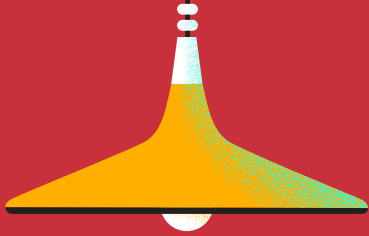
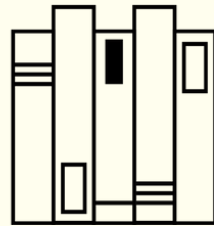


3rd - 9th October 2022
Programme of Events



**Kildare
Readers
Festival**





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About Us

Kildare Readers Festival is brought to you every year in October by Kildare County Library and Arts Service. Our ethos is to connect our readers with authors and artists, working to bring the very best from the world of literature to our audiences through the provision of exciting, innovative and accessible events. As always, our events are free. Events will take place in library branches throughout the week, with the main festival weekend taking place in the Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge.

Visit our website

www.kildare.ie/library/KildareReadersFestival

to read more about our guests and book your tickets. You can follow the festival on our social media channels for updates and highlights.



Saturday 24th September

11:00am - 12.00noon

McAuley Place, Naas, W91 D62E

The Next Poem: Humour in the Work of Dennis O'Driscoll

Enda Wyley will give a talk on this poem by Dennis O'Driscoll. A poem she has always loved for its inventive wit. Enda will talk about how Dennis's use of humour has made his poetry so vivid and memorable - a pleasure to return to again and again.

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Monday 3rd October

7.00pm

Newbridge Library, W12 W861

I Don't Want To Talk About Home

A powerful memoir reframing the Syrian migrant experience and what it is to rebuild your life out of the rubble.

Author Suad Aldarra, will be interviewed by Mia Gallagher about her debut.

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Tuesday 4th October

7.00 pm

Athy Library, R14 DK33

Aindrias De Staic - Ireland's Original Musical Storyteller comes to Athy Library

Wildly original, worldly, enthralling! Just some words to describe Aindrias De Staic.

Aindrias will leave you amused, confused, delighted and creatively fuelled with his infectious, explosive energy! He will take you on an unforgettable journey to places you didn't know you needed; or wanted to go!

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Tuesday 4th October

7.00 pm

Celbridge Library, W23 VA47

Eithne Shortall in conversation with Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan

Eithne Shortall joins us for an evening of discussion about her writing career with Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan.

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Tuesday 4th October

7.00 pm

Naas Library, W91 A997

Wayne Byrne In Conversation: with Lindsay J. Sedgwick

Prolific writer Wayne Byrne has received high acclaim for his books on Cinema culture. He will be interviewed by author and award-winning screenwriter Lindsay J. Sedgwick.

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Wednesday 5th October

7.00 pm

Maynooth Library, W23 ND79

Breaking Point: Edel Coffey in Conversation with Rachael English

Join author and journalist Edel Coffey, in conversation with Rachael English, for a discussion on her debut novel Breaking Point. Published to rave reviews earlier this year, Breaking Point is a raw and compelling examination of the societal pressures put on women to juggle careers and personal lives and to 'have it all'.

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Wednesday 5th October

6.30 pm

Kildare Town Library, R51 P403

Annual Michael Mullan Charity Fund Writing Competition Prize-giving Event

Kildare Library is delighted to host this very special event to announce the winners of the Michael Mullan Charity Fund Short Story, Flash Fiction, Poetry and Kildare Micro-fiction Competitions 2022.

The winning entries in each competition will be read on the night and will be published on the Michael Mullan Charity Fund website.

Judges: Niamh Boyce, Caroline E. Farrell, John MacKenna and Lynn Buckle.

All proceeds from the competition are going to support kidney cancer research and treatment at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

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Wednesday 5th October

8.00 pm

Kildare Town Library, R51 P403

Ed O'Loughlin in Conversation with Miriam Mulcahy

Irish Canadian Ed O'Loughlin has published five novels and has been long listed for the 2009 Man Booker Prize. In 2022, he released a novelistic memoir, *The Last Good Funeral of the Year*. He will be interviewed by Miriam Mulcahy.

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Wednesday 5th October

8.00 pm

Online Book Club



Kildare Readers Festival's Book Club with Yan Ge

Join us for an very special book club with author Yan Ge, an acclaimed fiction writer in both Chinese and English. We will be discussing her famous novel "Strange Beasts of China" which won an English PEN Translates Award.

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Thursday 6th October

7.00 pm

Leixlip Library, W23 WR96

Out of Line with Declan Burke and Louise Phillips

From the first line to the last chapter, crime writers Louise Phillips and Declan Burke give us strong clues on how they plan, plot, create characters, points of view, dialogue, and denouements in their bestselling crime novels.

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Thursday 6th October

7.00 pm

Maynooth Library, W23 ND79

Eoghan Smith: A Provincial Death

Eoghan Smith's new novel A Provincial Death (Dedalus, 2022) has been described as lyrical and blackly comic.

In conversation with Lynn Buckle, Eoghan will discuss A Provincial Death and his writing career to date.

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Thursday 6th October

6.00 pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Poetry and Document: Ways of Writing

Three contemporary poets whose work incorporates archival or contemporary documentary material give short talks on their writing process.

Bebe Ashley, Julie Morrissy and Cherry Smyth discuss their inspirations, raw material and references, drafts and rewrites, aspects of presentation and publishing, and other elements framing their recent work. Devised, programmed and hosted by Christodoulos Makris.

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Thursday 6th October

8.00 pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

An Evening with Donal Ryan

Join us for an evening with Booker-longlisted No.1 bestselling author of *Strange Flowers*, Donal Ryan, as we explore his most recent novel *The Queen of Dirt Island*. It is a story of terrible betrayals and fierce loyalties, of isolation and togetherness, of transgression, forgiveness, desire, and love. About all the things family can be and all the things it sometimes isn't. More than anything, it is an uplifting celebration of fierce, loyal love and the powerful stories that last generations.

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Friday 7th October

8.00 pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

This Woman's Work with Sinéad Gleeson and Patrick Freyne

Sinéad Gleeson and Kim Gordon's collection of essays by female writers about female artists that matter to them, *This Woman's Work: Essays on Music* was published in April this year. The book "seeks to challenge the male dominance and sexism hard-coded in the canons of music, literature, and film and has forced women to fight pigeon-holing or being side-lined by carving out their own space." Author and journalist Sinéad Gleeson talks inspiration and fandom with Patrick Freyne.

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Saturday 8th October

10.00 pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Ten ~~Banned~~ Books You Should Read

Join us for this year's Ten Books where former Irish Censor, John Kelleher and self-declared 'dirty-minded historian' and host of the Censored podcast Dr. Aoife Bhreatnach discuss their top picks from the world of banned books.

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Saturday 8th October

1.00 pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

**Yeah, But Where Are You Really From?
Conversation with Marguerite Penrose**

Author Marguerite Penrose in conversation with Noelle Brown reflects about her life, work and inspiration in her memoir 'Yeah, But Where Are You Really From' - an open and thought provoking read which explores Marguerite's life and her thoughts and experience of; needs of people born in institutions, on being a Black Irishwoman and about living with a disability.

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Saturday 8th October

2.00 - 5.00pm

Newbridge Library, W12 W861

**Purple Doesn't Look Good on Anyone: How to
Write Emotion. A workshop with Ryan Dennis.**

Readers come to a story wanting to feel something. It's our task as writers to remind them that they're human and prone to all the complexities of joy and sorrow that comes with that. For better or worse, that doesn't happen by accident. It's not enough to simply write about something sad.

This workshop will break down techniques essential for delivering emotion within fiction and nonfiction that avoid cliché, melodrama or disengaging the reader.

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Saturday 8th October

5.00 pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Dennis O'Driscoll Awards

Regarded as one of the best European poets of his time, Dennis O'Driscoll was a poet, essayist, critic, editor and mentor who made Naas, Co Kildare his home until his death. The Dennis O'Driscoll Literary Bursary Award, an initiative of Kildare County Council, is open to both established and emerging writers and critics in all genres. The award for professional writers is to augment their professional practice, particularly research towards the production of new writings. The award for emerging writers supports their professional development/training opportunities.

We introduce this year's awardees Niamh Boyce (Professional Writer) and Róisín Ní Neachtain (Emerging Writer) who will discuss what this award will mean to their practice and read their work. They will be joined by last year's established awardee and well known Kildare writer, Pauline Clooney.

This year's awards were adjudicated by Writer in Residence 2021/22 with Maynooth University/Kildare Library and Arts Services, Oisín Fagan.

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Saturday 8th October

8.00 pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Emerging Northern Irish Writers

Recent years have seen an unprecedented volume of exciting new fiction coming out of the North. Kildare Readers' Festival is delighted to welcome Derry writer Kerri ní Dochartaigh speaking with Michelle Gallen and Olivia Fitzsimons about their new books and the current thriving literature scene in Northern Ireland.

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Sunday 9th October

10.30 am

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Sunday Sessions

Kildare Readers Festival regular Dermot Bolger returns with Sunday Sessions for a conversation with our guests Billy Roche and Bernard Farrell about life as playwrights, seeing the work on stage and how plays appear and disappear. In this relaxed and intimate discussion, Dermot and guests will look at how past life experience has influenced their work.

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Sunday 9th October
12.30 pm
Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Introducing Writers in Residence, with Belinda McKeon, Fiona Scarlett and Catherine Talbot.

Since 2015, Maynooth University Department of English and Kildare County Council Arts and Library Service have collaborated on an annual writers-in-residence programme, supporting writers in their practice and to bring their work to university and community audiences. The resident writers in 2022/23 are Fiona Scarlett and Catherine Talbot.

Recently appointed Associate Professor of Creative Writing/ Co-Ordinator, MA in Creative Writing Belinda McKeon will moderate a conversation about writing, community and creativity, while sharing thoughts on the MA course, a new departure for the university.

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San ócáid álainn seo, cuirfidh an craoltóir aitheanta Tristan Rosenstock comhrá ar an triúr scríbhneoirí a bhuaigh mórghradaim liteartha na Gaeilge.

Buaiteoirí 2021:
Gradam Uí Shuilleabháin – Noel Ó Gallchóir, Aisteoirí Ghaoth Dobhair

Gradam de Bhaldrathe – Gabriel Rosenstock, Eachtraí Tin Tin: Taisce Raga Rua

Gradam Réics Carló – Bridget Bhreathnach, Cluasa Capaill ar an Rí



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