

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE



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HOW KILKENNY LIBRARIES ARE SUPPORTING BACK-TO-SCHOOL



There's a Little Library Bag for every child starting school in 2026!

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



As the Summer Stars Reading Adventure draws to a close, thoughts are beginning to turn towards the new school year. For some parents and children, it's a welcome return to routine; for others, it can be a source of anxiety and uncertainty. Whatever stage your child is at, Kilkenny County Council Library Service is here to support them every step of the way, from their first day of pre-school right through to graduation.

Children starting primary school this September can still pick up a My Little Library Bag from their local library branch. This wonderful initia-

tive includes two free picture books to encourage bedtime reading and help foster a lifelong love of books and stories.

If your child is feeling nervous about starting school, we have a wide selection of picture books that explore themes such as beginning school and making friends. Reading these stories together can be a great way to ease worries and create a positive outlook on this exciting milestone.

For children who are beginning to read independently, our collection of early readers can help build confidence and enjoyment. Popular series include the excellent Songbirds books by Julia Donaldson, as well as Jolly Phonics and Red Squirrel Readers. While independent reading is an important achievement, it is equally important that parents continue reading aloud to their children, helping to develop vocabulary, comprehension and a love of storytelling.

Not every child is drawn to traditional storybooks. Graphic novels continue to grow in popularity and can be an excellent choice for reluctant readers. For children who prefer facts over fiction, our non-fiction collection is packed with fascinating books to satisfy every curious mind.

For children with dyslexia, we stock titles from Barrington Stoke, whose high-interest, low-reading-level books are designed to appeal to older children whose reading ability may not match their age. Printed in dyslexia-friendly fonts and for-

though my mind was in turmoil, I'd remembered to take my cloak from its place at the end of the wardrobe. I'd given Puck a perfunctory stroke and was



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mat, these books help children enjoy age-appropriate stories without feeling they are reading books intended for much younger readers. Families may also wish to explore our eBook collection through the BorrowBox app, which includes dyslexia-friendly accessibility settings.

We cater for teachers too. By signing up for a Teacher's Card, educators can borrow larger quantities of books for an extended period. Whatever the topic being explored in the classroom, we can help support the curriculum with suitable resources, from Infant Classes right through to Sixth Class. We also offer class reader sets, with up to 30 copies available for many titles from First Class upwards. These are always in high demand, so contact your local branch early to reserve a set.

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The library offers much more than books. Our sensory toy collection helps support motor skills, communication and play for children with additional needs, providing valuable resources for families and educators alike.

For secondary school students, the library provides quiet study spaces and printing facilities for projects and assignments. Our online access to the

Irish Newspapers Archives can prove invaluable for students undertaking research for their History Project for the Leaving Cert.

For more information on any of our services, visit your local library branch or explore our website at www.kilkennylibrary.ie. Remember, library membership is free and joining is as easy as ABC.



★ YOU DID IT! ★

Your Summer Stars medal and certificate are waiting for you!

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Call into the library today!

