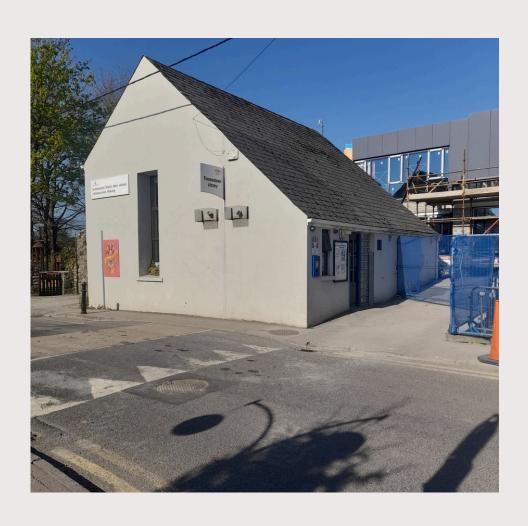
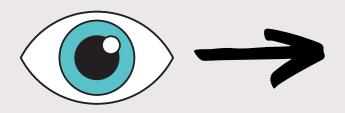
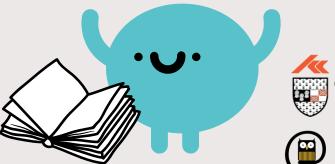
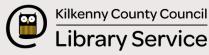
# a visit to Thomastown library





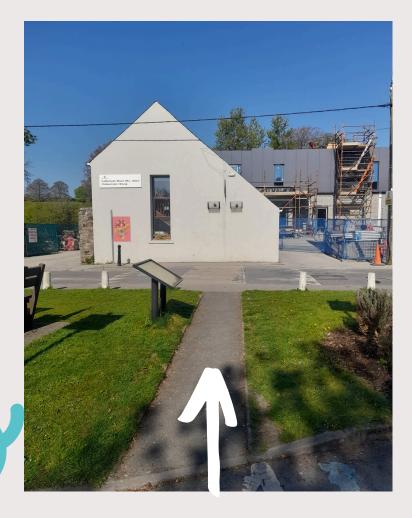






## If you are coming by car, you can park across the road in the free car park.





There is pedestrian crossing to help you get safely from the car park to the library.

You are very welcome.

Please come in.

There are many things you can do in the library.

You can find out about some of them here on the notice board.

This is the entrance.



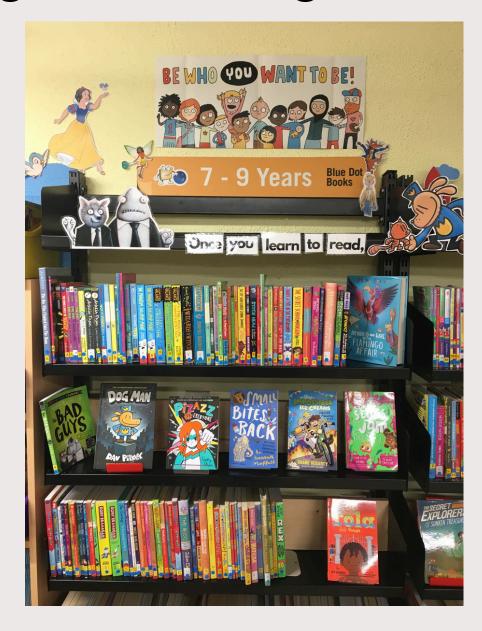
## Inside there is a special childrens area with lots of books for you to look at and choose.





You can sit and look at books here.

## There are lots of different books for children of all ages and reading levels.





You can choose your own book to take home with you if you are a member.





You can bring them to the desk or check them out yourself at the self-service machine.

It is important that I try to follow the <u>rules</u> when I am in the library.

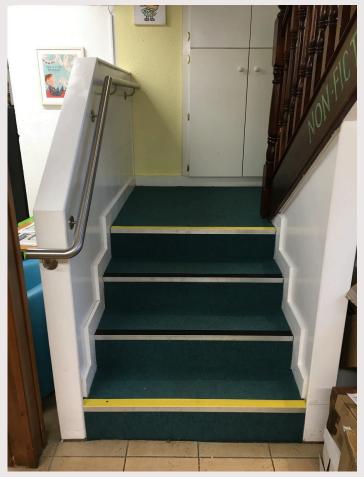
- Try to speak quietly.
- Don't tear or write on the library books.
- Tidy away any books and toys you have used.
- Enjoy your time at the library.

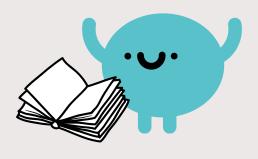
There are some stairs in the library with hand rails

if you need them.

Upstairs there is lots of space and it is where the storytime and craft takes place.

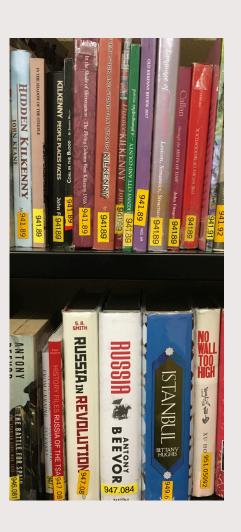






# Upstairs there are lots of other books to look at on subjects like travel, history, cooking and art.









## A lot of people use the library and sometimes it can be noisy.

There are some spaces I can sit quietly upstairs and downstairs.

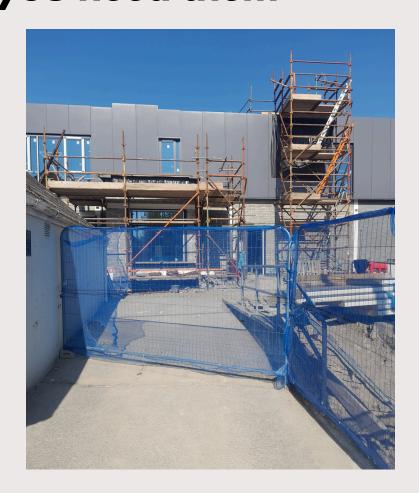




Our new library is being build behind us.

There may be some construction noise sometimes.

We have ear defenders and Lulls headphones for white noise and relaxing music at the library desk if you need them







## There are lots of other things to do in the library. If I ask, I can play with lego or some board games.





### I know I am always welcome at the library.

It is a safe and friendly place.

It is at

Marsh's Street, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny R95 HP26.

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### **Sensory Library**

We aim to provide an accessible library service for everyone in our local community. This charter helps us to be mindful of how we can promote autism awareness and autism acceptance in our libraries and wider communities.

### **Sensory Environment**

Sensory boxes are available to use in each of our 8 library branches and mobile library which include a number of small calming toys.

Ear defenders are available for people with sound sensitivities to use whilst visiting the branches to improve their sensory experience. We also have sound reducing defenders and Lulls, which have white noise and relaxing music pre-loaded for listening.

The library has a range of autism-friendly services and resources.

- Social Story/visual stories planning your visit to the library
- Toy and sensory resource collection
- Sensory Book stock
- Reader Pens

### Visiting the library

At your local library, we have a sensory box available. It contains small calming toys to use during your visit to help make the sensory experience better for your child.

Ear defenders are also available for children with sound sensitivities. Your library also has Lulls which have white noise and relaxing music pre-loaded for listening. Ask any staff member for these during your visit.

### Toy and sensory resource collection

These toys and sensory resources have been carefully selected to help with the development of your child's



- Gross motor skills
- fine motor skills
- play & life skills
- sensory and tactile

We have two collections, one in Ferrybank Library and one in our Library Headquarters at John's Green's House. You can request items through your local library.

### **Sensory Book stock**

This book collection is a specialised autism collection for parents, children, teachers and carers. The books are available to Kilkenny Library members and you can request them from your local Kilkenny library branch. The collection has over 300 titles to choose from.

#### **Reader Pens**

Reader Pens read words and full lines of text aloud for independent reading. These digital highlighters can be helpful if you have dyslexia, difficulty with reading or pronunciation, are an English language learner or have vision problems. The Reader pen reads text out with a natural speaking voice. They have built-in dictionaries so you can access definitions as you read for better understanding. They can be borrowed, by any library member, for a three-week loan period.

