

Dungarvan Lismore District Report April 2024

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Activity in the Dungarvan / Lismore area

Month	Issues	Visitors	Events
January	7004	11,267	144
February	6,586	11,857	119
March	7,120	10,654	140

Total My Open Library members Dungarvan & Lismore members: 1,514

Library branches in West Waterford are bustling with community events. Dungarvan Library hosts numerous clubs and groups from; scrabble, chess, French conversation, sketching, knitting and the Soroptimists. Lismore and Tallow host; wellness coffee mornings, crochet, bookclubs, crafternoons and homework clubs.

Event Highlights:

- The Writers in Waterford Libraries programme brought, The Art of Reading Bookclub with Colm Toibin and Author and Musician Sandy Kelly to Dungarvan Library on January 17th and March 23rd respectively and Crime writer Catherine Kirwan to Lismore on February 27th for, "Murder, Intrigue & Afternoon Tea." These events bring high profile and popular authors into communities.
- An origami book folding exhibition of work was on display for the National Ireland Reads Day along with a miniature book making workshop in Dungarvan Library.
- The Well festival of mental health and wellbeing took place in February with a meditation and mindful drawing workshop and children's illustration workshop.
- Blackwater Community School ASD support unit groups visit Lismore Library 8 times a month to use the Magic Sensory table.
- The Watch new tabletop board game club meet in Dungarvan Library during My Open Library hours.
- Music generation workshops took place in Dungarvan Library in February and March, there were workshops on Bodhran and Orff instruments and an Open Mic session. These workshops had over 120 attendees.
- Library staff attended community roadshows, Connecting Communities in Dungarvan, Lismore and Ballymacarby, these events were a great opportunity to showcase our services to communities.

Upcoming events

- Healthy Ireland at your Library will hold an Introduction to the menopause with Breeda Bermingham for users of the Ann Le Roy centre in Dungarvan Library on April 3rd.
- The West Waterford Festival of Food.
- Bealtaine the festival of creativity in Older Age will take place in May.

Photos.



Dungarvan Library staff with Author and musician Sandy Kelly and Acting City & County Librarian Mary Conway.



Acting City & County Librarian Mary Conway with Author and Musician Sandy Kelly.



Author Catherine Kirwan in Lismore Library in conversation with Acting City & County Librarian Mary Conway.