

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE



At the **HEART** of your community



The village pump was once the focal point of communities throughout Ireland. As well as being a necessity, the source of water for an area, it was also a place where people in the community came to meet, chat and share the news of the day.

The Village pump in St. Patrick's Parish stands as a reminder of this. Located in the same spot for more than a century, the pump was erected in 1850, removed in 1961 and finally returned and restored by the local community in 1986. It now stands as a symbol of communities past and present.

As the poem The Village Pump states:

“Beside Kenny’s Pub the old village pump stood for a century or more.
A Landmark is history a place of renown and part of the ancient folklore.
T’was the gathering place for all of the clans,
for the young and the old they would meet”
(The Village Pump by Liam O’Neill)

The significance of the pump is no longer the same in our day to day lives. As the events of the last two years have shown us, however, we are all still in need of places to gather within the community - probably now more than ever! The library is one of those places, a focus for the community and a place that tells the story of a community.



information and recreation for all. Many group activities are

If you need somewhere to study, a quiet place with free wi-fi, there are study spaces available here also.

The libraries in your community also tell lots of local stories. Here in Loughboy library, we have a comprehensive reference section, with lots of great information about the local area. Read about



As well as providing books, DVDs, audio books and CDs to borrow, Loughboy library has a range of other services such as computers for use, printing, photocopying and scanning services as well as free wi-fi for library members. The daily newspapers are also available to read as well as the weekly *Kilkenny People*.

The library is also a hub for community learning with education,

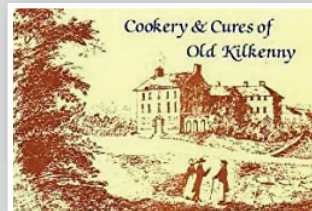
coming back to the library after a long absence. These include an Irish conversation circle - Ciorcal Comhrá, a creative writing group, a knitting group and a book club. All are welcome to join up - just contact the library for details!

Watch out also for news of other events in the future, including regular storytime and craft sessions for children.



Sets of books are available for adult book clubs, with collections of some very popular titles - such as “Where the Crawdads Sing”, “Leonard and Hungry Paul”, etc. Take the work out of choosing a title for your next book club meeting and see our brochure in the library!

the history of Kilkenny, its place names, families, cookery and cures of old Kilkenny and lots of other interesting topics.

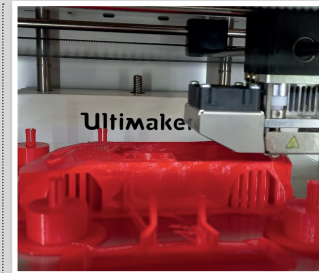


The library also has CDs and DVDs on local artisans as well as local traditions. A selection of CDs from the Irish Life and Lore Series (Kilkenny Collection) is available. This is an oral history archive, developed to enhance our understanding of the past and to record life and social histories for the benefit of future generations.

Through the Decade of Centenaries Project, there are a number of special publications in the library - one on the night 43 prisoners escaped from Kilkenny jail and another covering the internment



of men from Kilkenny in Ballykinlar, Co Down.



Not forgetting the online services available - with library membership, it is possible to ac-

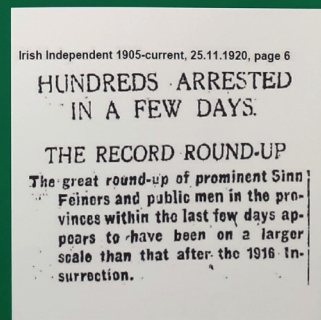
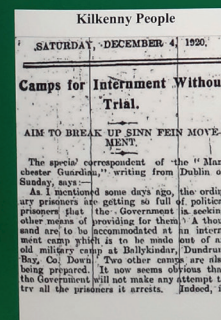
Kilkenny Men Interned in Ballykinlar, Co. Down. 1920-21



View of Sentry Tower and Huts in Ballykinlar 1921. Courtesy Kilmainham Gaol Library and Museum.

Kilkenny People

Irish Independent



Other services include the Magic Table - this is a table onto which games are projected and is primarily designed for people living with dementia but can also be used by people with autism and learning difficulties. You should contact Loughboy library if you are interested in finding out more about this service and if you want to book a session to use the table.

Similarly, 3D printing has been installed in Loughboy library - contact us to find out more about this unique service.

cess free e-books, e-audiobooks, music, newspapers, as well as online learning - language programmes and a broad range of courses through Universal Class. All available with your library membership card!



Remember - library membership is free to everyone. Just call in to Loughboy library and sign up today and unlock a treasure trove at your fingertips.

Loughboy library - at the heart of your community!



Kilkenny Library Book Club Sets

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