

Children's Art in Libraries Creative Hubs

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SUMMER PROGRAMME 2024

FREE Summer activities
for children and families

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The Ark

Children's Art in Libraries Creative Hubs sustain high quality arts experiences for children, schools and families to access in their library and locality, through partnership. This is a **Dublin City Arts Office** and **Dublin City Libraries** initiative delivered by **The Ark**.

Full details on all events
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Felting with Gabi

Ages: Relaxed Workshop for children aged 5 - 12 years

In this workshop with artist Gabi McGrath, you'll try the oldest textile making craft - wet felting. Gabi will introduce children to the multi-sensory process of felting in this hands-on relaxed workshop. Children will explore the expressive possibilities of fleece to create their own unique creations. Gabi will lead the group through an exploration of wet felting techniques and textured tools that assist the felt making process. Working with these ancient and somewhat magical processes, children will explore shape, colour, texture and form.

This workshop has been designed for children with additional sensory needs or access requirements who would benefit from a more supported, relaxed experience.

Duration: **60 mins**

Dates & Times:

Mon 01 July, 10.30am & 12pm | Coolock Library



Beach Day Dance

Ages: Relaxed Workshop for children aged 5 - 12 years

Come with us on an imaginary journey to the beach led by dancer Monica Muñoz. We will practice all our swimming moves and then dive deep beneath the big blue waves. There we will meet lots of incredible sea creatures. Look out for a wobbly octopus, snappy sharks, speedy clownfish and scuttling crabs. How do they move around in the water? Can we try that too? We will create our very own dancing waves and maybe even practice some surf moves too!

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A multi-sensory wonderland bursting with movement, colours, textures, and music inspired by a day on a beach!

Duration: **45 mins**

Dates & Times:

Tues 02 July, 10.30am & 12pm | Central Library

Wed 03 July, 10.30am & 12pm | Cabra Library

Thurs 04 July, 10.30am & 12pm | Ballyfermot Library

Fri 05 July, 10.30am & 12pm | Coolock Library



Creature Creation Extravaganza

Ages: 5 – 7 years

Join artist Debora Adachi for a creative live art session for children aged 5-7 and their grown-ups, where we will explore fun ways to build our own creatures using different shapes and forms, both geometric and organic, to create our characters. And that's not all... We'll also play with magic dice to bring our creatures to life!

Through games, drawing prompts, collage and storytelling, we will embark on a creative journey to make adorable characters filled with charm and humour. This workshop is all about embracing your intuition and instinct to create freely - improvisation is encouraged, and mistakes are welcomed!

Duration: **75 mins**

Dates & Times:

Tues 09 July, 10.30am & 12.30pm | Central Library

Wed 10 July, 10.30am & 12.30pm | Coolock Library

Thurs 11 July, 10.30am & 12.30pm | Ballyfermot Library



Mystic Forest!

Ages: 5 - 7 years & 8 - 12 years

Take a trip to the Mystic Forest, home to some very unusual creatures, with artist Laura Whelan. Using collage and drawing, we will make our very own magical creatures inspired by the story of two little girls who fooled a nation with their magical photos. We will then photograph them on a selection of different backgrounds.

Duration: 75 mins

Dates, Times & Ages:

Tues 23 July, 10.30 am: ages 5 - 7 yrs & 12.30pm: 8 - 12 yrs | Central Library

Wed 24 July, 10.30 am: ages 5 - 7 yrs & 12.30pm: 8 - 12 yrs | Cabra Library

Thurs 25 July, 10.30 am: ages 5 - 7 yrs & 12.30pm: 8 - 12 yrs | Ballyfermot Library



The Shiny Show-Off Fish Needs Your Help!

Ages: 2 – 4 years

Combining drama, story and play, this interactive and playful workshop with Joanna Parkes invites little ones and their grown-ups to enjoy imagining together. So, if you're a parent, grandparent, uncle, aunty, godparent or carer, join in with your 2 to 4-year-old to discover, explore and create together in this delightful workshop adventure.

There is a vain and rude fish who thinks he is better than the other fish in the sea because he is so shiny and beautiful. One day there is a big storm, and the sea becomes full of rubbish and the shiny show-off fish gets caught in some netting. Will the other fish help him escape even though he's been so rude to them?

Come under the sea and see what happens!

Duration: 45 mins

Dates & Times:

Tues 30 July, 10.30am & 12pm | Central Library

Wed 31 July, 10.30am & 12pm | Cabra Library

Thurs 1 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Ballyfermot Library

Fri 2 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Coolock Library



Creatures from the Mermaid's Purse

Ages: 2 – 4 years

Visual artist Jane Groves invites very young children and their grown-ups to meet the beautiful beasts of the ocean, inspired by Silkie, a seal from The Ark's sculpture collection. Using storytelling and play, we will explore the textures of the seabed, and create our own creatures, large and small. A joyful and sensory exploration of some of the things that live in a wonderful watery world.

Duration: 45 mins

Dates & Times:

Thur 25 July, 10.30am & 12pm | Cabra Library

Tues 6 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Ballyfermot Library

Mon 12 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Coolock Library

Tues 13 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Central Library



Develop Your Own Characters

Ages: 8 – 12 years

Children aged 8-12 will find inspiration and learn new techniques for developing animated characters in these fun workshops with award-winning animator Eimhin McNamara.

Using nature as an inspiration, we will create characters and stories, learn about animals and the environment, and connect with the world around us.

Animator Eimhin McNamara will demonstrate how you can use images to design characters and come up with stories. He will share tips on using shape language to construct a character and develop a story through sketching with the use of paper cutouts, crayons and markers.

Duration: 75 mins

Dates & Times:

Fri 19 July, 10.30am & 12.30pm | Cabra Library

Thurs 8 Aug, 10.30am & 12.30pm | Ballyfermot Library

Fri 9 Aug, 10.30am & 12.30pm | Coolock Library



Music Concert For Families With Shane Mc Grath

Ages: 5 – 12 years and their grown-ups

Irish musician Shane Mc Grath, Mad Dog, will perform a selection of original story songs in this fun music concert for children aged 5 to 12 years and their grown-ups. Featured songs are based on urban myths, Dublin lore and in some cases just a straightforward celebration of delicious food!

All songs are from the Mad Dog album *Fur and Feathers*, which was created especially for children and their families to enjoy. So come along for a listen and a bop in your local library! The creation of this album and associated illustrations were supported by the Arts Council of Ireland. All illustrations are by Niall Mc Cormack.

Duration: 50 mins

Dates & Times:

Fri 12 July, 10.30am & 12pm Cabra Library

Wed 14 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Ballyfermot Library

Thurs 15 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Central Library

Fri 16 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Coolock Library



Tic Tic Tum! Adventures in Brazil!

Ages 3 – 6 years

Be transported from your local library to Brazil in this joyful dance workshop for children aged 3 to 6 years and their grown-ups!

Kasia Eliaz and Yves Lorrhan will lead the group on an adventure, exploring creative movement, rhythm and balance! We will be introduced to various dance styles including samba and capoeira and will be encouraged to find our very own rhythm and movements - just in time for the Carnival!

Duration: 45 mins

Dates & Times:

Tues 16 July, 10.30am & 12pm |Cabra Library

Tues 20 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Central Library

Thurs 22 Aug, 10.30am & 12pm | Ballyfermot Library

Booking Information

Events are free, advance booking is required. For more information on booking, please contact the relevant library. Please state the time, date and workshop you wish to book for.

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