KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL Kilkenny County Council Library 28 Seirbhís Leabharlainne LIBRARY SERVICE Chomhairle Contae Chill Chainnigh IRELAND READS A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF READING



hroughout **February and** especially on **Ireland Reads Day, February**

22nd, we're calling on people across Ireland to get lost in a good book. The campaign aims to celebrate reading and all the benefits it can have for wellbeing and enjoyment.

We invite you to discover the joy of Communal Reading at the Silent Book Club. which will take place in Mayfair Library on Saturday 22nd February. Executive Librarian Sophie Walsh says "This will be a "novel" opportunity to enjoy some quiet dedicated reading time with fellow book lovers. No assigned books, no pressure– just bring your favourite read!" Our morning session will be for adults only and the afternoon session is for families. (Booking required, contact the Mayfair Library on 056 7794174/mayfair@ kilkennylibrary.ie)

Thomastown Library will host a special Ireland Reads Poetry Workshop with author Lizzy Shortall on Thursday February 20th from 11am-12pm for 9-11 year olds and a special Storytime & Craft on Saturday 22nd. (Booking required, contact Thomastown Library on 056 7794331/ thomastown@kilkennylibrary.ie)

In Castlecomer Library, our younger members will be given an opportunity to explore our comic and graphic book collec-tions and you can also try your hand at creating your own comic book at our "Comic book creation station" throughout the morning on 22nd of February.



As part of Ireland Reads, Kilkenny County Council Library Service are hosting an online event aimed at Junior Cycle Secondary Students throughout the County. We will have Peadar O'Guilín author of "The Call" (now a prescribed Junior Cert text) on hand to talk about his novel. Teachers can email Aideen.mcdonald@kilkennycoco.ie to register for their class for this online event. Image 5 the call

Read 25 in'25

We are launching our Read 25 in 25 challenge on February 4th which, as the name suggests challenges our readers (over 16) and adults, to read 25 books of any genre or format (e.g., print,



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e-books, audiobooks) by December 31, 2025, borrowed on your library card. You can pick up a reading log at any of our Kilken-ny branches. We will help you to keep your reading resolutions for 2025 on track. Image 6 Read 25

Ireland Reads is an initiative of the Government of Ireland to celebrate the joy of reading.

For more information please contact Sophie Walsh @ Sophie. walsh@kilkennycoco.ie



UPCOMING EVENTS LIGHT-UP VALENTINE'S DAY CARD FEB WORKSHOP

> Thomastown Library, 2.30–3.30pm. Suitable for ages 6+. Booking is required.

FEB 18

NATURAL SKINCARE AND HERBAL **REMEDIES WORKSHOP**

Graig Library, 10.30am–1.00pm. Workshop with Anne Molloy of Lavender Lodge. Booking is required.

FEB 19

REPAIR CAFÉ

Mayfair Library, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Get help mending your garment. Booking is required.

FEB

IRELAND READS ART WORKSHOP

Castlecomer Library, 11.00am-12.30pm. Make your own embroidered Spring bookmark. Suitable for ages 8+. Booking is required.

FEB 25

ENERGY ADVICE CLINIC

Loughboy Library, 10.30am-12.30pm. One-onone sessions with an energy expert. Booking is required.

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