

Comeragh Area District Report September 2021

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Kilmacthomas Library

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Kilmacthomas Library has been open for browsing services since May and staff are working in line with National Guidelines for Covid Compliance.

Planning is currently underway to paint the outside of the building in line with Kilmacthomas Tidy Town's colour scheme for the main street. Further development of Age Friendly Services in the branch is also underway with planning for procurement of suitable furniture. WIFI4EU has also been installed in the branch in August for use by the surrounding community.

Kilmacthomas Library staff are supporting the Summer Stars Reading Challenge events and activities throughout the summer months and will be involved with Culture Night events in September along with outreach work within schools and early learning centres in Autumn for Children's Book Festival.

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	May	June	July	August
Issues	150	309	268	299
Visitor Number	170	288	145	166
Events Service Wide	76	47	65	25

Portlaw Library

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Portlaw library is open to the public for browsing services are staff are working to National Guidelines for Covid Compliance.

Portlaw Library staff were involved in the development of the Directory of Services for Older People and the delivery of the launch in July at St. Martin's Day Centre in Portlaw. This launch was attended by Minister for Health and Older People, Mary Butler T.D. The Directory provides information on the essential services available for older people in Waterford City and County and was created in conjunction with Waterford Age Friendly Alliance.

The Branch Librarian has been working to deliver the Summer Stars Reading Challenge throughout the Summer Months and will work with Portlaw NS in the delivery of Medals and Certificates to children who have completed the program.

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	May	June	July	August
Issues	263	180	364	290
Visitor Number	135	180	225	199
Events Service Wide	76	47	65	25



Pictured at the Launch of the Directory of Services for Older People; Helena Fogarty; Branch Librarian Portlawn Library, Tracy McEneaney; Executive Librarian Waterford Libraries, Jane Cantwell; City and County Librarian Waterford Libraries, Michael Walsh; Chief Executive Waterford City and County Council, Cllr Joe Kelly; Mayor of City and County Waterford and Mary Butler T.D Minister for Health and Older People