

Our Summer Stars programme is kicking off this month with lots of events and activities to keep the kids entertained during the school holidays. 😎 Cruinniú na nÓg takes place on 15th June, with something special happening in most of our libraries! Have a look at our What's On page below to see a full listing! Please note all our branches will be closed on Saturday, 1st June - Monday, 3rd June for the Bank Holiday weekend. ✨



🌟🌟 Summer Stars 2024 🌟🌟

Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries in Ireland over the summer. It runs from 7th June to 31st August this year for children up to 12 years. All you have to do is register at your local library and read 8 books over the summer. When you register, you will get a reading card and Summer Stars drawstring bag. Everyone who

completes the challenge will receive a Summer Stars certificate and medal. If you think you can read another 8 books, you can try our Super Star Reading Challenge. There is so many events and activities taking place in all our libraries to celebrate - click below to have a browse at what's coming up!

Summer Stars at Laois Libraries

Libraries Ireland Summer Stars

Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on Saturday, 15th June and Creative Laois have registered 24 separate events as part of this year's festival. These events will be spread right across the county with everything from circus skills to wildlife photography included!



Laois Cruinniú na nÓg, a day of free creativity for children and young people, was recently launched outside Portlaoise Library. Among the special guests were Cathaoirleach Paschal McEvoy, children from Scoil Bhríde Portlaoise, who played some lively tunes on their ukuleles and were guided by Terry Byrne from Music Generation. Photography enthusiast Rossa Bracken was also in attendance as the Laois Cruinniú na nÓg ambassador for 2024. Follow Creative Laois on Facebook for event details or email David Broderick, Creative Communities Engagement Officer, on dabroderick@laoiscoco.ie for more information.

Some of the beautiful harp playing in Abbeyleix Library:



Cruinniú na nÓg at Laois
Libraries



Laois Cruinniú na nÓg

Picture Our Future

EXHIBITION AT PORTLAOISE LIBRARY

by cartoonist
Oisín McGann

*I Can't Fit the
World in My Head*



Climate Change Can
Feel Overwhelming

Picture Our Future



Nobody Can Do Everything,
But Everyone Can Do Something

**Featuring Installations
and Workshops by
Aisling Brennan**

Cartoonist Event

Join Oisín McGann as he does some live drawings and talks about how he became a writer, illustrator and cartoonist and how he became interested in climate change. During this session, he will demonstrate the fundamentals of capturing ideas in simple, visual and engaging ways.

Suitable for families.

Saturday, 8th of June at 11am

Tel: 057 86 22333 – Email: portlaoiselibrary@laoiscoco.ie



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Laois County
Library Service

The Picture Our Future: Showcasing Laois Climate Action exhibition invites visitors to Portlaoise Library to explore Laois climate action projects through a visual exhibition and a series of interactive workshops throughout June. Artists Oisín McGann and Aisling Brennan have creatively interpreted the achievements and future plans for the Portlaoise Low Carbon Town Project, collaborating with the Climate Action Team of Laois County Council. Engage with the exhibition and join the free workshops (for all age groups).

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Artist Workshops

Join Aisling, an artist and art therapist, for a series of FREE workshops responding to the Picture Your Future exhibition. You will explore how to work creatively with climate challenges in your community. Visit the exhibition, learn more about the Laois Climate Action projects, and get creative with Aisling, to become a local climate champion!

Dates in June, Times and Audiences:

Wednesday 12th: 4pm - 5pm (Children 5-8)

Wednesday 19th: 4pm - 5pm (12-15 yrs)

Wednesday 19th: 5:30 - 6:30 (Adults)

Sat 22nd: 12:30 - 1:30 (Children)

Sat 22nd: 2:30 - 3:30 (Family Workshop)

Wed 26th: 4pm - 5pm (Adults)

Tel: 057 86 22333 – Email: portlaoiselibrary@laoiscoco.ie



*Clár Síne 100%each
Creative Ireland
Enterprise*



[Click Here to Register for Workshops!](#)

Exhibition in Mountmellick Library Art Gallery

EILEEN MCNULTY &
ETHELDA ELLIS PRESENT

4 - 28 JUNE 2024

THREAD SCAPES

EXHIBITION OF
LANDSCAPES &
TEXTILE ART

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY
O'MOORE STREET
CO. LAOIS

TUE	10:00 - 13:00 14:00 - 19:30
WED & THURS	10:00 - 13:00 14:00 - 17:30
FRI	10:00 - 13:00 14:00 - 17:00
SAT	10:00 - 14:00



EILEEN MCNULTY



ETHELDA ELLIS

Some lovely pictures of May Library events! 📷

🎵 Celebrating the launch of Fleadh Cheoil Laois in Portlaoise
Library with Comhaltas:



🧁 Yvonne from Hey Pesto cooked up a storm in Portarlington and Durrow Libraries as part of our Bealtaine celebrations:





😊 Enjoying the Messy Play session in Mountrath Library:



🐝 There was a buzz around Portlaoise Library when the Dunamaise Beekeepers visited:





Willow Woman Helena Golden showcasing some basket weaving skills in Mountrath Library:



To celebrate Bealtaine, Creative Laois supported a very interesting presentation on a vast selection of the stained glass windows of Co. Laois by Dr. Christy Cunniffe. A large crowd attended Mountmellick Library which hosted this illuminating talk by Christy. Works by such renowned practitioners as An Túr Gloine, Earley & Co., Harry

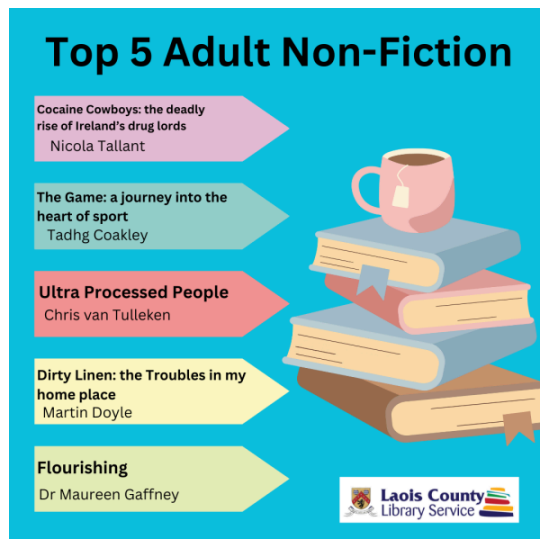
Clarke Studios and others were highlighted. Many thanks to Christy for this wonderful event which we hope to hold again in the coming months due to popular demand!



The new Portlaoise Library was awarded the Judges Silver award at the Irish Construction Excellence Awards at a recent ceremony in the National Convention Center in Dublin. Pictured below at the event: Ken Morley (Laois County Council), Francis Carroll (MCOH Architects), Bernie Foran (County Librarian), Frank Murray Jnr (Frank C Murray & Sons) and John Joe Hartnett (Frank C Murray & Sons)



📖 Top Laois Library Loans in May 📖



Top 5 Childrens

Cat Kid Comic Club: Collaborations
Dav Pilkey

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Dav Pilkey

Bunny vs Monkey
Jamie Smart

The Hug
Eoin McLaughlin

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End
Jeff Kinney



Top 5 Young Adult

Heir of Fire: Throne of Glass
Sarah J. Maas

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder
Holly Jackson

Crooked Kingdom
Leigh Bardugo

Arabella's Web
Enid Richemont

Dungeons and Drama
Kristy Boyce



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 Laos 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](#)





Abbeyleix Library

Phone: 057 8730020

Email: abbeyleixlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Eircode: R32 CY65

[Opening Hours](#)



Portarlington Library

Phone: 057 8643751

Email: portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Eircode: R32 PY59

[Opening Hours](#)

Durrow Library

Phone: 057 8736090

Email: durrowlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Eircode: R32 EP94

[Opening Hours](#)

Portlaoise Library

Phone: 057 8622333

Email: portlaoiselibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Eircode: R32 N7EP

[Opening Hours](#)

Mountmellick Library

Phone: 057 8644572

Email: mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Eircode: R32 PX61

[Opening Hours](#)

Rathdowney Library

Phone: 0505 46852

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Eircode: R32 DXP5

[Opening Hours](#)

Mountrath Library

Phone: 057 8756378

Email: mountrathlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Eircode: R32 D576

[Opening Hours](#)

Stradbally Library

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Eircode: R32 DT28

[Opening Hours](#)



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