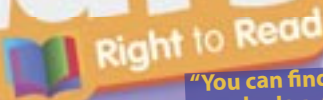


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events and activities
that libraries are
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 Booking will be available online two weeks before each event. Registration, visit - <https://laois.spydus.ie/>

Event/Activity	What's Happening	When	Ages	Booking
Lego Free Play	Get creative and let your imagination go wild with our weekly Lego free play Saturdays.	Saturdays in June, July & August	All Ages	None
Tales and Adventure Storytime	Join our weekly storytimes, with tales of dragons and princesses, pirates and penguins. Every story is an adventure!	Wednesdays in June, July and August	3-8	None
Revenge of the Sixth	Join us at Portlaoise Library as we send you to a galaxy far, far away with fun Star Wars themed activities.	Thurs, 6th June 4pm	5-12	Booking Essential
Baby Book Club	Baby book club uses songs, stories and rhymes to build a foundation to literacy in your baby and toddler.	Thurs, 13th & 27th June 10.30am	0-3	Booking Advised
Movie Magic	Movie Magic at Portlaoise Library, screening some of your favourite animated movies.	Thurs, 20th June, 25th July & 22nd August 4pm	All Ages	Booking Essential
Parent and Child Craft Tables	Drop into our fun craft tables with self-led parent and child crafts.	Thurs, 27th June, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th July 10am until stocks last	All Ages	None
Botany for Kids	Learn about seeds and seed anatomy in our gardening workshop and make a biodegradable seed pot.	Wed, 3rd July 10.30am	7+	Booking Essential
Bee Habitat Workshop	Learn about the different types of bees that visit your garden. Use this knowledge to create a bee house to help solitary bees thrive in your garden.	Wed, 3rd July 11.30am	7+	Booking Essential
Coding Bracelet Workshop	Learn the language of computers - binary - and afterwards make your own bracelet spelling your name using binary code.	Wed, 3rd July 1pm	8-12	Booking Essential
Reptile Superpowers' with the National Reptile Zoo	From running on two legs, to growing back limbs. Learn about the amazing superpowers within the incredible reptile kingdom!	Weds, 10th July 11am and 12.30pm	5+	Booking Essential
Sustainable Art Workshop	Join artist Caroline Keane for our fun art workshops.	Mon, 15th July 11am & 12.30pm	Session 1: 4-7yrs. Session 2: 8-12 years	Booking Essential
Teddy Bears Picnic	Have a furry good time at our Teddy Bears Picnic, you might just be in for a big surprise!	Tues, 16th July 3pm	0-5	Booking Essential
Crafty Corner	Get creative at our Crafty Corner craft workshop.	Thurs, 1st August 12pm	4-8	Booking Essential
Lego Brick Workshop	Calling all Lego enthusiasts, Portlaoise Library are delighted to host this Lego Brick Workshop looking at Irish Culture Past and Present.	Weds, 21st August 2pm	7+	Booking Essential

ABBEYLEIX Library – Tel: 057 8730020 Email: abbeyleixlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Event/Activity	What's Happening	When	Ages	Booking
Summer Craft Table	A session of Make & Do Crafts.	Sat, 29th June, 6th, 13th & 27th July 12pm-1.30pm	5+	Booking Essential
Summer Stars Storytime	Storytime, Songs & Actions with Martina.	Fri, 7th June Fri, 21st June 10.30am	0-4	Booking Essential
Go Fly your Kite Design Workshop	Design your kite with art & take it home!	Fri, 12th July 12.15pm-1.15pm	8-12	Booking Essential
Step into the "Summer Slime Workshop"	A fun sensory activity, making some super stretchy slime!	Thurs, 18th July 3pm	7-10	Booking Essential
Childrens' "Butterfly Buns" "Cookery Demonstration	See how to make and transform your buns into "Butterflies"	Sat, 20th July 12pm-1pm	7+	Booking Essential
Family Movies at the	Enjoy a selection of children's movies @ the Library	Fri, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	All Ages	Children to be

Library	Cinema Club.	July & 2nd, 9th August 3pm		Accompanied by an Adult
Animal Origami Workshop	Learn how to fold origami animal faces.	Fri, 2nd August 11am	5+	Booking Essential
Willow Weaving Workshop	Beth Murphy from Willow Wonder will show the children how to work with willow and produce their own piece of willow craft.	Thurs, 22nd August 12.30pm - 1.30pm	8-12	Booking Essential
Abbeyleix Town Trail	Find all the places on the map and return the form to the library. Collect your surprise treat!	June & July	All Ages	None

PORTARLINGTON Library – Tel: 057 8643751 Email: portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Event/Activity	What's Happening	When	Ages	Booking
Family Games Night	Board game sessions for all the family.	Weds, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st July 7th & 14th Aug. 6-7pm	Family Friendly	None
Lego Free Play	Let your imagination run wild, creating magnificent Lego structures.	Sat, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th July & 10th, 17th August 10.30am - 12.30pm	Family Friendly	None
Craft Tables	Get crafty with the children at the table of creativity.	Thurs, 11th, 18th, 25th July & 1st, 8th August 10.30am until stocks last	Family Friendly	None
Nore Valley Pet Farm	Come see our furry friends visit the library.	Thurs, July 4th, 12.30pm	Family Friendly	Booking Essential
Port Hole Craft	Create a view into the sea by crafting your own porthole.	Tues, 9th July 11.30am	8-12	Booking Essential
Childrens' "Butterfly Buns" Cookery Demonstration	Make and transform your buns into "Butterflies"	Sat, 13th July 11am	7+	Booking Essential
Origami Craft	Make beautiful creations using paper.	Fri, 19th July 3pm	8-12	Booking Essential
Ocean Craft	Join us to create an ocean wonderland.	Fri, 9th August 11.30am	8-12	Booking Essential
Seaside Story and Activity	Join us for a seaside themed story time and activity	Tues, 13th August 11.30am	4-7	Booking Essential
Willow Weaving Workshop	Get creative with Beth at our Willow workshop.	Thurs, 22nd August 3pm	8-12	Booking Essential
Scavenger Hunts	Scavenger Hunts throughout the library	July & August	All Ages	None

MOUNTRATH Library – Tel: 057 8756378 Email: mountrathlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Event/Activity	What's Happening	When	Ages	Booking
Search & Find in the Park	Find all the Disney Inside Out Characters hidden in Mountrath Amenity Park. (Collect your sheet from Mountrath library beforehand)	Tues, 2nd – Fri, 5th July	All Ages	None
Disney Themed Colouring Competition	Mountrath library are running a Disney themed colouring competition during the month of July. Call into the library for competition details. There are 3 age categories.	Tues, 2nd July - Weds, 31st July	3-6, 7-9, 10-12	None
Parent & Child Craft Table	Mr. Potato Head craft	Tues, 2nd July 2.30pm – 4.30pm	4-10	Booking Essential
Children's Graphic Novel Book Club	Group chat about the book 'Spy Ninjas Virtual Reality Madness'	Weds, 3rd July 4pm – 4.45pm	9-12	None
Disney Themed Story-Time & Craft Table	Fun Disney themed story-time presented by Triona followed by a fun Disney craft for children & parents to create together.	Thurs, 4th July 11am - 12pm	4-8	Booking Essential
Go Fly Your Kite Workshop	Children design their own summer themed kite through art and assemble it to bring home.	Fri, 12th July 10am - 11am	8-12	Booking Essential

Sensory Toy Play Morning	Have fun playing with toys designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills.	Weds, 17th July 10am - 11.30am	3-10	Booking Essential
Dance Workshop	Learn freestyle and hip hop moves along with some cool dance tricks.	Thurs, 18th July 3pm - 4pm	6-12	Booking Essential
Lego Freeplay	An opportunity for all future Master builders to get creative and let your imagination go wild!	Thurs, 25th July 3.30pm - 4.30pm	All Ages	Booking Essential
Search & Find in the Library	Find all the Super Mario World characters hidden throughout the library and earn a yummy treat!	Tues, 30th July – Sat, 3rd Aug	All Ages	None
Children's Graphic Novel Book Club	Group chat about the book 'Parachute Kids'	Weds, 31st July 4pm - 4.45pm	9-12	None
Parent & Child Craft Table	Mo Willems inspired Pigeon Craft	Thurs, 1st August 10.30am – 12.30pm	3+	Booking Essential
Lego Freeplay	An opportunity for all future Master builders to get creative and let your imagination go wild!	Thurs, 8th August 3.30pm – 4.30pm	All Ages	Booking Essential
Willow Weaving Workshop	Beth Murphy from Willow Wonder will show the children how to work with willow and produce their own piece of willow craft.	Thurs, 22nd August 10.30am - 11.30am	8-12	Booking Essential

DURROW Library – Tel: 057 8736090 Email: durrowlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Event/Activity	What's Happening	When	Ages *Young Children Must Be Supervised	Booking
Craft Table	Create your own butterfly sun-catcher!	Tues, 25th June until stocks last	2pm 3+*	None
Lego	Get creative with Lego!	Weds, 26th June 2pm-4pm	5+	None
Craft Table	Craft your own mouse!	Tues, 2nd July until stocks last	2pm 3+*	None
Disco Girl	Disco girl returns with a summer disco in the library.	Weds, 3rd July, 2pm-3pm	6+	Booking Required
Craft Table	Craft your own spider!	Tues, 9th July until stocks last	2pm 3+*	None
Shadow Puppet Workshop	Learn to make and perform your own shadow puppets.	Weds, 10th July	11am 7-12	Booking Essential
Craft Table	Craft a castle with reusable materials	Tues, 16th July until stocks last	2pm 7+	None
Blow Art	Create fun art pieces using watercolours and straws!	Weds, 17th July	12pm 7+	Booking Essential
Craft Table	Paper snails. Create your own garden friend!	Tues, 23rd July until stocks last	2pm 3+*	None
Teddy Bear Sleepover	Children can drop their favourite cuddly friend in for a sleepover.	Tues, 23rd July (must be dropped in before 5.30pm)	0-5	Booking Essential
Sensory Morning	Teddy Bear pick up and sensory play.	Weds, 24th July	11am 0-5	Booking Essential
Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt in the library. Win a small prize!	Tues, 6th August All Day	All Ages	None
Board Games	Come and have fun with a variety of board games.	Weds, 7th August 11am - 1pm	5+	None
Medieval Brooch Workshop	Create your own medieval brooch for Heritage Week.	Weds, 21st August 12.45pm	7-13	Booking Essential
Lego	Get creative with Lego!	Tues, 27th Aug & Weds, 28th August	2pm-4pm 5+	None

MOUNTMELLICK Library – Tel: 057 8644572 Email: mountmellicklibrary@laoisoco.ie

Event/Activity	What's Happening	When	Ages	Booking
Craft Table	Drop into our fun, self-led craft tables on Tuesdays in July.	Tues, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th July 11am until stocks last	All Ages	None
Lego Free Play	Get Creative with Lego!	July & August	5+	None
Treasure Trail	Treasure trail in the library every Wednesday in July!	Weds, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th July Mornings	All Ages	None
Nore Valley Pet Farm	Come visit our furry friends in the library.	Thurs, 4th July 2.30pm	Family Friendly	Booking Essential
Blow Art with Amy	Create fun art pieces using watercolours and straws!	Thurs, 25th July 11am	7+	Booking Essential
Olga - Disco Girl	Summer disco in the library!	Weds, 31st July 11am - 12pm	6+	Booking Essential
Sensory Messy Play (outdoor)	Weather dependent - check social media for updates.	TBC	All Ages	Booking Essential
Teddy Bear's Picnic	A picnic with your favourite cuddly friend! - check social media for updates.	TBC	All Ages	Booking Essential
Garden Treasure Trail	Treasure trail in the library's garden - check social media for updates.	Throughout Summer	All Ages	None
Lego Brick Workshop for Families	Lego Brick Workshop looking at Irish Culture Past and Present.	Weds, 21st August 10.30am - 12.30pm	7+	Booking Essential

RATHDOWNEY Library – Tel: 0505 46852 Email: rathdowneylibrary@laoisoco.ie

Event/Activity	What's Happening	When	Ages *Young Children Must Be Supervised	Booking
Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt within the library.	June, July & August	3-12*	None
Lego Playtime	Large supply of Lego for free-play	June, July & August	4-12*	None
Toy and Sensory Resource	Resources will be on display for use.	Mon, 10th June - Fri, 14th June	4-12*	None
Craft Tables	Make & Do craft sessions.	During July	4-12*	None
Wednesday Play Time	Large selection of toys for use.	June, July & August	4-12*	None
Disco Girl	Summer Disco in the Library.	Weds, 3rd July 12.30pm	5+	Booking Essential
Go Fly your Kite	Children design their own summer themed kite through art and assemble it to bring home.	Fri, 12th July 2.30pm	8-12	Booking Essential
Marble Art	Create your own colourful paper for use as writing paper, or to cover your diary or a bookmark.	Weds, 24th July	8-12	Booking Essential
Toy and Sensory Resource	Resources will be on display for use.	Mon, 19th - Fri, 23rd Aug	4-12*	Non
Medieval Brooch Workshop	Learn how to make your own medieval brooch for Heritage Week.	Weds, 21st August 3pm	7-13	Booking Essential

STRADBALLY Library – Tel: 057 8641673 Email: stradballylibrary@laoisoco.ie

Event/Activity	What's Happening	When	Ages	Booking
Shadow Puppet Workshop	Learn to make and perform your own shadow puppets.	Weds, 10th July 2pm - 3.30pm	7-12	Booking Essential
Chess Tactics & Strategy Workshop	Join Ruairi from Red King Chess to learn some expert chess tips.	Tues, 16th July 2pm - 3.30pm	7-12	Booking Essential
Medieval Brooch Workshop	Create your own medieval brooch for Heritage Week.	Weds, 21st August 10.30am - 11.30am	7-13	Booking Essential
Summer Stars 2024 in Stradbally Library	Check in with Stradbally Library over the summer in person or online to hear about other events and activities taking place.			

Super Star Challenge

If you can read more than 8 books over the Summer ask the library for an insert for your reading card. If you earn 8 more stamps you will be entered into a prize draw!!

Becoming a member of the library

Joining the library is FREE for everyone! Just bring your parent/guardian to your nearest library, along with some photo ID, you can get signed up and start borrowing.

Golden Ticket Family Challenge

Reading together is a great way to pass on both the skills and the habit of reading. It is also a fun way to spend time together. Register for the Family Challenge in the library and get the library to stamp your 'Golden Ticket' for each hour you read. Families who read together for 8 hours will go into a prize draw!



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Library Opening Hours

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My Little Library Bag

A FREE My Little Library Bag containing a book and library card wallet will be available over the summer for all children starting primary school in September. Ask your local library for further details.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Abbeyleix 057 8730020	-	9.30-1.30 2.30-5.00	9.30-1.30 2.30-5.00	9.30-1.30 2.30-7.30	9.30-1.30 2.30-5.00	10.00-2.00
Durrow 057 8736090	-	1.30-5.30 6.00-7.30	10.00-1.30 2.00-5.30	-	-	-
Mountmellick 057 8644572	-	10.00-1.00 2.00-7.30	10.00-1.00 2.00-5.30	10.00-1.00 2.00-5.30	10.00-1.00 2.00-5.00	10.00-2.00
Mountrath 057 8756378	-	10.00-1.00 2.00-5.00	10.00-1.00 2.00-5.00	10.00-1.00 2.00-7.30	10.00-1.00 2.00-5.00	10.00-1.00
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Portlaoise 057 8622333	10.00-5.00	10.00-5.00	10.00-7.30	10.00-7.30	10.00-5.00	10.00-4.00
Rathdowney 0505 46852	2.30-5.00 7.00-9.00	-	12.30-1.30 2.30-5.00	7.00-9.00	2.30-5.00	-
Stradbally 057 8641673	-	1.00-5.00 5.30-8.00	10.00-1.00 2.00-5.00	1.00-5.00 5.30-8.00	-	10.00-1.00