

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE

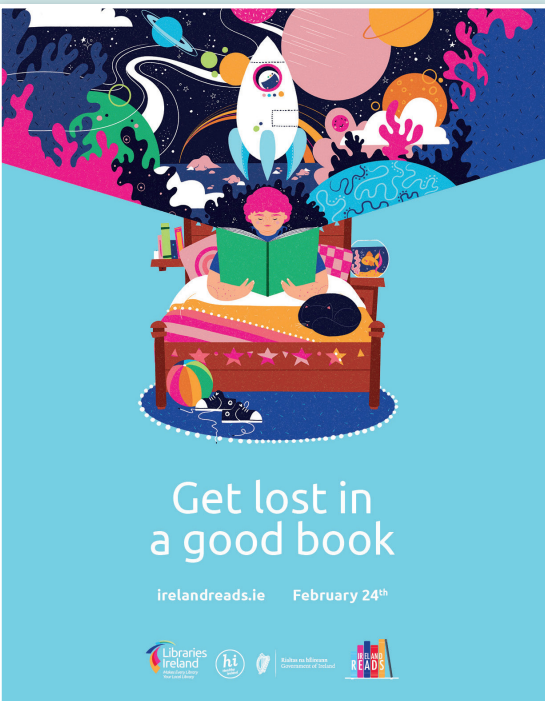
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Get lost in a good book for IRELAND READS



site offers book recommendations suited to a person's interests and the time they have available. There are more than 1,500 recommendations from librarians all around the country, including Kilkenny.

You can simply enter your favourite type of book and how long you would like to read each day and the website will offer a suitable book suggestion and work out how long it will take to complete. So, you can set yourself a reading challenge if you want - a couch to 5k for books! Go to www.irelandreads.ie for further information and to get a recommended read or share a recommendation with friends and family!

Alternatively, you could listen to Kilkenny Libraries podcast on Soundcloud or through the Kilkenny Library website where library staff Johanna, Sinead and Rachel discuss their favourite reads of 2023 and what they are looking forward to in 2024.

How can people access books?



Library members can borrow books from their local branch and request books from a catalogue of 13 million items through the interconnected national library catalogue.

And Ireland Reads is not just about books - if you want to read a magazine, a newspaper or a comic, that's great too! There is lots to discover on our Online Library: www.kilkennylibrary.ie - PressReader and Libby have thousands of magazines and newspapers. Comics Plus gives free access to hundreds of manga and graphic novels for both children and adults.

Attend an event

Libraries all over the Kilkenny will be celebrating Ireland Reads throughout February as Saturday 24th approaches. We are encouraging everyone to make a date to visit your local library on Ireland Reads Day to take

part in an event or just to see what's on offer there - we think you might be surprised with all that is available. You can sign up or renew your membership - just remember to bring photo ID and proof of address.

Share on social media

We are encouraging people to share how they are going to #GetLost for #IrelandReads. Share what you will be reading or where you will be reading on social media, tell others about your favourite books or recommend some reads to your followers. Follow @KilkennyLibrary on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter to keep up to date on all our activities.

IRELAND READS 2024 at Kilkenny Library

Events in our Library Branches:

- Wednesday 21st February
Online
Live event with the 'Remote Readers Book Club' 7pm
- Saturday 24th February - Ireland Reads Day
 - City Library
Bookclub Master Class with Caitriona and Author AM Harris 11am
 - Castlecómer
Creation Station - Make your own Ireland Reads Bookmark 10am-1pm
Storytime - We're Going on a Bear Hunt 11.30am
 - Thomastown
Storytime & Craft 11.30am
Ferrybank
'Get Lost' in a storytime 12pm
Graiguenamanagh
Storytime & Craft 11am
Callan
Creation Station - Make your own Ireland Reads Bookmark 10am-1pm
Urlingford
Storytime & Creation Station - Make your own Ireland Reads Bookmark 10am-1pm

Ireland Reads is a campaign to get the whole country reading this month in the lead up to a national day of reading on Saturday, February 24th. Libraries in Kilkenny aim to celebrate reading and all the benefits it can have for wellbeing and enjoyment.

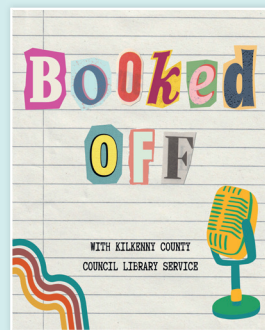
Reading for pleasure enhances empathy, understanding of the self, and is effective in combatting loneliness.

It doesn't matter for how long you read, or what you read. Nor does it matter whether you're an avid reader, a reluctant reader, a lapsed reader or a new reader - this campaign is for you.

So go 'Get Lost in a Good Book' on Ireland Reads Day, Saturday, February 24th.

Not sure what to read? No problem!

The Ireland Reads web-



Why is reading important?

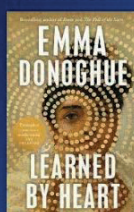
Research shows that reading for pleasure is really important for all of us - no matter our age.

For children, of course, it has a hugely positive impact on their cognitive development and literacy. For adults, studies have found that read-



IRELAND READS RECOMMENDED READS

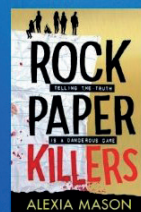
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YOUNG ADULT FICTION



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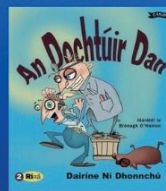
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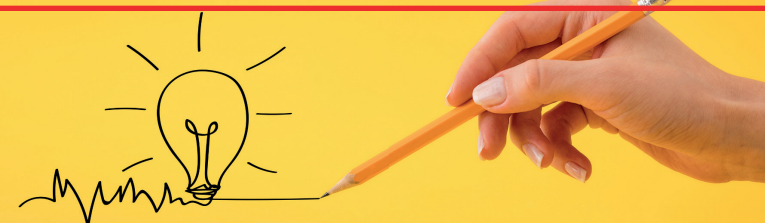
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Kilkenny County Library Services

CALL OUT FOR FACITATORS

Submissions are invited to join a panel for **Programming Facilitators**



Programming Facilitators may be chosen to deliver workshops, specialist talks, storytelling, and other tailored events to children, teens, adults, and specialist groups in Kilkenny County Branch Libraries in 2024/25.

Download Application Form at: kilkennylibrary.ie/eng/news/ Or Email: Aideen.McDonald@kilkennylibrary.ie

Application deadline extended to end of February

