



Please note Clondalkin Library will close on  
**Thursday 6th April at 8.00pm**  
and reopen  
**Tuesday 11th April at 9.45am**  
for Easter Holidays

## Library Opening Hours

**Monday—Thursday: 9.45am—8.00pm**

**Friday and Saturday: 9.45am—4.30pm**

**Phone: 01 459 3315**

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**Clondalkin Library, Monastery Road, Clondalkin  
Eircode: D22 XP03**

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# Clondalkin Library

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**April 2023  
Event Guide**

**All events can be booked at  
[Clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://Clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

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## Adult Events

### Padraig O'Malley

Thursday,  
6th April  
6.30pm-7.30pm



Padraig O'Malley, author of *Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland*, will join us in Clondalkin Library to talk about his book, which is a wide-ranging and unique study of the questions around the future of Northern Irish politics, including the idea of reunification.



**Booking opens from 20th March through**  
**[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

## Spotlight On

### Board Books

Come in and see our sensory and tactile books for pre-schoolers.

Scientific research tells us that reading to your child can help to activate pre-schoolers' brains with mental imagery and help them understand narrative - both key for the development of language and literacy.



### Touch-type Read and Spell



**TTRS:** Touch-Type, Read and Spell with confidence for children

This is a multi sensory course for children that teaches typing, reading & spelling.

We have 12 spaces available:

Mondays: 5.00pm-6.00pm 4 spaces

Tuesdays: 5.00pm-6.00pm 4 spaces

Wednesdays: 4.00pm-5.00pm 4 spaces

Please phone or speak to a member of staff to book your place.



## Children's Events

### Self-Led Baby & Toddler Group

Join us for our self-led baby and toddler group. We'll provide the space and toys, you provide the playtime!

**10.00am–11.30am Every Tuesday,  
Saturday 15th April and Friday 21st April**



### STORYTIME for ages 3+

**Thursday 6th and 27th April  
3.30pm**

Come along and join in our  
storytime session

***All Welcome No Booking Required***



### Quiet Thursdays

**4.30pm–6.30pm**

Join us for a quiet evening every Thursday when we reduce noise and turn down the lights creating a more welcoming environment. Sensory boxes are available to use in our teepees!



## Adult Events

### Annual Joe Williams Lecture

**Wednesday, 12th April, 6.30pm–7.30pm**

### Update on the Slí Mór from Dublin City to Timahoe



The Joe Williams Archive is delighted to welcome Dr Seamus Cullen as our lecturer this year. Dr Cullen is a renowned historian whose excellent work is well known to anyone interested in Irish local and general history (see his personal website <https://www.seamuscullen.net/> for further information).

Established in pre-Christian times, the Slí Mór was one of the five main roads of Ireland. It enabled trade, commerce, social communications and religious practices to be achieved at a time when travel involved much more effort – and less comfort – than it does today.

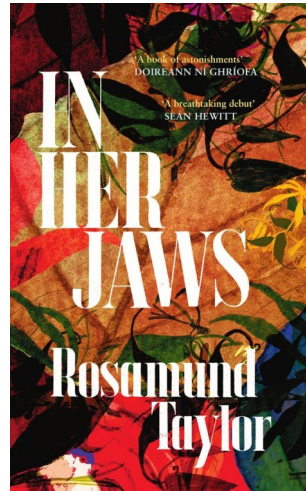
Come and hear how a precious length of the original Slí Mór still exists in Clondalkin village (almost in its original state) and its importance to the existence of Clondalkin and other villages which grew up along the route. Find out why the Slí Mór became established along this route and what new information scholars have uncovered about one of our earliest Irish roadways.

***Booking opens from 21st March through-  
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## Adult Events

### Adult Book Club

Meeting Thursday 27th April  
**6.30pm-7.30pm**



We are delighted to have poet and critic, Rosamund Taylor, visit our book club to discuss her first collection, *In Her Jaws*, published by Banshee Press in May 2022.

Rosamund Taylor dares us across thresholds and invites us to glimpse the world as we've never seen it before. She boldly charts a journey of survival and transformation with poems on history reimagined, astronomy, sorcery, wild landscapes, talismanic creatures, and queer love. Rosamund explores what it means to live in a female body that is not defined by lack, or want, or perpetual suffering, but is possessed by a real and defined sense of erotic autonomy. These poems burn from the inside out with possibility, and there is magic, mystery and reclamation at every turn. *In Her Jaws* is a landmark debut that extends and deepens the Irish tradition of writing the female perspective, while also breaking new ground.

Rosamund's work has been broadcast on RTE radio's The Poetry Programme and on BBC Radio 4's Poetry Please. She has published over fifty poems in Ireland, Canada, the US and the UK.

## Tech Week



## TECH WEEK

**17th-23rd April 2023**

Get ready for some  
fantastic events for all  
the family !

at **Clondalkin Library**



## Children's Events

### Waffles the Wonderful Magic Show

**Thursday, 13th April**  
**3.00pm-4.00pm**



Enjoy a show with Ireland's favourite female magician. Laugh and smile as Waffles performs an interactive magic show. Waffles tricks are goofy and fun and she is sure to bring a smile to all. Giggle at Waffles mind-reading bear Boo Boo. Smile as Waffles brings an adult up to perform rope tricks. Hoot and howl as kids make things appear and disappear. Waffles will make the boys and girls the stars of the show. Waffles has over 10 years of experience and was selected by President Higgins to perform at the Aras.

Suitable for ages 3-8 years

**Booking opens from 3rd April through**  
**[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

## Adult Events

### Stitch & Story

Have you an interest in knitting, crochet or embroidery?

Come along and join our monthly group led by Joan Connolly. Share your interest and knowledge with like-minded folk! Bring your own needles and all other materials will be provided. Joan will get us started on:

**Saturday, 22nd April**  
**11am-12pm**



**Booking opens from 10th April through**  
**[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie) and at the library desk.**



A BorrowBox subscription is free with your South Dublin Libraries Card. You can use it to download eBooks and eAudiobooks from home or on-the-go using the BorrowBox app.

Come down to one of our drop-in sessions for help downloading, setting up or using the BorrowBox app. No need to book but remember to bring your mobile phone/tablet and library card (or ID if you have lost your card or would like to join up!).

**No booking required - just call in any Monday throughout April between 5.00 and 7.00pm**

**Please Note:** the library will be closed on Easter Monday, 10th, April.



## Adult Events

### Scrabble Afternoon for Adults

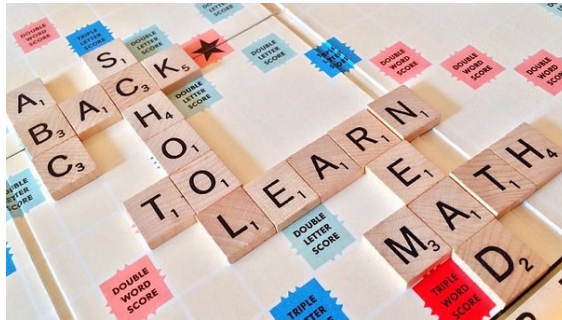
Friday, 14th April

3.00pm—4.00pm



Do you enjoy classic word games? Join us for a few casual games of scrabble and good old-fashioned chat!

**All Adults  
Welcome**



### Transparent Languages

Transparent Language Online empowers you to learn anywhere, anytime, for any language goal — in **100+ languages!**

Simply create an account using your library card and start your journey to confident conversation in whatever language you choose!

And remember it's **FREE!**

## Children's Events



**Saturday, 22nd April**

**3.00pm-4.00pm**

**Booking opens from 10th April through  
[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

This Inventors' Club workshop will begin with an introduction to 3D printing and how it works. We will have a bit of fun with Cartesian XYZ Coordinates. We will introduce the children to user-friendly and easy to use 3D design software and the process of creating their own 3D avatars. We will convert the children's designs into gcode and begin printing. Because 3D printing takes a long time children will be able to pick up their prints in the days following the workshop.

**Class visit:** Thursday, 20th March, 10.00am  
Booked Out.

**Class visit:** Thursday, 20th March, 12.30pm  
Booked Out.

## Children's Events

### Captain Splash

**Wednesday,  
5th April  
3.00pm-4.00pm**



Arrrrrr you ready to set sail to fun and imagination?!

See Captain Splash make dreams become real. And, if you believe in magic, you have a chance to take some home with you. An amazing voyage where everyone becomes part of the crew. Plenty of outrageous water tricks, funny magic, and tons of audience participation. A heartwarming tale about the magic that can happen when you believe in your dreams.

Suitable for ages 3-8 years

**Booking opens from 22nd March through  
[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**

## Adult Events

### Grow It Yourself

**Meeting Thursday, 13th April  
6.30pm-7.30pm**

Join our monthly group of GIYers and develop the skills and confidence to grow your own fruit and vegetables successfully!

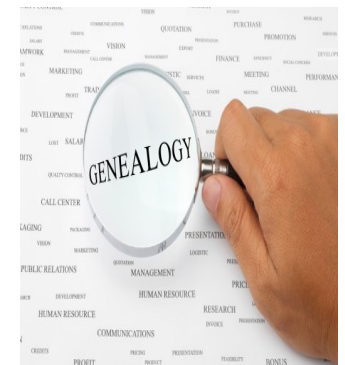


### Genealogy Club

**Meeting Thursday, 20th April  
6.30pm-7.30pm**

This is an in-person meeting.

All Welcome



## Children's Events



**Monday, 17th April, 24th and  
8th May @ 2.30pm**

### **Abracada... wish!**

*Let the Magic Begin! (For children aged 3 to 6 years)*

Jump right into the magic of stories with writer Juliette Saumande. Together you will make your own magic wand, your own magic hat and, of course, you will conjure up your own magical creatures! Whether you say Abracadabra, Sésame ouvre-toi ou Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo, come along and make the magic happen!

\*This is a workshop series where each session is different but connected to an overall theme. Come to as many workshops as you like!  
**(For children 3 to 6)**

**\*\*Language: English + French + Bring your own! Booking is required. When you reserve a child's ticket the accompanying adult goes free. Children must be under the supervision of an accompanying adult at all times.**

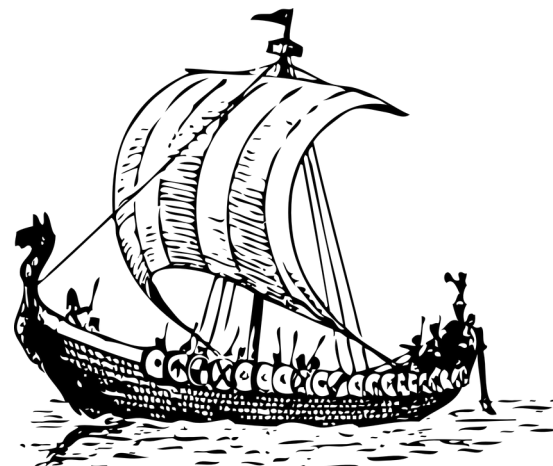
This workshop series is part of the award-winning [Language Explorers programme](#), which has shown to improve parents' and children's confidence in using their mother tongue and enhance children's language and communication skills. This project is funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth through the International Protection Integration Fund.

**Booking essential through**

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/598347512517>

## Children's Events

# Irish History Live



## ***Irish History Live and the Vicious Vikings;***

Mike Moylan will entertain the Kids with an interactive talk on the history of the Vicious Vikings. He will be talking about the clothing, weaponry and culture of the times!

**Wednesday 12th April**

**11.00am—12.00pm**

**2.00pm—3.00pm**

For Children aged 8-12 years

**Booking opens from 3rd April through  
[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/598347512517)**



## Children's Events

# Irish History Live



## ***Irish History Live: 1916 and the War of Independence***

An interactive show for kids! Mike Moylan will regale kids with a brilliant re-enactment of moments from modern Irish History and the fight for eventual Independence with clothing and weaponry of the times.

**Wednesday 12th April**  
**12.30pm–1.30pm**

For Children aged 8-12 years

**Booking opens from 3rd April through**  
**[clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](https://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**



## Coming Soon

Fancy a Coffee?

Come along to a library event and enjoy a free coffee when you become a library member. All you need is photo I.D. and proof of your current address to get your library card.

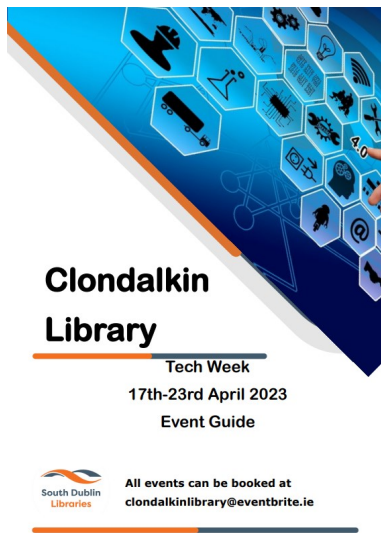
And as for your coffee, just remember to bring your own keep cup!



Look out for our

**Tech Week Brochure**

with details of our fantastic events coming up for all the family during Tech Week!



## Children's Events

# GYMBOREE



**Parent and Toddler Time with Gymboree**

**Tuesday 4th April 10.15am-11.15am**

**Saturday 15th April 10.15am-11.15am**

Join Gymboree for a fun session of music and play to help your toddler develop language, co-ordination and social skills!



**All Welcome -**

**No Booking Required**

## Magformers Steam Event

**Wednesday 19th April 3.00pm-4.00pm**

Join library staff and create super-easy, exciting 2D and 3D geometric structures, a fun engineering event for young learners looking to take their next steps in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

**For children age 4-7 years only**



**Booking open from 10th April through [clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie)**