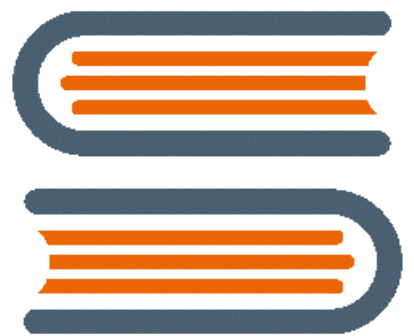




Tallaght Library

Event Guide
January 2025



Firstival



Discover Something New at Your Library with Firstival!

South Dublin Libraries invites you to Firstival, an exciting new festival designed for adults eager to step out of their comfort zones and dive into fresh experiences! This January, our libraries will transform into spaces of discovery, where you can explore unique activities you may have never tried before.

Firstival is all about “firsts.” Maybe you’ve always wanted to try painting, learn an instrument, or experiment with creative upcycling. Our lineup of workshops and events will include hands-on arts and crafts, movement and wellness sessions, and interactive music experiences—all led by friendly instructors eager to introduce you to their crafts. Whether you’re a complete beginner or just curious, these sessions are perfect for giving something new a try in a welcoming, no-pressure environment.

TradFest in South Dublin

TradFest is hosting a party for its 20th birthday in 2025, focusing on traditional and folk music. This event in January brings a touch of Irish culture to Dublin, enhancing the city's atmosphere with various musical performances.

This year we are excited to bring Tradfest to South Dublin. You can see the full schedule at atsdcc.ie

Some of those events will be hosted in **Castletymon Library**, **Clondalkin Library** and here in **Tallaght Library**. Discover more about the events we’re hosting in Tallaght in the events section below. You can find out what’s on in other South Dublin Libraries at sdcc.ie.

TRAD FEST IN SOUTH DUBLIN

Children and Parents

Storytime with Arts & Crafts

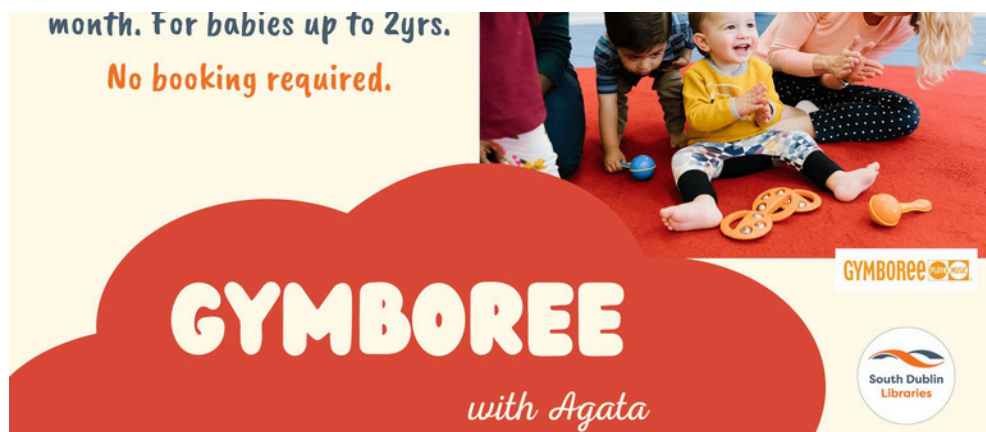


Every Tuesday
3.30 to 4.30pm

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



Wednesday January
8th, 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.

Children and Parents

Junior Book Club



Thursday January 16th,
3.30pm

This month our Junior Book Club are reading 'The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe', by C.S. Lewis.

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.

Collage Poetry with Library Staff

Saturday January 25th,
3.00pm



At this workshop with library staff we'll be recycling old magazines to make a new poem.

Children will be shown how to arrange words, clipped from old magazines, into a new poem. A creative and accessible way to introduce children aged 7 - 12 to a poetry writing practice.

Suitable for ages 7-12.

Booking essential. You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on January 18.

Baby and Toddler Sing-along



**Wednesday January 15th
& 22nd, 10.30am**

Join us for this Sing-Along session for babies and toddlers with singer, musician and music educator Rachel Drew.

All welcome! No booking required.

Baby & Toddler Dance with Emma from Emarley Music

**Baby & Toddler
Dance**



**Wednesday January
29th, 10.30am**

Join Emma from Emarley Music for a special baby and toddler dance class. Parents are encouraged to dance too! Please note that baby carriers/slings are recommended for babies who are not yet walking.

**Suitable for 0-18 months.
All welcome. No booking required**

Family Snap Circuits Workshops

**Friday January 3rd &
Saturday January 4th,
2.30pm**



For adults and children – work together as a family to build simple electronics, testing your skill and ability. Snap Circuits is a fun electronics kit that makes it easy to create working electronic circuits.

Book 1 ticket per family. There are two sessions available to book. Please book just one session.

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@sdblincoco.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**

All welcome. No booking required.



Self Directed MenderSpace Sessions Various Dates and Times from January 20th - 28th



Self Directed Sessions
©
MENDERSPACE
TALLAGHT LIBRARY



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](https://www.eventbrite.ie)

Men's Shelf: A Book Club for Men



**MEN'S
SHELF**

A BOOK CLUB FOR MEN
at Tallaght Library

**Wednesday
January 8th,
6.30pm**

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

The club usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6.30 pm but will meet on the second Wednesday this month, January 8, to avoid New Years Day. This month the group will be discussing the novel 'Grey Bees' by Andrey Kurkov.

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

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5 tools &
100 ways
to save

WINNER
EU Sustainable Energy Awards
Community & Council Awards
Best Energy Smart Initiative



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Contact us on 01 4620073 or
tallaghtlibrary@sdblincoco.ie to find out more



Ciorcal Comhrá



Monday January
20th & 27th, 6.30pm

Tá Ciorcal Comhrá ag tosnú i Leabharlann Thamhlachta!

We now have an Irish-language conversation circle, or Ciorcal Comhrá, in Tallaght Library. Join us to practice speaking Irish with some informal chat and conversation.
Every second Monday evening.

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 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

Firstival Events

Draw Along for Adults with Don Conroy



Draw Along with Don Conroy

Firstival
13th - 18th January 2025

**Tuesday January 14th,
6.30 - 7.30pm**

Don Conroy is a legend! Join him at Tallaght Library for a draw along event for adults. Don Conroy is familiar to millions – the phrase ‘Draw with Don’ is enough to elicit a Proustian response in most. A reassuring presence on Irish screens for decades, Don has been guiding multiple generations of Irish children towards the all-inclusive joy of drawing. A writer, a television presenter, a naturalist, an environmentalist and a working artist, Don travels the country promoting the message of art and conservation.

Don's most recent book "Drawn to Nature" was published by Gill Books in October 2024.

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

Paint & Prosecco

**Monday January
13th, 6.30 - 7.30pm**



Paint and Prosecco

**Monday 13th January,
6.30pm-8.00pm**

Firstival
13th - 18th January 2025
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South Dublin County Council

If you're looking for something fun, original, creative and special to do, then come and join us at Paint & Prosecco! Our classes are not focused on “being good at painting” but more about trying something new, relaxing and being creative. Our host artist guides you with step by step instructions! It's a fun event encouraging creativity whilst doing a unique activity in a relaxed, positive environment!

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

Firstival Events

Coppers: The Workout



Coppers: The Workout

Wednesday 15th January,
4.00pm-5.00pm



Wednesday January
15th, 4.00pm

You're on a night out, on the dance floor with your besties - it's come to that time of the night when you 'probably' should go home - but the DJ keeps producing banger after BANGER - Whitney, Spice Girls, Steps, Backstreet Boys, Wham, Journey the list is endless - and before you know it the lights are being turned on, the mop people are out and you're begging the DJ for ONE MORE TUNE!

That's pretty much Coppers The Workout minus the sore head the next day! You're guaranteed to leave smiling, ZESTY 😄 with an extra dose of AWESOME.

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

Samba Drumming Workshop

Thursday January
16th, 12.30pm



Samba Drumming Workshop with Masamba Samba School

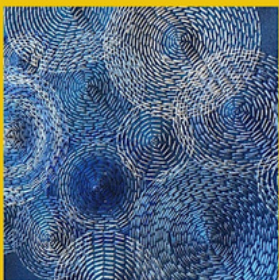
Thursday 16th January,
6.30pm-7.30pm



Make some noise at lunchtime with this special taster session. Join Masamba Samba School for this Samba Drumming taster workshop for adults and have some fun.

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

Sashika Mending with Nicki Collier



Sashiko Mending with Nicki Collier

Thursday 16th January,
6.30pm-8.00pm



Thursday January
16th, 6.30 - 8.00pm

Sashiko mending is like giving your clothes a stylish hug from history! This lovely, age-old Japanese technique transforms rips and tears into a work of art with tiny running stitches that say, "I'm not just patched; I'm fabulous!"

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

TradFest Events

“Kitty Gone-A-Milking” - Digitisation of Historic Recordings of Irish Traditional Music



**Saturday January
25th, 12.00pm**

Join David Power and James Duggan for a presentation on the digitisation of historic recordings of Irish Traditional Music which were donated to Tallaght library in September 2024. The presentation will explore the musical and historical context of the recordings which feature artists such as fiddlers Frank O’Higgins and Hughie Gillespie, singer John McCormack and groups such as the McNulty family and The Ballinakill Céilí Band. There will also be a discussion on the digitisation process as well as a demonstration of the playing of gramophone records.

You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on January 6th.

Tommie Potts: The Fireman Fiddler of the Coombe

**Saturday January
25th, 2.00pm**



Tommie Potts: The Fireman Fiddler of The Coombe is a musical character study on the life and work of Tommie Potts (1912-1988); Ireland’s most visionary traditional fiddler and a fire fighter with the Dublin Fire Brigade.

Described by Martin Hayes as “the John Coltrane of Irish Music”, Potts’ came to cult prominence in the 1970s for his unrivalled avant-garde settings of Irish dance tunes as well as his notoriously reclusive personality, shying away from public performance and the music industry at large. Weaving a tapestry of archival footage, never-before-seen recordings of Potts, and musical performances from leading contemporary fiddlers Aoife Ní Bhriain and Liam O’Connor, the film offers a three-dimensional portrait of the enigmatic Dubliner; his music, his mercurial personality, and his many years of service as a Dublin fireman, including his involvement in one of the most traumatic events in the Brigade’s history.

You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on January 6th.

TradFest Event

TradFest Open Music Session



OPEN MUSIC
SESSION



TRAD
FEST
SOUTH
DUBLIN

**Saturday January
25th, 1.00pm**

Join us for a lively Open Music Session in Tallaght Library as we celebrate traditional Irish music for Tradfest.

All welcome. No booking required.

Nollaig na mBan: An Evening of Poetry Celebrating the work of Irish Women

**Monday January
6th, 6.30pm**



At this special poetry event marking Nollaig na mBan we'll be showing the short film 'Oíche Nollaig na mBan' directed by Oonagh Kearney. Included will be readings of poems written by Irish poets such as Doireann Ní Ghríofa, Eavan Boland, Celia de Fréine, and more.

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

Movie Evenings at Tallaght Library



MOVIE EVENINGS
AT TALLAGHT LIBRARY

**Thursday January
30th, 6.00pm**

Tallaght Library is delighted to invite you to our monthly movie evening. Refreshments will be provided. The movie being screened will be confirmed closer to the date. You can enquire at the library or keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#).

The screening begins at 6pm. No booking required.

Tallaght Historical Society Lecture Series: The Story of Noel Lemass: His Life and Death - by Liz Gillis



Tallaght Historical Society Lecture Series

The Story of Noel Lemass:
His Life and Death

A talk by Liz Gillis

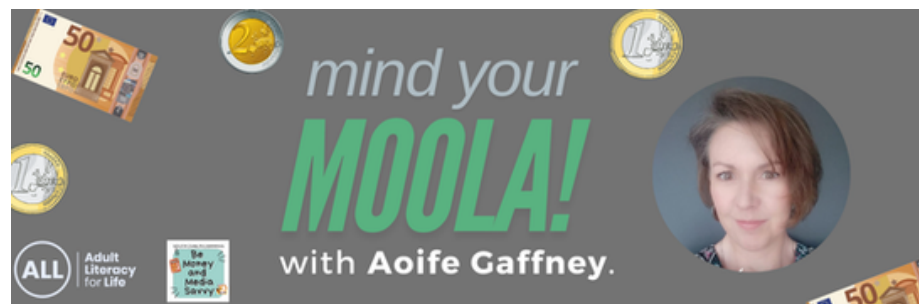
Tuesday January
14th, 6.45 - 8.00pm

On 23rd October 1923 the jury at the inquest into the death of Noel Lemass returned a verdict of 'wilful murder against unknown persons'. The murder of Noel Lemass was one of the most horrendous acts carried out by member of the National Army, made worse by the fact that it happened two months after the Civil War had ended. In this talk historian Liz Gills will discuss the life and death of Noel Lemass, a figure who has come to symbolise the savagery and tragedy of the Irish Civil War

All welcome. No booking required.

Mind your MOOLA! - A Financial Planning Workshop with Aoife Gaffney

Wednesday January
22nd, 6.30pm



Kick Start 2025 with a money power hour.


This FREE workshop will help you get your money into fabulous shape!

Expect laughter, lightbulb moments, and no jargon—just practical tips to help you:

- 💰 Spend smarter, do more with less and less effort
- 📄 Save more (and still have fun)
- 📈 Start the year on track towards your money goals

You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on January 6th.

Crafts for Adults with Kim Jenkinson

A poster for a craft workshop. The background is a light green, textured surface. On the left, there is a collage of images including a red rose, a white rose, and some gold-colored floral patterns. The text is centered and reads: "Crafts for Adults with Kim Jenkinson".

Crafts for Adults
with Kim Jenkinson

Tallaght Library
Tuesday, Jan 28, 11:00am

Tuesday January
28th, 11.00am

Join artist Kim Jenkinson for this month's workshop where we will be decoupage wooden clothes hangers to get your new year decluttering off to a fun start.

Booking essential. You can book your place at talib.eventbrite.ie from 10am on January 21st.

Exhibition

Echoes of Imagination - An Art Exhibition by Shalu Dhama

on Display until January 25th



Exhibition

By Shalu Dhama

The Back Wall
Gallery at
Tallaght Library

We have a beautiful new exhibition coming to Tallaght Library in January by artist Shalu Dhama. Echoes of Imagination is an exhibition of twelve abstract acrylic paintings displayed on unframed canvas to highlight the texture and brushwork directly. You can view it in the library until Saturday January 25.



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Library Opening Times

Monday to Thursday: 9.45am - 8.00pm

Friday and Saturday: 9.45am - 4.30pm

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