



April will be a busy month in Laois Libraries - take a look at our What's On page to see a full listing of all the events and activities taking place! All our branches will be closed on Good Friday, 29th Mar until Monday, 1st Apr for the bank holiday weekend. We will reopen as usual on Tues, 2nd April. Happy Easter!

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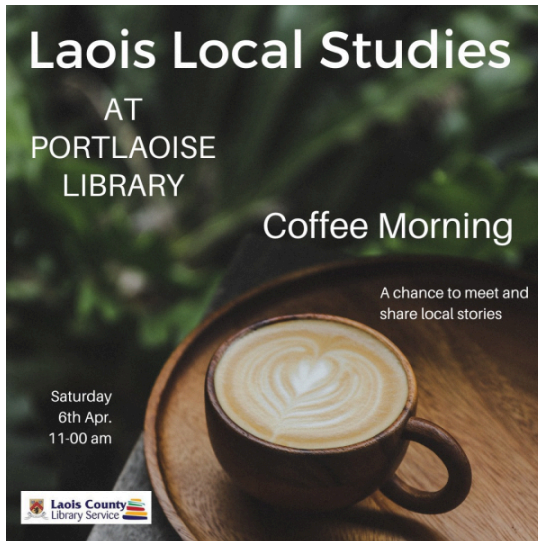


Spring Into Storytime takes place in public libraries across Ireland during the month of April. Laois Libraries will be providing special storytime sessions and we invite children, their parents, carers and other family members to join in and experience the joy of exciting tales! Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme which aims to promote literacy and reading development for people of all ages and backgrounds. Click below

to take a look at what's on offer in Laois and visit the Libraries Ireland website for some extra reading resources.

Laois Libraries - Spring Into  
Storytime

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To encourage and foster enthusiasm for local and social history, Laois Libraries invites you to come along to our Local Studies coffee morning in Portlaoise on Sat, 6th Apr at 11am. The intention is to bring together like-minded adults of all ages to listen and share local stories of the past, ancient and recent. Whether you are

descended from the Seven Septs of Laois or recently moved to the area from another county or country, come along and chat to other Laois residents over a cup of tea or coffee.

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# HISTORY TALK

# 7pm

## 9TH APRIL

# Mountmellick Library

GUEST SPEAKER

**PAT  
COMMINS**

GUEST SPEAKER

**ELIZABETH  
RICE**



Join us in Mountmellick Library to hear a fascinating account of Irish people who left Ireland in the 1800s, having suffered persecution, poverty and famine and settled in Michigan. For those who left, America offered opportunity and freedom.



**Laois County**  
Library Service

## Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024

We had a wonderful time in our libraries celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge last month. Take a look at some of the chat, dancing, music and craic in the pictures below.

Bhí am iontach againn inár leabharlanna ag ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge an mhí seo caite. Féach ar chuid den comhrá, damhsa, ceol agus craic sna pictiúir thíos.





## BREAKING NEWS

### Irish Independent and Sunday Independent now available on Pressreader



The daily edition of the Irish Independent and weekly Sunday Independent newspapers are now available FREE on PressReader. Just download the app and login using your library barcode and PIN details to start reading!



**Contact your local library for more information.**

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## Touch-type Read & Spell

# Touch-type, Read and Spell with confidence

An award-winning, multi-sensory course that teaches typing, reading and spelling

Touch-type, Read and Spell (TTRS) is available free from Laois Libraries. TTRS is a highly accessible multi-sensory course that teaches touch-typing, reading and spelling skills and is a fantastic resource for learners of with dyslexia and dyspraxia. Our TTRS programme can be used by all ages to help with reading and spelling, those who require help with their literacy skills or for those learning English as a second language.

If you would like more information please  
email [literacysupports@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:literacysupports@laoiscoco.ie) or  
call 057 86 44572

## Laois Libraries Top Loaned Titles

 **Adult Fiction**  
for April

- 1 Small Things Like These**  
Claire Keegan
- 2 Our Little Cruelites**  
Liz Nugent
- 3 After That Night**  
Karin Slaughter
- 4 The Secret**  
Lee Child
- 5 The Sleeper Lies**  
Andrea Mara

 **Adult Non-Fiction**  
for April

- 1 Healthy Living Handbook**  
Karl Henry
- 2 The 4-7 Zone**  
Colman Noctor
- 3 The Official Driver Theory Test**
- 4 Being the Supervet**  
Noel Fitzpatrick
- 5 Body on Fire**  
Monica Aggarwal

**5** **Juvenile**  
for April

**1** **Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives**  
Dav Pilkey

**2** **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown**  
Jeff Kinney

**3** **The Chestnut Roaster**  
Eve McDonnell

**4** **Across the Divide**  
Brian Gallagher

**5** **Cat Kid Comic Club: On Purpose**  
Dav Pilkey

**5** **Young Adult**  
for April

**1** **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder**  
Holly Jackson

**2** **Cinder**  
Marissa Meyer

**3** **Good Girl, Bad Blood**  
Holly Jackson

**4** **Heartstopper: Vol. 3**  
Alice Oseman

**5** **King of Scars**  
Leigh Bardugo



There are lots of free events and activities taking place in all our libraries every day in addition to many regular groups that meet weekly or monthly. For more details about what's on currently at your local library, click below.

[What's On?](#)

You can visit the Laois Libraries online catalogue to browse, renew or order items for pickup at your nearest branch. Login to your account with your library card number and your PIN.

[Online Catalogue](#)





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**Portarlington Library**

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Eircode: R32 PY59

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**Durrow Library**

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Eircode: R32 EP94

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**Portlaoise Library**

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Eircode: R32 N7EP

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**Mountmellick Library**

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**Rathdowney Library**

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**Mountrath Library**

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**Stradbally Library**

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Eircode: R32 DT28

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