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**BALLYROAN LIBRARY**  
**MARCH 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  |
| Tues, 3rd, 10th, and 24th Mar, 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, 10am                                 | <b>Junior Chess with Fred:</b> A weekly chess class for children.   | 7 - 12 years                         | No booking required but spaces limited   |
| Wed, 4th Mar & 18th Mar, 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 |
| Thur, 5th Mar, Trail - all day<br>Storytime - 3.30pm | <b>World Book Day Storytime and Story Trail:</b> Can you find all our favourite book characters hiding out in the junior library? Pick up a clue sheet at the desk and collect a little prize when you find them all. | All welcome                          | No booking required  |
| Mon, 9th Mar, 4.30pm                                 | <b>Sensory Explorers:</b> A fun, relaxed play session for neurodiverse children and their siblings.   | 6+ years, adult supervision required | Booking required Eventbrite from 2nd Mar, 10am                                   |
| Tue, 10th Mar, 3.00pm                                | <b>Spring Crafts for Children-Mother's Day:</b> Join us for a fun creative project to celebrate Mother's Day.   | 8+ years                             | Booking required via Eventbrite from 24th Feb, 10am                              |



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| Sat,<br>14th Mar,<br>2pm            | <b>Relaxed Movie Screening:</b><br>Everyone deserves the magic of movies in a comfortable setting. Join us to watch Luca (PG) in a setting which is suitable for children with additional needs and their families. | All                          | Booking required via Eventbrite from 4th Mar, 10am  |
| Thur,<br>19th Mar,<br>3.00pm        | <b>Sarah Sparkles Sceal agus Spraoi.</b> Join Sarah Sparkles for a special story and music time as Gaeilge with songs, stories, rhymes and lots of fun! For preschool children.                                     | 0-4 years                    | Booking required via Eventbrite from 12th Mar, 10am |
| Fri,<br>20th Mar,<br>10am           | <b>Magic Baby Tummy Time:</b><br>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 13th Mar, 10am |
| Mon,<br>30th Mar,<br>10am           | <b>Easter Crafts for kids:</b> Using mixed media we will create an Easter scene complete with bunnies! This can be an Easter card or just a fun design!   | 6-10 years                   | Booking required via Eventbrite from 23rd Mar, 10am |
| Tue,<br>31st Mar,<br>2pm and<br>3pm | <b>Dave's Jungle:</b> A once in a lifetime change to meet some amazing animals from snakes to tarantulas! Join Dave and his reptilian pals for an interactive session where you will learn lots about animals.      | strictly 5+ years            | Booking required via Eventbrite from 24th Mar, 10am |
| Thur,<br>2nd Apr,<br>2.30pm         | <b>Illustration workshop with Alan Nolan:</b> Join Alan as he talks about the inspiration behind his new book and learn how to draw a fictional movie star and a comic strip stunt scene!                           | 8+ years                     | Booking required via Eventbrite from 26th Mar, 10am |



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# TEENS

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| Tue,<br>24th Mar,<br>5pm | <b>Teen Creative Writing Workshop with YA author Claire Hennessy:</b> Join the library's teen creative writing group for this engaging workshop with Claire Hennessy. | 13-17 years | Booking required via Eventbrite from 7th Mar, 10am |

# ADULTS

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| Mondays<br>11am<br>-----<br>Thursdays<br>6.30pm | <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                          |
| Every<br>Wednesday<br>11am                      | <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                          |
| Mon,<br>2nd Mar,<br>6.30pm                      | <b>A Journey through the Landscape of Irish Language Literature Part 2 (1800 – 1950):</b> Join Dr Garry Bannister for the second part of a fun journey on the history of creative writing in the Irish language.             | Adults | Booking required via Eventbrite, on sale now |
| Tue,<br>3rd Mar,<br>6.30pm                      | <b>Financial Planning for Retirement and Legacy:</b> Aoife Gaffney, money coach, returns to Ballyroan Library with practical financial tips for people preparing for retirement, or thinking about planning for inheritance. | Adults | Booking required via Eventbrite, on sale now |



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| Wed,<br>4th Mar,<br>2pm    | <b>Golden Moments - Celebrating Irish Ballads :</b><br>Join us for an afternoon of music from years gone by such as On Raglan Road, Dublin in the Rare Old Times and lots more. Singing along is always welcome!   | Adults | All Welcome  |
| Wed,<br>4th Mar,<br>5pm    | <b>Ulysses Movie Screening:</b> In conjunction with the James Joyce reading group we are delighted to be showing Ulysses (1967), starring Milo O'Shea, Maurice Roeves and Barbara Jefford.   | Adults | Booking required via Eventbrite, from 21st Feb, 10am |
| Fri,<br>6th Mar,<br>10am   | <b>Ballyroan Gardening Group:</b> Enthusiastic about gardening? Come and share your passion with our gardening group.  | Adults | No booking required                                  |
| Mon,<br>9th Mar,<br>1:30pm | <b>History Hub-Suffragettes:</b> Join us to watch <i>Suffragettes</i> , a documentary which tells the story of a group of working-class women conducting a dangerous campaign for the vote.  | Adults | Booking via Eventbrite from 25th Feb, 10am           |
| Mon,<br>9th Mar,<br>5pm    | <b>Environmentally Friendly Paper Crafts:</b> Self-directed craft workshop for adults with recycled and natural materials.   | Adults | Booking required via Eventbrite, from 23rd Feb 10am  |
| Mon,<br>9th Mar,<br>6.30pm | <b>An Club Ghealach- A stíl féin - Sinéad Ní Uallacháin i gcomhrá:</b> Actress, artist, podcaster, and radio presenter - Sinéad Ní Uallacháin, in conversation as Gaeilge, discussing her life and work with SDCC's Irish Officer Muireann Ní Cheannabháin | Adults | Booking required via Eventbrite, from 23rd Feb, 10am |

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| Tues,<br>10th Mar,<br>6.30pm | <b>Reproductive Histories of Ireland, 1950-1981: A Talk by Dr Deirdre Foley:</b> This talk explores Ireland's shifting policies regarding birth control and maternity care in the most transformative period on record.                                       | Adults | Booking required via Eventbrite, from 24th Feb, 10am |
| Wed,<br>11th Mar,<br>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 1st Mar, 10am  |
| Wed,<br>11th Mar,<br>6.30pm  | <b>Ceol agus Craic:</b> Ceol agus Craic is back for a special Seachtain na nGaeilge edition. Come along to hear some wonderful tunes and join in with some well-loved songs.  | Adults | Booking required via Eventbrite, from 25th Feb, 10am |
| Mon<br>16th Mar<br>5.30pm    | <b>Silver Screens at the Library:</b> <i>Whiskey Galore</i> , a 1949 Ealing comedy, tells the story of a Scottish island which, due to wartime rationing, has run out of whiskey and a ship carrying whiskey which runs aground near the island... cue chaos! | Adults | Booking required, via Eventbrite from 9th Mar, 10am  |
| Thur,<br>19th Mar,<br>4.30pm | <b>Poetry Writing and Book Making Workshop:</b> Join the poets Fíona Bolger and Andrea Zittalu for an evening of poetry writing and book making.  | Adults | Booking required via Eventbrite, from 1st Mar, 10am  |



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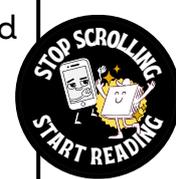
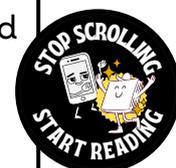
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| <p><b>Mon,<br/>23rd Mar<br/>6pm</b></p>    | <p><b>From Irish Skies to Distant Galaxies, an Astro-photography Journey:</b> Marty McCormack, astro-photographer captures and shares deep-sky images of astronomical objects. Join us for this fascinating talk with tips and hints about astrophotography techniques.</p>                                   | <p>Adults</p> | <p>Booking required via Eventbrite, from 2nd Mar, 10am</p>  |
| <p><b>Tue,<br/>24th Mar<br/>6.30pm</b></p> | <p><b>Rathfarnham &amp; Ballyroan Historical Society Lecture: The Accidental Feminists, Lily &amp; Lolly Yeats:</b> Recognising International Women’s Day, Marian Burke, Secretary of the R&amp;B Historical Society. explores the fascinating lives of Lily and Lolly Yeats, “the accidental feminists”!</p> | <p>Adults</p> | <p>Booking required, via Eventbrite from 3rd Mar, 10am</p>  |
| <p><b>Tue,<br/>24th Mar<br/>7pm</b></p>    | <p><b>The Reading Circle:- Poetry Reading:</b> Join us for discussion of Irish and world poetry in translation.</p>   | <p>Adults</p> | <p>Booking required via Eventbrite, from 1st Mar, 10am</p>  |
| <p><b>Wed,<br/>25th Mar<br/>7pm</b></p>    | <p><b>The Colony - An Evening with Audrey Magee:</b> Award winning novelist, Audrey Magee, will discuss the process of writing The Colony, in particular the use of syntax and language inspired by the west of Ireland, as well as the varying interpretations of colonialism.</p>                           | <p>Adults</p> | <p>Booking required via Eventbrite, from 11th Mar, 10am</p> |
| <p><b>Tue,<br/>31st Mar<br/>6pm</b></p>    | <p><b>Jesmonite Casting Workshop for Adults:</b> In this Makerspace workshop you will learn how to cast a mould using jesmonite and create your very own holder to take home with you!</p>  | <p>Adults</p> | <p>Booking required via Eventbrite, from 23rd Mar, 10am</p> |



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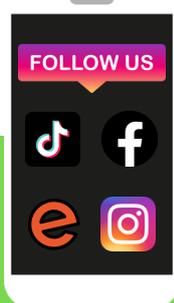
**MON - THUR 9.45AM - 8PM**

**FRI & SAT 9.45AM - 4.30PM**

The library will **close** for St Patrick's Day on Tuesday, **17th March 2026**.

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