



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge Waterford City & County Council

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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Metropolitan District Arts & Culture Report November 2021

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In August, September and October all branches extended opening times and services in line with Government Guidelines. There were a total of 127 activities and events during the third quarter of 2021 including:

Online parent and toddler groups, Intergenerational Music project, EDIC events, Work Matters videos, Design Thinkers Workshops, Diverse Creatives project and Shakti Investing in Women programme. Also various events for Heritage Week, Summer Stars Reading Challenge, Well Festival, Culture Night, Positive Ageing Week, Children's Book Festival, Space Week, Maths Week, Waterford Writers at Imagine festival, Vitamin Sea festival, Waterford Integration Network and Book Club meetings.

Use of meeting rooms for:

Brothers of Charity movie screenings, Youth Group meetings with Gardai, reading groups, WCCC Housing meetings, Residents Association meetings and Pride of Place Carrickphierish meetings.

Upcoming events in November for Science Week, History Week, HSE workshops and Healthy Ireland at your Library

Central Library

Sinead O'Higgins Executive Librarian, ph: 0761 10 2771, email: sohiggins@waterfordcouncil.ie

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	August	September	October
Issues	2938	2572	3045
Visitors	1804	1784	2700
Number of Internet PC Hours	NA	300	714

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Number of Internet Sessions Used	NA	80	209
WIFI	136	195	218
Events Service Wide	25	30	72

Local Studies

In August, September and October there were a total of 64 Local Studies queries/visits. There were a total of 110 unique searches on the genealogy online resource, Ancestry.com and 783 online record views on the Irish Newspaper Archives during the months of August and September.

Ardkeen Library

Tracy McEneaney Executive Librarian, ph: 0761 10 2844, email: tmceneaney@waterfordcouncil.ie

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	August	September	October
Issues	4585	3478	4235
Visitors	3194	2891	3306
Number of Internet PC Hours available	NA	198	360
Number of Internet Sessions Used	NA	35	116
WIFI	152	140	134
Events Service Wide	25	30	72

Carrickphierish Library

Niamh Baldwin, Executive Librarian, ph: 0761 102963, email: nbaldwin@waterfordcouncil.ie

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	August	September	October
Issues	3823	3750	3909
Visitors	1010	1261	1176
Number of Internet PC Hours available	NA	168	408
Number of Internet Sessions Used	NA	16	209
WIFI	79	70	49
Events Service Wide	25	30	72

Tramore library

Loretta Kinsella Assistant Librarian, ph: 0761 10 2593, email: lkinsella@waterfordcouncil.ie

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	August	September	October
Issues	3625	1988	3481
Visitors	2991	2481	2124
Number of Internet PC Hours available	NA	126	306
Number of Internet Sessions Used	NA	11	32
WIFI	53	45	22
Events Service Wide	25	30	72

Browns Road Library

Tracy McEneaney Executive Librarian, ph: 0761 10 2844, email: tmceneaney@waterfordcouncil.ie

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	August	September	October
Issues	399	391	632
Visitors	165	128	300
Number of Internet PC Hours available	NA	12	54
Number of Internet Sessions Used	NA	1	9
WIFI	5	9	8
Events Service Wide	25	30	72

Dunmore East Library

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Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	August	September	October
Issues	206	225	411
Visitors	118	177	226
Number of Internet PC Hours available	NA	7	28
Number of Internet Sessions Used	NA	0	4
WIFI	2	6	8
Events Service Wide	25	30	72

Arts Report November 2021

- Following on from the successful Outdoor Performance scheme in August the Arts Service was offered a similar scheme for December. The working title is 'Waterford Winter Fire Dance' and the intention is to have events in 5 to 7 individual towns leading up to fireworks displays on the Winter Solstice in each of those areas. An Expressions Of Interest call-out has been instigated.
- The Arts service successfully applied to the Arts Council for a G5 Visual Arts specialist. HR are currently shortlisting applicants.
- Arts Grants are being adjudicated – we are lucky to have procured the services again of Annette Maloney and Mike Finn.
- The Waterford Film Festival has kicked off with films from 12 different countries.
- This year's highly successful Imagine Festival has concluded – one of the many highlights was an exhibition by esteemed artist John Shinnors.
- The Waterford Writers weekend, which runs in parallel with the Imagine Festival saw Colm Keegan announce and read the annual Sean Dunne Poetry Prize. Also in attendance was Sophie White and Eddie Linnnehan and our own Megan Nolan.
- The Waterford Gallery of Art continues to host an exhibition from the Waterford Art Collection. Opening hours will change in December to 10am to 5pm Thursdays through Saturdays.
- The Artist in Schools programme has recommenced as has writing courses for adults.