

Book the Ambient Book Club at your venue

The Ambient Book Club is a two-hour silent reading event with a live soundtrack. Readers bring a book or take one from the shelves, settle in, and read together while the music builds and fades around them.

The fee is €1,230, including €230 VAT. One event, one invoice. Travel outside Dublin adds 50 cent a kilometre of the round trip.

Included in the fee

- A two-hour event with a live soundtrack
- Sound, lighting and decoration
- Set-up, facilitation and clear-away by a crew of three
- Event copy, images and a social post pack for your own channels
- Outreach to local reading groups
- A report after the event, carrying the headcount, the readers' own words and photographs

Nothing is invoiced afterwards.

What the crew needs from your branch

Everything else travels in with the crew.

- The crew needs the room clear an hour before doors.
- The branch supplies one wall socket within reach of the floor, and the rig draws on nothing else.
- Readers take their books straight from the shelves, so nothing has to be set aside beforehand.

Your staff keep the desk while the session runs from start to finish.

Who the Ambient Book Club is for

The Ambient Book Club is an event for adults. The format seats up to 150 readers, wherever the space holds that many, and it works as well for twenty.

Readers arrive, stay and leave as they like. A table of graphic novels, art books, blank paper and pencils stands beside the instruments, so nobody has to read to take part.

Set-up and clear-away

A crew of three arrives with the sound system, the lighting, the decoration and the instruments. They build in the hour before doors and strike afterwards.

Four speakers stand around the edge of the space and the performer sits low and central, with the cables dressed and matted and a clear path kept.

The music stays low and slow, sized to a reading space, so a conversation at the desk still sits above it. Cabling, access and floor layout are on the technical requirements page at thunderclapmurphy.com/bookings/technical-requirements/

The report after the event

You get a full report after the event, carrying the headcount, the readers' own words and photographs. It is written to be lifted straight into a funding acquittal or a committee paper.

Budget routes

Quiet programming of this shape has been funded before.

- [Healthy Ireland at Your Library](#) funds health and wellbeing programming across the public library service.
- [Creative Ireland](#) funds creative projects through its Creative Communities strand in each local authority.
- The [local authority arts office](#) in each of the thirty-one councils holds a programming budget of its own.

A written quote arrives **in whatever format your finance office asks for**, and a costed outline goes with a funding application.

Wexford Town Library, 30 July 2026

Wexford Town Library ran the Ambient Book Club on Thursday 30 July 2026. Notes left on the way out:

"Perfectly — in the way that I like to read in silence but the music made me more immersed in my book, like in a bubble, like I was nowhere else, and fully present."

Sara, Wexford

"Relaxing, enjoyable, interesting mix. I was pleased that we couldn't use our phones — are constantly distracted by it!"

Tina, Wexford

"Excellent idea to do this. Again please."

Mark, Wexford

Setting a date

Name your venue and the room you want to host it in, with the date you have in mind. The date, the hours and the length are yours to set.

Book the Ambient Book Club at thunderclapmurphy.com/bookings/

You get a reply within the week with a plan and a fee.