

Monaghan County Libraries Policy for the Mobile School Library August 2026

Monaghan County Libraries is committed to delivering high-quality and inclusive library services to schools across the county. Research highlights the important role of library services in improving reading outcomes for school students. The service aims to:

- Promote reading for pleasure and literacy development
- Provide access to a wide range of books
- Support classroom learning and the school curriculum
- Ensure equitable access to library services for all children

Service Delivery

- The Mobile School Library visits rural schools on a scheduled basis.
- Schools will be notified in advance, and dates for visits will be agreed.
- Teachers and students may select books during visits, supported by library staff. Each student is permitted to borrow one book.
- Books must be returned at the next visit.

Membership and Borrowing

- Schools participate in the service through a school library membership.
- Books are issued in line with Monaghan County Libraries membership policies.
- **Teachers are responsible** for ensuring borrowed items are cared for within the school between visits. Please **do not put stickers** on library books. Lost or damaged items may be subject to replacement under library procedures.

Photography and Consent

From time to time, photographs or recordings may be taken during library visits to support promotion of services. No images of children will be taken or used without appropriate school and parental/guardian consent.

Child Safeguarding

Monaghan County Libraries is committed to safeguarding children and young people in line with Monaghan County Council's Child Safeguarding Statement: [Child-Safeguarding-Statement-2025.pdf](#)

- Library staff engaging with schools are Garda vetted
- School staff are responsible for the supervision of pupils, **at all times** during visits.

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