

Children's BOOK Festival

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Welcome to Offaly Libraries' Children's Book Festival 2023

Children's Book Festival (CBF) 2023 will run nationally for the month of October and is a great opportunity for young people, parents, teachers and libraries to celebrate books and reading!

Offaly Libraries will be marking this very special time of year with an array of events and activities. Events will be held both online and in our libraries, with something scheduled for readers of all ages and interests.

The promotion and support of the Children's Book Festival is a central tenet of the national **Right to Read** initiative.

Through Children's Book Festival, Offaly Libraries aims to:

- Encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading and support their reading development.
- Provide activities and events in collaboration with writers/illustrators/storytellers.
- Promote children's books and stories.
- Increase engagement with families and schools and to attract new audiences.

There is a world of reading waiting for children and their families in their local library and your [free library membership](#) gives you access to millions of items in the national public library network.

Children's Book Festival is a great time to reconnect with books and with your local library. We're looking forward to seeing you!

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Éanna Ní Lamhna

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Éanna Ní Lamhna is one of the best-known public figures in Ireland, in particular as a biologist, environmental and wildlife consultant, radio and television presenter, author and educator. Éanna is the author of several popular wildlife books, her most recent books, 'Our Wild World: From the Birds and Bees to Our Boglands and the Ice Caps' and 'Wild and Wonderful: Around the World' were published in 2021 and 2022 by The O'Brien Press. 'Wonders of the Wild' is due to be published October 2nd, 2023.

Online School Event: Tuesday, 3rd October 11.00am

Tullamore: Wednesday, 18th October 10.00am

Clara: Wednesday, 18th October 12.00pm

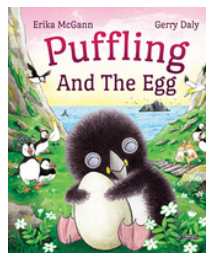
Suitable for 2nd to 6th class

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Gerry Daly



Gerry Daly is a children's author and illustrator. Finn's First Song - A Whaley Big Adventure was his first book to both write and illustrate. Gerry has also illustrated several picture books written by award winning author Erika McGann, including the bestselling 'Where Are You, Puffling?', 'Wee Donkey's Treasure Hunt', and also 'Puffling And The Egg'. The latest book in the series, 'It's Too Dark Puffling', will be published in October 2023. He enjoys bringing interactive reading and drawing events to schools, libraries, and festivals.



Edenderry: Thursday, 5th October 10am

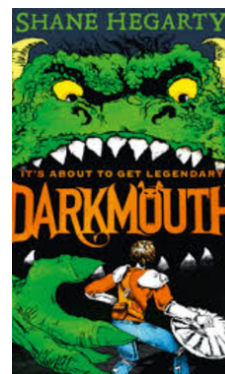
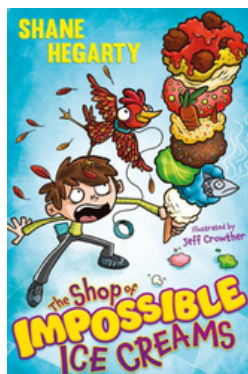
Tullamore: Thursday, 5th October 12pm and 1.30pm

Suitable for up to 2nd class

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Shane Hegarty



Where do you find the ingredients for a magical story? Bestselling author Shane Hegarty shows readers where he got his tasty (and strange) ideas for his series 'The Shop of Impossible Ice Creams' and will help them come up with their own super stories.

Edenderry: Thursday, 12th October 9.30am

Tullamore: Thursday, 12th October 11.30am

Birr: Thursday, 12th October at 1.30pm

Suitable for 2nd to 6th class

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Shannon Bergin



Shannon Bergin is an Irish illustrator from Birr. She graduated from Limerick School of Art and Design in 2018 and has been working on all kinds of illustrative work along with teaching workshops. Shannon's work has been exhibited throughout Ireland and the United States and she has won several awards for her illustrative pieces. Shannon's debut illustrated book, written by Siobhan Parkinson, was shortlisted for the 2021 Irish Book Awards and she is beginning work on her next picture book which will be published by The O'Brien Press.

Kilcormac: Thursday, 19th October 1.15pm

Birr: Friday, 20th October 10am

Banagher: Friday, 20th October 1.15pm

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Simone Schuemmelfeder



Get ready for a fun-ride of storytelling and puppetry with Michael and Simone from StoryGate! Funny Folktales, Ridiculous Riddles and Amazing Puppetry await you in the library. Meet Freddy the excited Frog; or Vinny the Vulture who is naughty and clever and eats all the sweets; or shy Katie Katerpillar who is looking for friends!

Performing together for over a decade, Simone Schuemmelfeder (storyteller) and Michael Phelan (puppeteer) have enchanted and enthralled audiences all over Ireland. Enjoy this 40min adventure of interactive puppetry and storytelling.

Birr: Thursday, 26th October 10.15am

Ferbane: Thursday, 26th October 11.45am

Clara: Thursday, 26th October 1.10pm

Suitable for up to 1st class

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Leona McDonnell



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Leona is an internationally accredited IMMA Creative Mindfulness Practitioner for Children, an IMMA Mindfulness Rooted Ecotherapy Practitioner, a Certified Rainbow Kids Yoga Teacher and a Certified Life Coach.

Leona specialises in working with children, teenagers and adults through her creative and nature-based methods. She has a deep love and connection to everything involving nature and animals.

A debut children's author, Leona's first book in her new 'Lucy's Mindful Life' book series for children was published in Spring 2022.

Edenderry: Thursday, 26th October 9.15am

Daingean: Thursday, 26th October 11.30am

Tullamore: Thursday, 26th October 1.30pm

Suitable for 1st to 4th class

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Storytimes



Offaly Libraries will be hosting storytimes
for Children's Book Festival

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Craft Sessions



Join us for craft sessions in your local library
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Suitable for children under 12 years

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As part of Children's Book Festival, Offaly Libraries are delighted to be hosting a **Design a Mr Men or Little Miss Character competition.**

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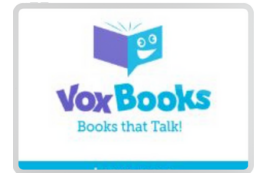
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Offaly Library Book Clubs

Birr Library: Children's Book Club, (8-10 years) meets the last Friday of every month, at 3.30pm

Clara Library: Children's Book Club, (8-10 years) the first Thursday of every month at 3.30pm (starting Thursday 5th October).

Daingean Library: Children's Book Club, (8-12 years) the first Tuesday of every month at 3.30pm (starting 3rd October).
Young Adult Book Club, (15-17 years) the first Thursday of every month at 6.00pm (starting 5th October).

Edenderry Library: Children's Book Club, (8-12 years) meets the second Wednesday of every month at 3.30pm.
Young Adult Book Club, (15-17 years) meets the first Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm.

Tullamore Library: Children's Book Club, (7-10 years) meets the first Wednesday of every month at 3.30pm.

Contact your local library for further information



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