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CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT KILKENNY LIBRARY SERVICE



Merry Christmas from Kilkenny Library Service

Christmas is just around the corner and we are getting in the festive spirit at Kilkenny County Library service.

"When I discovered libraries it was like having Christmas everyday" - Jean Fritz (American Children's author)

A little book history!

· Gifting a book to loved ones at Christmas time is a tradition in many countries and in Iceland is known as Jolabokaflod or book flood - the gift of giving books on Christmas eve. In war times, most notably the World War II era, supplies were severely restricted and paper was a commodity that was most readily available, so the act of gifting a book for Christmas was carried out during this period in history.



· The tradition of gifting books at Christmas time is still very much in practice today. Of course, at your local library you will find a vast selection of books and materials to choose from in the run-up to and during the festive season. So why not sign up for a free library membership and avail of the gift of borrowing books at your leisure and for the holiday season.



ly feuds, heart break and a Christmas wish. A good read for the season that's in it!

The *Shite Before Christmas* by Serena Terry: This is definitely a book that all busy mothers can relate to in the run up to Christmas day. It's a light-hearted read describing the incessant rushing and endless tasks for mothers - from undertaking the arduous Christmas grocery shopping, to the annual house declutter and how the rest of the family seem oblivious to the tasks at hand. An enjoyable, funny read!



· The twelve Topsy-Turvy, Very Messy Days of Christmas by James Patterson & Tad Safran



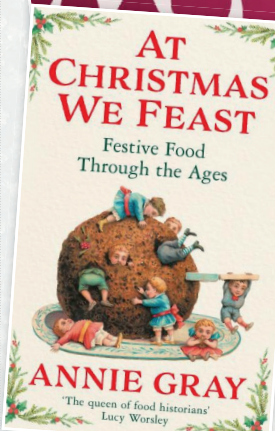
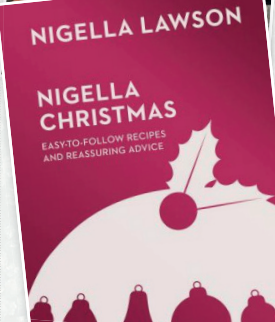
A heart-warming story about a family who have all but cancelled Christmas at their abode, until one year a series of uninvited house guests mysteriously turn up over a 12-day period. A catalyst for change? Pick your copy up to find out!

Get in the festive spirit with a little Christmas Music on Freegal

Kilkenny Libraries have a range of online resources available to all including Freegal - the free music app. Access this great service for FREE and listen to some well-known Christmas songs throughout the festive season!



Christmas Recipe books Fancy yourself as Nevan Maguire or Nigella Lawson this Christmas? Looking to impress your loved ones with your culinary skills? Well don't worry we've got you covered here at Kilkenny library service. Visit us and select from a great range of Christmas Cook Books.



Christmas Events at your library

Castlecomer Library:

Wednesday 14th December 3.30pm **Christmas Storytime with Mrs. Claus** for all the family to enjoy. Contact Castlecomer library on 056 7794461 to book in

Weekly Christmas Craft & Storytime throughout December on Tuesdays at 12.15pm

Thursday 15th December at 10am-12pm **Christmas Customer Morning** - Join us for a cuppa and a festive mince pie. All are welcome!

Urlingford Library:

Friday 16th December 11am **Christmas Storytime with Mrs. Claus** Contact Urlingford library

on 056 7794182 to book in

City Library:

Storytime for children, 11.30th Thursday 29th December

Loughboy Library:

Come along Friday mornings at 10am for **children's storytime and magic table fun!**

Ferrybank Library

Weekly board game evenings throughout December on Wednesdays from 5pm-6.30pm for all the family to enjoy

Graigenamanagh library

Tuesday 20th December 6.30pm **Christmas Storytime with Mrs. Claus** for all the family! Contact Graigenamanagh library on 056 7794178 to book in

Friday 23rd December

10.30am-12pm **Christmas Customer Morning** for all borrowers with mince pies and chat along with some lovely Carol singing

Thomastown:

Storytime & crafts, Saturday mornings at 11.30am

Weekly Christmas Craft & Storytime throughout December on Saturdays at 11.30am

Christmas fun Thursday 22nd at 10am - Come and join Laura from Firefly entertainments for an amazing festive treat of magic, games, dancing, stories & balloon modelling. This event will take place in Thomastown Community Centre.

For further details on what's going on in your local library visit our website www.kilkennylibrary.ie and check out our **What's on section,** and remember to follow **@kilkennylibrary** on social media!

Also keep an eye out for our **monthly newsletter** in your email inboxes or pick up a copy at your local library.

