



There's lots happening in all our libraries this March! Take a look at our What's On page to see a full listing. Please note that all branches will be closed on Saturday, 16th Mar - Monday, 18th Mar for the St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday. Lá Fhéile Pádraig Shona Daoibh! Branches will also be closed on Good Friday, 29th Mar - Mon, 1st Apr for the Easter weekend.



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?](#)

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Beimid ag ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge inár leabharlanna ar fad roimh Lá Fhéile Pádraig an Mhárta seo chugainn le go leor taispeántais leabhar, rian taisce, ceol, damhsa, cuairteanna scoile agus go leor eile!

Cuir glaoch nó seol ríomhphost chuig do leabharlann áitiúil chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil agus áit a chur in áirithe.

We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in all our libraries in the lead up to St. Patrick's Day this March with lots of book displays, treasure trails, music, dancing, school visits and more! Call or email your local library to find out more and book a place.



Check out what's on in your local library

SNAG 2024

BÍGÍ LINN



Laois County
Library Service



Ciorcal Comhrá

Ceol

Craft tables

Am Scéalaíocht

Rince

Litríocht

Treasure Hunts

and more!

Cliceáil anseo chun tuilleadh a fháil amach!

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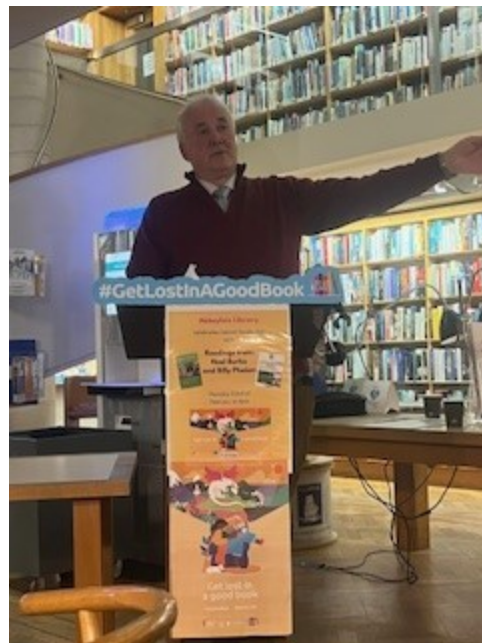
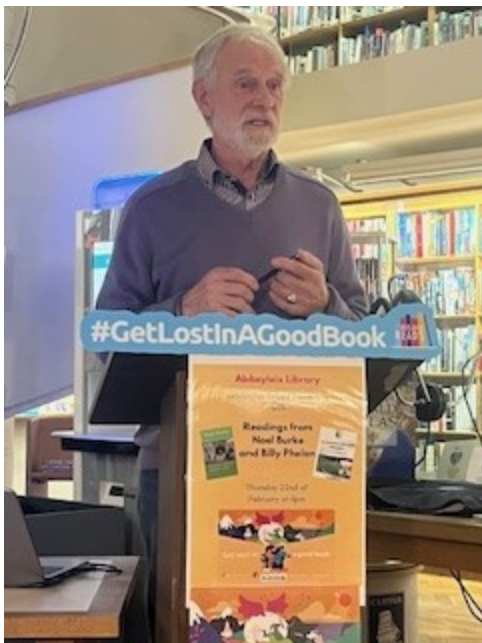
Ireland Reads Day 2024

There was a brilliant buzz in Portlaoise Library on Saturday, 24th February to celebrate Ireland Reads Day. Midlands 103 did a live broadcast of the *Feel Good Saturday* radio show with Lorraine

McCormack from outside the library and well-known author Andrea Mara visited in the afternoon to chat with Claire O'Brien about her bestselling crime fiction novels.



Abbeyleix Library played host to two local authors on Thursday, 22nd Feb. Noel Burke, author of *Grandad Tells Us Another Story*, and Billy Phelan, author of *St. Lazerian's GAA Club Abbeyleix - From the Beginning*, both read from their books and chatted with attendees. There was a great evening had by all!

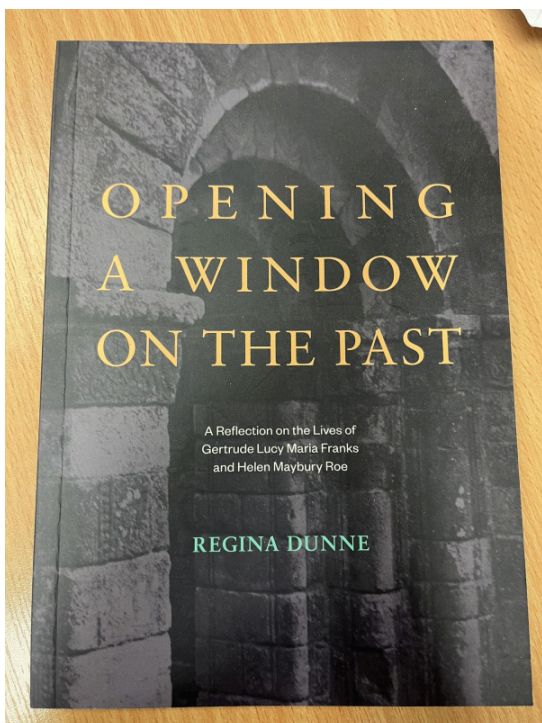


All of our branches had extra special book displays, craft tables, reader recommendations and class visits in the lead up to Ireland Reads Day - we can't wait for next year!



Helen M. Roe

Have you heard of Helen M. Roe, the first County Librarian in Laois? Helen was born in Mountrath in 1895 and went to school in Abbeyleix, before completing a degree in Trinity College. She helped establish and develop the Laois County Library Service, and was County Librarian between 1926 and 1939. A new roundabout at Fairgreen in Portlaoise was recently named for her. Copies of *Opening a Window on the Past* by Regina Dunne, which looks at the lives of Helen Roe and fellow Laois woman Lucy Franks, are available for purchase from Library HQ. Email library@laoiscoco.ie for more details. The Helen Roe Papers are held by Laois Local Studies and some images taken by her in the 1930s can be viewed - click below.



Helen Roe Collection

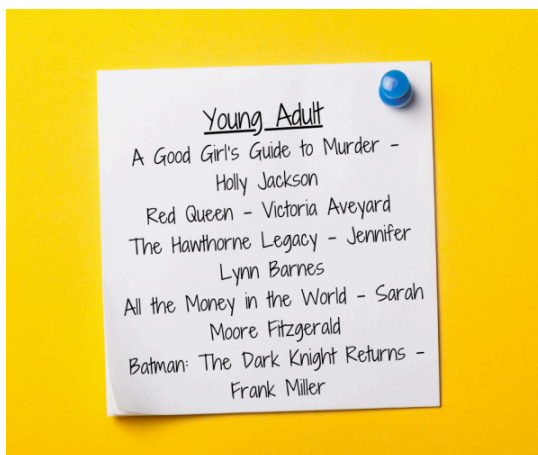
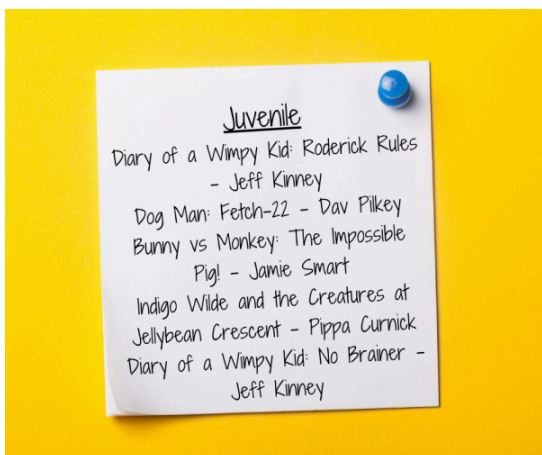
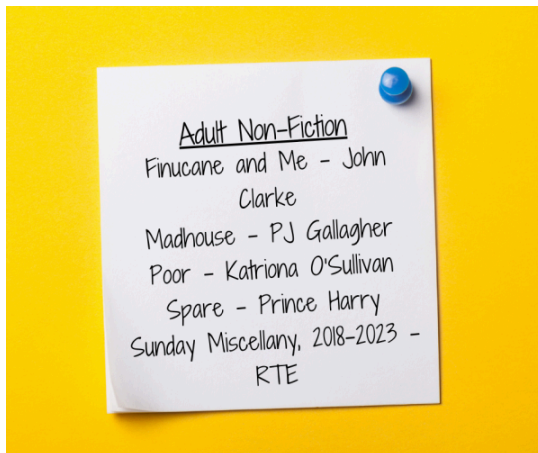
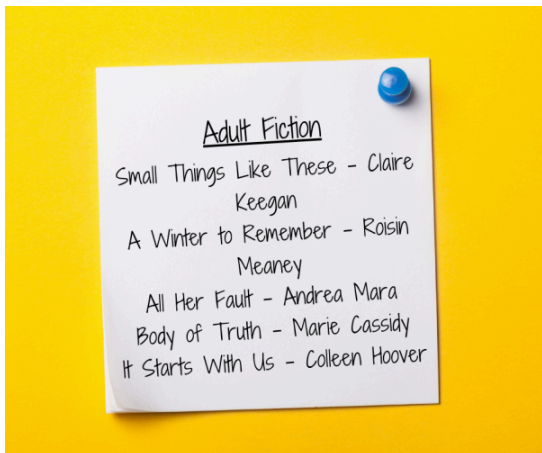
World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday, 7th March and is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. To celebrate, all our branches will have displays of the FREE World Book Day books available. Staff from Portlaoise Library will be set up with a stand in Laois Shopping Centre on the day, so make sure to pop over and say hello!



World Book Day

Here's a quick peek at the most popular titles borrowed in Laois Libraries this month! Have you read them yet?



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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