

## New Year, New Programs

Dia dhuit! (Hello!) This is Podcrawl Podchroal, the podcast from the McClelland Irish Library. I'm your host, Lisa, the Librarian. It's a new year, and we have new programs beginning this month! Everything that I talk about can be found on our website: [azirish.org](http://azirish.org). Let's get started!

This week:

On Friday, January 19, 2024 the library will have its first Library Lecture of the year, "Dr. Charlotte Headrick: A Career Anchored by Love and Celebration of Irish Theatre." Starting with her undergraduate years at the University of Tennessee and continuing until the present, Dr. Headrick has worked on, directed, and acted in Irish plays. As a scholar, she has published widely including *Irish Women Dramatists 1908-2001*. Her career has been anchored by her love and celebration of Irish Theatre. This free event is from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM.

The next day, January 20, at 5:00 PM Dr. Headrick returns for a dramatic reading along with Dr. Michael Hood performing the two actor play "Chapatti." Love, loss, and a dog...join us for a late in life love story about the importance of human connection. Tickets can be purchased online, or at the door, free admission for students, educators and theater folks!

Shamrock Sprouts Baby Time is a new program that will launch on Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 AM. Baby Time is an infant lapsit program for children aged 0-24 months along with a caregiver. During Circle Time we read aloud and lead adult-child pairs in activities. Research indicates the importance of the adult-child bond in building early literacy. Circle Time also supports early literacy by increasing vocabulary and text awareness by sharing age-appropriate stories in an atmosphere of fun, engaging activity. The program typically runs about 20 minutes to accommodate baby's attention span, and is followed by time to play and socialize.

Next week:

Join us on Friday, January 26 for our first Spring Library Film Series of 2024; we will be showing "A Proper Pint!" "A Proper Pint" is a film series that celebrates the generational nature of publicans, and the integral bond of the Irish pub to the community around it. Keven Siegert, the director, will be here that night as well as on February 10th. We are proud and excited to host an encore showing of the first 3 episodes of "Proper Pint." Limited tickets will be available at the door based on online ticket sales. Doors open at 5:30 PM, screening begins at 6:00 PM. There will be a bar on site. All sales final.

Our book discussion group led by Dr. Joyce East and Mary Wilber will meet on Saturday, January 27 at 10:30 AM to discuss *Apeirogon* by Colum McCann. Check out the study guide online, and the schedule through May. If you didn't finish the book, please still come!

That's just a snippet of what's happening at the library! There's more to look forward to, so stay up-to-date with the latest programs and events at [azirish.org](http://azirish.org) and the McClelland Library's Facebook page. Did you know? The library is hip and cool—we're on tiktok now, so follow us there too!

Thank you so much for listening. We hope to see you at McClelland Library! Slan!