



## Library Opening Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9.45am - 8.00pm

Friday and Saturday: 9.45am - 4.30pm

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# Clondalkin Library

## August 2024

## Event Guide



Comhairle Contae  
Átha Cliath Theas  
South Dublin County Council

## History and Heritage Week

### Is This What They Fought For? Women and Independent Ireland' with Liz Gillis

**Monday 19th August 6.30pm**

1916 Proclamation guaranteed equality for men and women in a new, independent Ireland. However, when Ireland did gain a level of independence the reality proved to be very different from the ideal. Historian Liz Gillis will discuss what life was like for women in Ireland after independence.



**Booking via Eventbrite from 29th July**



### Create your own Brat Bhríde

**Saturday 24th August 11.00am**

The Brat Bhríde (St Brigid's Cloak) is an Irish tradition of decorating scarfs which bring blessings and protection to the wearer. Find out more about this wonderful tradition which is being revived by Rita O'Loughlin. Rita will demonstrate how to make a Brat Bhríde and you will also have the chance to make

your own. Please bring one of your own scarfs which you will decorate yourself.

**Suitable for all adults and children age 7+  
children must be accompanied by a participating adult.**

**Booking via Eventbrite from 5th August**

## Children's Events



**Storytime for ages 3+  
Every Tuesday 3.30pm**

**All Welcome. No Booking Required**

### Lego and Duplo Freeplay

**Saturday 10th August 2.00pm**

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

For ages 4+

**Booking via Eventbrite from 5th August**



### STEAM Saturday—Engineering sets freeplay

**Saturday 17th August 2.00pm**

**Suitable for kids 7+**

the ultimate engineering adventure for young learners looking to take their next steps in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

- Bring your Engino inventions to life with our Motorized Models
- Make cool constructions with our Mag Formers
- Explore electronics with our Snap Circuits

**Booking via Eventbrite from 5th August**



## Children's Events

### Starting School Storytime & Crafts

**Tuesday 13th September 3.00pm**

Starting school can be a big adjustment for children. Join library staff for stories about what to expect on your first day of school and some fun starting school themed arts and crafts too!

**Booking via Eventbrite from 5th August**



### There's a Little Library Bag for every child!

Pick up their **FREE** Little Library Book Bag at your local library

### Is your child starting Junior Infants in September?

There's a FREE Little Library Book Bag available to collect at your local Library. Just ask any member of staff



## History and Heritage Week

*From the Rally to Right Now: a celebration of 20 years of heritage networking in Clondalkin*

**Sunday 24th August 1.00—4.00pm**

### Brú Chrónáin/The Round Tower Visitor Centre & Áras Chrónáin Ionad Cultúir.

In summer 2004, Rally Round the Tower was established to galvanize community and public support for the idea of a heritage centre celebrating Clondalkin's ancient Round Tower. 20 years later, we invite you to celebrate the amazing heritage journey taken by the community in conjunction with South Dublin County Council.

Enjoy the fun celebration with **FREE** music, face-painting, memorabilia stalls and surprise special guests as well as prizes (in different categories) for best fancy-dress. Chat with and learn more about Clondalkin's numerous historical, cultural and environmental heritage organisations at their stalls and stands across both Brú Chrónáin/Round Tower Visitor Centre and Áras Chrónáin Ionad Cultúir. For more information nearer the date see Clann Chronáin's Facebook page as well as local and social media.

*Hosted by: Rally Round The Tower in conjunction with SDCC, Áras Chrónáin Ionad Cultúir, Clondalkin Round Tower Heritage Group and Clann Chrónáin Volunteer Tour Guides.*



## Adult Events

### Shared Reading Group

**Monday 26th August—7.00pm**

Shared Reading is a novel way of enjoying the reading experience with others. There's no need for you to read aloud or speak unless you want to - it's okay to just listen. Shared Reading offers a welcoming space for individuals to form real connections with the literature, themselves and others.



**To book phone the library on 01 459 3315 or speak to a member of staff.**

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### Happy Readers Book Club

Next meeting Thursday 29th August 6.30pm

**No capacity for new members at this time**

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### Monday Book Club

**Next meeting Monday 9th September 6.30pm**

**New Members Welcome**

**Are you interested in Joining a book club? Our Monday book club meets the second Monday of each month in Clondalkin Library.**

To register your interest please email [clondalkin@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:clondalkin@sdublincoco.ie) or ask at the main desk.

## End of Summer Spectacular

### Reuben the Entertainer Family Magic Show



**Join us at the Clondalkin Round Tower centre for a magical afternoon**

**Friday 23rd August 12.00pm  
Round Tower Visitor Centre**

Don't miss his hilarious high-energy Comedy Variety Show! Reuben will have everyone in stitches with his magic, puppets, funny toys, daft voices and bendy body! Suitable for all ages, his aim is to have everyone laughing non-stop at his antics. It's fully interactive and fun for even the adults! Not to be missed!

***Please note this event will take place in the garden of the Clondalkin Round Tower Visitor Centre (Weather permitting)***

***Booking via Eventbrite from 12th August***





Summer Stars reading challenge is back for 2024!!  
To get started collect your reading card from the  
library desk and start reading to earn rewards.

## Adult Events

### The Village Writers

#### Creative Writing Group

**Tuesday 6th August 6.00pm—7.00pm**

Our self-led writing group meeting  
monthly on the first Tuesday of every  
month

**New members welcome.**

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



### Genealogy and Family History Group

**Thurs 15th August  
6.30pm—7.30**

Have you always wanted to research  
your family history but not known  
where to start? This Informal  
genealogy and family history group  
meets monthly to share ideas and research.

**All Welcome.**

## Spotlight on

### Travel Guides

Did you know that Clondalkin Library has a wide selection of up to date travel guides from publishers such as

- Lonely Planet
- Rough Guides
- Dk Eyewitness



From Amsterdam to Zimbabwe we've got you covered and if we don't have the one you need we can request it from a another library.

Just ask any member of staff

## Children's Events

### Quiet Time @ Your Library - 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!

**All Welcome**

### TTRS: Touch-Type, Read and Spell with confidence

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

Suitable for children aged 8+

#### Resumes in September

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