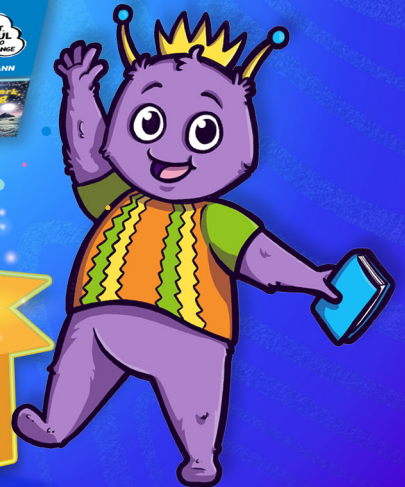


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Children's Book Festival

Meath County Council Library Service

October 2023



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Welcome!

We are very happy to host this this year's Children's book festival once again in our library branches. This year's festival runs from **Monday 2nd of October to Friday 27th October**. We know some of you can only join us online and therefore we are still offering a selection of pre-recorded events for schools.

We have a great selection of authors, illustrators, puppet shows and music workshops for all ages from junior infants up to 6th class.

The popular Big Book Quiz is a feature again with book tokens for the winning teams and we are also running a Create a book character Competition. Details of the competition are below.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone again and hope you thoroughly enjoy this year's festival.

Create a Book Character Competition 2023

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We would love your class to turn a wooden spoon into their favourite book character. We can send the spoons to your school. Just email the contact below to let us know which class want to take part.



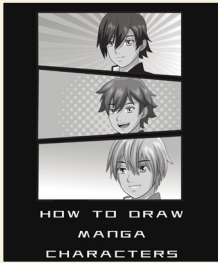
The winning entry will be published on our library website and the winner will receive a €50 book token and win their class a book hamper to the value of €300. Pick your favourite entry from your class and send us a photo with details of the child's name, your school and class. We would also love to see all your class's entries so send along a photo of them all too!

Photographed Entries to be sent to **childrensbookfestival@meathcoco.ie**

All entries to be received **no later than Friday 27th October**.

The winner and winning school will be announced in November.

This Year's Authors & Co-ordinators

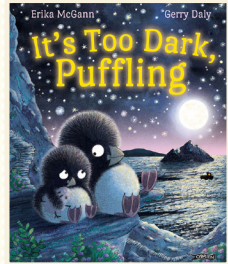


John Carpenter

John has been facilitating Art sessions for adults and children throughout the counties of Dublin, Meath and Kildare since 2001. John has introduced more than 5,000 new clients to the art of drawing and painting in that time. For our Children's Book Festival he will be showing children how to draw Manga characters, a popular workshop suitable for 5th and 6th classes.

Gerry Daly

Gerry is a seasoned children's author and illustrator. His previous books include the best-selling 'Where Are You, Puffling?', 'Puffling and the Egg', 'Wee Donkey's Treasure Hunt' written by Erika McGann and shortlisted for a prestigious LAI Award, and an Irish language edition of 'Puffling' - *Cá Bhfuil Puifín Beag?*. His forthcoming picture book is a brand-new story starring the beloved Puffling, called 'It's Too Dark, Puffling'. Written by Erika McGann and beautifully illustrated by Gerry, it will be published in September and has a great 'don't be afraid of the dark' message. Gerry will be reading the story and showing the children how to draw the main characters of the story. Suitable for Junior/Senior infants and 1st classes.



Peter Donnelly

Peter Donnelly is a best selling author and illustrator of children's picture books. His titles include *The Dead Zoo*, *Up on the Mountain*, *Little Wolf* and the much loved *President's* series. *The President's Cat* won the An Post Children's Book of the Year in 2018.

Peter lives and works in Co Wicklow. Join Peter for a fun filled book event. Peter will read his new book 'The President's Dog', the story of a very courageous pup and a daring mountain rescue, followed

by him drawing some of the characters from the story. Suitable for Junior/Senior infants and 1st class.

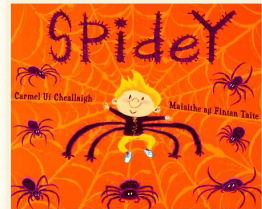


Alma Jordan

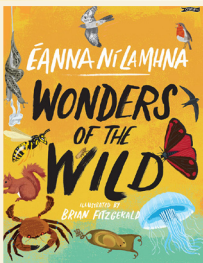
Alma is the Author of 'Hazel Tree Farm: The Secret Tunnel', which is the second instalment in the popular Hazel Tree Farm series and will be published in September. The series follows the adventures of Peter and Kate Farrelly, their parents and neighbours and a host of furry and feathered friends. Alma Jordan is the founder of the award-winning social enterprise AgriKids, which aims to spread a message of farm safety to children in a fun and engaging way. Suitable for 2nd/3rd/4th classes.

Carmel Kelly

Is údar ocht leabhar do pháistí í Carmel, i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla. Thosaigh sí ag scríobh i 2010 agus bhí a céad leabhar Spidey foilsithe le Cló Mhaigh Eo i 2012. Is breá léi a bheith ag léamh agus ag scríobh leabhar pictiúir agus ag léamh agus ag déanamh taighde ar leabhair Stairiúla Éireannacha agus tá a leabhair foilsithe sa dhá seánra.



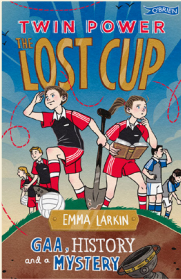
Rugadh agus tógadh Carmel i gContae Mhaigh Eo agus tá conaí uirthi i gContae Chill Mhantáin anois. Her picture book session is suitable for junior infants to 1st classes. Her centenary book is suitable for 3rd to 6th classes



Éanna Ní Lamhna

Éanna Ní Lamhna is one of the best-known public figures in Ireland, a biologist, environmental and wildlife consultant, radio and television presenter, and author and educator. Éanna's upcoming illustrated children's book, 'Wonders of the Wild', celebrates the wildlife around us and is being published in October. Discover animal-eating plants, what rises from the dead, sea life that glows in the dark and lots of other weird and wonderful surprises from nature. Suitable for 3rd/4th/5th/6th classes.

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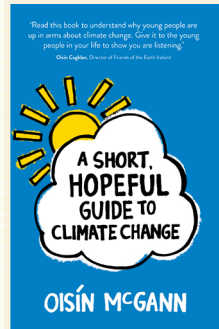
Emma Larkin

Emma is the author of the recently published 'Twin Power: The Lost Cup', sequel to the popular 'Twin Power: Throw In!' about twins, Aoife and Aidan Power, and their four best friends who love playing Gaelic Football. 'Twin Power: Throw In!' is described by the Irish Independent as a 'lively, fun story' and praised by the Westmeath Examiner for being 'a rare example of GAA fiction featuring females.' Suitable for 3rd/4th/5th/6th classes.

Oisín McGann

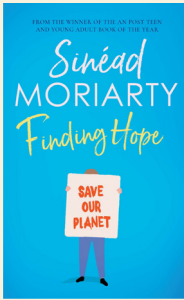
Oisín is a well known Author and illustrator and has written many books for all ages.

In this lively and light-hearted session, writer and illustrator Oisín McGann uses storytelling techniques to look at some of the fascinating facts around climate change, and how so many different parts of our world are connected with each other. For the first time, we are starting to act as a species for the good of our planet, and he wants to show what climate change is teaching us about the environment that makes our world so beautiful and unique. Suitable for 5th/6th classes.



Caithriona Madden:

Caithriona Madden is a singer/songwriter and performer. She has also been teaching music for 25 years and specialises in Early years music. Her classes are high energy and full of fun. Join Cathriona in her music workshop for young children. Exploring music through singing, dancing, movement, playing instruments, percussion, puppets and more. Suitable for Junior and Senior infants

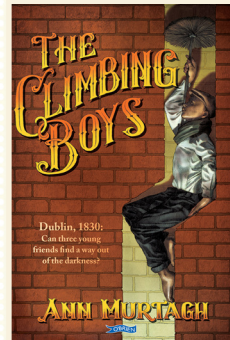


Sinéad Moriarty

Sinéad Moriarty is the much-loved author of 16 adult novels, and her books have been translated into 25 languages. Sinead has won over readers and critics by telling stories that are humane, moving and relevant, and her children's books are now inspiring a new generation of readers. 'The New Girl', her debut children's fiction, won the An Post Award for Teen and Young Adult Book of the Year in 2021. 'The Truth About Riley' was nominated the following year in the same category. Suitable for 5th and 6th classes.

Ann Murtagh

Ann's upcoming historical children's novel, 'The Climbing Boys', is set in Dublin, 1830. When his da breaks his arm, Hugh 'Scholar' O'Dare has to leave school to work as a chimney sweeper with his brothers, then a shocking secret comes to light. The 'Climbing Boys' features the real-life historical figure, Daniel O'Connell, and is centred around Pearse Street. Ann is a qualified primary teacher and historian and has designed and facilitated history courses for teachers both locally and nationally. Suitable for 5th/6th classes.



Nicola Pierce:

Nicola is a seasoned children's author and published her first historical book for children, 'Spirit of the Titanic', to rave reviews and five printings within its first twelve months. Nicola's forthcoming novel 'In Between Worlds' is a historical children's novel based around the young women who were sent to Australia during the famine to find new lives. It's a gripping story and in part based off the real diary of Doctor Charles Strutt who accompanied the girls. Suitable for 3rd/4th/5th/6th classes.

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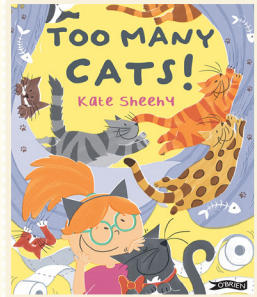


Julie Rose Puppet Theatre

Julie-Rose has been performing puppet shows which she has designed and created for 26 years, nationwide and abroad performing also in international puppet festivals she has worked with the Abbey, Ark and Project and in community and schools theatres. She will be performing the well-known fairy tales. Suitable for Junior/Senior infants.

Kate Sheehy:

Kate is the author and illustrator of the upcoming picture book, *Too Many Cats*, publishing in September. This funny and charming story is an un-fur-gettable tale about the love between a little girl and her cat. Beautifully illustrated, it's the perfect book to be read aloud. Suitable for Junior/Senior Infants.



Candlelit Tales

Candlelit Tales was founded by brother-sister storytelling duo Aron and Sorcha Hegarty. Driven by a passion for Irish mythology, they tell Irish myths and legends to live audiences with live music and plenty of fun interaction. A fun filled presentation suitable for 3rd to 6th Classes.

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The Moon and Sixpence Puppet Show

We are delighted to have The Moon and Sixpence Puppet Show with us this year. This travelling marionette theatre has engaged with young readers through performances at their local libraries. Many of the Moon &

Sixpence productions are based on classic fairy tales – bringing to life the stories found on the bookshelves surrounding that day's performance. Their library performances have brought them to branch libraries across Dublin city, Fingal, South County Dublin, Louth, Kildare, Meath and Tipperary. This year they are taking part in our Family Fun Day on Saturday 14th October in Trim and Navan Libraries

Interactive Workshop:

Animal Crackers with Mary Murphy

Join Mary for a fun filled hour of animal stories with songs and animal crafts.

This workshop is suitable for Junior and Senior Infants.



Events

Family Fun Day Saturday 14th October

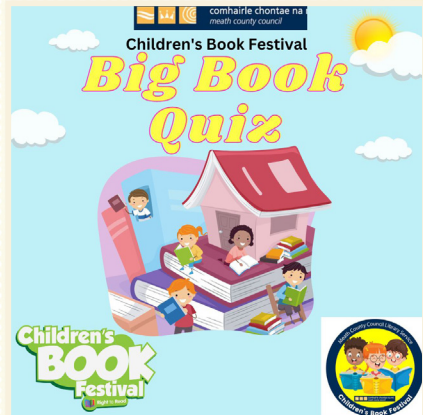
This year we are running a Family Fun Day in Navan and Trim Libraries on Saturday 14th October. Come along for puppet shows, Magic shows, Manga Drawing workshops, Stories and Songs and Crafts. Booking essential. For more details see www.meathlibraries.ie.



BIG Book Quiz

Our popular Big Book Quiz returns to all our libraries this year. The winning team of four will receive book tokens and there is spot prizes throughout the session.

This event is suitable for 5th and 6th Classes.



Pre-Recorded Events

Ca Bhfuil Teidi

Stories Suitable for Junior infants / Senior Infants and 1st Classes

"Dainín: Cá bhfuil Teidí?" Á léamh ag Emer. Is breá linn na scéalta seo ó Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin agus Steve Simpson. Foilsitheoir: Futa Fata

Pretty: Warts & All:

Ciara reads 'Pretty: A warts-and-all story about being yourself' written by Harold Jiménez Canizales and published by Templar Publishing

The Presidents Cat

The President's Cat by Peter Donnelly, published by Gill Books The President has just returned from his summer holidays but Áras an Uachtaráin just isn't the same without the President's cat. Luckily the good people of Ireland are ready to help him.? The President's Glasses was the no. 1 bestselling Irish picture book of 2017. This much-loved follow-up was the winner of the Children's Book of the Year (Junior) at the 2018 Irish Book Awards.

Fidget the Wonder Dog

A tale-of-truest friendship book; a fill-my-heart with love book; a read-again-and-again book; an epic tale of love, loss, reunion and adventure on the high seas told through the friendship of a girl and her beloved dog, Fidget. Written by debut picture-book author Patricia Forde and illustrated by rising star Rachael Saunders, this is a book that combines humour and heart with a faultless read-aloud rhythm.

Brendan & the Blarney Stone

Stories Suitable for 1st and 2nd class:

Written by Stephen Walsh and Marita O'Donovan, Illustrated by Diane Le Feyer, published by O'Brien Press When Brendan the leprechaun plays the tin whistle, the sound is sweeter than the sweetest songbird. But if only he could speak as well as he plays! His words spill out in a terrible jumble – he goes to the shop to buy peas and accidentally comes home with cheese!

Pre-Recorded Events

Harry Potter Diagon Alley Quiz

Stories Suitable for 3rd and 6th classes

Join in our Harry Potter Book celebrations with this quick fire quiz. This year it's all about Diagon Alley so if you're an expert on wizarding world shopping haunts then this will be right up your alley!!

Crafts With Ger - Make a Fire Engine

Stories Suitable for 3rd and 6th classes

Make a beautiful Fire Engine, complete with ladder, that kids can play with afterwards. Ger will show you, step by step, what to do.

Trick or Treat - Halloween Treats

We have some great "tricks for treats" with easy ideas for making your own tasty treats for Halloween this year. You will need a large eating Apple, Strawberries, White Chocolate, Dark/Milk Chocolate, Oreo Biscuits, Pretzel Sticks, Twisted Pretzels, Mini Marshmallows, Rice Krispies Squares

Tina Mation Drawing Workshops Suitable for Junior/Senior and First Classes

Draw Dinosaurs

RTE's longest running children's art show host, presented by RTE's Tina Mation. You can draw and paint along with Tina as she shows you, step-by-step, how to draw and paint a dinosaur and how to draw some of her cool cartoon characters. Get your pencils, crayons and paints ready.

Cartoon Characters

Learn how to draw cartoon characters with Tina Mation. You can draw and paint along with Tina as she shows you, step by step, how to draw and paint some of her cool characters. Get your pencils, crayons and paints ready.

Tina Mation Drawing Workshops Suitable for 1st to 3rd classes

Let's make a Tree

Draw and paint along with Tina as she shows you, step-by-step, how to paint and make a tree and how to draw some of her cool cartoon characters. Get your pencils, crayons and paints ready.

Events Listing by Library

Booking Essential

Ashbourne Library:

Monday 2nd October 11am - 12pm	Puppet show with Julie-Rose Junior/Senior infants
Friday 6th October 10.30am - 11.30am	Author Visit with Oisín McGann 5th/6th classes
Friday 6th October 12.00pm - 1pm	Author Visit with Oisín McGann 5th/6th classes
Monday 9th October 10am - 11am	Music workshop with Caithriona Junior/Senior infants
Friday 13th October 10am - 11am	Gerry Daly Junior/Senior/1st Classes
Monday 16th October 10am - 11am	Author Visit Eanna Ní Lamhna 3rd/4th/5th/6th classes
Monday 16th October 11.30am - 12.30pm	Author Visit Eanna Ní Lamhna 3rd/4th/5th/6th classes
Monday 23rd October 10.30am - 11.30am	Big Book Quiz

Athboy Library:

Friday 13th October 10am - 11am	Music workshop with Caithriona Junior/Senior infants
Monday 16th October 10am - 11am	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th Classes
Friday 20th October 12pm - 1pm	Author Visit Sinead Moriarty suitable for 5th and 6th classes

Duleek Library:

Tuesday 10th October 10am - 11am	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th Classes
Tuesday 17th October 10am - 11am	Author Visit Éanna Ní Lamhna 3rd/4th/5th/6th classes
Tuesday 17th October 11.30am - 12.30pm	Author Visit Éanna Ní Lamhna 3rd/4th/5th/6th classes
Friday 20th October 10am - 11am	Music workshop with Caithriona Junior/Senior infants

Events Listing by Library

Booking Essential

Dunboyne Library:

Tuesday 3rd October 10.30 – 11.30am	Author Visit Oisín McGann 5th/6th classes
Tuesday 3rd October 12.00pm – 1pm	Author Visit Oisín McGann 5th/6th classes
Monday 9th October 10am – 11am	Manga Drawing Workshop with John Carpenter 5th/6th classes
Monday 9th October 11.45am-12.45pm	Manga Drawing Workshop with John Carpenter 5th/6th
Monday 16th October 10am – 11am	Music workshop with Caithriona Junior/Senior infants
Thursday 19th October 10.30am-11.30pm	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th Classes

Dunshaughlin Library:

Friday 6th October 11am – 12pm	Puppet show with Julie-Rose Junior/Senior infants
Thursday 12th October 10.30am – 11.30am	Author visit Oisín McGann 5th/6th classes
Thursday 12th October 12.00pm – 1pm	Author visit Oisín McGann 5th/6th classes
Tuesday 17th October 11am – 12pm	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th Classes
Friday 20th October 10am – 11am	Manga Drawing Workshop with John Carpenter 5th/6th classes
Friday 20th October 11.45am-12.45pm	Manga Drawing Workshop with John Carpenter 5th/6th classes

Enfield Library:

Friday 6th October 10am – 11am	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th classes
Friday 13th October 10am – 11am	Animal Crackers, Stories Songs and crafts suitable for Junior/Senior Infants
Friday 20th October 9.30am – 10.30am	Author Visit Sinead Moriarty suitable for 5th and 6th classes

Events Listing by Library

Booking Essential

Kells Library:

Wednesday 11th October 11am - 12pm	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th Classes
Friday 6th October 12pm - 1pm	Music workshop with Caithriona Junior/Senior infants
Wednesday 18th October 9.30am - 10.30am	Author Visit Emma Larkin 3rd/4th/5th classes
Wednesday 18th October 11am - 12pm	Author Visit Emma Larkin 3rd/4th/5th classes
Wednesday 18th October 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Author Visit Emma Larkin 3rd/4th/5th classes

Navan Library:

Monday 9th October 9.30am - 10.30am	Author Visit Alma Jordan 2nd/3rd/4th Classes
Monday 9th October 11am -12pm	Author Visit Alma Jordan 2nd/3rd/4th Classes
Monday 9th October 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Author Visit Alma Jordan 2nd/3rd/4th Classes
Thursday 12th October 10am - 11am	Candlelit Tales Solstice 5th/6th classes (Solstice)
Friday 13th October 12pm - 1pm	Music workshop with Caithriona Junior/Senior infants
Monday 16th October 10am -11am	Author Visit Nicola Pierce 5th/6th classes
Monday 16th October 11.45am -12.45pm	Author Visit Nicola Pierce 5th/6th Classes
Tuesday 17th October 11am - 12pm	Puppet show with Julie-Rose Junior/Senior infants
Friday 27th October 10am - 11am	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th Classes

Nobber Library:

Thursday 5th October 10am - 11am	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th classes
Thursday 12th October 9.30am -10.30am	Gerry Daly Junior/Senior/1st Classes
Thursday 19th October 10am -11am	Author Visit Kate Sheehy Junior/Senior infants
Thursday 19th October 11.30am - 12.30pm	Author Visit Kate Sheehy Junior/Senior infants

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Booking Essential

Oldcastle Library:

Friday 6th October 10am – 11am	Music workshop with Caithriona Junior/Senior infants
Tuesday 17th October 9.30am – 10.30am	Author Visit Emma Larkin 3rd/4th/5th classes
Tuesday 17th October 11am – 12pm	Author Visit Emma Larkin 3rd/4th/5th classes
Tuesday 17th October 12.30pm – 1.30pm	Author Visit Emma Larkin 3rd/4th/5th classes
Thursday 26th October 12pm – 1pm	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th classes

Rathcairn Library:

Wednesday 18th October 10am – 11am	Author Visit Carmel Kelly picture books ages 4-7 years
Wednesday 18th October 12pm – 1pm	Author Visit Carmel Kelly Centenary books 8-12 years
Monday 23rd October 10am – 11am	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th classes

Slane Library:

Friday 13th October 11am – 12pm	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th classes
Friday 6th October 11am– 12am	Author visit Ann Murtagh 5th/6th classes
Friday 6th October 12.30pm – 1.30pm	Author visit Ann Murtagh 5th/6th classes
Friday 20th October 12pm – 1pm	Music workshop with Caithriona Junior/Senior infants

Trim Library:

Monday 2nd October 10am – 11am	Music Workshop Caithriona 10am Junior/Senior infants
Wednesday 4th October 9.30am – 10.30am	Author visit Peter Donnelly Junior/Senior infants and 1st class
Wednesday 4th October 11.30am – 12.30pm	Author visit Peter Donnelly Junior/Senior infants and 1st class
Monday 9th October 11am – 12pm	Puppet show with Julie-Rose Junior/Senior infants
Wednesday 11th October 10am–11am	Author visit Kate Sheehy Junior/Senior infants
Wednesday 11th October 11.30am – 12.30pm	Author visit Kate Sheehy Junior/Senior infants
Thursday 12th October 12.30pm – 1.30pm	Candlelit Tales Irish Legends 5th/6th classes
Friday 20th October 10am – 11am	Big Book Quiz 5th/6th classes

Bookings

To Book an event for Children's Book Festival 2023 please email us at:

Childrensbookfestival@meathcoco.ie

You can choose up to five events, however, due to increasing demand we may only be able to allocate one event per school.

Please ensure that your class age matches the age range listed in the event details.

**Booking is required for all events
even the pre-recorded events.**

Directions

Use **CBF 2023** in the subject heading.

The following information must also be given:

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| 1. Library | 6. Class |
| 2. Date | 7. Number Of Children |
| 3. Time | 8. Teacher's Name |
| 4. Event | Email |
| 5. Your School's Name | Contact Number |

Bookings from Monday 4th September to 15th September.

Booking confirmations will be sent out from Monday 25th September.

For any other queries please contact us.

Mary: (046) 943 6063 Mark: (01) 835 8185

Many thanks to the Solstice Arts Centre for use of their venue.



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