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Kildare County Council



A New Initiative  
from **Kildare Library**  
**Service for Pre-school**  
**Curriculum Support.**

Early  
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Learning

Fun!

## Early Learning Fun

**Pre-school learning is all about fun at Kildare Library Service.**

**As part of our strategy to engage with pre-school learning, we are delighted to introduce our Early Learning Fun collection.**

This is a selection of four sets of titles, grouped together under the four themes of the pre-school curriculum, available exclusively for loan to pre-schools and crèches in Kildare.



For more information on availing of our **Early Learning Fun Collection**, please contact your local library or check out our website:

[www.kildare.ie/Library/ReadersPages/ChildrensReadingCorner/ServicesforPre-schoolers](http://www.kildare.ie/Library/ReadersPages/ChildrensReadingCorner/ServicesforPre-schoolers)

### How does it work?

Each set comprises 30 copies of a selection of titles, supporting one of the four themes, and can be borrowed for a period of 6 weeks.

These sets are available for loan on a Kildare Library Service's block loan ticket.

Block loans are available free of charge from any of our libraries, to pre-school facilitators in County Kildare, you just need to drop in during library opening hours and join up!

We hope that as professionals working with children during these important years both you, and your students, will find these books helpful, fun and inspirational.



The theme of **Communicating** is about children sharing their experiences, thoughts, ideas and feelings with others. The aim of the books covering this theme are to help children to develop their language skills, non-verbal communication skills, to help children to broaden their understanding of the world through books and to ignite and inspire young imaginations.

The theme of **Well-being** is about children being confident, happy and healthy. The books covering this theme will teach children about nutrition, self care and safety.

They will also help children to understand the notion of respect for themselves and others, to be resilient and take learning risks. They promote a positive outlook on life and learning and inspire children to be confident in their own abilities and unique qualities.

The theme of **Exploring and Thinking** is about children making sense of the things, places and people in their world.

The books covering this theme will inspire children to be curious about their environment, to use their own questioning logic to understand how things work, to understand numbers and symbols and develop their own sense of problem-solving and perseverance.

The theme of **Identity and Belonging** is about children developing a positive sense of who they are and feeling valued and respected as part of a family and a community.

The books covering this theme will help children to develop strong identities, both as part of a family and as part of a group. They will develop their awareness of friendships, rights, responsibilities and co-operation.

### Kildare Library Service has a lot going on for Pre-school children!

#### Reading Together.

A tip-sheet for parents of young children (birth to age 3) with lots of useful tips on reading to their pre-school children.



#### Play 2 Read.

Play2Read is a programme of stories, fun activities and information to help children develop 6 key pre-literacy skills.

This programme is delivered to children and parents, by a library staff member, in their own pre-school or crèche over four sessions.

#### Rua the Library Squirrel.

Rua is our library mascot for young children and you can book Rua to visit your pre-school.

Rua loves to see children coming to the library to enjoy the vast amount of books, games, DVDs and events that are available to them.

# **Kildare Library** **Service**

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is free of charge.**

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