

Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 -2029

Presentation to Community Development, Heritage, Culture &
Creativity Strategic Policy Committee

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Local government act 2001 provides a statutory basis for the provision of library development plans:

"A library authority shall from time to time, or if requested by the Minister, prepare and adopt a programme for the operation and development of its library service"

Each development plan should:

- Outline existing services
- Outline opportunities and priorities
- Outline measures to secure these priorities

Adoption of the strategy is a reserved function



Current Library Development Plan

3 Strategic Goals:

- Provide a dynamic and inclusive space for the community
- Support culture and recreation
- Enable literacy, education and economic development

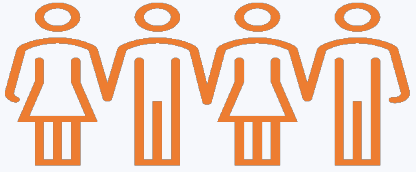
7 Objectives:

- Workforce
- Infrastructure
- Collections
- Event programming
- Technology
- Marketing and Communications
- Collaborations and partnerships

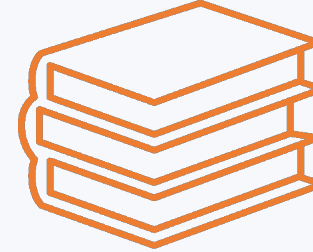
42 Actions



Achievements



3.18m visits



3.95m items borrowed



Developed a makerspace



Refurbished
Balbriggan,
Blanchardstown and
Malahide. Extending
Skerries and planning
SCQ Library



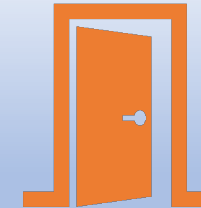
Created exhibitions for
Decade of Centenaries



Introduced new e-services



Organised History, Writers' & Children's
Literature Festivals



Opened a 'My Open Library' at
Baldoyle Library



Introduced sensory resources and
quiet times



Created storytrails at
Ardgillan and
Millennium Park



Increased opening hours



Signed up to Age friendly
charter

Methodology and Proposed Timeline

- ✓ PESTLE & SWOT analysis workshops: Q1 2023
- ✓ Policy Mapping & Alignment: Q1 2023
- ✓ Desk research: Q2 2023 (Ongoing)
- ✓ Staff and other stakeholder consultations: Q2 2023 (Ongoing)
- ✓ Public survey: Q3 2023 (Ongoing)
- Data Analysis and preparation of draft plan: Q4 2023
- Draft plan presentation to Council: Q4 2023
- Revisions based on feedback: Q4 2023
- Plan published: Q4 2023 / Q1 2024



Thank you!

Questions, comments, feedback welcome

Current Focus

Stakeholder consultations/Focus groups:

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg, Foróige, Fingal Public Participation Network, Fingal Ethnic Network, Older Peoples Council

Public Surveys:

Individuals and groups/organisations/schools
Users and non-users

Available at <https://consult.fingal.ie/>

Also at events, social media, paper version and QR code

