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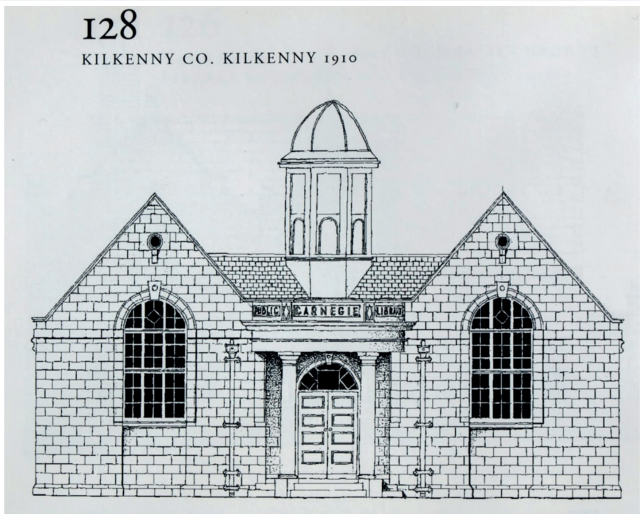
Christmas at the Carnegie



Tuesday 13 December is a date to note in your diary. City Library will host an exciting programme of events, from storytelling for schools to lunchtime music, afternoon theatre, a lecture on Andrew Carnegie and his 'Gospel of Wealth', a writer's recollection and special guest Pauline McLynn for a relaxed interview about her career, books, reading, writing, links to Kilkenny and more!

Planning a visit

Events run from opening until 8pm closing. Events are first-come-first-served, except Liz Weir storytelling, which is pre-booked for schools. Some areas of the library will be inaccessible on the day, so contact us in advance to put books aside, or call in on Saturday. A limited number of public PCs will be available. Light festive refreshments will be served from the afternoon. There will be filming in the library all day.

Award-winning Storyteller Liz Weir

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Award-winning storyteller Liz Weir was Storyteller-in-Residence for Libraries NI for many years. Formerly a children's librarian, she has been performing for adults, children and families for over 40 years. Liz last performed in Kilkenny before the pandemic so she is looking forward to visiting next week. 9.30 to 12.15.

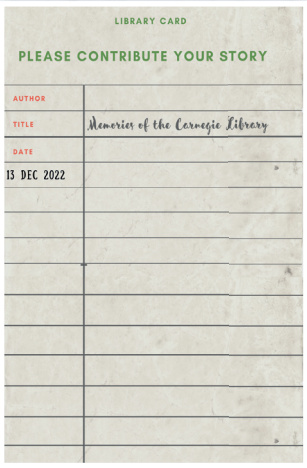
Mark Anthony McGrath plays The Carnegie

Drop into the library for a relaxing lunchtime with guitarist Mark Anthony McGrath. His original interpretations of music from the ancient harp compositions of Turlough O' Carolan to the Chansons of Jacques Brel have become a regular feature on RTÉ Lyric FM. Mark will play from his new album 'Carolan' which will be released in February 2023. 12.45 to 2.30pm.

Where Old Ghosts Meet - A Celebration of Patrick Kavanagh

Afternoon theatre is a real treat for audiences. Where Old Ghosts Meet is a one-man show celebrating the life, work and times of Kavanagh, one of Ireland's foremost poets. Directed and adapted by Geoff Rose, and performed by Jimmy Rhatigan, a man with an encyclopaedic knowledge of Kavanagh. the show runs 40 mins with a short Q&A after. 3.00 to 4.00pm

Memories of the Carnegie



We invite you to fill in a Memories of Carnegie card in the library, with your most vivid memory. Your first visit? A late return? A lost book? Reminder: there are no more fees or fines for late returns since 2018! Or browse the display and read others' memories. If you are willing to tell your story on camera, let staff know - a videographer will be filming all day.

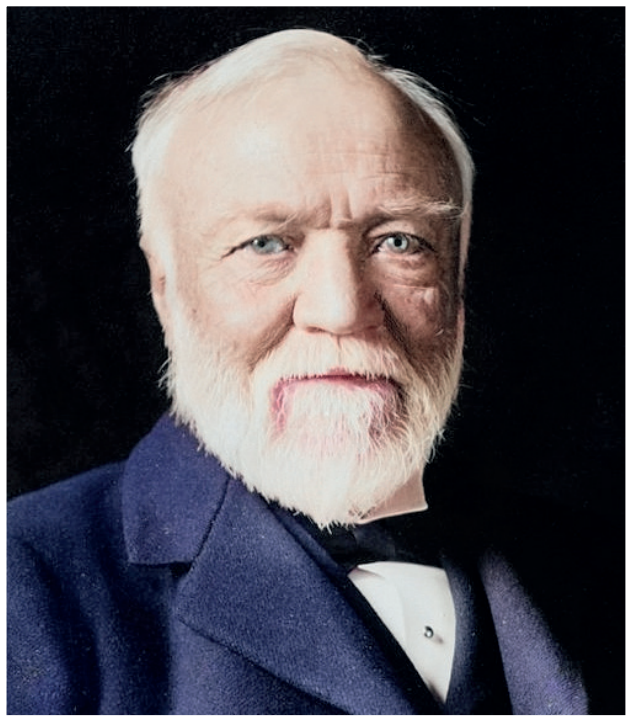
Children's Raffle, Craft Bag & Colouring Sheet

Remember to ask for your free raffle ticket when you visit on Tuesday. Prizes include exquisitely crafted festive characters - look out for them on display! There will be some take-home Christmas craft bags and a unique Carnegie colouring sheet.

Andrew Carnegie and his 'Gospel of Wealth'

Dr Mary Muldowney is Dublin City Council's Historian-in-Residence. Her presentation 'Andrew Carnegie, his Gospel of Wealth and libraries in Ireland' explores the life and work of the Scottish-American philanthropist, including the contribution he made to public library service development in Ireland. In his 'Gospel of Wealth' Carnegie called on the rich to use their resources to improve society.

40 mins plus audience Q&A. 4.30 to 5.30pm



'Carnegie, Conception and Me'

As we move towards evening with a festive drink, settle in for a short talk by Kilkenny writer Gerry Moran, with the intriguing title 'Carnegie, Conception and Me'. 6.00pm

Special Guest-Pauline McLynn at 6.30pm

If ever there were an advocate for libraries it would be Pauline McLynn—a warm, witty and familiar presence, a reader, and a writer of books for adults, and for children. Pauline's acting credits include a wide range of genres on stage, film and television. There will be an interview Q&A with Pauline at 6.30pm, followed by some audience questions. Guaranteed to be engaging and entertaining! Join us.

The library on John's Quay has played a pivotal role in Kilkenny people's lives. Adults often comment, 'I used to come here as a child' when visiting with their children. There are many intergenerational stories about this wonderful building, its staff and the service they have provided for well over 100 years. Come along on Tuesday, and be part of this Christmas at the Carnegie!