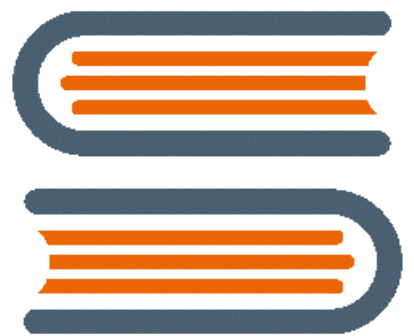




Tallaght Library

Event Guide
December 2024



Christmas Opening Hours



The library will close for the Christmas break from 8pm on **Monday December 23rd** and re-open at 9.45am on **Thursday January 2nd**.

Outdoor Christmas Market and Lighting of the Christmas Tree



**Friday December 6th,
12pm to 8pm**

This December get ready for a festive day like no other at the South Dublin Christmas Market in Parthalán Place. Enjoy a magical day filled with local crafts, mouth watering food, and the warm spirit of the season. From unique handmade gifts to delicious seasonal treats, it's the perfect way to kick off your Christmas celebrations. The market is running all day from 12pm to 8pm. In the evening The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Baby Pereppadan, invites you to the official lighting of the Christmas tree at 5.30pm with music from the Kingswood Community Choir and the Dublin Ukulele Collective. In Tallaght Library itself you can enjoy some Christmas Music from the Cotton Club Quartet from 1.30pm and a Silent Disco for ages 4+ at 3pm and 4pm (more details on both these events below). So, grab your friends, your family, and all the Christmas cheer you can muster, and get yourself down to the South Dublin Christmas Markets!

Santa Letters By Post



- Drop your letter to Santa into our red post box in Tallaght Library and he will send you a reply by post!
- The lovely staff in Tallaght Library will be passing on the letters to Santa in the North Pole.

Don't forget to include your name, age, address and a little bit about yourself.

Santa's letters will be opened until 13th December only.

Letters to be dropped in the post box or sent by post to Tallaght Library, Parthalán Place, Tallaght, D24 TNP8.

Tallaght Library Christmas Craft Fair



**Saturday Dec 7th,
9.45am to 4pm**

On Saturday, December 7th in Tallaght Library we're holding our annual Christmas Craft Fair with over 50 stalls of unique handmade gifts, live music from the Mellow Chords Barbershop Group at 11am, live puppet shows from PartyKidz Productions at 2pm and 3.15pm, and also at 3pm you'll get to meet Santa Claus himself!

All welcome. No booking required.

Children and Parents

Storytime with Arts & Crafts



**Every Tuesday
3.30 to 4.30pm**

Tallaght Library is delighted to invite you to a weekly story time session, followed by arts and crafts.

All Welcome, No Booking Required.

Gymboree with Agatha

month. For babies up to 2yrs.
No booking required.



GYMBOREE

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**Wednesday December
11th, 10.30am**

Join us for Gymboree with Agata. Taking place in our Junior Library and suitable for babies and toddlers up to 2 years.

All welcome! No booking required.

Sensory Morning

**Saturday December
14th, 10am to 12pm**



At our sensory morning you'll find a sensory wall, Cubbie, magic table, LEGO and colouring.

Ear defenders and sensory boxes available on request.

All welcome. No booking required.

Children and Parents

Junior Book Club



Thursday December 19th,
3.30pm

This month our Junior Book Club are reading 'Al Capone Does My Shirts', an historical novel by Gennifer Choldenko.

The book club meets on the third Thursday of each month.

The Junior Book Club is for ages 9 to 12. To enquire about joining just ask at the library desk or phone us at **(01) 462 0073**.

We hope to see you there.

Baby Tummy Time

Friday December 6th,
10.30am & 11.30am



Tummy Time at Tallaght Library is for babies who haven't started to crawl yet, to help strengthen their head, neck and back muscles. Babies can play beneath the beautiful light projections of our interactive Tovertafel (Magic Table), while parents and minders get to know each other.

You can book the 10.30am session at talib.eventbrite.ie

You can book the 11.30am session at talib.eventbrite.ie

Baby and Toddler Sing-along



Wednesday December 4th & 18th, 10.30am

Join us for this Sing-Along session for babies and toddlers with singer, musician and music educator Rachel Drew. Rachel will be doing two sessions this month, on December 4 and December 18.

All welcome! No booking required.

Christmas Craft for Kids



Monday December 9th, 3.30 to 4.30pm

Give our picture books a new lease of life this holiday season! In this fun, hands-on workshop children will learn how to transform our worn-out picture books into unique, festive Christmas trees. Fold, decorate, and personalise each tree, turning pages into art and spreading Christmas cheer!

Suitable for ages 8+

Booking essential. You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie.

Family Christmas Movie

Wednesday December 11th, 3.30pm



We will have a screening of The Muppets Christmas Carol on Wed, Dec 11th at 3.30pm in Tallaght Library.

'Tis the season for love, laughter, and one of the most cherished stories of all time! Join Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and all the hilarious Muppets in this merry, magical version of Charles Dickens' classic tale.

For ages 7+ and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking essential. You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on December 4th.

LED Christmas Card Workshop

Thursday December
12th, 3.30pm



Make your own light up Christmas card while learning about electric circuits in this special Christmas STEAM workshop with library staff.

For ages 8+.

Booking essential. You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on December 5.

Christmas Pyjama Party



Tuesday December 17th,
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Don't miss this special Christmas Pyjama Party in the library. Join our library staff for Christmas themed stories and crafts.

For ages 6+.

Booking essential at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on December 10.

Joe the Magician

Saturday December 14th,
2.00pm



Don't miss this live magic show for all the family with Joe Daly from the telly.

All welcome. No booking required.

Christmas Craft Fair Event

Puppet Show with Party Kidz Productions

**Saturday December 7th,
2.00-2.45pm & 3.15-
4.00pm**



Don't miss this live action puppet show from Party Kidz Productions with professional actors and incredible life-size and life-like puppets at the **Tallaght Library Christmas Craft Fair**.

You will have two opportunities to catch this amazing show at 2.00pm and again at 3.15pm.

All welcome. No booking required.

Christmas Craft Fair Event

Meet Santa Claus



**Saturday December 7th,
from 3.00pm**

Don't miss our very special guest appearance at the Tallaght Library Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday December 7. Santa Claus will pop in at 3pm.

All welcome. No booking required.

Silent Disco

**Friday December 6th,
3.00pm & 4.00pm**



Danspire's Silent Disco is coming to Tallaght Library on Friday, 6th December for a festive dance experience!

Children can dance the afternoon away using wireless headphones and enjoying their favourite tunes.

Shauna will be leading the way as dance instructor, complete with colourful disco lights and exciting glowsticks.

Suitable for ages 4+

There are two sessions available, at 3pm and 4pm.

You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie

Events for Adults

Chess Club

**Wednesdays,
6.00pm - 7.30pm**



Sign up for our adult chess club in Tallaght Library
Running every Wednesday evening from 6-7pm, Chess Club is the perfect place for players to come together and hone their chess skills.
Suitable for all levels of experience, but participants must be over 18 years of age.

To book a place please contact Tallaght Library on talib@sdublincoco.ie or enquire at the Library desk!

Hobby Hub



**Wednesdays from
6.00pm**

This drop-in Arts & Crafts group meet every Wednesday evening in the library. Bring whatever you are working on (sewing, knitting, crochet etc.), have a chat and swap ideas.

No booking required.

English Conversation Classes

If you're a non-native English speaker looking to practice or improve your English then drop into these free English conversation sessions in Tallaght Library from Monday to Thursday every week. The sessions are overseen by trained TOEFL instructors. No need to book a place. Feel free to drop in or out at any time during the session.

**Mon - Thurs
11.30am to
1.30pm**

Monday December 23 will be the last session of the year and classes will resume next year on Thursday January 2.

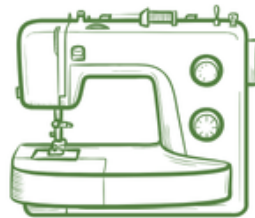
All welcome. No booking required.



Self Directed MenderSpace Sessions Various Dates and Times from December 1st - 23rd



Self Directed Sessions
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Book into a self-directed MenderSpace session in Tallaght Library and tackle your latest sewing or mending project!

What can I expect from my self-directed MenderSpace booking?

- These are 1 hr sessions where you can avail of the MenderSpace facilities to tackle your latest sewing and mending projects.
- The MenderSpace equipment consists of two sewing machines and sewing resources including reference books, a zip-repair kit, a leather punch, and various haberdashery.
- As these are self-directed sessions, there is NO facilitator present.
- Sewing machine users must be comfortable using the machines independently.
- You must be 18 years old + to use the MenderSpace.

Start your sewing adventures by booking on Eventbrite below.

Please note use of MenderSpace is self-directed. Sewing machine users must be comfortable using the machines independently.

Booking Essential.

Check the available slots and book at talib.eventbrite.ie

Men's Shelf: A Book Club for Men



**MEN'S
SHELF**

A BOOK CLUB FOR MEN
at Tallaght Library

**Wednesday
December 4th,
6.30pm**

In Tallaght Library we have a book club just for men and we're looking for new members.

The club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30 pm. This month the group will be discussing the novel 'Stoner' by John Williams.

Sign-up by phone 01 4630073 or by email tallaghtlibrary@sdublincoco.ie.

Adult Events

Christmas Movie Night at Tallaght Library

**Thursday December
19th, 6.00pm**



We'll be screening a special Christmas movie at our regular movie evening in Tallaght Library on December 19. We'll be announcing which movie closer to the time so keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) or enquire in the library.

The screening begins at 6pm. No booking required.

Tallaght Historical Society Lecture Series

Sailing Trawlers of Ringsend: A Talk by Cormac Lowth

**Tuesday December
10th, 7.00 - 8.00pm**



**Tallaght Historical
Society Lecture
Series**

For this month's Tallaght Historical Society lecture maritime historian Cormac Lowth will be giving a talk on the sailing trawlers of Ringsend. For one hundred years, from 1818 until 1919, there was a large fleet of sailing trawlers based in Ringsend, moored along the Pigeonhouse Road. Cormac will be describing the arrival of the boats, their fishing activity, the people who crewed in them, wrecks collisions and losses, and much more.

All welcome. No booking required.

Crafts for Adults with Kim Jenkinson

**Tuesday December
17th, 11.00am**

**Crafts for Adults
with Kim Jenkinson**

Join Kim Jenkinson for this seasonal craft workshop where we will be creating Christmas paper poinsettia decorations.

Booking essential. You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on December 10.

Ciorcal Comhrá



**Monday December 2
& 16, 6.30pm**

Tá Ciorcal Comhrá ag tosnú i Leabharlann Thamhlachta!

An Irish-language conversation circle, or Ciorcal Comhrá, will be starting in Tallaght Library this September. Join us to practice speaking Irish with some informal chat and conversation.

Booking essential. For 18+

Contact tallaghtlibrary@sdblincoco.ie to book your place or to find out more.

English/Spanish Language Exchange



**Every Monday,
6.30pm**

Attention Spanish/English speakers!

We now have an English/Spanish language exchange for adults on Mondays at 6.30pm.

Do you want to improve your Spanish? Or are you a native Spanish speaker who wants to improve your English or an informal way to improve your English/Spanish? Join in, learn and share what you know!

Please contact Tallaght Library on 014620073 or tallaghtlibrary@sdblincoco.ie

The last session of the year will be on Monday December 23 and the first session of 2025 will be on Monday January 13.

Atención Hispano Hablantes!

Os gustaría mejorar tu Inglés? Aumentar su fluidez? Aclarar dudas?

Se os presenta una oportunidad para hablar Inglés con nativos que desean practicar el Español con ustedes.

El intercambio de lenguas, Inglés – Español se realiza todos los lunes de 6.30pm a las 7.30pm en la biblioteca de Tallaght. Es gratis!

Si estais interesados contactar con la biblioteca, telefono: 01 462 0073 o correo electronico: tallaghtlibrary@sdblincoco.ie

“To Disclose or not to Disclose, that is the Question” Neurodiversity in the Workplace: A talk by Christine Poole



**Thursday December
5th, 7.00pm - 8.00pm**

The next talk in our series to support the neurodiverse community will be on the subject 'To disclose or not to disclose, that is the question: Neurodiversity in the workplace'.

In this talk Christine Poole will provide information, resources and practical suggestions around the following:

- Neurodiversity self-advocacy in the workplace and promoting a neuroinclusive environment.
- Understanding reasonable accommodations, why they matter, and what your employment rights are.
- Stigma, bias and strategies to help navigate challenges.

You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie

Christmas Bingo



**Thursday December
12th, 6.00pm**

Join the Tallaght library staff for a few rounds of Bingo and some light refreshments to get everyone in the mood for this year's Christmas celebrations!

There will be lots of fun prizes to be won on the night so eyes down and don't forget your bingo pens!

This event is part of our adult programme of events but children over the age of 12 years old can take part as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

Max four tickets per booking.

You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on December 5.

Christmas Crooners with the Cotton Club Quartet

CHRISTMAS
CROONERS
WITH
THE COTTON
CLUB QUARTET



**Friday December
6th, 1.30 - 2.30pm**

Join us in Tallaght Library for some live Christmas classics courtesy of the Cotton Club Quartet. While you're here you can also enjoy the South Dublin Christmas Market taking place outside the library in Parthalán Place (more details above).

All welcome! No booking required.

Christmas Digital Coffee Morning

**Thursday December
5th, 11.00am - 1.00pm**



Enjoy a relaxing morning with some tea & coffee, biscuits & croissants, newspapers & magazines at our Christmas Digital Coffee Morning.

We will also have library staff on hand to demonstrate our online resources for anyone who is interested.

No need to book - just drop in!

Christmas Craft Fair Event

Mellow Chords Barbershop Group



**Saturday December
7th, from 11.00am**

We're delighted to welcome back the Mellow Chords Barbershop Group to the Tallaght Library Christmas Craft Fair this year. You can catch them spreading Christmas cheer with a lively rendition of yuletide classics from 11am.

All welcome! No booking required.

Christmas Sing-Along for Adults with Rachel Drew

**CHRISTMAS
SING-ALONG
FOR ADULTS**

WITH RACHEL DREW



**Friday December
13th, 11.00am**

Join us in Tallaght Library on Friday, 13th December at 11am for all your favourite festive tunes at our Christmas Sing-Along for Adults with Rachel Drew.

You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie.

Exhibition

**Tallaght Library Year in Review
On Display until December 23rd**



Relive some of the highlights of the year in Tallaght Library at this photographic exhibition put together by our colleague Michael. The exhibition will be on display in our 'Back Wall Gallery' for the rest of the month.

That's it for this month. Have a wonderful Christmas and we'll see you all again in the New Year.



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Friday and Saturday: 9.45am - 4.30pm

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