

## Book the Ambient Book Club at your library

The Ambient Book Club is a communal silent reading event with atmospheric live music performed by Thunderclap Murphy. 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. One event, one invoice. Travel outside Dublin adds 50 cent a kilometre of the round trip, so a library 80km from Dublin adds €80 for the 160km there and back.

### Included in the fee

- A two-hour event with a live soundtrack, at a time that suits your library
- Sound, lighting and decoration
- Set-up, facilitation and pack 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

### Event times

The Ambient Book Club works well as a two-hour event. A shorter or longer version can be arranged to suit your library.

### Sound level

The music stays below the level of a conversation.

### What the crew needs to set up

- Access to one wall power socket
- A clear space of 4m x 4m for the performance area, which usually works well in the centre of the space
- The space from one hour before doors open. The crew can set up around library users if the library is still open.

### What the library provides

- One library representative for the length of the event. The crew looks after readers.
- Chairs laid out around the space. Readers can also sit on the floor, or settle wherever is comfortable.
- Bookings from readers, taken through the library's own system

### Readers at the Ambient Book Club

The Ambient Book Club is an event for over 18s, which keeps the space quiet for readers. Readers arrive, stay and leave as they like.

## Suggestions for a reading table

Some readers prefer to draw, colour or browse. A table from the library's own stock gives them a place to start. Wexford Town Library set out the first three:

- Adult colouring printouts
- Pens and paper
- A selection of staff picks
- Graphic novels
- Art and photography books
- Books by local authors

## Set-up on the day

The crew arrives with the sound system, the lighting, the decoration and the instruments. They set up in the hour before doors and pack away afterwards.

Four speakers stand at the edges of the space and the performer sits in the centre. Cables are taped down under mats and a clear path is kept. Cabling, access and floor layout are on the [technical requirements page](#).

## The report after the event

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

## Budget routes

[Healthy Ireland at Your Library](#) funds health and wellbeing programming across the public library service, and [Creative Ireland](#) funds creative projects through each local authority.

## Wexford Town Library, 30 July 2026

Wexford Town Library ran the Ambient Book Club on Thursday 30 July 2026. Reader feedback from the day:

*"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

*"It was divine! I could have sat, listened and read for the whole day!"*

Tina, Wexford

*"Excellent idea to do this. Again please."*

Mark, Wexford

*"The setup was really lovely, with the ambient lighting and staging transforming our events space into a very welcoming and comfortable space."*

Heather Law, Executive Librarian, Wexford Town Library

## Booking a date

Get in touch with a date or two in mind, and we will take it from there.

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