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All metropolitan branches have been open for the first quarter of 2022 providing study spaces, lending facilities while hosting and organising both online and more in person events as the relaxing of restrictions has allowed. We are looking forward to meeting more people in branches across the county as our opening hours increase while keeping the best aspects of our online events and programmes.

There were 101 Library based & online activities and events in the metropolitan area during the first quarter of 2022 including events for the Well Festival of Art & Wellbeing, Engineers week, Seachtain na Gaeilge and Ireland Reads. On International Women's Day March 8th Waterford's 3rd Global Women's Conference 'Break the Bias' Event took place in the Theatre Royal. Ardkeen Library hosted My Gift to you, a personal history writing workshop with the support of historian Dr. Maxine Keoghan. This programme is funded by the Ireland fund.

Exhibitions were hosted across our libraries: 'EU in my region' a partnership with Europe Direct Waterford and the Southern Regional Assembly. 'The people we grow up to be' a series of portraits of the Intergenerational choir by photographer Davi Matheson. The CHERISH Project: Climate Change and Coastal Heritage exhibition and the Restoration Art Project.

Groups have been meeting in Library spaces including Book clubs, French conversation groups, Brothers of Charity movie screenings, Breastfeeding support groups, parent & toddler groups in addition to community meetings by Focus Ireland and other community organisations.

There are lots of events scheduled for the upcoming months, Climate Action week, Spring into Storytime, the Classroom media literacy project, the Towers and Tales festival, Bealtaine and a pledged reading event with all secondary schools in Waterford, #WaterfordSchoolsRead.

Central Library

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Activity Table

Branch	January	February
Issues	3125	3124
Visitors	2866	2714
Number of Internet PC Hours available	720	720
Number of Internet	214	251

Sessions Used		
WIFI	111	288
Events	3	8

Local Studies.

	January	February
Clinics	0	0
Tours	1	0
Talks/Exhibitions/Staff training	3	4
Research Queries in person or via correspondence	79	80
Irish Newspaper Archives (online record views)	1139	Not available
Service wide online services	47	8
Ancestry.com Unique searches	113	127

Ardkeen Library

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Activity Table

Branch	January	February
Issues	3580	4047
Visitors	4015	4788
Number of Internet PC Hours available	384	384
Number of Internet Sessions Used	123	155
WIFI	65	96
Events	11	19

Carrickphierish Library

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Activity Table

Branch	January	February
Issues	4786	3405
Visitors	1368	1543
Number of Internet PC Hours available	440	472
Number of Internet Sessions Used	66	72
WIFI	47	115
Events	16	17

Tramore library

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Activity Table

Branch	January	February
Issues	2837	2547
Visitors	1895	2153
Number of Internet PC Hours available	230	320
Number of Internet Sessions Used	61	84
WIFI	10	25
Events	10	13

Browns Road Library

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Activity Table

Branch	January	February
Issues	511	443
Visitors	352	426
Number of Internet PC Hours available	48	48
Number of Internet Sessions Used	5	5
WIFI	7	21
Events	1	3

Dunmore East Library

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Activity table

Branch	January	February
Issues	375	300
Visitors	137	126
Number of Internet PC Hours available	0	0
Number of Internet Sessions Used	0	0
WIFI	0	0
Events	0	0