

Dungarvan/ Lismore District Report June 2021

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Dungarvan Library

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In May the library reopened to browsing services after a period of closure in line with Level 5 restrictions in February, March and April of 2021. During the closure staff delivered books to vulnerable patrons, worked from home to provide phone and online services to patrons and delivered an extensive program of online events and activities which has continued into May including:

Healthy Ireland at your Library programme of events, Switching off and Being Creative events such as Children's craft workshops and story times, Wellness through Poetry readings, Dungarvan Camera Club window exhibition which received positive media coverage and in May the Dungarvan Library Exhibition 'The Vertigo Project' by Jean Curran as part of Dungarvan Art Trail running until July, Launch of Digital Ambassadors Programme in Dungarvan Library by Mayor Damien Geoghegan and Librarian Anne Dykes with local radio interview promotion.

First Time Parents online Support Group with Barnardos in Cappoquin, Teen Support group with Portlaw Foroige and Dungarvan Youth Community Group, Seachtain na Gaeilge events, Dublin Zoo Engineering workshop, Bealtaine Festival and Spring into Storytime events and activities.

Upcoming online events in June to support Summer Stars Reading Challenge, Pride of the Deise and Cruinniu na nOg.

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	February	March	April	May
Issues	127	178	177	2924
Deliveries	15	17	16	NA
Visitor Number	NA	NA	NA	2424
Events	47 Service Wide Online Events	103 Service Wide Online Events	49 Service Wide Online Events	76 Service Wide Online Events

Lismore Library

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Lismore Library reopened in May in line with Government guidelines after Level 5 Restrictions led to closure in February, March and April. During closure one staff member remained on site to provide branch phone cover and delivered books to vulnerable patrons and two remaining staff members retiring during this time leaving posts vacant. MOL installation continues in Lismore Library.

Upcoming events in June include the promotion of Summer Starts, Cruinniu na nOg and Pride of the Deise.

Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	February	March	April	May
Issues	NA	59	53	514
Deliveries	NA	5	4	NA
Visitor Number	NA	NA	NA	822
Events	47 Service Wide Online Events	103 Service Wide Online Events	49 Service Wide Online Events	76 Service Wide Online Events

Cappoquin

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Cappoquin Library reopened to browsing services in May, after Level 5 Restrictions led to closure in February, March and April. Upcoming events in June include the promotion of Summer Starts, Cruinniu na nOg and Pride of the Deise.

Branch	February	March	April	May
Issues	NA	NA	NA	167
Deliveries	NA	NA	NA	NA
Visitor Number	NA	NA	NA	189
Events	47 Service Wide Online Events	103 Service Wide Online Events	49 Service Wide Online Events	76 Service Wide Online Events

Tallow Library

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While the branch remained closed in line with Level 5 Restrictions in February, March and April preparations are now underway to reopen the branch to browsing services. Painting works were completed in May, a deep clean has also been completed, re-shelving and Covid Compliance tasks are currently in progress to ready the branch for reopening.

ARTS

- The Artlinks Collaboration Award has been awarded, as has the bursary to attend the Virtual Blas Traditional Arts Summer school run by the University of Limerick, details on waterfordarts.com
- Entries are now open on the Waterford Submit platform see: <https://submit.link/98> for the national Molly Keane Creative Writing Award run by the Arts Office.
- The Waterford Gallery of Art in the city and the Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan exhibitions have re-opened.
- The Dungarvan Art Trail featured on RTE's Nationwide programme and is currently available on the RTE Player.
- The 'Outlasting' Literature project for Waterford supported by the Bank Of Ireland 'Begin Together' scheme and the Arts Office will be led by the Lismore writer Sylvia Cullen.
- The 'Creation 21/22' scheme of which the Arts Office is a partner is open for applications until June 9th. This will provide for opportunities for performance artists in the area.