

Laois County Library Service will begin to offer more library services to the public as outlined in Phase 2 of the Government's Roadmap for re-opening society and business from week commencing the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2020.

The first phase of these services will be a "Call and Collect" service in some of the major branch Libraries

In all situations, the health and safety of the public and staff will be paramount. Social distancing will be observed where library users interact with services, and all health and safety protocols will be observed.

Library customers must contact branch libraries directly in advance to place an order of books/DVDs/CDs etc that are currently available in Laois Library branches. A time for collection will be given, and one member of a household can enter the lobby of the library to pick up the order. Members of the public are not permitted to enter the main library area at this time and are asked to use hand sanitiser and adhere to social distancing guidelines when collecting items.

Parents can now register their children for the Summer Stars reading adventure. Library customers can also return their outstanding loans to the library.

The following libraries will offer the *Call and Collect* services and assign a specific collection time during opening times. You can contact the libraries directly or email as below to your collection.

**Portlaoise Library:** Closed for lunch 1-2pm. 057 8622333 email: [laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

Tuesday and Friday: 10.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm.

Wednesday and Thursday: 10.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 7.30pm.

Saturday: 10.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

**Portarlinton Library:** Closed for lunch 1.30-2.30pm. 057 8643751 email: [library@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:library@laoiscoco.ie)

Tuesday: 10.00am- 1.30pm and 2.30pm-5.30pm.

Wednesday: 10.00am - 1.30pm and 2.30pm-7.30pm.

Thursday: 2.30pm - 5.30pm.(Afternoon opening only)

Friday: 10.00am - 1.30pm and 2.30pm - 5.00pm.

Saturday: 10.00am - 1.00pm.

**Abbeyleix Library:** Closed for lunch 1-2pm. 057 8730020 email: [library@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:library@laoiscoco.ie)

Tuesday and Friday: 9.30am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-4.30pm.

**Durrow Library:** Closed for lunch 1-2pm. 057 8736090 email: [Lmoriarty@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:Lmoriarty@laoiscoco.ie)

Tuesday: 9.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm.

**Mountmellick Library:** Closed for lunch 1-2pm. 057 8644588/8644572 email: [library@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:library@laoiscoco.ie)

Tuesday: 10.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm -7.30pm

Wednesday and Thursday 10.00am- 1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.30pm

Friday: 10.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm.

Saturday: 10.00am- 2.00pm.

**Mountrath Library:** Closed for lunch 1-2pm. 057 8756378 email: [library@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:library@laoiscoco.ie)

Tuesday: 9.30am- 12.30pm and 2pm-5pm.

Thursday: 9.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-6.30pm.

**Rathdowney Library:** Closed for lunch 1-2pm. 0505 46852 email: [library@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:library@laoiscoco.ie)

Wednesday: 10am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm.

**Stradbally Library:** Closed for lunch 1-2pm. 057 8641673 email: [stradballylibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:stradballylibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

Thursday: 10am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm

**Ballylinan branch library** will not be offering this service at this phase and will remain closed to the public. Customers from this branch (closed) can avail of the 'Call and Collect' services in Portlaoise, Portarlinton, Abbeyleix, Durrow, Mountmellick, Mountrath, Rathdowney and Stradbally libraries in Laois.

*This means that at first, library spaces will be restricted to library staff only and will not be accessible to the public.*

Our first priority will be to make arrangements for safe lending via a CONTACT & COLLECT service in some of our libraries. All other services such as Local Studies, Computer access, printing, photocopying, scanning and indeed the book shelves are unavailable at this time. *As the government roadmap progresses, the library sector will plan a gradual re-opening aligned to health and safety directives.*