



It's back to school time, so don't forget to finish up the Summer Stars Reading Challenge and pick up a medal and certificate of completion at the library! Is there a brand new Junior Infant in your house this year? Pop into your nearest branch to pick up their FREE Little Library book bag to celebrate this milestone! Take a look at our What's On section to keep up to date on everything happening this month at Laois Libraries!

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# There's a Little Library Bag for every child!

Pick up their **FREE** Little Library Book Bag at your local library



We are delighted to invite every child who will start primary school or home school this September to come to the library to collect their Little Library Bag to mark this special occasion. Each bag contains a beautiful book and a wallet to hold your library card.

The Little Library Bag initiative is a collaboration between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.





Offaly and Laois Libraries

# Parenting Support Programme



**Autumn 2024**

The aim of the programme is to give parents simple and practical strategies to help them build healthy relationships with their children and confidently manage issues as they arise.

For further information scan the QR codes provided.



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Our Parenting Support Programme, taking place in collaboration with Offaly Libraries, is returning this month! For a full programme of events, click below:

Parenting Support Brochure

# Heritage Week at Laois Libraries

🦋 Biodiversity specialist Albert Nolan visiting Portlaoise Library:




📖 Celebrating the launch of *Beneath the Sky of Stars* by Eileen Casey and the Laois Writers at Stradbally Library:






 Some creative Lego builders in Portlaoise Library:



 Willow Weaving Workshop at Mountrath and Abbeyleix Libraries:





 Portarlington Arts & Heritage Group speaking at Portarlington Library:





## TOM JOYCE ART EXHIBITION, “ESCAPES-A RETROSPECTIVE”

MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY IS DELIGHTED TO HOST TOM JOYCE'S EXHIBITION, "ESCAPES - A RETROSPECTIVE". THIS BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF SEASCAPES, LANDSCAPES AND STILL LIFE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW IN THE ART GALLERY, MOUNTMELICK LIBRARY DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. TOM'S BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF OIL WORKS ARE CHARACTERISED BY CAREFUL COMPOSITION, THOUGHTFUL COLOUR SELECTION, AND THE SUBTLE USE OF LIGHT, RESULTING IN A SERENE AND HARMONIOUS ATMOSPHERE THAT CAPTIVATES VIEWERS' ATTENTION AND IMAGINATION.

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### Free Online Resources

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# Transparent Language<sup>®</sup> Online

Have a child in school that needs extra practice in a foreign language? Traveling abroad for work or holidays? Transparent Language Online is available to all Laois Library members. With over 110 languages to choose from, you can learn at home, in the library, or on the go. Reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities will help you learn the words and phrases needed to communicate effectively in a foreign language.

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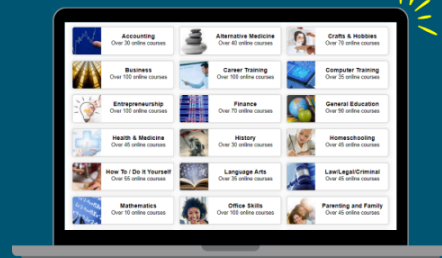
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 Environmentalist/illustrator Gordon D'Arcy visited Abbeyleix Library:



 Lots of Summer Stars crafting in Mountrath Library:





🎨 The parent & child craft table set up in Durrow Library:



😊 Enjoying the library in Rathdowney:



👉 Beautiful creations at the *Upcycling Denim Jeans* workshop in Mountmellick Library:



## Top Laois Library Loans in August

### Top 5 Adult Fiction

- 1 **The Honeymoon Affair**  
Sheila O'Flanagan
- 2 **Kitty's War**  
Eimear Lawlor
- 3 **Long Island**  
Colm Tóibín
- 4 **Past Lying**  
Val McDermid
- 5 **Prophet Song**  
Paul Lynch

### Top 5 Adult Non-Fiction

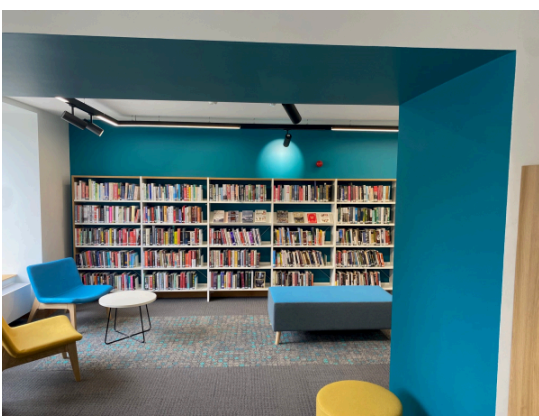
- 1 **Glow: 5 Step to Create the Life you Dream About**  
Georgie Crawford
- 2 **Bored of Lunch: The Healthy Airfryer Cookbook**  
Nathan Anthony
- 3 **Hungry Hill**  
Pat Critchley
- 4 **Masters of the Air: How the Bomber Boys Broke Down the Nazi War Machine**  
Donald L. Miller
- 5 **Overcoming Social Anxiety and Shyness**  
Gillian Butler

### Top 5 Childrens

- 1 **Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder**  
Dav Pilkey
- 2 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: No Brainer**  
Jeff Kinney
- 3 **Cat Kid Comic Club: Collaborations**  
Dav Pilkey
- 4 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal**  
Jeff Kinney
- 5 **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End**  
Jeff Kinney

### Top 5 Young Adult

- 1 **Wolverine & Deadpool**  
Marvel
- 2 **As Good As Dead**  
Holly Jackson
- 3 **The Apothecary Diaries 6**  
Nekokurage
- 4 **The Apothecary Diaries 7**  
Nekokurage
- 5 **The Haunting of Lindy Pennyworth**  
Samantha Pope



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?](#)

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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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