Children's Festival



October 2019
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It's Time to Celebrate!

Each October, in libraries throughout Wexford, young readers have the opportunity to meet some of the very best writers, storytellers and illustrators working in Ireland today.

We invite children, young people, schools and families to visit their local library and enjoy some of the 89 activities on offer in this brochure.

Our events are designed to help children and young people develop a fascination with, and love for books and reading, and inspire them to create stories, and maybe become the writers, storytellers and illustrators of the future.

Week 1

Tues 01 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	11.00-11.45	GO
Tues 01 Oct	Sadhbh Devlin	9-12	11.00-12.00	EY
Wed 02 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	10.30-11.00	WX
Wed 02 Oct	Alan Nolan	9-12	10.30-11.30	WX
Wed 02 Oct	Alan Nolan	9-12	12.00-13.00	WX
Thurs 03 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	11.00-11.30	GO
Thurs 03 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	11.00-11.30	EY
Thurs 03 Oct	Sadhbh Devlin	9-12	11.00-12.00	BY
Thurs 03 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	10.00-11.00	NR
Thurs 03 Oct	Supported (Dyslexia) Book Club	9-12	15.30-16.30	NR
Fri 04 Oct	Erika McGann	5-8	11.30-12.30	WX
Fri 04 Oct	Alan Nolan	9-12	11.00-12.00	GO
Fri 04 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	10.30-11.00	WX
Fri 04 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	11.00-11.30	BY
Fri 04 Oct	Fighting Words	7–12	11.00-12.30	WX
Sat 05 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	12.00-12.30	EY



Performer of fabulous themed storytelling sessions featuring Myth and Magic, and the books of Roald Dahl and David Walliams, Wayne is also an artist whose work is chiefly inspired by Fantasy, Sci-Fi and Mythology.



Former teacher and acclaimed professional storyteller for over thirty years, Patrick has written for the BBC and regularly tours Britain, Europe and the US performing, lecturing and participating in major storytelling projects.









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Week 2

Mon 07 Oct	Debbie Thomas	9-12	10.30-11.30	NR
Mon 07 Oct	Erika McGann	5-8	11.30-12.30	EY
Mon 07 Oct	Tatyana Feeney	5-8	11.00-12.00	GO
Mon 07 Oct	Conor Kostick	YA	10.30-11.30	WX
Mon 07 Oct	Conor Kostick	YA	12.00-13.00	WX
Tues 08 Oct	Alan Nolan	9-12	10.30-11.30	NR
Tues 08 Oct	Debbie Thomas	9-12	11.00-12.30	BY
Tues 08 Oct	Alan Nolan	9-12	12.15-13.15	EY
Tues 08 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	11.00-11.45	GO
Wed 09 Oct	Patrick Ryan	9-12	10.30-11.30	WX
Wed 09 Oct	Patrick Ryan	9-12	12.00-13.00	WX
Wed 09 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	10.30-11.00	WX
Wed 09 Oct	Tatyana Feeney	5-8	11.00-12.00	BY
Thurs 10 Oct	Brian Gallagher	9-12	11.00-12.00	WX
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Caroline Busher

Irish Times best-selling author Caroline takes her readers on an extraordinary and exciting journey in her books, 'The Ghosts of Magnificent Children' and 'The Girl Who Ate the Stars'. Caroline is the 'Reader in Residence' with County Wexford Public Library Services and a heritage expert with The Heritage Council of Ireland.



Conor Kostick

Author of the Avatar Chronicles series, writer and historian Conor has been awarded the Special Merit Award 'in recognition of his significant contribution to writing for children in Ireland' from the Reading Association of Ireland.



Former Irish Times Arts Editor, and now full-time author Shane is the creator of the fantastic 'Darkmouth' books for older readers and the funny and captivating little robot 'Boot' for younger children.



Sadhbh Devlin

Is scríbhneoir í Sadhbh Devlin a raibh a céad pictiúir leabhar do pháistí 'Bí ag Spraoi Liom', maisithe ag Tarsila Kruse. Scríobhann sí léirmheasana d'Inis Magazine, atá foilsithe ag Children's Books Ireland agus tá sí ar fáil le ceardlanna éagsúla a bhaineann leis an litríocht a dhéanamh i scoileanna agus leabharlanna.



Nominated for the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize, and the Kate Greenway Medal, author and illustrator Tatyana's books include 'Little Frog's Tadpole', 'Socks for Mr Wolf' and her latest title 'Eva and the Perfect Rain.



Author of hugely popular historical fiction for older children, Brian's novels include Across the Divide, Taking Sides, Secrets and Shadows, Stormclouds and Friend or Foe.



Week 3

Mon 14 Oct	Debbie Thomas	9-12	11.00-12.00	GO
Mon 14 Oct	Caroline Busher	9-12	11.00-12.00	NR
Mon 14 Oct	Charlie Pike	YA	11.00-12.00	EY
Tues 15 Oct	Charlie Pike	YA	11.00-12.00	NR
Tues 15 Oct	Charlie Pike	YA	13.30-14.30	WX
Tues 15 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	11.00-11.45	GO
Tues 15 Oct	Frank Salmon + Billy Doran	5-8	11.30-12.30	BY
Wed 16 Oct	Frank Salmon +Billy Doran	5-8	11.00-12.00	GO
Wed 16 Oct	Sadhbh Devlin	9–12	11.00-12.00	WX
Wed 16 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	10.30-11.00	WX
Wed 16 Oct	Shane Hegarty	9–12	11.00-12.00	EY
Thurs 17 Oct	Frank Salmon	5-8	11.00-12.00	NR
Thurs 17 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	11.00-11.30	GO
Thurs 17 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	11.00-11.30	EY
Thurs 17 Oct	One Community One Book	YA	19.00-20.30	GO
Thurs 17 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	10.00-11.00	NR
Fri 18 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	10.30-11.00	WX
Fri 18 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	11.00-11.30	BY
Fri 18 Oct	Conor Kostick	YA	11.00-12.00	GO
Fri 18 Oct	Fighting Words	7–12	11.00-12.30	WX
Sat 19 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	12.00-12.30	EY

Week 4

Mon 21 Oct	Wayne O'Connor	9-12	11.00-12.00	WX
Tues 22 Oct	Charlie Pike	YA	14.00-15.00	GO
Tues 22 Oct	Charlie Pike	YA	11.00-12.00	BY
Tues 22 Oct	Frank Salmon +Billy	5-8	11.00-12.00	WX
Tues 22 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	11.00-11.45	GO
Tues 22 Oct	Wayne O'Connor	9-12	11.00-12.00	EY
Wed 23 Oct	Wayne O'Connor	9-12	11.00-12.00	GO
Wed 23 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	10.30-11.00	WX
Thurs 24 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	11.00-11.30	GO
Thurs 24 Oct	Wayne O'Connor	7–10	9.45-10.45	NR
Thurs 24 Oct	Wayne O'Connor	10-12	11.00-12.00	NR
Thurs 24 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	11.00-11.30	EY
Thurs 24 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	10.00-11.00	NR
Thurs 24 Oct	Bedtime Stories	0-5	18.30-19.30	GO
Fri 25 Oct	Brian Gallagher	9-12	11.00-12.00	GO
Fri 25 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	10.30-11.00	WX
Fri 25 Oct	Wayne O'Connor	9-12	11.00-12.00	BY
Fri 25 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	11.00-11.30	BY
Fri 25 Oct	Sadhbh Devlin	9-12	11.00-12.00	NR

Week 5

Tues 29 Oct	Preschool Storytime	0-5	11.00-11.45	GO
Tues 29 Oct	Junior Book Club	9–12	15.30–16.30	GO
Wed 30 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	10.30-11.00	WX
Thurs 31 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	11.00-11.30	GO
Thurs 31 Oct	Baby and Toddler Rhymetime	0-5	11.00-11.30	EY
Thurs 31 Oct	Junior Book Club	9-12	15.30-16.30	NR

Your Local Library Details

Booking is essential for many events, please phone your local branch to secure your place. If special supports are required for those attending events please inform library staff at the time of booking.

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nniscorthy Library	053 92 36055
Gorey Library	053 94 21481
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Vexford Library	053 91 96760
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Mobile South	087 417 6014

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Your local library: www.wexfordcoco.ie/libraries





Award winning children's author Erika's latest title, 'Where are you Puffling?' is the delightful adventure of a little puffin living on Skellig Michael and incorporates a timely reminder to look after our wonderful wildlife.



Author and illustrator of many books and comics, Alan's latest rollicking read is 'Sam Hannigan and the Last Dodo'. His previous book, 'Sam Hannigan's Rockstar Granny' was chosen as a World Book Day 2019 title.



'Jacobs Ladder', a thrilling and often gory sci-fi fantasy novel featuring complex characters is the debut novel from Charlie. This workshop will inspire discussion and debate and is suited to an older teen audience, 16+



Author and Illustrator of 'The Chronicles of Hamalot', this is the debut book about the amusing adventures of the pigs of Hamalot. Readings and illustrations offer a fun session for younger children.

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Children' author of 'Class Act', 'Monkey Business' and many other books, Debbie is also the Writer in Residence at Crumlin Children's Hospital and a board member of the Irish section of IBBY (the International Board on Books for Young People)



Fighting Words was established by Roddy Doyle and Séan Love. Fighting Words Wexford takes place in Wexford Town Library. Every Friday, primary school groups set out on a story making and creative writing adventure with trained volunteer mentors supported by library staff.



Based on 'One City, One Book', this is a community reading project supported by libraries and schools. Creagh College, Gorey will read 'Finding a Voice' by Kim Hood.

