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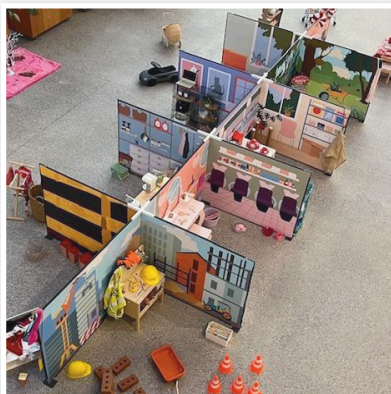
Cruinniú na nÓg

Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people takes place on June 7th this year.

Ireland is the only country in the world to have a national day celebrating young people's creativity. This year, Kilkenny County Council Library Service has organised events across our library branch network running from Tuesday June 3rd-Saturday June 7th.

We kick off the festivities on Tuesday June 3rd with an Introduction to Game Development for Teens in the Mayfair library facilitated by Cartoon Saloon's Gary Chadwick. This workshop will introduce the building blocks of game development using Scratch, a visual scripting engine. The workshop is aimed at 15-18 year olds and runs from 5.30-7.30pm.

On Wednesday June 4th, Messy Adventures: Mobile Role Play Village will create a wonderland for your young child with a miniature village complete with 10 destinations. Your child can explore a construction site, emergency Room, house, garden, post office, cafe, vets, theatre, supermarket & hairdressers. Two sessions run from 1.30-2.30 & 3-4pm Suitable for children 1-6 years. Please phone Mayfair Library or email to book your child's space.



Ferrybank Library will host a Pottery Workshop Wednesday 4th June from 4-5pm. This is suitable for children age 7-12 years and will enable your child to unleash their Inner Artist, creating their own bespoke coil pot with Firefly Pottery.



On Friday June 6th we welcome author and illustrator Alan Nolan to Loughboy Library where you can "Design Your Own Superhero" in a Storytelling & Illustration event. This runs from 4-5pm and is suitable for 8-12 years.

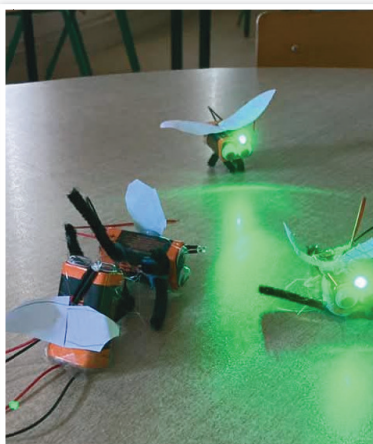
Meanwhile in Callan, on Friday June 6th, Music Generation will have your toddlers moving, rocking, clapping and playing at the "Toddler Music Workshop". Please note this event will take place in Callan Parish Hall from 11-11.45 am for age 3-5 years.

Saturday June 7th will be a day of high energy and creativity in many of our library branches.

Mayfair Library will welcome back Children's Books Ireland "Book Doctor" with the best advice for young readers. Every patient will leave the Book Clinic with a book prescription (personalised list of recommendations) to take to their local library to have filled. The clinic runs from 12-4pm. Places are limited so please book to avoid disappointment and it is suitable for children of all ages. Mayfair Library will also host Pottery Painting Workshops with The Happy Pottery and animation workshops with Fabian Erlinghauser from Cartoon Saloon.



Prepare for a buzzing good time at our Electric Bugs Science Workshops in Castletomer and Urlingford Libraries with the Nutty Scientist.



Get your beat on with Music Generation's Samba Drumming workshops in Thomastown and Graigueanagh. Delivered in a fun, accessible and progressive way, everyone will come away with new percussion skills to entertain the whole household!

All of the Programmes are free but must be booked in advance by phoning or emailing the relevant library branch and there may be age restrictions.

For more information please check out the Cruinniú na nÓg website: <https://cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/> or <https://kilkennylibrary.ie/eng/>

Cruinniú na nÓg is an initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme, in partnership with 31 local authorities and RTE. Creative Ireland invites all young people to explore something new, unlock their imagination, and be part of this unique celebration of creativity and expression.



MY LITTLE LIBRARY BAGS

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN starting primary school this September are invited to visit any Kilkenny library branch to collect a free book bag and sign up for a library membership.

The My Little Library Book Bag initiative, is a nationwide programme designed to support children as they take the important step of starting primary school. Families with children starting primary school this September can collect a free book bag for at any local library.

The My Little Library Book Bag contains carefully selected books focused on themes such as starting school, making friends, and building confidence. Each bag also includes a specially designed library card holder, a library card (if the child is not already a member), and helpful tips and information for parents and guardians to support their child's transition into primary school. The book bags are available in both English and Irish.

My Little Library Book Bag, is a collaboration between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy. This initiative is delivered in partnership with public libraries nationwide, aims to nurture a lifelong love of reading and learning among young children.

To find your nearest library and learn more, visit www.kilkennylibrary.ie or drop in to your local branch.

Cathal was delighted to collect his My Little Library Bag from Graigueanagh library this week.



FOR CHILDREN
STARTING SCHOOL IN
SEPT 2025

There's a Little Library Bag for every child!

Pick up their **FREE** Little Library Book Bag at your local library

