

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE

SUMMER READS



Now is a great time to start planning some time to yourself—a great opportunity to catch up on some reading and relaxation. Book buying continued behind closed doors during lockdown so there are lots of new fiction titles available in our libraries. You can 'Book and Browse' at the following Kilkenny Library branches at present: City, Loughboy, Castlecomer, Ferrybank and Graiguenamanagh. Just ring or email the relevant branch or book online www.kilkennylibrary.ie to reserve a time slot and get your reading sorted!

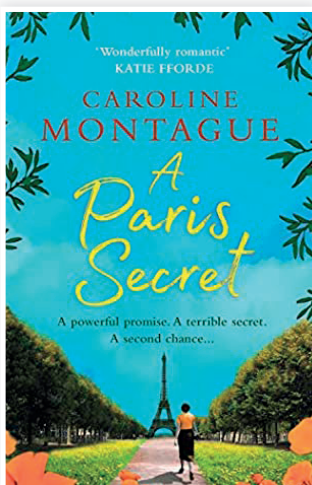
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Now that the online reserve system is back in action you can request a title immediately from home after reading that rave review! Have your library barcode and PIN details at hand when you log onto www.kilkennylibrary.ie

Read on to see what books our library staff have been enjoying this summer.....

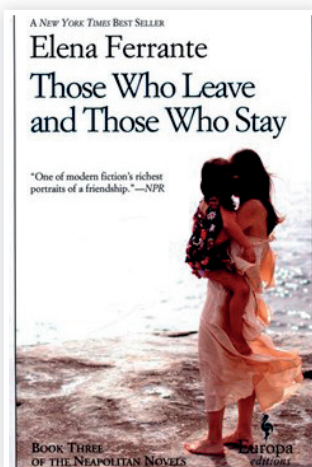
The Paris Secret by Karen Swan

Set in 1952 in Paris, this book follows a saga of love and a new post war, challenging world. Sophie Bernot follows her burning ambition to become a heart surgeon in a male dominated world. Sebastian Ogilvie is travelling for work and eventually crosses paths with Sophie. With lots of



criss-crossing storylines, this tale is guaranteed to transport you away this Summer.

Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay by Elena Ferrante



The third book in the Elena Ferrante Neapolitan series, following two great TV adaptations of books one and two. Staff couldn't recommend it highly enough!

The entire series including My Brilliant Friend (2012), The Story of a New Name (2013), Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay (2014) and The Story of the Lost Child (2015) are available to borrowers.

Pack Up Your Troubles by Cynthia Harrod-Eagles



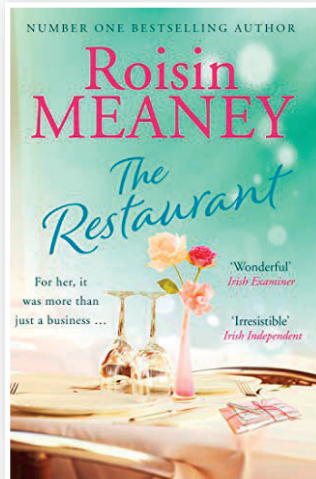
This is an insightful look at the impact of war on everyday lives. It is well written & true to period. Loved it!

The Orphan's Gift by Anne Baker



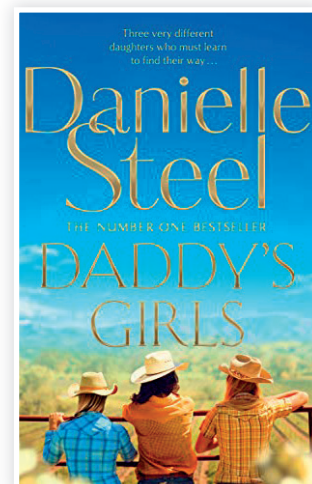
This is another of Anne Baker's very popular Merseyside sagas. A riveting tale of romance, passion, poverty and ambition. The main character, Aimee Kendrick is no stranger to heartache. Raised by her troubled grandparents, takes over the family's textile industry, employs Frankie to work on new textile designs, they become more than friends and it is impossible to know what the future holds.

The Restaurant by Roisin Meany



You can always depend on Roisin Meany to deliver a great light read! is a heartwarming book that featuring Emily, who was jilted at the altar. A few year later, she inherited her grandmother's hat business building which she developed into a Restaurant. This book centers around the regular customers who become acquainted through the restaurant. In this strange, new pandemic world of 2020, The Restaurant is a wonderful escape to an easier time!

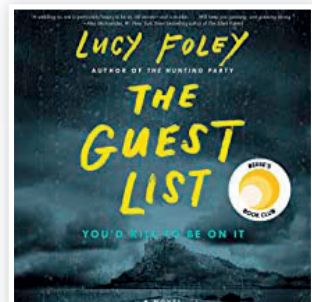
Daddy's Girls by Danielle Steele



No list of summer reads is complete without Danielle Steele. She never disappoints and Daddy's Girls lives up to her usual high standards.

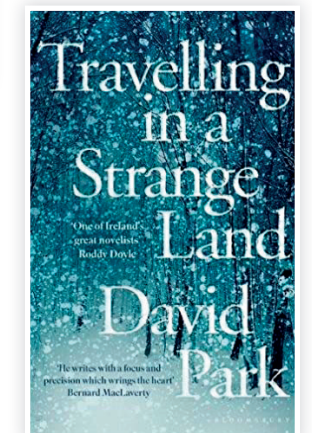
Three very different sisters are inspired by a father who has done everything he can to give them the life he never had. But when tragedy strikes, can they come together to overcome the bad times and succeed as their father's daughters?

The Guest List by Lucy Foley



Really interesting mystery based around a weekend wedding off the Irish coast....it will keep you guessing! A whodunnit at its best!

Travelling in a Strange Land by David Park

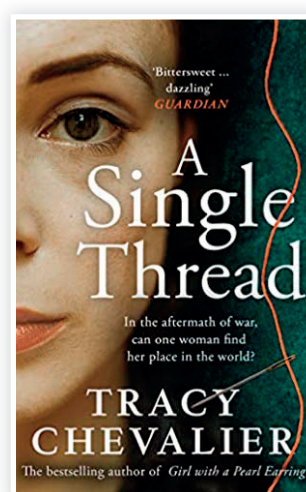


This book was recently reviewed on KCLR's Tuesday af-

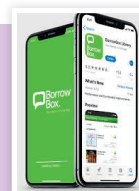
ternoon Book Club. It is a beautifully written book and only 176 pages-perfect for those who love shorter reads. It is set in a frozen winter landscape and is a wonderfully written story of a family in crisis.

A Single Thread by Tracy Chevalier

Loved this moving story of one of Britain's "surplus women's" efforts to carve out a life for herself after the suffering and devastating losses of WWI. Tracy Chevalier's descriptions of Winchester and the countryside surrounding it are just beautiful. An easy read for a Summer weekend!



Online Reads through Borrowbox



Usage of our e-books and e-audiobooks soared during the closed period by 83% and 127% respectively. According to library staff these were some of the best...

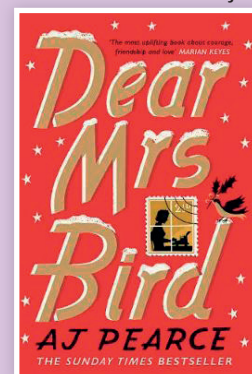
My Sister's Lies by S.D. Robertson

Parts of this story will have resonate with everyone, and the sensitivity the author gives to it is wonderful. A real tear-jerker.



Fourteen by Shannon Molloy

Never too old to be read to, staff enjoyed this is a moving coming of age, a memoir of a young gay man's search for his true identity and acceptance in an all boys' sports mad, Catholic school in Queensland.



Dear Mrs. Bird

This story was so much more than I imagined", according to our reviewer. In some ways it is a quick, light read based on the experiences of a young woman employed to assist a lady writer put together her Agony Aunt column for a weekly magazine during the London Blitz. But there was also a darker side with nightly bombing causing death and destruction and women struggling to terms coping with the changes to their lives brought on by the war.

Staff are reading even more than usual at the moment, finding the books are captivating and giving solace from the current situation.

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