

# Clondalkin Library

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## Library Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9.45am - 8.00pm  
Friday and Saturday: 9.45am - 4.30pm

## Contact Us

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## September 2025

## Event Guide



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## Adult Events

### Images of Clondalkin

This month's cover photo was submitted by **Noel Collins**.

If you have an image of Clondalkin you would like to share you can email it to us at [clondalkinlibrary@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:clondalkinlibrary@sdublincoco.ie)



### Computer Classes: A Six-Week Course Every Wednesday from 10th September @ 10.00am to 1.00pm



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

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

### Irish Sign Language Conversation Group

**Wednesday 10th & 24th September  
@ 6.30pm**

This self-led group is open to all to meet, chat and practice with other ISL users of all levels.

**All Welcome (no need to book).**



## Family Events

### Mother Tongues Language Explorer

**Saturdays**

**13th, 20th & 27th September**

**4th, 11th, & 18th October**

**@ 2.30pm**



Mother Tongues Language Explorer workshops are a creative experience for parents and children based on storytelling, play, visual arts and music. Meet and connect with other families and share your language journey.

**Suitable for ages 3 to 6**

**To book, please scan this QR code.**



**Bronntanas Festival:  
Sarah Sparkles - as Gaelige  
Thursday 25th September  
@ 2.00pm**

As part of the Bronntanas Festival, Sarah Sparkles will join us to help families to use and enjoy the Irish language.

**Suitable for ages 3+**

**Booking via Eventbrite from 8th September**



## Children's Events

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**Cruthú**

CHECK OUT OUR MAKERSPACE WORKSHOPS

Cruthú Makerspace @SDCC Libraries

3D Printers, Lasercutters, and sublimation printers  
- New in multiple locations for library users

**Makerspace Workshop**  
**Friday 26th September @3.00pm**

Join our Maker-In-Residence William Davis to see what is possible with our new 3D printer and laser cutter kits.

*Suitable for ages 8+*  
*Booking through Eventbrite from 8th September.*



## Adult Events

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### The Village Writers - Creative Writing Group

**Tuesday 2nd September  
@ 6.30pm**



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

*New members welcome  
No Need to book*

### From the Dirt Lane to the Open Roads: Poetry Reading with Helen Hutchinson Friday 5th September @ 3.00pm

Join us for an inspirational reading from the Traveller poet and activist Helen Hutchinson. Helen will be reading from her collection *From the Dirt Lane to the Open Roads* inspired by her experience of marginalisation and resilience.



**Booking now via Eventbrite**

Regular  
Events

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= Every  
Week

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= Once a  
Month

## Adult Events

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### Genealogy & Family History Group

**Thursday 18th September @ 6.30pm**



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 (no need to book).**

### Culture Night - Classical Music Recital with Guitarist Chien Buggle

**Friday 19th September @ 6.30pm**

We are delighted to welcome Chien Buggle back to Clondalkin Library to help us celebrate Culture Night. An evening of music not to be missed.

**Booking now via Eventbrite**



### 1-to-1 Smartphone Help Sessions

Do you need help getting to grips with your smartphone? Make an appointment with our library staff for some one-to-one help and guidance at a time that suits you. No problem too small.

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



## Children's Events

### PEEP PLAYGROUP

Thursdays from 11<sup>th</sup> September for 7 weeks

For parents & children 12months-5years

Where: Clondalkin Library

Time: 10.30-11.30am

You & your child can learn some new ideas & activities to support their learning through play, singing and stories!

Contact Catriona on  
085 8602677 or  
catriona@archways.ie



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### Board Games Club

**Wednesday 24th September @ 5.00pm**



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Are you a board games fan? Would you like to play against new people? Come to the library and join in the fun.

**Suitable for ages 9-12.**

**Booking on Eventbrite from 8th September**



## Children's Events

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### Storytime Every Tuesday in September @ 3.00pm

Join our library staff for some enchanting stories. Perfect for little readers and their grown-ups.

Suitable for ages 3+

*All Welcome (no need to book)*



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### Storytime with Arts & Crafts Tuesday 9th September @ 3.30pm

Once a month, on the second Tuesday we add some themed arts and crafts to our regular weekly storytime.

Suitable for ages 3+

*All Welcome (no need to book)*



## Adult Events

### Skills for Life

A Series of Talks in Clondalkin Library focusing on  
Financial & Digital Literacy for Adults

#### Don't Get Scammed - with Helen Cleary Wednesday 10th September @ 6.30pm

Helen Cleary from DDLETB delivers some essential dos and don'ts for avoiding online scams.



#### MABS: An Overview Wednesday 17th September @ 6.30pm

An overview of the services available from Ireland's Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS).



#### Keeping Your Kids Safe Online - with Páraic Kerrigan Tuesday 23rd September @ 6.30pm

Páraic Kerrigan from UCD is an expert on the dangers faced by children and teenagers in the online world.



#### Be Media Smart - Stop Think Check Monday 29th September @ 6.30pm

Digital Literacy Ireland will outline the best strategies for knowing what kinds of media to trust and when to be sceptical.



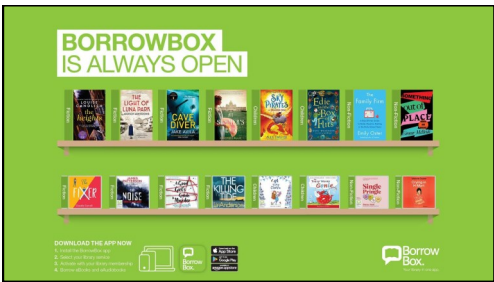
**Booking now for all talks via Eventbrite**

## Online Resources

Check out our website **[southdublinlibraires.ie](http://southdublinlibraires.ie)** to access a range of online resources available for free with your library card.

## For Books

With **BorrowBox** you  
can access thousands  
of eBooks, AudioBooks  
and Magazines



## For Movies

**Kanopy**, our new streaming service, has hundreds of free movies and TV box sets.



## For Kids

Free access a range of resources  
for children including:  
Stories from **iVox**  
Movies from **Kanopy Kids** and  
Graphic Novels from **Comics Plus**.



## Children's Events

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## Quiet Time at the Library

**Every Thursday @ 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 (no need to book)***

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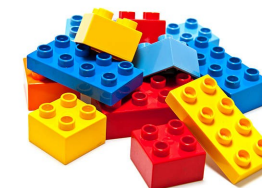
## Lego & Duplo Freeplay

**Saturday 6th September  
@ 2.00pm**

Put your imagination to the test and  
lets see what you can build with our  
Lego and Duplo sets.

Suitable for ages 4+

***Booking now via Eventbrite***



## Children's Events

### TTRS

**Touch-Type, Read and Spell  
with confidence**

**Every Monday at 5pm to 6pm**

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

Suitable for children aged 8+

**For more information contact the library  
on 01 459 3315 or email  
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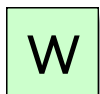
### Self-Led Baby & Toddler Group

**10.00am - 11.30am**

**Every Tuesday in September**

**Fridays 5th & 19th September**

**Saturdays 13th & 27th September**



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

*All Welcome (no need to book)*

## Adult Book Clubs



### Monday Book Club

**Next meeting: Monday 8th September @ 6.30pm**

Our Monday Book Club meets on the second  
Monday of every month.

### Tuesday Book Club

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th September @ 6.30pm**

Our newest adult book club began in February 2025  
and meets on the last Tuesday of each month.

### Happy Readers Book Club

**Next meeting: Thursday 25th September @ 6.30pm**

The Happy Readers meet on the last Thursday of every month.

**To register your interest in one of our book clubs  
phone 01 459 3315 or speak to a member of staff in the library**

Coming in October

**Return of the Hero:  
The Life and Death of Darrell Figgis**  
**A Talk by Albert Perris**

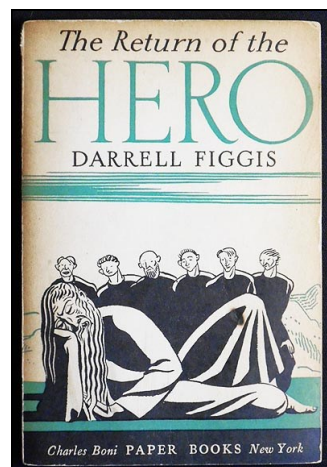
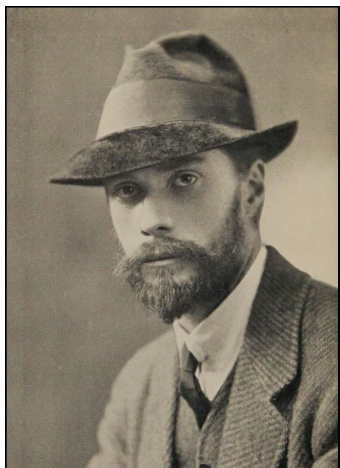
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DUBLIN FESTIVAL  
OF HISTORY  
2025

**Thursday 2nd October @ 6.30pm**

October 2025 marks the centenary of the premature and tragic death of **Darrell Figgis**. Poet, novelist, playwright, gun-runner, Sinn Féin activist, parliamentarian, and TD, his role in the foundation of the State, has, for a variety of reasons, been largely forgotten.

As part of the Dublin Festival of History Clondalkin Library is delighted to welcome historian **Albert Perris** who will bring this fascinating story to life.

**Booking now via Eventbrite.**



Coming in October

**The Glass House**  
**An Evening with Rachel Donohue**  
**In Conversation with Chloe Cowman**



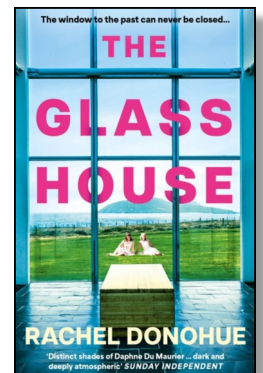
**Tuesday 14th October @ 6.30pm**

The Red Line Book Festival returns to Clondalkin in 2025. Join us for an evening with **Rachel Donohue**, author of *The Glass House*, as we delve into the novel's dark twists and psychological depth.

**Rachel Donohue** won *New Irish Writer of the Year* in 2017. Her novels *The Temple House* and *Vanishing* was listed as one of the New York Times top books of 2021. Her new novel *The Glass House* was published in 2025.

**Chloe Cowman** runs popular bookstagram account *NurseFancyPants*, where she reviews books and shares reading recommendations with over 16,000 followers.

**Booking now via Eventbrite.**



The Red Line Book Festival runs from 13th to 19th October in libraries and cultural venues across South Dublin County. See [redlinefestival.ie](https://redlinefestival.ie) for more details