SPYDUS

Bringing speed and efficiency to our library operations

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The New Library Management System

From the middle of March, this year, users of Kilkenny County Council Library Service will begin to notice some changes when they either use any of our library branches/ mobile service or our online services from home. The reason for this is that Kilkenny in partnership with other Public Libraries in Ireland is changing the system that we use to manage our resources and offer library services to our users.
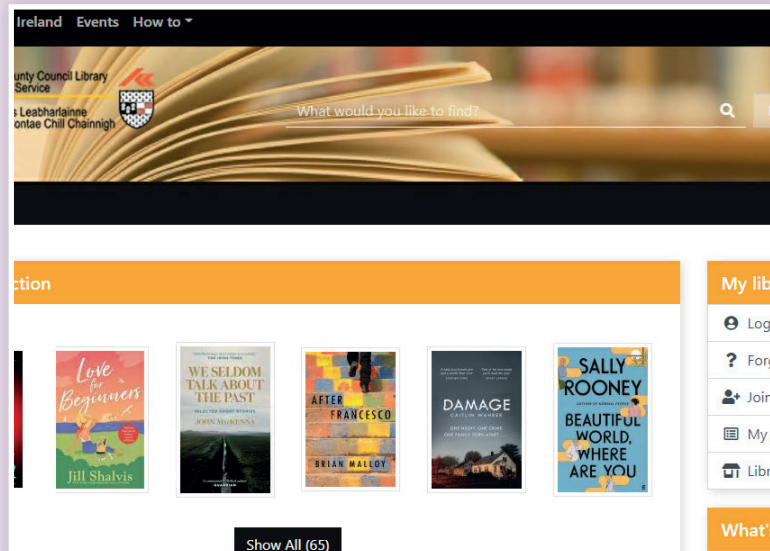

Libraries Ireland

In recent years in a major change Public Libraries in Ireland have come together to offer a national service to our users while still retaining our local identity and ethos. This grouping/consortium is known as 'Libraries Ireland'. On a practical level it allowed library users all over the country to borrow items from other Public Libraries in Ireland.

The system that allowed this to happen, and kept records of 12 million books and DVDs, CDs and many other items was known as Sierra. From mid-March, Kilkenny County Council Library Service in tandem with our sister Public Libraries will begin the move to a new library system - Spydus.

Spydus is a Web-based library and information management system. It has over 30 years of development and research behind it. It is uses in a wide range of Public, academic and other libraries in Australia, the United Kingdom and other countries.

Spydus will allow Kilkenny to offer our users a locally designed and branded experience while retaining in full the access to other libraries and their stock that our users have become accustomed to. In addition, from their homes, library members can access the accounts, edit their user information, save searches and request items and have a customised and individual experience.

Spydus will also allow the library to offer to some of our existing and popular online services like ebooks/eaudiobooks (Borrowbox) and online comics (Libby), fully integrated into the library catalogue. In addition, all books/items will display with images /book covers, when available, to aid selection. Spydus will allow the library to communicate with our users in a new variety of ways, previously unavailable.

FAQs:

29TH MARCH 2022

When is this happening?
Work has been ongoing and we go live with the new system on the 29th March 2022.

Library Card

Do I need to do anything?
Bring your library cards when you visit from 22nd March.

All of your existing borrower information is being moved automatically across into Spydus including the last three years' worth of your loan histories.

For this week only, searching and requesting books/items from home or our branches will not be available. The full range of enhanced services as outlined will be available from home on the 28th March and from our branches from the 29th March.

Do I need a new library card?
No - your current library card and barcode number will still be used when we go live with the new system. If you have lost your card please speak to a member of library staff on your next visit.

What are the benefits of the new online catalogue?
- Improved search and discovery functionality
- Better presentation and promotion of new library books, books on particular themes and subjects
- You can set up alerts and recommendations so you know when new books you are interested in are added to stock
- You can create and manage your own reading/wish lists
- An events will help us manage activities like author events and children's activities

Can I still access the library's online resources?
Yes - you will not notice any difference from the way that you currently access our eBook, eAudio and digital magazine collections.

If you have any questions, just ask our library staff