

RULES FOR BEING A READER 1. JUST ENJOY BOOKS 2. THERE ARE NO RULES





World Book Week 2025

World Book Week took place from March 3rd to 7th, and was a great success! More than 120 books were checked out of the library during that week, so a big well done to all students (and teachers) who participated in the daily reading time in class.

Other highlights of World Book Week 2025:

- Every student was given a World Book Day voucher to be used towards any book
- Emoji book reviews, banned book displays, and lots of reading reminders were put up around school
- Three lucky students from 3rd, TY and 6th year found a Golden Ticket under their chair and won a €10 book voucher to spend on their next great read.
- Film Club showed the movie adaptation of Suzanne Collins' *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes.*
- Debate Club put forward the motion that "The book is always better than the movie".
- Nearly 200 students took part in a *Guess How Many 'Bookworms' in the Jar* competition...and one lucky 5th year student won 117 jelly snakes to share with her class!





Did You Love it or Hate it?

Read something good lately? Don't forget to share the books you are enjoying (or not) with those around you.

What about doing a short book review or a star rating for the library? These would be great for helping other students know which books should be next on their list!



The 1st year students have completed their second round of **Accelerated Reader testing** this month. Well done!

To see progress in your literacy, vocabulary and comprehension skills, set aside a few minutes each day for reading something fun. Need some help picking a new book? Pop up to the library and speak to Ms Manning.

Teen Creative Writing Workshop at Dalkey Library

Join Claire Hennessy for a 2-hour creative writing workshop at Dalkey Library.

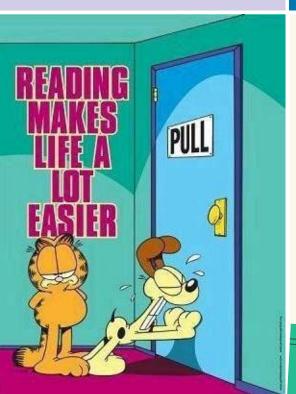
You'll try a few different ways of getting creative work onto the page (and out of your heads), including developing characters and plot ideas.

When: Thursday April 10th, 5-7pm

Suitable for: 14-17 year olds

How to Book: To book, ask a member of staff, email dalkeylib@dlrcoco.ie or phone (01) 204 7217. Limited number of places available.





TY Reading Classes

Since February, all six Transition Year classes have come to the library once a week for a reading class. This is a great opportunity for the TYs to get back in the habit of reading, develop their literacy skills, discover new titles, and try new genres that might be of interest.

The students have been busy checking books out regularly from the intermediate and senior fiction sections of the library, trying out everything from John Green, Agatha Christie and Adiba Jaigirdar to Claire Keegan, Khaled Hosseini and Sally Rooney. Well done!

New Books Alert!

Warning...our library shelves are PACKED with lots more lovely new books! **Another 100+ new books** have been added to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior fiction sections of the library.

Do you like fantasy, dystopian worlds, romance, thrillers, mysteries, humour, or heart-warming stories? What about award-winners, chart toppers or viral BookTok favourites? You're in luck, we've got them all! Check out just some of the new additions on the next page.



One Special Dog, One Global Movement



If you are one of the millions who follow Niall Harbison (@niall.harbison) on his heart-warming mission to save street dogs in Thailand, you won't want to miss the launch of his second book in Dublin's Convention Centre this May.

Join Niall as he talks about how Tina, a golden retriever he found chained up in the Thai heat, started a global movement to save street dogs. Niall will discuss how Tina's legacy led to the formation of the charity Happy Doggo and the building of a hospital to help Thailand's most vulnerable street dogs.

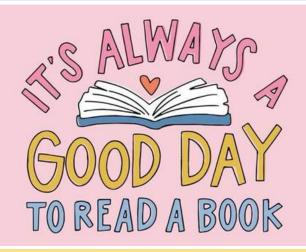
Alongside these stories, Niall will talk about the lessons he's learnt through creating a dog charity from the ground up, and what a life surrounded by dogs has taught him.

Tickets (from ≤ 20) can be bought online from Eventbrite, and a copy of *Tina: The Dog Who Changed The World* is included in the ticket price.



Wellbeing in the Library

Book donations (new or second-hand in excellent condition) are always welcome, but we are also looking to develop the space for more general wellbeing activities. Do you have any jigsaws, board or card games, craft or colouring materials to donate to the library? If so, please bring them in to Ms Manning.





Join our little book world and follow the new library Instagram account @loretoabbeydalkeylibrary These are just some of the latest additions to the library shelves! Drop in to the library and have a browse for your next great read. All students and staff have their own library account, so you can start borrowing straight away. Library books can be borrowed for two weeks at a time, or you can reserve a book if it has already been checked out.

