

# Library Times

Meath County Council Library Service Newsletter

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## Libraries Ireland launch in Navan Library

Mr. Damien English, T.D. Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal launched Libraries Ireland in Navan Library recently. The new service provides single access for library members to over 15 million items in the 333 library branches across the country. The service allows members of the library to request titles and have these delivered quickly and efficiently to their local branches. Mr. English is pictured receiving a copy of Francis Ledwidge Selected Poems from County Librarian Ciaran Mangan



## Big Book Club Book Quiz

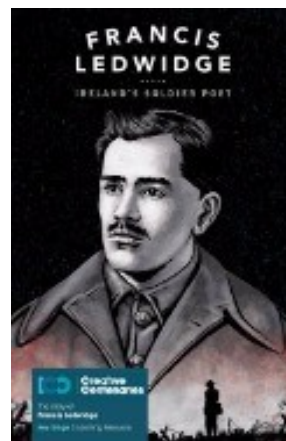


There was a great turnout for our big book quiz for book clubs which we held in The Solstice Arts Centre in April. Following a wine and cheese reception 17 teams answered questions on all things book related. 'From Reads To Reels', 'Celebrated Classics' and 'Blow The Cover' were just some of the rounds included in the quiz. It was a close finish but the winning

team were members of one of Navan Library's book clubs. The winning team pictured L to R are Eileen McMahon, Margaret Sweetman, Breda Reidy and Brenda Ferris.

## Francis Ledwidge Centenary 1917 - 2017

As part of the centenary commemoration artwork from the graphic novel *Francis Ledwidge, Ireland's Soldier Poet* will be on display in Meath libraries in the coming months. The work opens with quotes from Seamus Heaney's poem, "In Memoriam Francis Ledwidge" (1979), and is a biographical account of Ledwidge's life in graphic form. This series was originally produced by the Nerve Centre, Derry as part of their Creative Centenaries project offering an insight into the lives of renowned Irish poets in relation to the Easter Rising and the First World War.

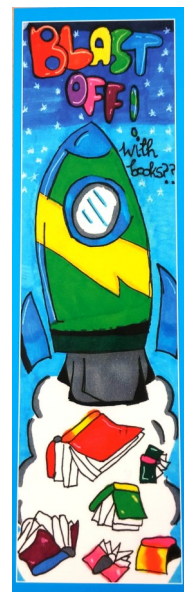


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## World Book Day Book Mark Competition



To celebrate World Book day 2017 we invited all primary school students in the county to design a book mark. We had hundreds of entries for the competition and the winning entry was designed by Anna Kovalcsik a sixth class student from St. Oliver Plunkett's National School in Navan. Anna won a €50 book voucher and the school received a collection of books to the value of €400. Anna is pictured here receiving her prize from Eve Morrisson, Executive Librarian; also pictured is principal Fergal Kelly.



## eReading Challenge – Win a 10” Tablet



**Borrow, download  
and enjoy here**  
Your library in one app.

Take our eReading Challenge this summer and be in with a chance to win a brand new 10” android tablet. All you have to do is check out an eBook, an eAudiobook or a Digital Magazine during the months of July and August. With over 300 full colour digital magazines, 5000 eAudiobooks and 13000 eBooks there is something to keep everyone enter-

tained this summer, including the kids. The lucky winner will be announced in September. So get borrowing today to make sure you're in with a chance to win. Visit [www.meathlibraries.ie/onlineresources](http://www.meathlibraries.ie/onlineresources) to get started. All you need are your library card number and PIN number.



## Creative Ireland 2017 - 2022 / Clár Éire Ildánach



Clár Éire Ildánach  
Creative Ireland  
Programme  
2017-2022



Creative Ireland is a five-year Government initiative which places creativity at the centre of public policy. This is a culture based programme designed to promote individual, community and national well-being. Meath

County Library will play a significant role in implementing the Creative Ireland programme locally, with a team of colleagues from across the cultural services now assigned to the task. Just some of Meath's planned projects, events and initiatives for 2017 include support for: Guth Gafa, Ireland's only independent documentary film festival, visual art projects at Solstice Arts Centre, the Mary Lavin Season, Francis Ledwidge Centenary, Kells TypeTrail Festival, Ashbourne's Toradh Gallery on Tour and children's book festival A Right Royal Read. Creative Ireland Meath held a public consultation meeting on 11th April 2017 at the Solstice Arts Centre, Navan, with an open meeting and discussion in the company of the Creative Ireland national team.

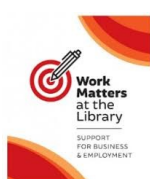




## Work Matters at the Library

Work Matters at the Library is a joint initiative of the Library Service, the Economic and Enterprise Team and the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) and Meath County Council. The Work Matters service, based in Navan, Ashbourne and Kells Libraries, offers resources to those interested in starting up their own business, seeking employment or are looking for a change of career. A

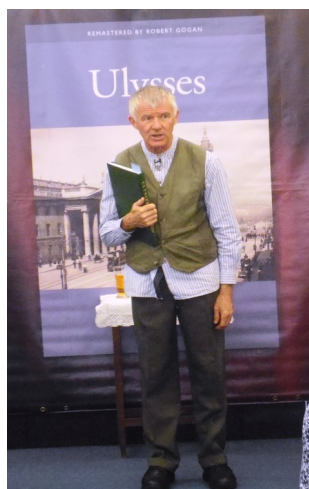
collection of relevant books and journals is available in these libraries and can also be reserved at any of the public libraries in Meath or online at [www.meath.ie/library](http://www.meath.ie/library) Topics covered include business planning, PR & marketing, HR, entrepreneurship, agribusiness,



digital marketing, accounting, health and safety, job seeking, CV preparation and interview skills. Pictured at the launch in Kells library are Ciaran Mangan County Librarian, Eve Morrisson, Executive Librarian Navan Library, An Cathaoirleach of Kells MD, Councillor Sarah Reilly and Barry Lynch Director Of Services Meath County Council



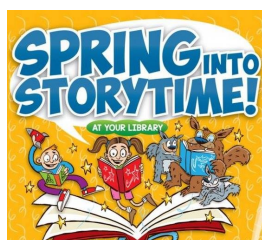
## Strolling Through Ulysses



"A non-academic, fun-filled crash course on Ulysses" is how Robert Grogan described his one man show Strolling Through Ulysses! The 70 minute lighthearted whistle-stop tour through Joyce's famous novel, went down a storm in Ashbourne, Dunboyne, Navan and Trim libraries in June. The show highlights the fun, action and characters of the book, aimed at those people who've never read it, or have read it and want to be refreshed. It was a little bit bawdy, certainly irreverent, but also great fun! The show was scattered with extracts from Ulysses which best illustrate the various aspects of Joyce's writing - the comical, the descriptive and the complex. It told the fun-filled story of Bloomsday - June 16th 1904 - the iconic day around which James Joyce's Ulysses is based.

## Spring into Storytime / Preab isteach sa Scéal

During the month of April every library in Meath hosted story-time sessions as part of the Spring into Storytime initiative. This national campaign celebrates the importance of families reading together and sharing stories.



Children, their parents/carers/teachers were invited to join in and experience the joy of reading. Junior infants from Ms Costello's class in St. Joseph's Mercy Primary School went wild for jungle storytime in Navan library.



## Create a Cushion



As part of our Bealtaine celebrations this year we asked people to enter our 'Create a Cushion' competition. We asked for comfy, quirky, cute or just plain crazy cushions of all shapes and we weren't disappointed. We had lots of creative entries and following an afternoon tea in Navan library a secret ballot voted for 'Michael D' by Liz McCormack from Athboy. Liz won a €50 voucher for Inspiring Ideas.

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## Summer events for children

The popular Summer Stars Reading Adventure is back in the library this summer. This free programme is open to all children. Each child who registers for the programme at their local library joins in the fun of reading lots of exciting books during the summer. Children will receive their own Summer Stars reading card to record their progress,



fun rewards will be given along the way. At the end of the programme, all children who have participated will be invited to attend an awards event in their local branch and those who complete the challenge will be entered into a draw to win a Kindle Fire tablet. We also have a jam packed calendar of events for children of all ages during July and August. from treasure hunts to talent shows, chess to cupcake decorating, arts & crafts to animation, monster doodles to Minecraft, arts & crafts to animation, there is sure to be something to suit everyone. Contact your local branch for details of events and to make bookings.



"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."  
-Albert Einstein

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