside time to sit and read a book, a poem, a comic, a newspaper, whatever works for them!

We want everyone to **#squeezeinaread** – visit [www.irelandreads.ie](http://www.irelandreads.ie) and pledge the amount of time you will spend reading on Ireland Reads Day February 25th!  
**#IrelandReads**

REDLINE  
BOOK  
FESTIVAL

**Between**

**The Red**

**Lines**

22 – 28

Feb 2021

## **Between the Red Lines Literary Festival**

Between the Red Lines, a spin-off series of events from the Red Line Book Festival, brings you a brand-new programme of Irish voices this February, brought to you by organisers of The Red Line Book Festival and South Dublin Libraries and Arts.

Events will take place over seven days to coincide with the Ireland Reads campaign - a new national day to celebrate reading.

Festival voices this year include acclaimed novelist, Marita Conlon McKenna; previous Red Line Book Festival Writer-in-Residence and award-winning writer Lisa Harding; journalist and writer, Manchán Mangan; Patricia Forde; Annemarie Ni Churreáin; and John Patrick McHugh, among others...

Full programme details here:

<https://www.redlinebookfestival.ie/between-the-red-lines/>

**South Dublin Libraries have lots of online events to celebrate Ireland Reads. Visit [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) for booking details.**

## **Irish Sign Language Storytime**

**Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th February from 11 - 11:45am**

An ISL Rhyme and Sign story time for babies and toddlers, with Clever Little Handies

## **Live talk and Q&A with Brian Mahon, reporter for The Times**

**Tuesday February 23rd at 8pm**

Illustrated using his own experiences, Brian Mahon, journalist with The Times, discusses his career path towards becoming a journalist, finding stories and how to work as a reporter without getting sued!

Brian will also discuss the favourite stories he's worked on and answer your burning journalistic questions!

## **Big Read Aloud**

**Thursday February 25th at 10:30am and 2pm**

Supported Reading Groups at Stewarts Care Palmerstown will join together for an online Big Read Aloud event, where they will share reading aloud from *Gullivers Travels*, and enjoy catching up together through Zoom!



**Booking details for all events can be found on  
[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)**

## **Online Book Launch – Johnny Magory Hedge School**

**Thursday February 25th at 12 noon**

In 2020 South Dublin Libraries and Johnny Magory Hedge School held a series of creative writing workshops for children. At the end of the series each child received a printed copy of the book they created. The participants and their families are invited to join this virtual book launch where the children will read excerpts from their books.



## **Explore a whole world of books with Patricia Forde**

**Thursday February 25th at 3pm**

A fun session for all the family with Patricia Forde where she introduces a feast of books for children! From comedy to adventure, fantasy to mystery, there will be something for every taste. Don't miss this chance to explore a whole world of books!

Suitable for children ages 8-12yrs.



(Patricia Forde will also give two online sessions for schools for Junior/Senior Infants and for 4th/5th/6th class)

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## A Spirited Draw Along with illustrator Margaret Ann Suggs

Thursday February 25th at 3pm

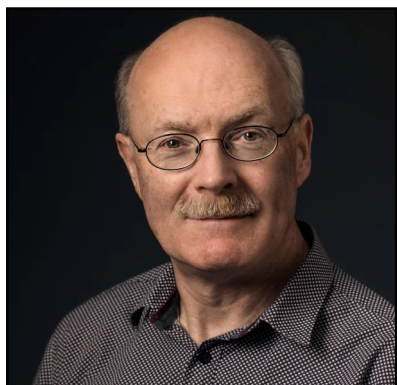
Margaret Anne will present animal and character drawings that are based on simple shapes but combine to make a complete drawing.

After working through a selection of drawings step by step, the budding illustrators can 'personalise' their favourite drawing while Margaret Anne reads a short story from *Holy Shocking Saints* - her new book with Síne Quinn.



Suitable for ages 8 – 12years.

## Brian Gallagher - Children's Author



Thursday February 25th at 4pm

Meet author Brian Gallagher.  
Brian is the author of many historical fiction books for children including *Friend or Foe*, *Spies*, *Across the Divide* and many more.

His popular books bring history to life covering the 1913 Lockout, the Easter Rising, the War of Independence and lots more.

Suitable for 8-12 year olds.

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## Ireland Reads Book Quiz

Thursday February 25th at 6pm

Calling all Book Club members and avid readers across South Dublin County – test your knowledge by taking part in our fun Book Quiz!

## Emotion in Poetry with Anne Tannam

Thursday February 25th at 7pm

According to Billy Collins, 'A poem is an emotion'. During this webinar we'll look at the role emotion plays in poetry, and the role poetry plays for us in understanding our emotions.

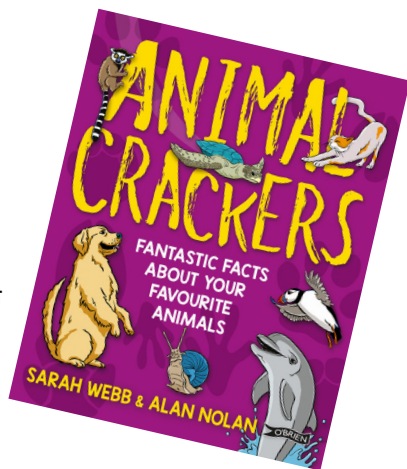
Anne Tannam is a Dublin poet who has published three collections, *Take This Life*, *Tides Shifting Across My Sitting Room Floor*. Her new collection *Twenty-six Letters of a New Alphabet* is forthcoming with Salmon Poetry in 2021.

## Animal Crackers with Alan Nolan

Saturday February 27th at 12 noon

If you love animals, stories and drawing, this is perfect for you!

Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan for a fun hour of crazy animal facts, drawing and storytelling for all the family. Alan Nolan's latest books, *Sam Hannigan and the Last Dodo*, and *Animal Crackers* (with Sarah Webb) are both out now. Perfect for 7 – 12 year olds but all the family can join in!





## New! Online Book Club for Children

Do you love to read? Do you love talking about books? Are you age 9-12?  
Then you'll love our brand new Children's book club!

Every month author Juliette Saumande will host our junior book club via Zoom and give kids a chance to talk about all things books. The first book we'll be reading and discussing together is *The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone* by Jacklyn Moriarty and everyone who signs up will get a copy of the book to keep.

## Competitions

### Book Spine Poetry Competition!

Create a poem by arranging your books so the titles make a poem.

Take a photo and email your entry to us at [librarylucan@gmail.com](mailto:librarylucan@gmail.com)

Closing Date Monday 22nd February

Open to Adults and Children!

Winners will be announced on 25/02/2021.



### Children's Short Story Competition (ages 7-12)

Children are invited to write a story, no more than 250 words, about anything BUT it must begin with the line: "It all started the day I went to the library..."

Entries via email to [rosullivan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:rosullivan@sdblincoco.ie)

Closing date Tuesday 23rd February at 12noon.



Library Opening Hours

**(Currently closed due to COVID Restrictions)**

Monday - Thursday : 9:45am - 8:00pm

Friday and Saturday : 9:45am - 4:30pm

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