

Dungarvan/ Lismore District Report May 2023

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Activity in the Dungarvan and Lismore district encompassing Cappoquin, Dungarvan, Lismore and Tallow Library branches.

	February	March	April
Issues	7,561	6,443	6,020
Visitors	9,650	11,076	10,293
Events	153	212	152

During the months of February, March, and April 2023.

- Lismore and Cappoquin Libraries hosted 18 Wellness and Wellbeing coffee mornings.
- Cappoquin, Lismore and Tallow libraries offer weekly, Chess, Lego and Crafternoon drop in clubs for young people and families.
- There were 126 My Open Library Inductions in Dungarvan Library with 6,365 visitors during My Open Library hours.
- Groups and families with additional needs took part in 63 sessions on the Magic Sensory Table in Dungarvan Library.
- Library branches celebrated literacy and reading with Ireland reads, Spring into Story time and World Book Day. The Hello How R U campaign and the Well festival of mental wellbeing focussed on mental health support. STEAM was supported with events for Engineers Week and regular Lego and Chess clubs. There were also events for Seachtain na Gaeilge and Poetry Day Ireland.
- Dungarvan Library hosted an exhibition by the HSE Primary Health Centre Art Therapy Exhibition Launch Wednesday 1st March attended by 70 people including Cllr Conor McGuinness, CNM2 Linda Ryan and Art Therapist Pat Carri. There was also an exhibition of the Poetry of Richard Purcell in Dungarvan Library which launched on March 22nd.
- Dungarvan Library celebrated Ireland Reads day with a 'Learn to Paint a Funky Hen' Literacy Based Workshop by Artist Kiki Roosli in association with Dyslexia Ireland, 10 children attended this workshop.
- There were 27 Digital Connectivity classes in the district these classes are provided in association with the WWETB and support people in the community in bridging the digital divide.
- New more user-friendly Self-Service kiosks were installed in Dungarvan Library along with a reservation pick up locker and new RFID gates. While Lismore Library recently installed a Hublet, a tablet lending device for the local community.
- Dungarvan Library and the Arts Office celebrated Poetry Ireland Day with Lismore Poet, Molly Twomey, she read from her award nominated debut collection raised Among Vultures to an audience of 33.

Upcoming Events:

- Libraries are planning for upcoming events in May to support the Bealtaine Festival.
- Cruinniu na nÓg will take place in June.
- In April Dungarvan Library was granted Creative Waterford funding to commission a new Internal mural in the Junior area. Work on this will commence soon.

Photos

Clr Conor McGuinness, CNM2 Linda Ryan and Art Therapist Pat Carri launching the Primary care centre Art Therapy exhibition.

