

Dungarvan/ Lismore District Report May 2022

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During the months of February, March and April, in line with National Guidelines, Libraries have expanded opening hours and welcomed back an eager public to more in branch events and activities.

In total 147 events were held in Dungarvan, Tallow, Cappoquin and Lismore Libraries during February, March and April. Library staff have facilitated regular visits from: preschools and schools, WWETB Adult Learners, community groups such as Anne le Roy for library tours and visits, monthly book club meetings, a weekly Baby and Toddler group 'Ránnta le Chéile,' and a weekly Age Friendly Digital Enablement class with Access IT in Dungarvan Library. Cappoquin knitting and crochet club has resumed along with 'crafternoons' and wordsearchers in Tallow Library. 593 study space sessions have been used in Dungarvan and Lismore Libraries in the first quarter of 2022.

In February, staff in Dungarvan delivered events for Well Fest of Arts and Wellbeing including an online session with Environmental Artist Sean Corcoran attended by 238 people via Zoom. To mark the Ireland Reads campaign staff organised a 'Design a Book cover' art workshop with Firefly parties. In March, to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge we held an Irish Language Conversation event and story-times in Dungarvan as well as Snap as Gaeilge in Tallow Library. Staff in Dungarvan are hosting an information display for the Hello how are you mental health campaign. During the month of April, to mark the national literacy promotion campaign Spring into Story time 'Chime in and Play' events took place in Tallow, Lismore, Cappoquin and Dungarvan.

The landmark children's book festival, Towers and Tales took place on April 29th and 30th with a schools programme across the county and a public festival in Lismore. Waterford Libraries are a valued partner of this festival and staff provide expertise in the areas of promotion, logistics and event support. Dungarvan Library delivered a school event with the Laureate na nOg Áine NíGhlinn on 29th April attended by 60 children and Lismore Library hosting four author events on April 30th. In total there were 7 events in Dungarvan and Lismore Library branches.

Libraries are planning for upcoming events in May to support the Bealtaine Festival including a Dusk Chorus, inter-generational story-time and a Bealtaine celebration on 26th May. Cruinniu na nÓg will take place in June along with the West Waterford Festival of Food.

Lismore Library is working with the ASD unit in Blackwater Community School on a programme for their Tovertaafel Magic Sensory table, while Dungarvan is offering taster sessions on their table every Saturday to the community. Library staff have been working to implement a new Library Management System during the first quarter of the year and are now focusing on completing IT tasks with a national team in order to return to My Open Library services.

Dungarvan Library

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Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	February	March	April
Issues	4,532	3,122	3,836

Visitors	2890	3070	3940
Events	19	24	29

Lismore Library

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Activity Table (Summary)

Branch	February	March	April
Issues	1,173	1006	999
Visitors	855	1107	1142
Events	3	8	8

Cappoquin Library

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Branch	February	March	April
Issues	150	226	196
Visitors	215	388	294
Events	10	18	6

Tallow Library

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Branch	February	March	April
Issues	186	227	150
Visitors	110	177	210
Events	4	11	13

CULTURE

- Fairlane Park, Dungarvan Mural project with Waterford Walls is ongoing with workshops in 4 of the Dungarvan Secondary Schools. Painting on site takes place 3rd and 4th May.
- The Old Market House Arts Centre, Dungarvan continue with their exhibitions programme and are now back to full opening times. Planning is underway for arts events in the venue during the Waterford Festival of Food, Dungarvan in June.

- Arts Festivals planning is underway for the Blackwater Valley Opera Festival and an associated Arts Office schools programme. A successful Lismore Towers and Tales festival has just completed..