

# WILD & WEIRD

Animals in  
Children's Literature

CHILDREN'S BOOK  
FESTIVAL 2007



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## Discover the joys of reading

This year, our programme, Wild & Weird! focuses on animals and mythic creatures in Children's Literature. We have a host of established and emerging authors and storytellers lined up to give readings and workshops to the children of South Dublin County. For further information see [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie)

Most of the morning performances will have spaces reserved for primary schools within the county area. As places are limited, booking for all of the Festival's events will be on a first-come, first-served basis, both for schools and members of the public. A guide to age group suitability and whether or not it is a class visit or public event is given beside each activity and bookings will be taken only from Monday 24th September onwards by telephoning your local branch library or by applying in person. Branch library phone numbers are available at the back of the brochure; for any other enquiries, please telephone Patricia Fitzgerald or Caroline Higgins, Development Librarians on 01-4597834, email: [pfitzgerald@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:pfitzgerald@sdublincoco.ie) or [chiggins@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:chiggins@sdublincoco.ie)

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The festival will be launched by **Mayor Cllr Billy Gogarty** in Castletymon Library on Wednesday 3rd October at 11am. Guest of Honour will be **Mary Kingston**, children's television presenter and philanthropist. She is the current presenter of The Disney Club on RTÉ Two. Entertainment will include a **Magic Show with the Wizard from Oz, Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion and the Good Witch**. We hope you enjoy this year's festival!



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**Diana Kimpton** – Renowned author of the Pony Mad Princess will travel from the UK to talk to children about her books. Princess Ellie is pony-mad! And she doesn't always enjoy being a princess. She hates sappy pink dresses and boring waving lessons. She'd much rather be riding one of her gorgeous ponies, or even mucking out the royal stables!

Age 7-10 years

Ballyroan Library Wednesday 10th October at 10am (class visit (2))  
Castletymon Library Wednesday 10th October at 11.30am (class visit (2))  
Lucan Library Wednesday 10th October at 3.30pm (booking essential)  
Mobile Library Service Thursday 11th October at 9.45am (visit to school)  
Clondalkin Library Thursday 11th October at 11.30am (class visit (2))

**Korky Paul**, the wacky talented author and illustrator of *Winnie the Witch* and *The Fish who couldn't Wish* will travel from UK to talk to the children about his work and show them the tricks and techniques of illustration (including dinosaurs, fish & monsters!)

Age 5-11years

County Library Tallaght Wednesday 17th October at 9.45am  
(school visit due to library refurbishment)  
Castletymon Library Wednesday 17th October at 11.30am (school visit)  
Ballyroan Library Wednesday 17th October at 3pm (booking essential)  
Clondalkin Library Thursday 18th October at 10am (class visit)  
Lucan Library Thursday 18th October at 3.30pm (booking essential)



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**Geraldine McCaughrean** will talk to school children about her work. Geraldine has written over 130 books and plays for both adults and children and has won the Carnegie Medal, Guardian Children's Fiction Award, Whitbread Children's Book of the Year (three times), Smarties Bronze (four times), UK Readers' Association Award, and wrote the Blue Peter Book of the Year 2000. In 2002, *The Kite Rider* and *Stop the Train* were both shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, with the latter being Highly Commended. Her most recent novel, *The White Darkness*, was shortlisted for the 2005 Whitbread Children's Book Award.

Age 9-12

Ballyroan Library Thursday 18th October at 11am (class visit (2))



**Dan Crow**, one of America's most beloved family entertainers and recording artists, is the star of the Emmy award winning "Just For Fun," a three time Gold Parents' Choice winner, and a CableAce nominated songwriter for his work on the Disney Channel. He is seen regularly on Nickelodeon and The Learning Channel. Dan is a good buddy of Winnie the Pooh and Dumbo, for whom he has composed over a hundred songs, and he performed the title song for the family classic film, "The Adventures of Milo and Otis."

Age 6-10 years

Ballyroan Library Thursday 25th October at 10am (class visit (2))  
Castletymon Library Thursday 25th October at 11.30am (class visit (2))

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**Niall De Búrca** More dangerous than the pied piper, Niall De Búrca will cast a spell on young and old alike. Bring your children along to hear one of Ireland's finest traditional storytellers. Niall brings to South Dublin some of his favourite tales of the ocean, giants, magical rocks and fairy woman. Join him as he transports you to places near and far with stories that are funny, serious, wise and interactive... all at once. Not to be missed!

Age 6-11 years

Clondalkin Library Friday 5th October at 10am (class visit) (2)  
Lucan Library Friday 5th October at 12pm (class visit) (2)



**The Big Bad Wolf** will visit the library to find out the truth about what happened between The Big Bad Wolf and The Three Little Pigs. All the stories you have heard so far about the wolf have all been told by those three little porkers and their friends. For the first time ever this book tells in the wolf's own sad and weary words how they told terrible lies about him and played cruel and nasty tricks on him to get him into such trouble. Read on and see the truth revealed before your very own eyes

Age 4-6 years

Mobile Library Service Wednesday 3rd October at 10am (class visit)  
Clondalkin Library Wednesday 3rd October at 11.30am (class visit)  
Lucan Library Wednesday 3rd October at 3.30pm (booking essential)  
Castletymon Library Thursday 4th October at 11.30am (class visit)  
Ballyroan Library Thursday 4th October at 3pm (booking essential)



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**Eanna Ni Lamhna** is the most distinctive voice in Irish Natural History, most associated with RTE Radio's 'Mooney Goes Wild on One'. It's sometimes forgotten that she is also an active field naturalist but in this, her second book, Eanna fills in the gaps in our knowledge on how ordinary wildlife live. She includes animals of the seashore and of the underwater world, drawing from her experience as a diver in Irish and foreign waters; her face-to-face encounters with seals, sea gooseberries, dead man's fingers and hammerhead sharks are all recounted with the same cheerful relish that we know from her first book, 'Talking Wild'. Eanna will compel local schoolchildren about the natural world.

Age 8-12

Castletymon Library Monday 15th October at 10am (class visit)  
County Library, Tallaght Monday 15th October at 12pm (visit to school due to refurbishment)  
Ballyroan Library Monday 15th October at 3.30pm (booking essential)  
Mobile Library Tuesday 16th October at 10am (visit to school)  
Clondalkin Library Tuesday 16th October at 11.30am (class visit)  
Lucan Library Tuesday 16th October at 1.30pm (class visit)





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**Animal Magic** It is important to educate our next generation to appreciate our wildlife heritage. Animal Magic believe that the way to learn about nature is through an up close personal experience and have a multitude of animals that they use as ambassadors of the animal kingdom.

They pride themselves at aiming their lessons to the child's level of understanding making it an exciting experience. The lessons add to the pupils' appreciation and knowledge of natural history, arouse their curiosity, promote respect and create a desire to get out and see animals in their own natural environment.

(Age 7-12)

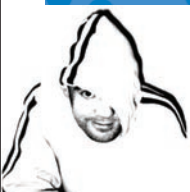
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Mobile Library Service Tuesday 9th October 10am (visit to school)  
Lucan Library Tuesday 9th October 12pm (class visit)  
Clondalkin Library Tuesday 9th October 3pm (booking essential).



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**TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER**




**RueBen NotAClown** ReuBen brings his innovative brand of non verbal hysterics to entertain you – it's a hoot! Don't be mistaken, this is not face-painting, balloon-modelling or Punch & Judy – it's more like break-dancing, giant spiders & playing cards that attack you.

Age 6 - 12

*'he has that subversive edge that makes him a big hit'* - **The Irish Times**

Castletymon Library Monday 8th October at 3.30pm (All Welcome!)  
Ballyroan Library Tuesday 9th October at 3.30pm (All Welcome!)  
Clondalkin Library Wednesday 10th October at 3.30pm (All Welcome!)  
Lucan Library Thursday 11th October at 3.30pm (All Welcome!)



**The Irish Guide Dog Association** will talk to children about their dogs and how they help them in their lives. "My Guide dog is my eyes... he gives me the freedom and the independence to go wherever I want"

Age 7-12 years

Clondalkin Library Monday 8th October at 3.30pm (booking essential)  
Lucan Library Tuesday 9th October at 3.30pm (booking essential)  
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**Silly Billy**, our favourite clown will visit the younger children and entertain them with a Bubble Disco, filling the space with Bubbles and getting all the kids up catching bubbles to music. The Puppet Show will dazzle you as they bring the Puppets to life for all the kids to have fun and learn with. Next it's Colour Time as they blast off to the moon with the Colour Rocket, launching the stars into the sky with a parachute!

Age 1-4 years

Castletymon Library Friday 5th October at 10.30am  
Ballyroan Library Friday 12th October at 10.30am  
Clondalkin Library Friday 19th October at 10.30am  
Lucan Library Friday 26th October at 10.30am

**TALE SPIN, STORY SING** with Eric Maddern

Tale spinner, song singer, children's author and much more... Eric is a modern-day minstrel who entertains with whacky, wondrous tales and upbeat, groovy songs. He is fresh, funny and full of life. He will captivate the kids and adulterate the adults!

Age 7 – 11 years

Mobile Library Service Friday 12th October at 10am (Class Visit)  
Lucan Library Friday 12th October at 12noon (Class Visit)



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The **National Concert Hall**. National Concert Hall. Come and join a team of musicians from the National Concert Hall Education Programme to explore music, see and hear about their instruments and have a go at playing an instrument of your choice from our percussion box! The theme for this workshop is "Wild and Weird - animals in children's literature", so listen out for some famous tunes relating to the animal kingdom!

Age 4-5 years

Clondalkin Library Wednesday 10th October at 10.30am (class visit)  
Lucan Library Thursday 11th October at 10.30am (class visit)  
Castletymon Library Tuesday 16th October at 10.30am (class visit)  
Ballyroan Library Wednesday 17th October at 10.30am (class visit)

**Clay Circus Animals** with the Hugh Lane Gallery. Join the artists for a session of clay modelling – will relieve all your stress after a long day at school!

Age 6-10 years

Lucan Library Monday 15th October at 3.30pm (booking essential)  
Castletymon Library Tuesday 16th October at 3.30pm (booking essential)  
Clondalkin Library Wednesday 17th October at 3.30pm (booking essential)  
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**The Pine Forest Art Centre**, in the Dublin Mountains, has been providing Irish children with creative and educational Art and Craft Courses for over 30 years. Join them for an afternoon of creativity in South Dublin County Libraries.

Age 5-12 years (25 max)

Ballyroan Library Monday 22nd October at 3pm (booking essential)



**Bairbre McCarthy** has been collecting and writing Irish legends for many years. She performs her stories and presents storytelling classes and workshops throughout the U.S. Her programs have received grants from the NYS Foundation for the Arts and the NYS Council on the Arts.

*"The tales told in McCarthy's beautiful, lilting brogue, involved all the best elements--magic and history and an opportunity for the audience to be transported to another world."* - **Cambridge Eagle**

Clondalkin Library Monday 8th October at 10am (class visit)

Lucan Library Monday 8th October at 12pm (class visit)



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**Gillian Perdue's** first book, Adam's Starling was written for older readers and won the Eilís Dillon Memorial Award 2002. The Irish Times described Adam's Starling as an impressive debut. Since then she has written two books in the successful O'Brien Panda Series - Conor's Cowboy Suit, Panda No. 23 and Conor's Concert, Panda No. 25. The spirited and determined Conor, who loves to do things his way and his way only has proved to be extremely popular with younger readers.

Age 5-6 years

Ballyroan Library Tuesday 23rd October at 10.30am (class visit)

Castletymon Library Tuesday 23rd October at 3.30pm (booking essential)

**Peadar Ó Guilín** has been writing curious stories for as long as he can remember. One of his school reports claimed that he had 'a talent for communication, which he abused' Since then, he has written plays, published short stories and performed as a stand-up comedian. Peadar will give a writing workshop to young teens. Age 11-13

Castletymon Library Thursday 18th October at 10am (class visit)

Lucan Library Friday 19th October at 10am (class visit)



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## WHITECHURCH LIBRARY EVENTS

### TOMAS JANAK, PET PSYCHOLOGIST

Tuesdays 16th and 23rd and Thursday 25th October.  
Booking essential

### COMPUTERS FOR CHILDREN

Wednesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
(organised by the WEB project) Telephone 01 493 7218

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday 26th October at 6pm.  
Booking only through  
WASP 4937218



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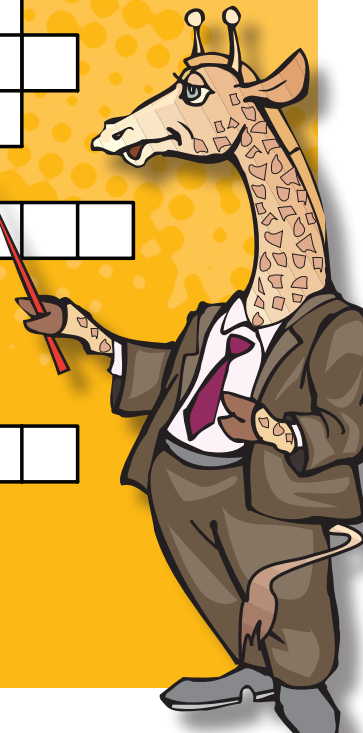
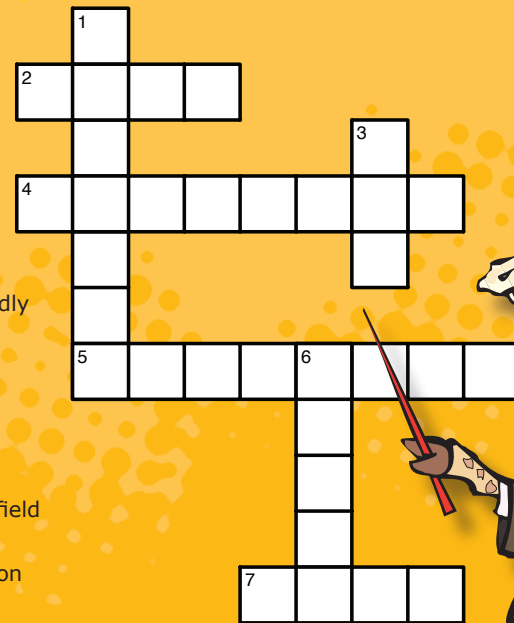
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## ACROSS

- This animal roars!
- This animal jumps in Australia!
- They say this animal never forgets!
- You might have a cuddly one of these!

## DOWN

- His neck is very long indeed!
- You will find one in a field eating grass!
- You can put a saddle on his back



"Animal Crossword"  
courtesy of [www.activityvillage.co.uk](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk)

# ANIMAL CROSSWORD

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## COMPETITIONS

### GIVE A HOOT ABOUT ANIMALS - WRITING COMPETITION

for children aged 5-8 years, 9-11 years and 12-15 years. Start off with the line “What is that noise?”...toot ...hoot ...toot ...” Not more than 400 words please!

Great prizes to be won and winners will be published on the South Dublin Libraries website! **(Ask in your branch library for more details!)**

**COLOURING COMPETITION** colour in one of the funny pictures we send to your school, or pick up a picture in your local library! Age 6 and under.

**Also look out for:**

**HALLOWFEST**, a magical celebration for all the family. This is the second year of South Dublin County’s festival which will take place on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th October 2007 in the grounds of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght and in the Dublin Mountains

**FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE [WWW.HALLOWFEST.IE](http://WWW.HALLOWFEST.IE)**



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## WHAT WILL WE DO NEXT? A BOOK OF CHILDREN’S GAMES

South Dublin County Libraries in association with Community Services, Parks & Landscaping Department of South Dublin County Council, are delighted to launch our new play booklet **“What will we do next? A Book of Children’s Games”**.

Following South Dublin County Council’s very successful **National Play Day**, held for the first time on 16th July 2006 at Griffeen Park Lucan and now an annual event, it was decided to document these favourite traditional games before the very old ones are lost forever.

This book will give you and your children hours of pleasure. We know that many of you out there will have enjoyed happy hours in the distant days of youth playing “Red Rover”, “Four Corners” and “Queenie-I-Oh” so we have brought together a collection of these games for the children of today. Clear instructions are given about playing the games, so that the booklet will be suitable for both adult play leaders as well as children themselves to use.

Pick up a copy for **FREE** in your local branch of **South Dublin County Libraries** or **download a copy at [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie)**.

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**"WHY DO ELEPHANTS PAINT THEIR FEET YELLOW?"**

To hide upside down in bowls of custard!

**"HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AN ELEPHANT UPSIDE DOWN IN YOUR CUSTARD?"**

Then it must work!

**"WHAT KIND OF SHOES DO FROGS WEAR?"**

Open toad!

**"WHAT DO YOU CALL A GOAT AT SEA?"**

Billy Ocean!

**"WHAT PART OF A FISH WEIGHS THE MOST?"**

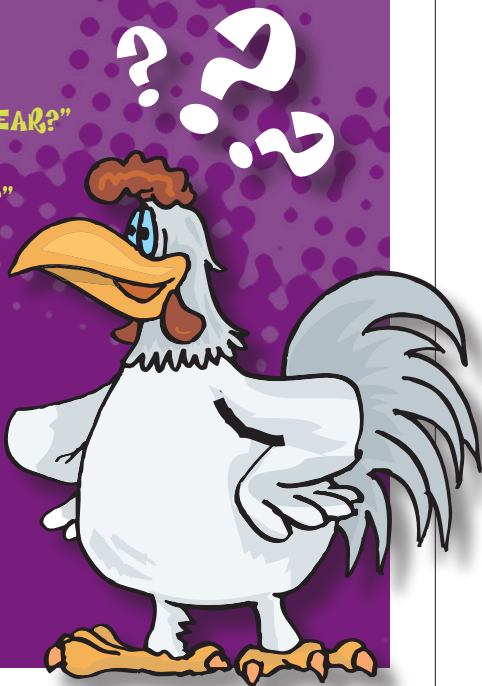
It's scales!

**"WHAT HAS TWO HUMPS AND IS AT THE NORTH POLE?"**

A lost Camel!

**"WHY DO CHICKENS SIT ON THEIR EGGS?"**

Because they don't have chairs!



# Postcard Competition

## Social Inclusion Week 19th - 23rd November 2007

SOCIAL INCLUSION



How are we beautiful? No matter the colour  
So are people



### "Social Inclusion is about not missing out on the good things in life"

If any more information is required please contact Maria Finn, Senior Staff Officer, Social Inclusion Unit, Community Services Department, South Dublin County Council, Tel: 01 4149000 ext 3366 or 086 3803060 and application forms are available on our website <http://socialinclusion.southdublin.ie/> and from your local library.



Your design may be used in future publications by South Dublin County Council  
Prizes include gift vouchers for Smiths Toystore, Easons, Fort Lucan and Tallaght Leisure Centre  
Entries to be submitted to your local Library Branch by Friday 9th November 2007  
This competition is open to all Children between 3 and 12 years



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## LIBRARY EVENTS

Booking for all library workshops is essential and should be booked through your local branch.

### YOUR LOCAL BRANCH

County Library Tallaght	01 462 0073
Castletymon	01 452 4888
Lucan	01 621 6422
Ballyroan	01 494 1900
Clondalkin	01 459 3315
Whitechurch	01 493 0199



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