



# Spring into Storytime



**K**ILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL Library Service are thrilled to roll out Spring Into Storytime this April, a month dedicated to nurturing children's love of books and storytelling. This annual initiative invites young readers to explore stories in a fun, welcoming environment. Sophie Walsh, Executive Librarian at Kilkenny Libraries, says: "Spring Into Storytime gives children a wonderful opportunity to experience the magic of stories. We hope it encourages them to grow into curious learners and passionate readers."

Throughout April, library branches across the county will host free Storytime sessions for children and the adults who support them, parents, grandparents, carers, and childminders are all warmly invited. Every branch will run at least one session, with many offering a full programme tailored to preschool and primary-school children. It's a perfect chance for families to enjoy stories together, spark imagination, and share meaningful moments around books.



## Storytime Schedule

Through captivating stories, children set off on journeys that open their eyes to different cultures, feelings, and perspectives, helping them grow in empathy and understanding. Sharing these moments of reading together also creates a sense of wonder and deepens the connection between parent and child, laying the foundation for a lifelong appreciation of books and learning.

## Joining the Library



Library membership is completely free, and you'll never have to worry about late fines. Getting started is easy, adults can sign up online at [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie) and instantly receive a temporary membership number. Simply bring that number, along with photo ID and proof of ad-

dress, to your local library to unlock full membership. Once you're signed up, you can create accounts for the children in your family, giving them their very own library cards. Kids love the sense of ownership, and it's a brilliant way to introduce them to responsibility, caring for their card, looking after their books, and keeping track of when they're due back. It turns borrowing books into a fun, confidence-building adventure.

## Read, listen, watch

Your library membership also gives you full access to our fantastic online platforms, BorrowBox and Kanopy. With BorrowBox, children can enjoy a wide range of eBooks and audiobooks on a phone or tablet, perfect

for cosy storytimes or listening on the go. Kanopy adds even more magic with its dedicated Storytime section, where families can watch beautifully animated versions of muchloved children's books. Favourites include Mo Willems' *Don't Let the Pigeon... Drive the Bus!* series and Maurice Sendak's timeless classic *Where the Wild Things Are*. It's a wonderful way to bring stories to life and keep young imaginations inspired.

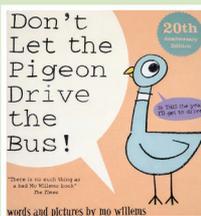


## Spring into Storytime Favourites

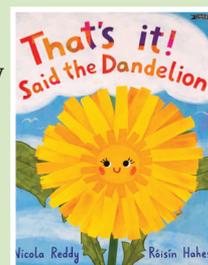
**Mimi and the Dancing Bee** by Eoin O'Brien is a sweet, uplifting story about a little girl who befriends a lively bee that loves to dance. Together, they explore the garden, learn about how bees help flowers grow, and discover the joy of moving, twirling, and being brave. It's a gentle, colourful read that introduces children to nature, friendship, and the magic of trying something new.



every trick in the book to get in that driving seat: he whines, wheedles, fibs and flatters. Will you let him drive? Told entirely in speech bubbles, this brilliantly original and funny picture book demands audience participation!



**That's It, Said the Dandelion** by Nicola Reddy and Róisín is a gentle, beautifully illustrated story that follows a tiny dandelion as it grows, changes, and eventually lets its seeds drift into the world. Through simple, poetic language, the book introduces children to the cycle of life and the idea of letting go. It's a calming, reflective read that encourages curiosity about nature and offers a lovely moment of quiet connection during storytime.



**Betsy Buglove and the Brave Butterfly** by Catherine Jacob and Lucy Fleming After a buzzy bee-saving adventure, Betsy and her best friend Stan are keeping a close eye on their insect friends ... and it's not long before the butterflies need their help. Oh no! With the help of Betsy's magic magnifying glass, can they rescue their fluttering friends?



**Don't Let the Pigeon Drive!** When a bus driver takes a break in *Mo Willems* hilarious Caldecott Honor-winning picture book, he gives the reader just one instruction: "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!" But, boy, that pigeon tries

**We're Going on a Bear Hunt** the *Michael Rosen* classic children's book full of rhythm and adventure. It follows a family as they explore different landscapes together. The repeating phrases make it fun to read aloud and easy for kids to join in.



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	Scan the QR code for more events!
	<b>Craftsmen</b> Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm   Castlecomer Library Enjoy an afternoon of crafting Galore with various crafting material left out for all the family to enjoy.
	<b>Comic Club</b> Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 11am   Graigenamanagh Library Over the Easter Break we will be chatting, drawing and making some comic books! Booking Required. Ages 6+
	<b>Toddler Storytime &amp; Play</b> Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> April 11am   Mayfair Library Enjoy stories read by staff, and explore a selection of toys. No booking required.
	<b>Storytime &amp; Craft</b> Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm   Castlecomer Library Enjoy stories read by staff, and a fun craft activity. No booking required.
	<b>Zumbini for Parents and Toddlers</b> Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April   10:30am Mayfair Library   0-4yrs Tap your toes, sing-along and get lost in the rhythm of dance in a one off Zumbini class. Booking Required!
	<b>Magical Adventure Storytelling</b> Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April   3-7yrs 11am   Mayfair Library Magical adventure with silly storytelling and some fun along the way! Booking Required.
	<b>Storytime with the Magic Table</b> Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> April 10 - 10:30am   Loughboy Library Join us for story time and fun with the wonderful magic table. No booking required.
	<b>Storytime &amp; Craft</b> Saturday, 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> April 11am   Graigenamanagh Library Enjoy stories read by staff, and a fun craft activity. No booking required.
	<b>Audrey Dowling Workshop</b> Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 11am   Graigenamanagh A workshop with Audrey Dowling about all things illustration.
	<b>Storytelling</b> Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> April 11am   Loughboy Library   4-7yrs Join us for story time especially for children aged 4-7 years. No booking required.
	<b>Toddler Storytime</b> Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 11am   Ferrybank Library   18m+ Join us for a joyful spring-themed storytime designed for curious toddlers. No booking required.
	<b>World Earth Day Storytime</b> Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 4pm   Ferrybank Library   5yrs+ An Earth-themed storytime with a hands-on "plant a seed" activity. No booking required.
	<b>Bedtime Storytime</b> Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April 7pm   Ferrybank Library   3yrs+ A cosy, calming evening storytime, come dress in your pyjamas. No booking required.
	<b>Bedtime Storytime</b> Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 6:30pm   Castlecomer Library A cosy, calming evening storytime, come dressed in your pyjamas. No booking required.