

# KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE



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## Summer Stars 2024

**W**e are delighted to announce that the **Summer Stars Reading Adventure** will run in Kilkenny Libraries from Friday 7th June to Friday 30th August. Summer Stars is a national initiative under the Right to Read Literacy Programme, and is designed to encourage children of all ages to enjoy reading for fun throughout the summer. This helps maintain reading and literacy levels throughout the break from school and reduces the 'summer slide' decline in reading habits.



So how does it work? Participants read or listen to 8 library books, eBooks, eAudiobooks or eMagazines over the summer. Each time you visit the library to return books, you can get your booklet stamped/signed by staff, and pop your name into the monthly draw box. Track your progress in your reading booklet and watch out for regular story times, and workshops in our libraries. There will be book recommendations and quizzes on our website and social media platforms. Monthly draws will be held for prizes in each branch, pick up an entry each time you visit the library.

Remember, you can visit any of our libraries to get started from June 7th! Mayfair Library, Loughboy, Graiguenamanagh, Callan, Castlecomer, Thomastown, Ferrybank and Urlingford libraries. A programme of storytimes,



workshops, recommendations, quizzes and much more will also be happening throughout the summer, so make sure to follow our social media or check out our website, [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie), for details!

### Cruinniú na nÓg

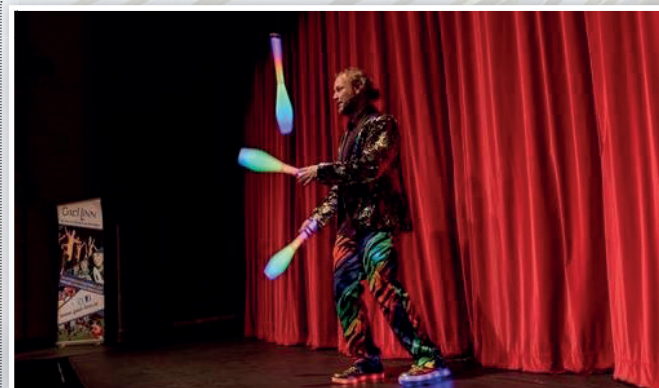


A day of free creativity for children and young people takes place in Kilkenny Libraries on Friday June 14th & Saturday June 15th.

This year the library service offers a rich and varied programme of activities which will appeal to all ages. All of the programmes are free but places must be booked in advance by contacting the relevant

library branch and there may be age restrictions.

The festival kicks off on Friday June 14th with Samba Drumming and Circus Skills workshops in Loughboy Library. On Saturday June 15th, there will be further Circus Skills Workshops in Graiguenamanagh and Thomastown libraries. Coding enthusiasts should flock to Urlingford Library



where a two hour coding workshop is being held.

Meanwhile, Ferrybank Library hosts a Toddler Music Workshop facilitated by Music Generation. Eco printing will be the flavour of the morning in Callan Library.

Our new flagship library the Mayfair will be a hive of creativity and fun with Samba Drumming & a drop in Monster Doodle for all those aspiring mini artists. Children's Books Ireland will be on

hand with their team of "doctors" to dispense invaluable advice & reading recommendations. For the teenagers there will be a Graffiti Spray Ink Workshop with each participant bringing a bespoke piece of art home with them.

Cruinniú is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programmes Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people.

### Creative Communities



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For further details & booking please contact your local library or go to:

[https://www.kilkennylibrary.ie/eng/whats\\_on/](https://www.kilkennylibrary.ie/eng/whats_on/)



## with Helena Byrne Storyteller in Residence

### Summer Stars

### Summer Stars Launch Events Freaky Fairytale Storytime

**Friday 7th June**  
Graig Library 4pm  
Loughboy Library 6pm

**Saturday 8th June**  
Urlingford Library 10.30am  
Castlecomer Library 12.30pm

**Thursday 13th June**  
Thomastown Library 4pm  
Mayfair Library 6pm

**Friday 14th June**  
Ferrybank 4pm

Suitable for  
children aged  
5 years plus

Booking required contact your local branch.  
Check out [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie) for more details.



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