

Comeragh District Report September 2022

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Kilmacthomas Library

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Library based Activities and Events.

Kilmacthomas is an active branch, hosting many events for national programmes along with hobby groups and supports for members of all ages.

- Kilmacthomas Library has recently been painted and is looking vibrant and bright.
- Kilmacthomas Library hosts local families and children for weekly *Crafternoon* sessions and a, *Build with Lego Club*.
- On the 24th June there was a Social Prescribing meeting held in the Library, this valuable service helps combat social isolation and contributes to wellbeing.
- On August 5th a *Ready, Steady, Play and Music* event for local 0-5-year-old children and families took place in the Library.
- Kilmacthomas Library has successfully worked with Waterford Sports Partnership to develop a lending and training programme for Activator walking Pole's that is now ready to be expanded to other locations.
- Partnership development with Waterford Childcare Committee which is located in Kilmacthomas Workhouse for promotion of Library events and resources.
- 17th August there was a Heritage Week walking tour '*Stories from the Heart*' with local guide Stephen McCarthy from 'Stepsbackthrutime.'

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch:	June	July	August
Kilmacthomas			
Issues	559	578	568
Visitors	418	506	434
Number of Internet PC Hours available	84	78	78
Number of Internet Sessions Used	9	25	17
WIFI	14	2	2

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Library based activities and events:

Portlaw Library is central to the community and provides a space for all to engage with reading, culture and information.

- Waterford Libraries ran a very successful pop up Library at the All Together Now festival in Curraghmore Estate on the August Bank Holiday weekend. Over 2,500 people stopped by the Library to read, colour, craft and relax. Social Media engagement with posts from All Together Now was up over 100%.
- Portlaw Library hosts regular community events with a Monthly bookclub, a weekly crochet and a weekly knitters club. These events have an average monthly attendance of 70 people.
- In the month of June 579 local students visited Portlaw Library in their classes for reading time. These classes visit weekly throughout the school year.

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch Portlaw	June	July	August
Issues	756	535	462
Visitors	1379	661	637
Number of Internet PC Hours available	182	182	168
Number of Internet Sessions Used	68	57	74
WIFI	26	49	52

'All Together Now' Pop up Library





Kilmacthomas Library