

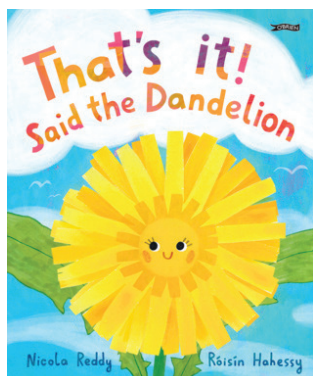
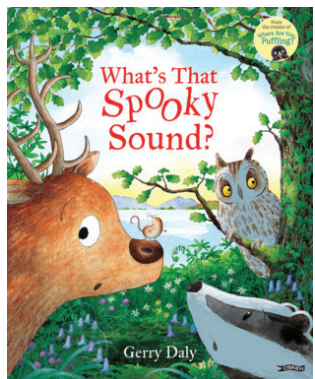
Summer Stars Reading Adventure

The Summer Stars reading adventure began in early June and many young readers have already joined their local library, picked up their reading cards and are on their way. If you haven't signed up yet, there is still plenty of time - you have until the end of August to visit your local library, read books and join in fun events.



Older children and teens can dive into exciting reads such as *Small Magics* by Alex Dunne and *A Small Matter of Impending Catastrophe* by Derek Landy or return to the trusted favourites such as the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series by Jeff Kinney

There is a fantastic range of new children's books on our shelves, so there is something for everyone. Younger children will love picture books like *What's that Spooky Sound?* by Gerry Daly and *That's it! Said the Dandelion* by Niola Reddy, while early readers can enjoy *Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder* by Dav Pilkey.



The Summer Stars programme makes reading fun and rewarding:

- ◆ Set your own reading goals
- ◆ Collect rewards along the way
- ◆ Visit your local library throughout the summer

Reading over the holidays helps maintain literacy skills, boosts imagination, and builds a lifelong love of books.

Best of all? **It's completely FREE!**

Joining the library costs nothing and gives you access to a huge range of books opening up a world of stories.

So why not drop into your local branch today, sign up, and become part of our library community?

How it works

1. Registration for Summer Stars:

Children can sign up at any Kilkenny Library branch. Library membership is free for everyone: simply bring a parent/guardian ID and proof of address to get started.

2. Join the library online:

Families also have the option to join the library online on the website www.kilkennylibrary.ie You will receive a temporary library number, which you can bring to the library along with valid ID to complete the membership process and collect your Summer Stars Reading Booklet and join the adventure.

3. Reading Log:

Children will receive a reading log or activity booklet to track the books they read. They can also write reviews, draw pictures, and share their thoughts on their favourite stories.

4. Attend Events:

Take part in the many library events and activities happening across the county to enhance the Summer Stars experience full details and book information are available on the library website.

Makerspace at Mayfair Library

Kilkenny County Council Library Service is running an innovative Maker-in-Residence programme at Mayfair Library, from May to August 2026. Led by artist and designer Arran Quigley, the initiative aims to create a vibrant makerspace where creativity and technology meet.

The programme offers opportunities to explore areas such as 3D printing, coding and digital design, supporting both technical skills and creative expression. It is designed to welcome participants of all ages and abilities, encouraging collaboration and community learning.

The makerspace seeks to build a supportive, inclusive environment and grow a dynamic maker community in Kilkenny. The initiative is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

Further details are available at kilkennylibrary.ie.

| June Programming | | |
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| Adult Events | | |
| Thursday, June 18th | 5.30pm-7.15pm | Introduction to 3D printing |
| Tuesday, June 23rd | 10.30am - 12.15pm | 3D puppetry |
| Thursday, June 25th | 3.30pm-7.15pm - | Robot Brains 101 - Arduino workshop for beginners |
| Friday, June 26th | 10.30am -12.15pm | 3D printing for Art & Design |
| Teen Events | | |
| Monday, June 22nd | 2.30pm-4.15pm | Arduino kits for teens 13yrs+ |



There's a little Library Bag for every child starting in school in 2026!

Lots of fun things to read, enjoy and explore!



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