



Library Opening Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9.45am—8.00pm

Friday and Saturday: 9.45am—4.30pm

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Clondalkin Library

**September 2023
Event Guide**



**All events can be booked at
clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie**

Adult Events



Culture Night Local Vocals Choir

Friday, 22nd September
7.00pm-8.00pm

To celebrate Culture Night 2023 join the Local Vocals choir as they sing songs of the 50's, 60's and 70's.
Rock and roll, jazz, rockabilly, disco, rhythm and blues!
Come along, see if your favourite tune is featured and relive some great golden oldies!

The Arts Council, in partnership with local authorities and cultural organisations throughout the island of Ireland.



Booking opens from 4th September through
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Spotlight On

Exam Revision Series

Study smart this year with our range of exam revision guides. Each book is a complete course summary, containing top study tips, sample questions and answers. Written by subject experts, these guides will help you get the best from your study hours!



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

Tuesday 5th, 12th and 26th also

Saturday 9th, Friday 15th, Saturday 23rd and

Friday 29th September



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!



STORYTIME for Ages 3+

**Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, and
26th September
@ 3.30pm**

Come along and join in our
storytime session

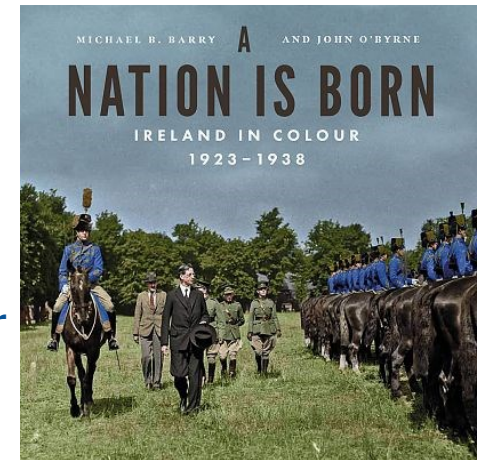


All Welcome—No Booking Required

Adult Events

A Nation is Born Ireland in Colour 1923–1938 Michael B. Barry

**Tuesday 12th September
6:30pm - 7:30pm**



A Nation Is Born celebrates a formative period in the history of the Irish state: the fifteen years during which we emerged from the rubble of wars and violence and set up as a fledgling country while establishing a diplomatic presence on the world stage.

The photos presented here have been painstakingly hand-colourised by photographer John O'Byrne, infusing energy into this often-overlooked time: the election of the country's first governments; the mammoth Shannon hydroelectric scheme; a stunning Eucharistic Congress; scenes of cottage industry and rural Irish life; and ending with the uncertain rumblings of war in Europe.

With over 150 photographs gathered from archives around the country, accompanied by insightful and accessible commentary by historian Michael B. Barry, *A Nation Is Born* brings a fresh perspective on our history and our past to life in a compellingly real way.

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Adult Events

A History of the GAA in 100 Objects

Siobhán Doyle

Tuesday, 26th September

6:30pm - 7:30pm



Join historian and curator in the National Museum of Ireland, Siobhán Doyle, as she discusses her first book *A History of the GAA in 100 Objects*.

The Gaelic Athletic Association is a huge part of the Irish consciousness and plays an influential role in Irish society that extends far beyond the sports.

This fascinating book offers a new perspective on the GAA by assembling a range of objects from every county in Ireland, as well as overseas, to present a chronological history of the GAA that also functions as a social history of the people who have been involved in it. From a fifteenth-century horsehair sliotar to a tweed camogie dress, Trevor Giles's sleeveless jersey and Brian Cody's baseball cap, all corners of the GAA world, personal and official, are explored and celebrated in *A History of the GAA in 100 Objects*.

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Children's Events

Lego and Duplo Freeplay

Saturday 9th
September

12.30pm–2.00pm



Get your imagination building with our Lego & Duplo freeplay sessions.

For Ages 4+

Booking opens from 1st September through
clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.ie

Do you have a little one starting school in September?

Call into Clondalkin library to register your little one for their new library card and pick up their FREE My Little Library Book Bag!

Story time and reading brings lots of benefits to children in terms of literacy and speech skills, logic, concentration and emotional health.

My Little Library book bags contain books chosen by librarians and materials created to support storytelling and reading with children.



Children's Events

Language Explorers Magical Creatures Workshops



**Saturday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd September
2.30pm—4.15pm**

Join Kata and her puppet friends on a magical adventure to Wonderland.

Follow your imagination through this amazing journey to discover hidden secret places and meet with magical creatures. Join our family workshop to explore the land of wonders through storytelling and creative projects using a variety of art materials.

*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 + Hungarian + Bring your own!**

Booking essential through

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/magical-creatures-tickets-645874476947>

Adult Events

Irish For Beginners

**Wednesday, 13th September
6.45pm-7.45pm**



Join us for this five-week course with Patricia Fogarty on Irish for Beginners commencing on 13th September and continues every Wednesday until (and including) 11th October.

Attendees must be able to attend the entire course.

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Adult Craft Class

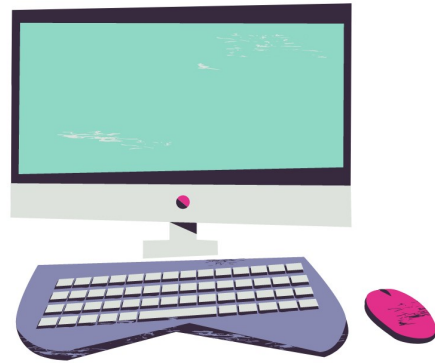
**Friday 22nd September
11.00am-12.30pm**

Join Joan for a craft morning of quilling. All materials will be provided.



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Adult Events



Basic Computer Skills

Starting soon!



This course is for adults who want to learn basic computer skills and understand technology in everyday life

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Monastery Road, D22.

Ask at the main desk for more information



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Children's Events



Summer Stars Finale Jack Flash Fantastic Magic Show

Monday 11th September

3.30pm—4.30pm

Join us as we celebrate another fantastic Summer Stars reading programme. All our wonderful readers will be awarded a certificate and some lucky participants (made up of those in attendance) will even win a prize!

We will be joined by the amazing Jack Flash with his Fantastic Magic Show!

Enjoy magic and juggling as loads of children join in the show. Watch and laugh as a child makes an 8 foot straw appear, smile when eggs appear and disappear, and giggle as Jack's invisible rabbit Hoppy runs amok.

Great magic for children from 4-12 years!



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School Events

Clondalkin Village History and Heritage Talk and Presentation

Monica McGill, curator of the Joe Williams Archive, will give a half hour talk about the history of Clondalkin, with 10 minutes for questions.

This engaging talk will involve a PowerPoint presentation of photos of some of the better-known heritage buildings in the area.



19th, 20th, 25th and 27th September 10am

Class Visit Only

Author Visit by Ellen Ryan.

Author of *Girls Who Slay Monsters*, Ellen Ryan will talk with primary classes. Ellen will also read a passage from her new book *Gods Don't Cry* which is being published in September.

Thursday 28th September at 11.00am

Class Visit Only



Adult Events

This is the Life Days and Nights in the GAA Ciarán Murphy

Thursday 5th October

6:30pm - 7:30pm



Join Ciarán Murphy, of Second Captains and the *Irish Times*, as he discusses his new book *This is the Life*.

The GAA is Ireland's largest civil society organisation, woven into the fabric of families and communities - and yet most books about Gaelic games focus on the greatest players and inter-county teams. *This is the Life* is a book about the 99 per cent: a witty and provocative look at grassroots GAA from the most intelligent and interesting Gaelic games pundit at work today.

This is the Life is a book about the places the GAA comes from, the places it can take a person, and the things that make a local club worth fighting for.

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Adult Events

Genealogy and Family History Group

Thursday, 21st September

6.30pm-7.30pm

Informal genealogy and family history group which meets monthly.

All Welcome



Ukulele for Beginners'

Do you want to learn to play the Ukulele?

New course **starting 22nd September**.
Register your interest at the library desk or
email clondalkin@sdblincoco.ie



The Village Writers Creative Writing Group

New!

We are establishing a self-led writing group meeting monthly on the first Tuesday of every month from 6.30-7.30pm.

Next meeting will be 5th September.

New members are welcome.

To register your interest, please contact a member of staff at the library desk or call us on (01) 4593315

Adult Events

Grow It Yourself

Next Meeting Thursday, 14th September

6.30pm-7.30pm

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



New Adult Book Club

New!

starting **Monday 11th September 6.30pm-7.30pm.**

New Members Welcome

To register your interest please email clondalkin@sdblincoco.ie or ask at the main desk.

Adult Book Club

Thursday Book Club: meeting **28th September**
6.30pm-7.30pm

No capacity for new members