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CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL
MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Welcome!

Welcome to Meath Libraries Children's Book Festival 2021! We've put together a great programme for this year's festival both as live zoom and pre-recorded events which you can watch at a time that suits. Full information on events and bookings is on our Children's Book Festival Page 2021 on this link.

www.meath.ie/council/childrens-book-festival-2021

Highlights

Fancy a scare with author Úna Woods with her spooky Dublin vampire stories? Be entertained by Michael Moylan (from Irish History Live), meet Fiona Sherlock, our current Meath Libraries Writer in Residence for workshops on encouraging storytelling, Irish language author Sadhbh Devlin also joins us we'll have well-known storyteller, Niall de Búrca, entertaining us in superb style!

We have other authors, illustrators, a music event, puppet shows, our ever-popular book quiz, and competitions for a laptop, book hampers and book tokens. There's something for everyone from ages 4 - 12 years. Don't forget to check out our Family Weekend on Sat 23rd and Sun 24th October. Full details on the website link above.

To Book

Email childrensbookfestival@meathcoco.ie with your chosen event(s). Some authors are offering both live events on Zoom and pre-recorded which can be watched at anytime. **Please indicate which you want when making your booking.** Booking confirmations from 23rd - 30th September.

For any further queries phone:

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Tommy Baker (Zoom)

Random acts of puppetry is an online show with old and new sketches, it can be changed on a whim to suit the audience. This is a family show with a multitude of different types of puppets. One of the main segments of the show is our very own adaptation of *The Billy Goats Gruff*. We hope you will join us on this little adventure and after the show there will be short Q&A and a small tour of the workshop where the puppets are made. For Junior Infants to 1st classes.



Book Quiz (Recorded)

A staple of our festival, the ever-popular Big Book Quiz. A variety of questions for the young readers and best done in teams of four. Do the quiz and send your class details in for a draw to win a book hamper. Book vouchers also to be won. Full details on our website. For 3rd to 4th classes.



Niall de Búrca (Zoom)

Niall is welcomed back to Meath again. He has performed on six continents and all over Ireland of course. Currently living in Dublin, he has shared his unique style of storytelling in theatre, festivals and on television in many countries. So hang on tight for this top gun storyteller to entertain and delight you. Sessions will be bilingual in Gaeilge and English.

For 2nd to 3rd classes.



Gerry Daly (Recorded)

Gerry is a children's author and illustrator who lives by the sea in Dublin. His first book was *Where Are You, Puffling?*. His latest book is *Finn's First Song - A Whaley Big Adventure*. He loves to paint birds and animals, from the tiniest to the biggest of them all. Gerry will be reading *Finn's First Song*, chatting about the amazing humpback whales, and drawing Finn step by step. For Junior Infants to 1st classes.



Sadhbh Devlin (Zoom & Recorded)

Ta trí pictiúrleabhar scríofa ag Sadhbh Devlin; *Bí ag Spraoi Liom!*, *Beag Bideach*, agus, a leabhar nua, *Geansai Otto*. Bíonn sí le feiceáil go minic ag déanamh lámh-cheardaíocht ar TG4. Is breá léi bheith ag cabhrú le cláracha teilifíse a chruthú do TG4; agus is féidir leat í a fheiceáil ar Cúla 4 ar Scoil faoi láthair! Léifidh Sadhbh óna leabhair úr-nua agus beidh deis agaibh bhur geansaithe féin a dhearadh freisin! Don dara agus don tríú rang.



Paddy Donnelly (Zoom)

Paddy is an Irish author & illustrator living in Belgium. He grew up surrounded by mythical stories of giants, magical creatures, and shape-shifting animals. All of this prompted his love for nature, animals, the sea, and storytelling. He creates his illustrations digitally but loves working with a textured, painterly approach. His debut author-illustrated picture book *The Vanishing Lake* was published in 2021. He wishes Pluto was still a planet. For 1st to 2nd classes.



Jennifer Farley (Recorded)

Jennifer Farley is an author and illustrator from Dublin. Her artwork is bright, colourful and a little bit humorous. Jennifer has illustrated several books for other authors, and has written and illustrated three books herself, including *Island of Adventures*, and her latest book, *Scout's Best Day Ever*. Having left the bright lights of the city, Jennifer now lives in rural Ireland with her husband and their two dogs. For 1st to 3rd classes.



Patricia Forde (Zoom and Recorded)

Patricia Forde is an award-winning children's writer from Galway, and chairperson of Children's Books Ireland. She writes in Irish and in English and has written picture books and novels. Her latest offerings are both picture books published in 2021. They are *Fidget The Wonder Dog* (Puffin) and *Imagine* (Little Island). They were illustrated by Rachael Saunders and Elina Braslina respectively. Zoom for 3rd to 4th classes. Recorded event for 2nd classes.



Natasha Mac a'Bháird (Zoom)

Natasha Mac a'Bháird is a freelance writer and editor. She is the author of eleven books for children, including the *Star Club* series, *My Ireland Activity* series, *Reindeer Down*, *Great Irish Sports Stars*. Her events will be based on Sonia O'Sullivan and her latest book, *Great Irish Sports Stars: Shay Given*. Natasha is originally from Donegal, but now lives in Dublin. For 4th to 6th classes.



Mara Menzies (Recorded)

Mara Menzies is an award-winning performance storyteller whose dynamic, colourful style brings this ancient art form to life. She has been invited to share stories in over 27 countries around the world and draws on her rich cultural heritage to create stories that explore our deepest fears, joys, passions and mysteries. At our Festival this year she will be bringing to life two African stories. For Senior Infants to 2nd classes.



Ronan Moore (Zoom)



Ronan is an author and secondary-school English teacher whose story-telling is thankfully a lot better than his spelling. He tries to help young adults see the world in a different light and he enjoys running both on the road and after his kids. His recent book, *Fionn and the Fianna* is the second book in the Fionn series following on from the very well-received *Young Fionn* both published by Gill Books. For 4th to 6th classes.

Michael Moylan (Recorded)

Michael Moylan has been running *Irish Live* sessions in schools all over the country since the company was founded in 1999. He began using a hands-on approach, letting children see and feel weapons and items from all aspects of our history from the ancient world up to World War II. This event is based on the 1500 anniversary of Colmille. Suitable for 4th to 6th classes.



Ann Murtagh (Zoom)

Ann is the author of *The Sound of Freedom* and *The Kidds of Summerhill*. Ann spent her first seven years in the Bronx, New York before moving to Kells, Co. Meath. She qualified as a primary teacher and later received an MA in Local History from NUI Maynooth. She is a member of both Meath Archaeological and Historical Society and Kilkenny Archaeological Society. She has three sons, and lives with her husband and two dogs in Kilkenny City. For 5th & 6th classes.



Susan Rowland (Recorded)

Susan Rowland, creator of Singaling, is a professional musician and music teacher who is passionate about what she does. A member of the Kodály Society of Ireland she is celebrating 10 years of Singaling® Ireland, a fun based music company for children. They provide parent and toddler music classes, early years programmes for creches and Montessori and pre-instrumental workshops. For Junior Infants.



Bex Sheridan (Recorded)

Bex Sheridan is an artist, writer and graphic designer with a great love of animals. As a child, Bex dreamed of having a house filled with animals when she grew up – which is what she now has! She and her husband Jay have their own mini-menagerie: it began with one rabbit and now there are also dogs, birds (of many kinds), a lizard and even a hedgehog! For Junior Infants to 1st classes.



Fiona Sherlock (Zoom)

Fiona Sherlock is the 2021 Meath Writer-In-Residence. She hopes these workshops will introduce storytelling to children of all ages giving them the tools and inspiration to use their creativity and personal experience to spin a yarn that's totally unique. A crime writer from Bective, she launched two murder mystery books during the pandemic. *Twelve Motives for Murder* will be published by Hodder Studios in October, with Poolbeg bringing out *Preserved* in November. She is mummy to two small kids. For Junior Infants up to 6th classes.



Colin Walker (Recorded)

Colin Walker began entertaining children in 1997. He is an author, storyteller and puppeteer. He also does magic tricks to amuse children and enhance his stories. During lockdown he has been entertaining children online and working for various local authorities as part of their events. He loves being able to reach new audiences and loves that his imagination can bring children to some new and wonderful places. Suitable for Senior infants and 1st classes.



Una Woods (Zoom)

Una Woods is the author and illustrator of *Have You Seen The Dublin Vampire?* and *A Spooktacular Place to Be*, ideal titles as we come into the Halloween season. She loves making illustrations for children, and her work has been published in books, magazines and websites. She lives in Dublin. For 1st & 2nd classes.



CBF 2021 Zoom Events Timetable

Booking Essential (see page 2)

Authors

Authors	Date	Time
Ann Murtagh	Mon 4 th Oct	10.00 – 10.50am
Ronan Moore	Tues 5 th Oct	10.00 – 10.40am
Una Woods	Wed 6 th Oct	10.00 – 10.50am
Patricia Forde	Thu 7 th Oct	11.00 – 11.50am
Paddy Donnelly	Mon 11 th Oct	10.00- 10.50am The Vanishing Lake
Paddy Donnelly	Mon 11 th Oct	12.00 – 12.50pm Last Seaweed Pie
Natasha Mac a' Bháird	Thu 14 th Oct	10.00 – 10.50am Sonia O'Sullivan
Natasha Mac a' Bháird	Thu 14 th Oct	12.00 – 12.50pm Shay Given
Sadhbh Devlin	Mon 18 th Oct	1.30 – 2.20pm

Writer-In-Residence

Fiona Sherlock	Wed 6 th Oct	10.00 – 10.50am/12.30 – 1.20pm
Fiona Sherlock	Wed 13 th Oct	10.00 – 10.50am/12.30 – 1.20pm

Storyteller

Niall de Búrca	Tue 19 th Oct	9.30 – 10.20am
Niall de Búrca	Tue 19 th Oct	11.00 – 11.50am
Niall de Búrca	Tue 19 th Oct	1.00 – 1.50pm



Puppeteer

Tommy Baker	Fri 8 th Oct	10.00 – 10.45am/1.30 – 2.15pm
Tommy Baker	Tue 12 th Oct	10.00 – 10.45am/1.30 – 2.15pm

Children's Book Festival Competitions & Family Weekend

Win a book hamper for your class!

Teachers, fill in our feedback form and return it to us at any of our branches or online at **childrensbookfestival@meathcoco.ie** to be in with a chance to win one of three book hampers worth 120 Euro. The template can be found on our website link here:
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Short Story Competition for 3rd to 6th classes.

Win a laptop or a book hamper worth 750 euro for your school and a 50 euro book token for the students who win the top three stories! Write a short story of no more than 300 words on 'What the Library means to me'. Email the entries to **childrensbookfestival@meathcoco.ie** or drop them into your nearest library. The entry template can be found here:

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Closing date Friday 22nd October.

Word Search Competition for 1st to 3rd classes.

Win one of three 20 euro book vouchers
One of your students could win a 20 euro book voucher by simply completing the book character word search found here:
www.meath.ie/council/childrens-book-festival-2021.

Email your entries to childrensbookfestival@meathcoco.ie or drop them into your nearest library. We will draw the winning names after the closing date: **Closing date Friday 22nd October.**

Book Quiz Draw 3rd to 4th classes:

Win a book hamper for your class and book tokens for the winning team per class. Take part in our online book quiz and send in details of your class/school with a contact number to **childrensbookfestival@meathcoco.ie** for the draw. The winning team in your class could win 4x10 euro book vouchers and a book hamper worth 120 euro for your class. The link to the book quiz can be found here:

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**Children's Book Festival Family Weekend
Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th October**

Two days of online fun for all families. There are online workshops, author sessions and a puppet show. No booking required. Details on all these events can be found on our website

www.meathlibraries.ie under Children's Book Festival Weekend.

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