



We have a jam-packed schedule of events coming up this February in all our library branches! Take a look at our What's On page to see a full listing. Please note that all branches will be closed on Saturday, 3rd Feb - Monday, 5th Feb for the St. Brigid's Day Bank Holiday. Lá Fhéile Bride Shona Daoibh!



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?](#)



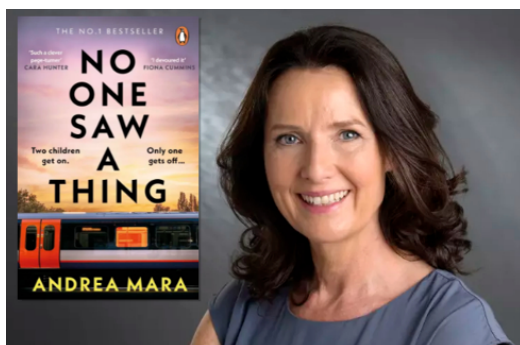
## Get lost in a good book for Ireland Reads

*Ireland Reads* is a campaign to get the whole country reading this month in the lead up to a national day of reading on Saturday, February 24th.

Laois Libraries has teamed up with libraries nationwide, publishers, booksellers, authors and others for the campaign, which aims to celebrate reading and all the benefits it can have for wellbeing and enjoyment. The campaign is asking everyone to 'Get Lost in a Good Book' on Ireland Reads Day, Saturday, February 24th.

There are events happening throughout February in libraries across Ireland, including in Laois. Click on the button below for full information and to get a recommended read or share a recommendation with friends and family!

Ireland Reads



### Andrea Mara Author Event

To celebrate Ireland Reads, Portlaoise Library will host international bestselling author Andrea Mara on Sat, 24th Feb at 2pm.

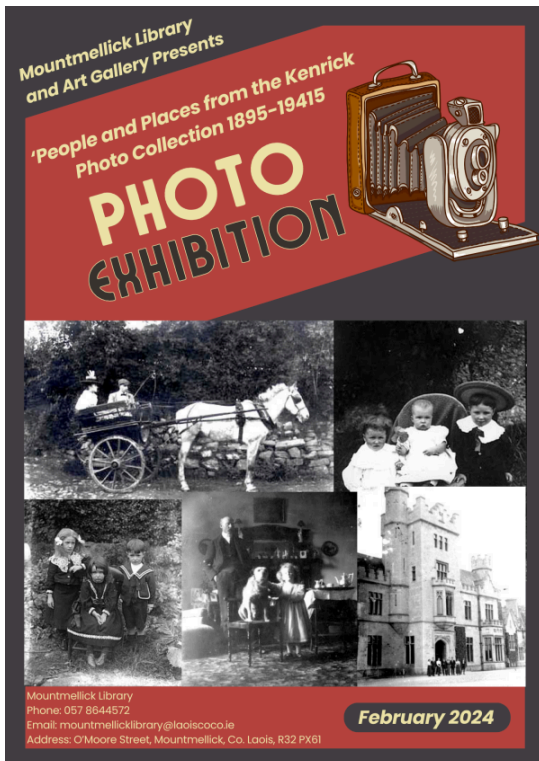
Andrea's novels have been shortlisted for a number of awards including Irish

Crime Novel of the Year at the An Post Book Awards. Andrea will be joined by Claire O'Brien, presenter of the Encore arts show on Midlands Today to chat about her novels and writing career to date, followed by a Q&A session. To book a place, email [portlaoiselibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portlaoiselibrary@laoiscoco.ie).

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## Climate Change Talk

As part of the Europe Direct programme, Portlaoise Library will host Dr. Darren Clarke, assistant professor at DCU, on Thurs, 29th Feb at 6:30pm for a talk on *Climate Change: What You Need to Know - and Why!* Email [portlaoiselibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portlaoiselibrary@laoiscoco.ie) or call 057 8622333 to register.



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## Mountmellick Art Gallery

The Gallery in Mountmellick Library is delighted to host *The People & Places Exhibition: A Selection from the Kenrick Photo Collection 1895 – 1915*. The Kenrick Photo Collection is the work of amateur photographer Patrick Kenrick (1872-1950) who produced over 830 plate glass negative images between 1895 and 1915. Family life, social occasions, sporting events and community gatherings are included. Feel free to drop in during Mountmellick Library opening hours in February to view the collection.



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