

British Newspaper Archive digital access now available

The British
NEWSPAPER Archive



Members of Kilkenny County Council Library Service can now search and view the British Newspaper Archive. This digital archive provides access to searchable digitised British and Irish newspapers dating back as far as the 18th century.

The British Newspaper Archive allows users to explore millions of digitised newspaper pages from Ireland, Britain, and beyond. The archive can be accessed on library computers in our Local Studies Department and in Mayfair and Thomastown library branches. Through the archive, users can search articles by name, place, or topic, uncovering stories ranging from major historical events to everyday life in days gone by.

Free access to the British Newspaper Archive will be particularly valuable for family historians and anyone interested in genealogy. The archive opens a window into the past where users can trace family histories and discover local connections. The digital archive allows users to search for birth and marriage notices and to trace ancestors through obituaries, court reports, and passenger lists.

Local historians and students can access the archive to research events in their local community. Students can explore a vast collection of primary source documents, including census reports, crime records, and historical events, making it a valuable tool for academic assignments.

Introductory talks on using the British Newspaper Archive

Join us at Mayfair and Thomastown Libraries this July as Local Studies library staff will host introductory talks to showcase the archive and show you how to search effectively. These sessions will take place at the Mayfair Library on Tuesday, the 7th of July at 3pm and in Thomastown Library on Wednesday, the 8th of July at 6pm. To book your place, please ring Mayfair Library on 056 7794174 or Thomastown Library at 056 7794331.



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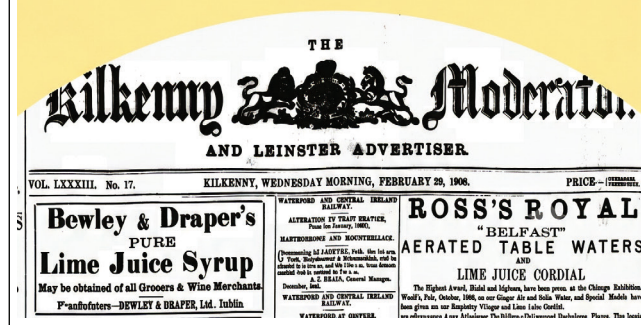
Explore the Past with The British Newspaper Archive

Join the Kilkenny Library Local Studies team for a hands-on workshop exploring the British Newspaper Archive.

Discover how to access and navigate historical newspapers online, uncover local stories, and trace family histories.

Mayfair Library - Tues. 7th July at 3pm
Thomastown Library - Wed. 8th July at 6pm

To book contact:
Mayfair@kilkennylibrary.ie / 056 7794174
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The initiative forms part of Kilkenny County Council Library Service's ongoing commitment to expand our digital resources and improve access to historical materials for local

communities. The launch highlights the growing role of digital resources in public libraries, bringing the past within easy reach of today's readers.

An appointment to access the British Newspaper Archive can be booked by contacting:

Local Studies - Johns Green by phone or email: 056 7794160 / lstudies@kilkenny-coco.ie

Mayfair Library by phone or email: 056 7794174 / mayfair@kilkennylibrary.ie

Thomastown Library by phone or email: 056 7794331 / thomastown@kilkennylibrary.ie



My Little Library Bag

Little Library Tour:
Join us for a fun and welcoming introduction to the library, with regular guided library tours for families with children starting junior infants this September.

Castlecomer Wednesday: 15th July
Time: 10.30am

Graiguenamanagh Saturday: 11th July
Time: 10.30am

Loughboy Friday: 17th July
Time: 11am

Mayfair Saturday: 25th July
Time: 11am

Thomastown Saturday: 25th July
Time: 11am

Uringford Tuesday 14th July
Time: 6.30pm

Children starting school this September can sign up for a FREE library card and take home a free 'My Little Library bag' to start their reading adventure.

Join here and collect your card at the library.

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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.

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So much excitement as our youngest readers collect their My Little Library Bags!

