

Beyond the Book – Kildare Young Readers’ Festival 16th -22nd May 2020

All events are free, booking is required only where specified.

Draw a Dinosaur Scene with award winning illustrator Tarsila Krüse

Saturday 16th May, 12pm - Facebook: @KildareCountyLibraryService and Instagram @kildarelibrary

Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd May at 3pm

Suitable for ages approx. 7 – 12

This is the first of a four-part series. You will learn how to sketch out a scene, draw some popular dinosaur characters, and then add colour to make your illustration come alive.

Why not start a Watch Party on Facebook for this video and follow along with friends, family, or your whole class?

Share your drawings on Social Media with the hashtag #DrawADino

The complete series will be available on our blog after the 22nd May

Traditional Storytelling Session with a Kildare Flair from the legendary Niall de Burca

Saturday 16th May 4pm, Facebook: @KildareCountyLibraryService and Instagram @kildarelibrary

Suitable for everyone

A good word never broke a tooth... Join Niall de Burca for magical storytelling that will transport you to another time and place. These high energy stories will fill you with giggles and show you a side of some well-known tales you might not have heard before.

If you are inspired by Niall’s stories, try your own imagination session after the video, and tell your own great story.

Storytime Scavenger with Shona

Sunday 17th May, 10am - Instagram @kildarelibrary

Suitable for ages approx. 6 – 9

Enjoy this short storytime session, then join the #StorytimeScavenger gang the next time you get out for some fresh air. Share a photo or drawing of your finds using the hashtag and tag @KildareLibrary on Instagram or Twitter, and @KildareCountyLibraryService on Facebook.

Am Scéil, le Betty

Sunday 17th May, 4pm - Facebook agus Instagram

Suitable for ages 3 – 8

Am Scéil as Gaeilge ag Céilúradh Léitheoirí Óga. Storytime as Gaeilge, celebrating young readers.

Helena Byrne's uplifting & interactive stories *Booking Required

Monday 18th May, 11am - Zoom
Suitable for ages 4 – 7

Join Helena as she brings much loved characters to life and help her to create a magical atmosphere with movement and song. You will feel uplifted and motivated after this enchanting story session.

Please email kildarelibrarybookings@gmail.com to reserve a place, including "Helena Byrne Stories" in the subject line. Please include child's name and age.

Tiny Tots Rhyme Time with Aisling

Tuesday 19th May, 11am - Facebook: @KildareCountyLibraryService and Instagram @kildarelibrary
Suitable for ages 6mths to 3 yrs

Join us for a fun singing and rhyming session that helps develop early literacy and language development. With lots of cuddles and smiles too!

Craft Workshop: Make your own Harry Potter Spell Book *Booking Required

Tuesday 19th May, 3pm - Zoom
Suitable for ages approx. 5 – 12

In this interactive Zoom workshop, Sarah Tully will guide you through the process of making your very own spell book, inspired by Harry Potter. Materials used will be simple items found at home, full details provided when confirming your booking.

Please email kildarelibrarybookings@gmail.com to reserve a place, including "Harry Potter Craft" in the subject line. Please include child's name and age.

Beyond the Book Show-and-Tell *Booking Required

Tuesday 19th May, 5pm – Zoom
Suitable for ages 10 – 12

Talk about a favourite book and get great recommendations.

Email kildarelibrarybookings@gmail.com and include "book show and tell" in the subject line. Please include child's name and age, and the title and author of book they want to discuss. They should have recently finished this book and be happy to talk about it in a video call with others of a similar age. You will receive a confirmation email with further information.

Draw a Puffin with Gerry Daly, illustrator of *Where Are You Puffling?*

Wednesday 20th May, 11am - Facebook and Twitter
Suitable for ages 6 – 9

Listen to Gerry Daly, illustrator of *Where Are You Puffling*, reading this beautiful story, and join him as he teaches us to draw our own puffins and whales. Share your drawings on social media with the hashtag #DrawAPuffin

This story is also available As Gaeilge on our Facebook page, try watching both and compare the different words you hear.

Writing Inspiration with Aideen

Wednesday 20th May, 5pm - Facebook: @KildareCountyLibraryService and Instagram @kildarelibrary
Suitable for ages 8 - 12

Join Aideen for some inspiration to help you start writing a story from scratch.
Watch with your class, friends, or family, and challenge each other to write an original story.

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Thursday 21st May, 10am - Instagram @kildarelibrary
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Yo-Yo Yoga Stories and Stretches *Booking required

Friday 22nd May, 11am, Zoom

Suitable for ages 3 to 8 and their guardians

Join Yo-Yo Yoga for a fun-filled and beneficial yoga session for children and their parents or caregivers. Sessions are lively with an emphasis on spending time together doing yoga through song, stories, games and cuddles. Sessions are child led and very relaxed.

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