

# BEYOND THE BOOK



Kildare Young Readers  
Festival 2019



Welcome to Beyond the Book, Kildare Young Readers' Festival!

The programme includes some of the best children's authors and illustrators fuelling young imaginations today. There will be exciting storytelling and book inspired workshops to suit children of all ages.

The festival aims to encourage reading and a love of literature through interactive events and activities that go Beyond the Book!

These events are all free of charge and can be booked by contacting the library that is hosting the event.

The Schools Programme events take place during school hours and can be booked by schools.

There are also open events outside of school hours, which can be booked by parents. To be informed of these and other events at your local library, visit [kildare.ie/library](http://kildare.ie/library) to sign-up to our mailing list, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Kildare Town Library  
Tel: 045 530235  
Email: [kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie)

Ballitore Library  
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Leixlip Library  
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Castledermot Library  
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Email: [castledermotlib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:castledermotlib@kildarecoco.ie)

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Naas Library  
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Clocha Rince Library  
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Newbridge Library  
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Email: [newbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:newbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie)

Kilcock Library  
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Rathangan Library  
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Join us to celebrate

## Beyond the Book

### Kildare Young Readers Festival 2018

Authors,  
illustrators,  
storytelling  
and workshops  
for all ages!



## Pooka Party - Shona Shirley MacDonal

### MAKE YOUR OWN CHARACTER

Join illustrator and author Shona Shirley Macdonald in a workshop focused on character creation.

Using real and imaginary animals to create your own unique character, participants will develop skills including drawing expressions, textures & patterns.

Open events, booking required.  
Suitable for ages 5-7 years.



### SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

Kilcock Community Library	10.00-11.00am
Clane Community Library	12.00-1.00pm

## Go Fly your Kite Workshops: Mary Poppins

### GO FLY YOUR KITE

These Kite making workshops will include music and graphics from the Mary Poppins books and movies and will finish with each pupil designing, constructing and learning how to fly their own kite. There will also be a prize for the best creation.

Events for schools only.



### TUESDAY 11TH JUNE

Naas Community Library	11am - 12pm
Athy Community Library	1.30pm - 2.30pm

### WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

Kildare Community Library	10am - 11am
Newbridge Community Library	12pm - 1pm

### THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

Leixlip Community Library	9.30 - 10.30am
Celbridge Community Library	11.30am - 12.30pm
Maynooth Community Library	1.30pm - 2.30pm

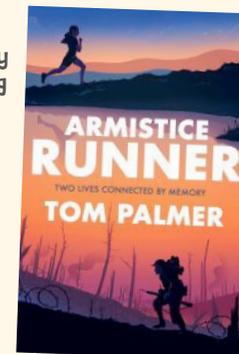
## Tom Palmer: Football Academy

### FOOTBALL READING GAME

Hear all about Tom's books; from the hugely popular Football Academy series to the more recent Armistice Runner. Play the Football Reading Game, combining fun quiz questions, trivia from the beautiful game, and of course reading.

As well as being a huge football fan, Tom Palmer has an international reputation in reader development. He is a coordinator of the Reading Partners consortium, works with The Reading Agency, Booktrust and the National Literacy Trust, and has been the official writer for the Premier League Reading Stars scheme for five years.

Events for schools only. Suitable for 4th to 6th class



### THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

Naas Community Library	10am - 11am
Naas Community Library	11.30am - 12.30pm
Newbridge Community Library	2pm - 3pm

### FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

Celbridge Community Library	10am - 11am
Leixlip Community Library	11.45am - 12.45pm
Leixlip Community Library	1.15pm - 2.15pm

## Emma-Jane Leeson, author of Johnny Magory Series

Emma-Jane has written and published "The Adventures of Johnny Magory" the rhyming book series whilst managing a small troop of children, a dog, a cat, some hens and full-time career in HR. The book aims to inspire, educate and instil a sense of pride and passion in young children about our beautiful country while enjoying this mischievous little boy's adventures.

Events for schools only. Suitable for ages 5-10 years



### FRIDAY 14TH JUNE

Monasterevin Community Library	9.15am-10.15am
Rathangan Community Library	10.45am-11.30am
Kilcullen Community Library	12.30am-1.30pm

### FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

Castledermot Community Library	9.30am-10.30am
Ballitore Community Library	11.30am-12.30pm

## The good, the bad and the both: cooking up juicy characters with Debbie Thomas

After training as a BBC journalist in the UK, Debbie Thomas worked in Bangladesh and South Africa before moving to Ireland. She has written five books for children and runs creative writing and global education workshops all over Ireland. She is the Writer in Residence at Crumlin Children's Hospital and a director of Nepal Leprosy Trust, a charity that supports people affected by leprosy. Whenever she visits Nepal she waves at Mount Everest and it always waves back.



What makes a hero you love and a villain you hate? And if you hate a villain, don't you kind of love them too?

Join author Debbie Thomas on an adventure into her latest book *My Secret Dragon*, exploring goodery, baddery and a boy with the mother of all problems. You'll create characters, develop superpowers and decide how to use them for good ... or not.

Suitable for 4th to 6th class. Events for schools only.

### TUESDAY 18TH JUNE

Athy Community Library 10.15am - 11.15am  
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### WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

Clocha Rince Library 10.15am - 11.15am  
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## Helena Byrne: Interactive storytelling

Join Helena for some magical storytelling, with tales of the Leprechaun, the Fairy Folk and fun Irish Ghost stories. Children will get involved and become part of the story, and later create and draw their own character. The children will also learn some fun vocal and physical exercises to help them develop their storytelling skills. Every child is a storyteller in the making!

Helena has brought her stories to numerous schools and libraries across Ireland, as well as to special events such as the YARN Storytelling Festival in Bray, Kilkenny Arts Festival, Portavogie Seafood Festival and the Embassy of Ireland in Washington DC.

Kildare, Athy and Newbridge events are for schools only.  
Maynooth Community Library event is open to all, booking required.



### WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

Kildare Town Library (relaxed event) 10am - 10.45am  
Athy Community Library 12.00pm - 12.45pm

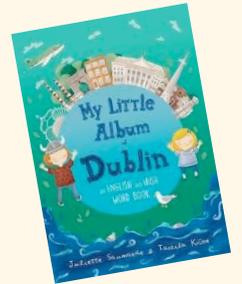
### FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

Newbridge Community Library (relaxed event) 11.30am - 12.45pm  
Maynooth Community Library 2.30 - 3.15pm (suitable for ages 4+)

## Drawing Workshop: My Little Album of My Own Town with Tarsila Krüse

Join illustrator Tarsila Krüse on a drawing journey through your own town! Inspired by Tarsila's latest book *My Little Album of Dublin* (co-authored with Juliette Saumande) children are invited to create a little album of a town or city of their own, practising with basic shapes and drawing along to create characters, places and stories to bring home!

Events on Wednesday 19th June are for schools only.  
Events on Saturday 22nd June are open to all, booking required.  
Suitable for ages 7-8



### WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

Naas Community Library 9.30am - 10.15am  
Celbridge Community Library 11.45am - 12.30pm

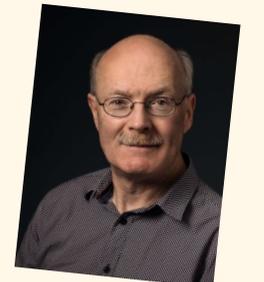
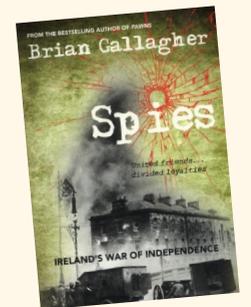
### SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

Ballitore Community Library 10.30am-11.30am  
Newbridge Community Library 12.30pm-1.30pm

## Brian Gallagher

Brian Gallagher was born in Dublin. He is a full-time writer whose plays and short stories have been produced in Ireland, Britain and Canada. *Spies*, Brian's latest book, tells the story of the War of Independence through the eyes of three children who are thrown together despite their opposing viewpoints.

Events for schools only  
Suitable for 4th-6th Class



### TUESDAY 11TH JUNE

Naas Community Library 9.15am - 10.15am  
Newbridge Community Library 10.45am - 11.30am  
Kildare Town Community Library 12.00pm-1.00pm

### THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

Celbridge Community Library 9.15am - 10.15am  
Maynooth Community Library 10.45am - 11.30am  
Leixlip Community Library 12.00pm - 1.00pm

# Free Support & Services available to Teachers & Schools

## Scavenger hunt and drawing workshop with Aga Grandowicz

Are you a budding zoologist? Or do you just really like drawing animals? If so, Aga Grandowicz, co-creator, illustrator and designer of Dr Hibernica Finch's *Compelling Compendium of Irish Animals* (published last year by Little Island) has set you a challenge. Join her to learn some cool facts about selected animals that you can meet in Ireland, then find their pictures hidden around you and try to draw one or two!

Suitable for ages 7-10yrs. Open events, booking required.

### SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

Kildare Community Library 10.30am - 12pm  
Athy Community Library 2pm - 3.30pm

### SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

Leixlip Community Library 10am - 11.30am  
Maynooth Community Library 12.30pm - 2pm  
Celbridge Community Library 3pm - 4.30pm



There are many ways in which Kildare Library Service can support your school. There is no charge for Library membership. This entitles your school to avail of all of our facilities free of charge. We are very happy to welcome children whether it's for research, class visits, a special occasion like an author visit or a workshop.

**BLOCK LOANS:** This entitles teachers to borrow up to 40 books at a time. The lending period is 8 weeks. No fines are levied on Block Loans.

**CLASS VISITS:** Your local library has Scheduled Time for class visits. If you wish to bring a class to the library please book a time slot. The class can then borrow books and get to know the library.

**CLASS SETS:** We have a list of titles available as Class Sets. There are 35 books in each class set. They can be borrowed for 8 weeks on your block loan card. No fines are levied on class sets. If you have suggestions for titles you think would be suitable for inclusion in our class set collection please let us know.

**READING SERIES MATERIAL:** We have an extensive collection of material suitable for Developing Readers, Newly Confident Readers, Confident Readers and Reluctant Readers.

**PROJECT SUPPORT:** If you are planning a class project please let us know in advance. We can ensure that we have a useful selection of titles available to the class when they visit the library.

**ELF COLLECTION:** Aimed at Junior and Senior Infant classes we have the ELF Collection (Early Learning Fun) which is four sets of approx 30 titles, grouped together under the four themes of the Aistear Curriculum Framework.

**THE THEMES ARE:** Communication, Well-being, Exploring and Thinking and Identity and Belonging. The sets can be borrowed on a block loan card and used in the classroom as support when you are covering a theme.

**RUA THE LIBRARY SQUIRREL, AND OÍCHE THE OWL:** Rua and Oíche are our library mascots for young children and you can book them to visit your school. A staff member will accompany Rua or Oíche and read stories or talk to the children about the library and how much fun reading can be.

Throughout the year we run lots of exciting events for children. Author visits, film screenings, story sessions, STEAM events (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) arts in libraries programmes, creative writing, books clubs and much more.

To receive direct information about all our schools events, contact your local library and ask to add your name to our teacher mailing lists. Avoid disappointment and sign up to receive email or text alerts about library programming or check out our webpage [www.kildare.ie/library](http://www.kildare.ie/library) for the latest news on what's happening in Kildare Libraries.

We are always open to working with teachers to support new ideas for literacy or numeracy projects. If you have an idea for a project you would like to pilot during this school year please get in touch and we will be happy to work with you.



## Be a Kildare Summer Star!

Summer Stars is an exciting reading-based summer programme starting 15 June and it's FREE!!

Summer Stars provides the whole family with fun and exciting events and activities in their local library and of course children's books for all ages!

Join at your local Kildare library.

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Summer Stars at your Library.



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**CRIUNNIÚ NA NÓG**  
will take place at  
your local library on  
**Saturday 15th June.**  
Look out for exciting  
events and workshops



Membership  
is  
**FREE**



Watch out for free  
**summer events** in  
your library



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