

Monaghan County Library

Children's BOOK Festival

 Right to Read



Children's Book Festival 2022

Schools Programme

welcome

Welcome to Monaghan County Libraries Children's Book Festival 2022. We are delighted to present a fantastic line up of authors & illustrators for this year's festival. You'll notice that some events are happening in our library branches, some are being pre-arranged with schools and some are being streamed live online and can be broadcast directly into your classroom using the platform Crowdcast, which we hope you are all familiar with at this stage. If not, full instructions on how to access the event will be provided on booking.

How to book

All of our events are **FREE** however space at live 'in-Person' events will be limited. Our online broadcasts are open to all but to ensure there are no unexpected guests during our sessions we will be password protecting each event. Those who book in for an online event will be given the password and instructions on how to access.

If you would like to book any of the events please provide us with the follow details:

- Your Name
- School Name
- Class Group
- Number of Children attending/viewing

Send to libraryactivities@monaghancoco.ie



Shane Hegarty

Tuesday 4th October
 Monaghan Branch Library
 Sessions at 10am, 11:30am & 1:15pm
 Suitable for 2nd – 3rd Class

You probably know author Shane Hegarty from his bestselling series 'Boot' the robot but we are delighted to welcome him to our festival to talk about his new book 'The Shop of Impossible Ice Creams'. Limpet's mum is opening an ice-cream shop, full of her favourite new flavours: mushroom and tuna ice cream, anyone? Roast parsnip and gravy? Limpet's not sure about this. He likes a nice, safe life. His favourite ice-cream flavour is vanilla. But when wicked Mr Fluffy arrives with his Mega Emporium of Amazing and Spectacular Ice Creams, Limpet knows he's got to fight back. And there are magic ingredients on his doorstep which can solve all his worries, if only he can get the recipe just right ...



Tarsila Kruse

Wednesday 5th - Castleblayney Library
 Session Times: 10am & 11:15am

Thursday 6th – Carrickmacross Library
 Session Times: 10am & 11:30am

Suitable for 1st – 4th Class

Take a stroll through My Little Album of Ireland – an illustrated journey around Ireland with the illustrator Tarsila Kruse. What can you spot?!

Children will have the opportunity for drawing practice inspired by the ideas and suggestions from the children before making our own "Little Albums" which they can fill with their favourite topic!

The session will be followed by Q&A with Tarsila on how she gets her ideas, creates illustrations, her books or anything else!



Louise Flanagan

Tuesday 11th November
Pre-arranged school visit.

Join eight-year-old boys, Evan and Conor, on a magical quest in the land of Dragonterra. A furry friend, Lucy the wozlett, guides them on their adventures, and Grandad's old rucksack is full of magical objects to help them outwit the wizard! Can the boys find all of the eggs to break Wizard Snivvard's spell and restore the power of the mighty dragons?



Robert Muchmore

Wednesday 12th October @ 11:30am
Online via Crowdcast
Suitable for 4th - 6th Class

Robert Muchmore is the author of a whopping 30+ books and has sold over 15 million books worldwide. He is best known for the CHERUB series. CHERUB is a secret organisation that recruits orphans aged eleven to seventeen to go on missions for intelligence agencies like the FBI or MI5.

His most recent books are based on a Robin hood who lives in the present day, and besides being an ace shot with his carbon fiber bow and titanium tipped arrows, Robin can hack computers and escape using his parkour skills. His enemies are modern too: corrupt cops, crooked politicians and greedy billionaires. You wont want to miss this....



Ronan Moore

Saturday 15th October @ 11am
Carrickmacross Library
Suitable for ages 7+

He is Ireland's most famous warrior, a legendary figure who has enchanted children for millennia. But who really was Fionn Mac Cumhail? And what was he like when he was a child?

In this wonderful, modern retelling of an ancient tale, based on a 12th-century manuscript, Ronan Moore brings young Fionn to life in a series of wild adventures. Come along to Carrickmacross Library to discover more from the author.



Joseph Coelho

Tuesday 18th October @ 11:30am
online via Crowdcast
Suitable for 1st - 3rd Class

Joseph Coelho is an award-winning children's author, performance poet and playwright based in London. He is also the Waterstones Children's Laureate for 2022-2024 – a very prestigious title previously held by Julia Donaldson, Jacqueline Wilson & Michael Rosen to name but a few. His dynamic collections of verse brings poetry alive, both for the reader and their audience. Perfect to encourage children to develop a love of poetry and performance.



Nick Sheridan

Thursday 20th October

@ 10am and 11:30am

Clones Library

Suitable for 3rd – 6th class

A funny, practical and ever-so timely guide to the News for 8-12-year-olds. Find out how to understand and navigate 24/7 news, how to spot the facts from the fake ... and what to do if the news becomes overwhelming.

It's never been easier to access the news; TV, radio, billboards, newspapers and endlessly buzzing on to the screens in our pockets. But with more and more news available, it's hard to know what to trust. Where do stories come from? What's real news and what's fake? And what role does social media play in all of this? Insightful, hands-on, essential and reassuring, Breaking News will help children navigate the peaks and pitfalls of our modern day news cycle, through laugh-out-loud text, amusing illustration and interactive activities.



Dan Freedman

Friday 21st October @ 11:30am

Online Via Crowdcast

Suitable for 3rd – 6th Class

Dan is best known for his hugely popular series of Jamie Johnson football novels. The books have been adapted for TV by the BBC and the drama series is being broadcast around the world. The Jamie Johnson books have sold more than 800,000 copies globally.

Before becoming an author, Dan was managing editor for The FA for seven years. He interviewed the likes of Messi and Ronaldo and has been to two World Cups as part of the official England Team group. When not writing, Dan gives talks at schools and sports clubs.

He has made 2000 school visits during the last decade and it was those experiences that inspired him to write his newest novel, Unstoppable.



Paddy Donnelly

Monday 24th October @ 11:30am

Online via Crowdcast

Suitable for Junior – First class

Paddy Donnelly is an award winning author/illustrator from the north coast of Ireland. His children's books are a must for any library. This online workshop will be based on his latest release 'Fox & Son Tailers'. Makers of the Finest Traditional Tails for All Animals and Every Occasion! Rory's dad, Fox, is a tailer. The BEST in the business! Animals come from all over to have their tails made by him. Rory helps his dad in the shop and one of his jobs is measuring the customers for the tails - which isn't always easy! But Rory is bored of making the same old tails. He has his own amazing ideas...

Celebrating creativity, this heart-warming story about a father and son fox encourages kids to follow their dreams and come up with their own unique ideas. This school event is filled with animals, imagination and lots of doodling as kids create their own tails.



Tola Okogwu

Tuesday 25th October @ 11:30am

Online via Crowdcast

Suitable for 4th - 6th class

Tolá Okogwu is a British-Nigerian children's author, journalist, and hair care educator. She believes it's important for children to read books that are reflective of their own experiences, as well as other cultures and she seeks to create these opportunities through her books and wider writing. Her books based on Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun has been described as 'Black Panther meets Percy Jackson' – no wonder they are going to be turned into a Netflix series!

Onyeka has a lot of hair—the kind that makes strangers stop in the street and her peers whisper behind her back. Even with the support of her best friend, Cheyenne, who couldn't care less what other people think, Onyeka can't help but wish she could tame her vibrant curls. Then, Cheyenne almost drowns and Onyeka's hair inexplicably takes on a life of its own, pulling Cheyenne from the water....now it's time Onyeka's mother told her the truth.



Sadhbh Devlin

Thursday 27th

Pre-arranged Gaelscoil Sessions
Suitable for junior - 1st class

Sadhbh Devlin has written a collection of beautiful books 'as gaeilge', including Geansaí Otto, Bí ag spraoi liom! and Beag Bideach. Her most recent book 'Amuigh Faoin Spéir' will be hot off the press on the 3rd of October so we'll be among the first to hear her read it!



Fiona Longmuir

Tuesday 11th @ 4pm

Monaghan Branch Library
Suitable for ages 10+

Fiona Longmuir was born in Paisley, Scotland. Shortly afterwards, she picked up a pencil and never really put it back down. She writes about stubborn, oddball little kids, having had a lot of personal experience in that area. Fiona's debut novel, Looking for Emily, was published by Nosy Crow in June 2022. Her work has been shortlisted in the Bath Children's Novel Award and the Joan Aiken Future Classics Prize. Fiona will join us to share her experience with children interested in creative writing.

To book please
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Competition Time

Design a new Mr. Men or Little Miss. Character

We want you to come up with a brand new Mr Men or Little Miss Character. You will have to give them a unique name and draw them. Children in 1st - 4th Class will also have to write a short paragraph to tell us a little bit about their character. Entry forms are available to download from www.monaghan.ie/library/competitions.

3 Categories:

- Junior – Senior Infants
- 1st – 2nd Class
- 3rd – 4th Class


Monaghan's Ghost Stories

Monaghan County Library are actively promoting the tradition of Storytelling through the 'Drumlin Yarnspinners Club. As part of this we are asking children in 5th & 6th class to seek out Ghost stories. We want children to ask parents, grandparents or neighbours if they know any spooky tales based in their own locality or spine tingling stories from their native lands.

5th + 6th Class competition only.

Stories must be typed and should not exceed 1 x A4 page.

Entry form and full details available at
www.monaghan.ie/library/competitions



The Big Book Quiz

Friday 28th Oct @ 11:30am

The Big Book Quiz is back for its 3rd year! Previous winners of the €250 book voucher include Ms. King's class in Corduff N.S and Ms. Daly's Class in Urbleshanny N.S.

Could it be your class this year?

Work together as a classroom to choose the correct answer from a multiple choice selection – but be quick because bonus points are awarded for fastest finger first!

To register a team and receive the code to **join in online** at myquiz.org simply email: libraryactivities@monaghancoco.ie

Dates for your Diary



SAMHAIN
Storytelling Festival

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The Samhain Storytelling Festival is taking place in Iontas from 24th Oct – 5th Nov and will include workshops and performances for all the family. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon.



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Cavan Monaghan Science Festival

The Cavan Monaghan Science Festival is returning for its 7th year. Keep free 5th – 19th November for a jam packed schedule of school, public & family events.

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