



# Right to Read

## **2018 Action Plan Summary WEXFORD**

May 2018

## Wexford Right to Read Action Plan

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### Introduction

The *Right to Read* programme brings together local authorities and local bodies involved in supporting literacy and reading development in the local area for a co-ordinated approach to providing these services in the community. *Right to Read* supports literacy development for individuals, families and children as part of a locally coordinated, sustainable and standard approach across the country.

In 2018, the implementation of Right to Read continues to focus on support for children and families.

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## Section 1

### Contact Information

- **City/County Librarian**  
Name: Eileen Morrissey
- **Right to Read Local Coordinator**  
Name: Hazel Percival

The County Librarian has overall responsibility for the delivery of Right to Read for the local authority.

The Right to Read Co-ordinator has responsibility for the implementation and co-ordination of the Right to Read Programme.

## Section 2

### Right to Read Network

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#### ➤ **2018 Network Partners**

Wexford County Council Public Library Service with 10 local based agencies combine to form the Right to Read Network. The network will meet on 5 occasions in 2018.

Right to Read **Actions** planned by the Network for 2018:

- Identify and reach the members of the community who would benefit most from Right to Read
- Facilitate informed co-operation, support development and provide cross-signposting and promotion for Right to Read
- Facilitate the development of joint services and supports among network partners;
- Deliver Parenting Today, a series of talks for parents in all 5 libraries in County Wexford

## Section 3

### Service Delivery

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The implementation of Right to Read in **2018 will focus on support for children and families.**

The core support services and resources available to all library users to support literacy and reading development include:

#### **Reading Development Resources and Facilities**

- Wide-ranging collections for children, young adults and adults, continuously updated, prioritizing Picture books and renewal of Classroom novel scheme
- Literacy development material and reading series, in-library and online from 5 branch libraries and 2 mobile libraries
- Online resources – e-books, e-audio books, e-magazines, e-newspapers
- Dedicated reading / browsing spaces
- Event / meeting spaces and facilities for hosting clinics / one-to-one sessions
- PCs, high quality broadband / Wi-Fi access, printing, 3D printing and photocopying

#### **Library Staff Support**

- Advice and support on reading development
- Guidance with book selection and the fostering of reading habits
- Developing and promoting reading development, including provision of recommended book lists and guides

## Events

- Seasonal literacy and reading development programmes
- Regular scheduled reading development activities
  - Toddler Storytime in all 5 branch libraries each week
  - Rhymetime in Wexford and Enniscorthy libraries
  - Junior Book Clubs in all libraries
  - Young Adult book clubs
  - Storytime Express from the Mobile Library service
- Once off literacy and reading development programmes
  - Polar bear express /Teddy Bear Sleepover type events
  - Book themed events, Harry Potter etc.
  - Integrating movement and literacy, Yoga Storytime & Gymboree
- Other Literacy and reading development initiatives
  - Time 2 Read, Business in the Community Initiative
  - STEAM literacy Programmes
  - Cultural literacy Programmes

## Core library service initiatives aimed at Children and Families

### ➤ **Spring into Storytime**

To hold the *Spring into Story Time*, national reading campaign for younger children in all County Wexford Public Libraries during April 2018. *Spring into Story Time* is a recommendation of the Public Libraries Literacy and Reading Development Working Group and the findings from a 2016 pilot initiative.

### ➤ **Summer Stars**

Deliver the Summer Stars reading programme, to children of primary school age, to encourage them engage with their local library to maintain and develop their literacy skills in the months of July and August.

### ➤ **Children's Book Festival**

To introduce authors and illustrators to children and inspire in them an interest in the process of writing, plot formation and illustration. The public library service will work collaboratively with parents and teachers, to encourage them to bring children to the public library, to build their reading habit and learn to enjoy reading.

### ➤ **Services to Schools**

Library resources and services to be provided to preschools primary and secondary schools

### ➤ **Bilingual families**

Families raising their children in a bilingual home are encouraged to visit the library in their leisure time for shared family reading, skills development, book selection and language activities.

### ➤ **Ready, Steady, Read**

Ready, Steady, Read is an interactive programme that enables parents and caregivers build their skills base to introduce their pre-school children to reading.

### ➤ **Reader in Residence**

The Reader in Residence will work with Wexford County Council Public Library Service to develop a programme of activities unique to each of the five library branches for children and their families. In

2018, the programme will work with our Right to Read Network partners, with children through community groups and schools in the geographic area of their local library and engage them to read and take part in library events. The Reader in Residence will deliver the Fighting Words reading development initiative in one/two libraries and work with the Sports Partnership to engage children in literacy through sports.

## Section 4

### Library Staff Supporting Right to Read

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#### Right to Read Co-ordinator:

The co-ordinator has responsibility for the implementation and co-ordination of the Right to Read Programme in County Wexford. She will ensure that the programme delivery complements existing local literacy programmes.

Overview of planned delivery of the programme by the coordinator in 2018:

- Agreement for Right to Read Action Plan 2018
- Agree targets and timeline with library branch managers and Reader in Residence
- Monitor progress and review
- Delivering Right to Read to client groups with specific literacy and reading needs
- Liaise with and prepare reports for Co Librarian and the Right to Read Network

#### Frontline Staff:

The customer-focused role of the frontline staff team is central to supporting users access resources and services, and ensuring that the information that users access is appropriate and relevant.

Role of frontline staff in supporting families and children:

- agree programme targets and outputs
- deliver outcomes, report, evaluate and reset targets

## Section 5

### Evaluation

Wexford County Council Public Library Service will deliver an annual evaluation report at the end of the year. This evaluation will supply:-

- Statistics and analysis
- evidence based report on identified targets and achievement of expected outcomes
- Qualitative data to provide more in-depth information on people's experiences and observations.

The report will detail the measures taken in support of Right to Read and outline the achievements made in literacy and reading development in Wexford Public Library Service.