

# KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE



Kilkenny County Council  
Library Service



## Kilkenny Libraries Invite You to 'TAKE A CLOSER LOOK' THIS SEPTEMBER

**L**ibraries across Kilkenny are preparing to celebrate **National Public Libraries Open Day** on **Saturday, 27 September**, with a vibrant programme of events designed to showcase the modern, inclusive, and community-focused services they offer. This year's theme, **"Take a Closer Look,"** invites everyone to rediscover their local library as a space for learning, creativity, and connection.

**Thomastown Library** will host a **Family Friendly Story and Craft Session** from 11:30am to 12:30pm. This relaxed, drop-in event invites children and families to enjoy stories and creative activities together—no booking required.

**Callan and Urlingford Libraries** will offer a relaxed, family-friendly environment with **crafts, LEGO, and board games**.

In **Ferrybank Library**, the focus is on community heritage. A **coffee morning** from **11am to 12:30pm** will invite locals to share stories and memories of South Kilkenny's past. Visitors can also explore the **Irish Newspaper Archive**, available free in-branch with a library card.

### More Than Just Books

National Public Libraries Open Day is about more than events, it's a chance to rediscover what your local library can offer. From free access to eBooks, audiobooks, and online learning platforms to creative spaces, printing services, and inclusive programming for neurodiverse users, libraries are evolving to meet the needs of modern communities.

**"Libraries today are vibrant, welcoming spaces where people of all ages can learn, connect, and feel part of something bigger. We're proud to be part of this national celebration and invite everyone to take a closer look at what we do."**

County Librarian  
Josephine Coyne.

## Kilkenny Libraries Champion Sustainability During Ireland's SDG Week



**K**ilkenny County Council Library Service is proud to take part in Ireland's fourth Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week, running from **19th to 28th September 2025**. SDG Week highlights the shared responsibility we all have in building a more sustainable future.

To mark the occasion, we will host a series of **workshops across our branch network**. Designed to inspire and empower library members to adopt more sustainable lifestyles, these events will explore practical ways to live more sustainably.

The vital role of hedgerows in our environment is explored through two engaging talks hosted by **Hedgerows Ireland**.

On Thursday, 25th September, Katie from Hedgerows Ireland will lead informative sessions in two library branches:

- **Graiguenamanagh Library:** 11:00am - 12:30pm
- **Thomastown Library:** 2:00pm - 3:30pm

These free events will highlight the ecological and cultural importance of Ireland's hedgerows, offering practical advice on how to plant and manage them in gardens, farms, and community green spaces. Attendees will also be encouraged to reflect on opportunities to enhance hedgerow health in their own local areas.

### Cleaner, Greener Living

Join **Aoife Munn** for two hands-on workshops focused on creating a **Cleaner, Greener Home and Garden**.

These engaging sessions will explore sustainable cleaning solutions, with

attendees invited to make and test eco-friendly products during the workshop. Participants who bring clean containers can take home samples of the products they create.

Workshops will take place on **Thursday, 25th September** at the following



locations:

- **Loughboy Library:** 10:00am - 11:00am  
**Booking essential**
- **Mayfair Library:** 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
**Booking essential**

Spaces are limited, so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment.

**Ferrybank Library** will host a special craft workshop for children aged **8 to 12** on **Friday, 26th September**, from **3:15pm to 4:15pm**.

The session will focus on creating fun and imaginative crafts using **eco-friendly and recycled materials**. Children will learn the basics of sustainable crafting and discover creative ways to reuse everyday items. Booking is required for this event.

On **Friday September 26th**, **Urlingford Library** will host a soap-making workshop for **adults at 11:00am**. Participants will learn how to create their own eco soap or shampoo bars, using natural ingredients in a fun and practical session that promotes sustainable alternatives to everyday products.

**Callan Library** will run a **children's soap-making workshop** at 3:30pm, specially designed for ages **8 to 12**. Young participants will enjoy crafting their own eco-friendly soap bars while learning about sustainability and the importance of reducing waste.

Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended.

**Weaving Sustainability: Children's Craft Workshop at Graiguenamanagh Library**



**Graiguenamanagh Library** will host a creative weaving craft workshop for children aged **9 to 12** on **Wednesday, 24th September**, from **2:45pm to 3:45pm**.

The session will use donated wool from Cushendale Woollen Mills and teach children how to make their own cardboard looms and weave colourful wool coasters. The workshop introduces the basics of weaving and encourages sustainable crafting using recycled and locally sourced materials.

Booking is required for this event.

**Booking is required for many of these events**, and places are limited. To reserve a spot, please contact the relevant library directly.

### KILKENNY LIBRARY BRANCHES CONTACT DETAILS

**CALLAN LIBRARY**  
056 7794183  
callan@kilkennylibrary.ie

**CASTLECOMER LIBRARY**  
056 4440561  
castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie

**FERRYBANK LIBRARY**  
051 897200  
ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie

**GRAIGUENAMANAGH LIBRARY**  
056 7794178  
Graiguenamanagh@kilkennylibrary.ie

**LOUGHBOY LIBRARY**  
056 7794176  
loughboy@kilkennylibrary.ie

**MAYFAIR LIBRARY**  
056 7794174  
mayfair@kilkennylibrary.ie

**THOMASTOWN LIBRARY**  
056 7794331  
thomastown@kilkennylibrary.ie

**URLINGFORD LIBRARY**  
056 7794182  
urlingford@kilkennylibrary.ie

THERE'S  
LOADS  
FOR YOU  
AT THE  
LIBRARY.  
SEE FOR  
YOURSELF.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES OPEN DAY.  
SATURDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025.

From straw crafting and seed saving to silent reading, Kilkenny's libraries are offering something for everyone—whether you're a seasoned library member or visiting for the first time.

### A County-Wide Celebration

In **Mayfair Library**, readers can enjoy the calming atmosphere of a **Silent Book Club** from **11am to 12:30pm**. There's no as-

signed reading—just bring your favourite book and enjoy quiet time with fellow bookworms. The event marks the launch of a new monthly series running through the winter.

**Castlecomer Library** will host a unique **Crafting with Cornflowers** mandala workshop with eco-artist Edel Ní Nualláin at **11am**. Participants will learn about the endangered native cornflower and its revival, while creating beautiful eco-art inspired by nature. Booking is required.

Over in **Graiguenamanagh**, Monica Fleming returns for a **Seed Saving Workshop** from **10am to 12pm**, where she'll share practical tips on harvesting and storing seeds for your garden. Spaces are limited to 15, so early booking is advised.

Silent  
BOOK CLUB

B S C

Mayfair