



Wexford CYPSC Newsletter

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EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS

► Wexford Town Library Events



It's Not Too Late to Join the Summer Stars Reading Adventure!

There's still time for children across County Wexford to sign up for Summer Stars, the free national summer reading programme from public libraries, running until the end of August.

Children are invited to enjoy a summer of reading and listening with free access to thousands of books, eBooks, eAudiobooks, graphic novels, comics and magazines from Wexford Libraries in Wexford, Enniscorthy, New Ross, Bunclody and Gorey. Best of all, Summer Stars is non-competitive – every child who reads even one book or eBook is considered to have successfully completed the programme.

Taking part is easy: simply visit your local library and register your child. Young readers can track their progress, enjoy fun library events and activities, and receive a certificate of participation at the end of the summer. There may even be some rewards along the way!

Reading over the summer helps children maintain and improve their literacy skills before returning to school, while also encouraging a lifelong love of books and stories. Plus, by reading books throughout the summer, children can be entered into prize draws to win fantastic rewards, including cinema vouchers, passes to the Irish National Heritage Park and more.

Visit your local Wexford Library today and start your Summer Stars Reading Adventure!

August Events



Starting School Storytime at Wexford Library - August 7th - 12.30pm-1.30pm (ages 2-5)

Enjoy a fun-filled session of stories and activities all about starting school, making new friends, and exciting new adventures. It's the perfect way to help little learners feel confident and excited about this important milestone.

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4569078>



Library Detective Challenge with Antonia at Wexford Library - August 11th - 3pm-4pm (ages 8-11)

Can you solve the mystery and become a Summer Stars detective? Then join us for a summer book hunting adventure full of discovery, problem-solving and fun!

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4569305>



Tabletop Roleplaying Club: Dungeons & Dragons - August 11th - 6.30pm-8.30pm. Suitable for ages 13–17 years.

Are you ready to embark on an epic adventure? 🎲 🐉 Well then, join us at Wexford Library for tabletop role-playing gaming and unleash your imagination!

Don't worry if you're new to the game. Our library is the perfect place to start your journey. Our sessions are run by seasoned players and they are eager to guide you through the exciting process of character creation and rule mechanics. They'll make sure you're equipped with everything you need to start your heroic escapades!

Book your place: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4570143>



All About the Vikings - a talk for families at Wexford Library - August 15th (age 9+)

Join Derek to explore the history of the Vikings in County Wexford in this fact-packed history event for all the family

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4569045>



Beginner Chess Workshop with Red King Chess at Wexford Library - August 20th 3pm-4pm (ages 8-13)

Perfect for newcomers to the game, this fun and interactive session will cover the basics of chess, including how the pieces move, simple tactics, and essential rules. A great opportunity to learn and build confidence in a welcoming environment.

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4567284>

Intermediate Chess Workshop with Red King Chess at Wexford Library - August 22nd - 12pm-1pm (ages 8-13)

Designed for players who already know the fundamentals, this workshop will focus on developing strategy, improving tactical awareness, and strengthening overall gameplay. Ideal for those looking to take their chess skills to the next level.

Booking essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4567285>



Make Your Own Dream Catcher - Arts and Crafts at Wexford Library - August 25th - 3pm-4pm (ages 5+)

Celebrate Summer Stars with some fun arts and crafts! In this creative workshop, children will get to make their own dream catchers to bring home, using paper plates, Bright colours and lots of imagination!

Booking essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4571481>



All About the Normans - a talk for families at Wexford Library - August 29th 2pm-3pm (age 9+)

Join Derek to explore the history of the Normans in County Wexford in this fact-packed history event for all the family. Suitable for ages 9+.

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4569057>



Bilingual Storytime and Craft for Romanian Language Day in Wexford Town Library - August 31st 3.30pm-4.30pm (ages 4-7)

Join us in celebrating International Romanian Language Day with a special bilingual English-Romanian storytime!

Booking is essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4518637>



Baby Tummy Time, every second Friday - 11.00am-11.45am.

Join us for a Baby Tummy Time session in Wexford Library.

According to the HSE, Tummy time helps to strengthen baby's head, neck, and back muscles. Your baby can begin tummy time as a newborn and continue to do it throughout their first year.

We will provide books for babies and there will also be books on parenting available to borrow. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and babies.



Mini Dig Archaeology Workshop with the School of Irish Archaeology - August 21st - 10.30am/12.30pm/2.30pm (ages 7-12)

Dig into the past this Heritage Week with Mini Dig Archaeology Workshops at Wexford Library, facilitated by the School of Irish Archaeology.

Perfect for young explorers aged 7 - 12 years, this exciting hands-on workshop gives children the chance to become archaeologists for the day as they excavate their very own archaeological site. Participants will learn about the tools and techniques archaeologists use to investigate the past and will experience the thrill of discovery through a simulated excavation.

Booking essential: <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4567730> - 10.30am

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4567731> - 12.30am

<https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4567732> - 2.30pm

Regular Events



Rhyme Time, every Wednesday, 11.00am-11:30am. Suitable for children aged 0–3

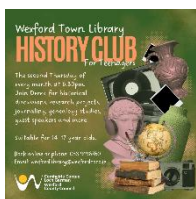
These fun, free and interactive Rhyme Time sessions are perfect for babies and toddlers. Children should be supervised at all times when visiting Wexford Library. No booking required.



Lego Free Play, every Saturday from 11am-3.00pm. Suitable for children aged 5+

LEGO Freeplay tables available in Wexford Library on our Children's floor area from 11.30am to 3pm. LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. Get Creative! This session is suitable for ages 5yrs +.

No Booking Required. Please note that children must be supervised at all times.



History Club for Teenagers, every second Thursday- 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Suitable for ages 14-17

Join Derek on the second Thursday of every month at 6.30pm for historical discussions, research projects, journaling, genealogy studies, guest speakers and more. The club is suitable for 14-17 year olds.



Storytime, every Saturday - 11.00am-11.30am

Join us in Wexford Library every Saturday at 11.00am for lots of Storytime fun! Suitable for 4 - 7 year olds. No booking required.

► Bunclody Library Events

Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2026

Registration for our Summer Stars 2026 Reading Adventure is now open. We will have lots of fun activities and rewards throughout the summer and encourage all the children in the area to come into the library with their parents/guardians and sign up. Call into the library to find out more.



Summer Stars: Grown Ups & Me Storytime & Craft for ages 4-7 years

Join us for a storytime & craft session for parents/guardians and their children ages 4-7 years. Together, we will read some stories and create a little craft to bring home.

Booking essential as spaces are limited. Please book for the child only.

Parents/guardians must remain with the child during this event. **To book a space, please visit:** <https://wexfordcoco.libcal.com/event/4564293>



Rhymetime for ages 0 to 5 years - every Wednesday at 11.15am

Join us for Rhymetime every Wednesday when will have lots of fun nursery rhymes and stories suitable for babies and toddlers followed by a Duplo play session. No booking required.



Sensory Afternoon - every Friday in August from 3.00 to 5.00pm

We will have our sensory collection on display. Our items include: a dark den, sensory books, Duplo, story sacks, sensory basket and much more. All are welcome.



Sensory Friendly Hour

Every Saturday from 4.00 to 5.00pm, sensory friendly hour is observed in Buncloody Library. We encourage you to come along and relax in the calm environment of the library. No booking required. All welcome!

Sensory Basket

A sensory basket containing various sensory toys/books available for children to use while visiting the library. Just ask at the desk.



Colouring Station every Tuesday in August, 3.00 to 5.00pm

Family creative event. All are welcome, no booking required.



Summer Stars Craft Session for ages 7+ - Thursday 13th August, 3.00 to 4.00pm

Our Join us for a fun summer craft for ages 7+. Booking required. Parents/Guardians must remain in the library for the duration of the event.



Lego Free Play for ages 4+ - every Monday in August from 3.00 to 5.00pm and Saturday 15th August, 2.00 to 3.30pm

Family creative event. All are welcome, no booking required.



Solar Eclipse Craft for ages 7+ - Wednesday 12th August, 2.30 to 3.30pm

To prepare for the solar eclipse on 12th August, children will make their own solar eclipse viewing boxes, the safe way to enjoy the full solar eclipse! Booking required.



Saturday Storytime for ages 3 to 7 years - every Saturday, 11.00 to 11.40am

Join us every Saturday morning for stories and songs for ages 3 to 7 years. No need to book - all welcome!



Children's Book Launch: The Adventures of Ted and Nelly by Bernadette Murphy – Saturday 15th August, 2.30 to 4.00pm

The Adventures of Ted & Nelly were inspired by the children of Newtownmountkennedy PS where Bernadette has been teaching Mindfulness and Sound for the past three years. Ted & Nelly initially were brought into classes to help the children learn about empathy and compassion towards themselves and others. Bernadette says she could not have foreseen how well this would work with the children. The little teddy and elephant became so loved that Bernadette started writing stories that would help the children learn life skills through them. The result is this lovely children's book, The Adventures of Ted & Nelly. No need to book, all welcome.

► Enniscorthy Library Events



Interactive Story Time at Enniscorthy Library

Join us in Enniscorthy Library every Saturday at 11am for our Interactive Story Time! Perfect for 3-5 years old but fun for everyone!

All welcome and no booking required.

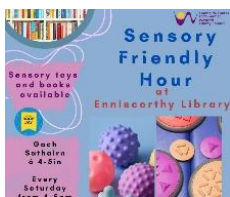


LEGO Free Play at Enniscorthy Library - every Saturday 11.30am-5pm.

Enniscorthy Library invites you and your family to join us for a session of LEGO Free Play, LEGO will be made available for children and families to build their very own designs. This session is suitable for ages 5+.

Please note we're closed for lunch from 1pm-2pm.

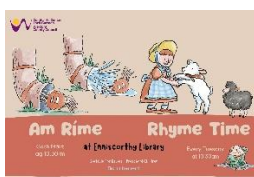
No Booking Required



Sensory Friendly Hour at Enniscorthy Library - Every Saturday from 4-5pm

Sensory Friendly Hour will be observed in Enniscorthy Library.

We encourage you to come along and relax in the calm environment of the library. No booking required. All welcome!



Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time at Enniscorthy Library - every Tuesday at 10.30am

Join us in Enniscorthy Library for songs, stories and rhymes!

Perfect for up to 3 years old but fun for everyone!

Through rhymes children naturally learn essential skills for communicating such as turn-taking and joining in.

All welcome and no booking required.

► Gorey Library Events

Regular Adult Events



Lifting the Lid Public Piano: First Monday of the Month at 2:30pm



Ciorcal Comhrá: First Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm

AND NEW: Second Tuesday of the Month at 2:00pm



English Conversation Circle: First Saturday of the Month at 2:30pm



Happy to Chat Coffee Morning: Second Monday of the Month at 11:00am



La Leche League Breastfeeding Support: Second Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am



Gorey Library Film Club: Second Thursday of the Month at 2:30pm



Scrabble Club: Every Tuesday at 7:00pm



Knitting Circle: Every Friday at 11:00am



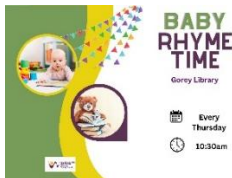
Wordsmiths Writing Group: Every Friday at 2:00pm

Regular Children's Events:



Children's Storytime: Every Tuesday at 11:00am

Age: 3-5



Baby Rhyme Time: Every Thursday at 10:30am

Age: 0-3



LEGO Freeplay: Every Saturday at 10:30am

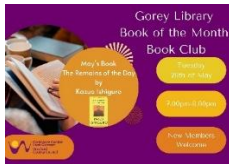


Sensory Hour: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

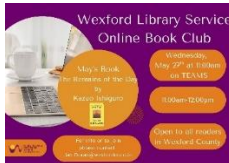
Adult Book Clubs and Reading Circles:



Short Story Reading Club: Third Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm

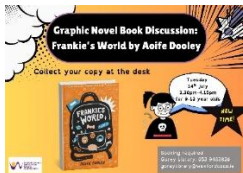


Book of the Month Book Club: Last Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm



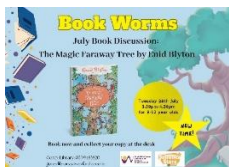
Wexford Library Service Online Book Club: Last Wednesday of the Month at 11:00am

Children's Book Clubs and Discussion Groups:



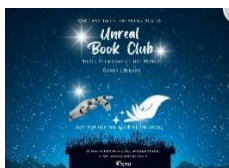
Graphic Novel Book Discussion: Second Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

Age: 9-12



Book Worm Book Circle: Last Tuesday of the Month at 4:00pm

Age: 9-12



YA Unreal Book Club: Third Thursday of the Month at 4:30pm

Age: 12-15

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

► Central Statistics Office (CSO)'s Public Consultation on Census Data Outputs



The Central Statistics Office (CSO)'s Public Consultation on Census Data Outputs is now live and we are asking the views of data users on the outputs that will be produced in 2027/2028, following next year's census. This consultation will close on 18 September 2027.

The CSO is inviting you and your organisation (if you represent one) to tell us your data requirements and suggestions for Census 2027 outputs. We are also seeking feedback from users on several specific planned developments. CSO will examine all submissions made as part of this consultation and use them to inform its Census 2027 Dissemination Strategy, which will be published on www.cso.ie prior to Census 2027.

We are sending you this email as you have previously been in contact with us regarding census data. If you are part of an organisation and have colleagues within your organisation or an associated organisation with an interest in Census data, we would be grateful if you could share this email with them also.

To participate in the consultation process, please visit the CSO website at https://launch.survey.cso.ie/public-survey-cookie?surveyid=914_26

All comments are welcome, both specific and general.

Background

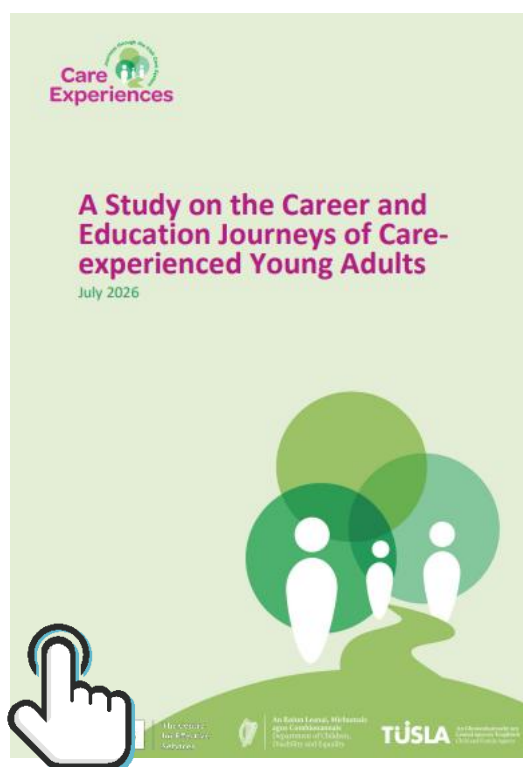
Before each census, CSO engages in an extensive public consultation process comprised of two elements. The first part of this consultation was on the content of Census 2027, and this took place in 2022-2023. Following the consultation, a Census Advisory Group (CAG) of expert users was convened to assist CSO in deciding which new and changed questions should be tested as part of a Pilot Survey, which was held in September 2024. Following analysis of the Pilot results by the CSO, the CAG reconvened in June 2025 and agreed the set of questions to be recommended for inclusion in Census 2027. Government subsequently approved Census 2027 in November 2025. The second element of this process is this current Public Consultation on Census 2027 Data Outputs.

[Report on Census 2027 Consultation and Census Pilot Survey](#)

REPORTS

► A Study on the Career and Education Journeys of Care Experienced Young Adults

The full report of the study on the Career and Education Journeys of Care Experienced Young Adults has finally been published. It can be accessed (along with the Executive Summary, Infographic and Webinar Recording) on the Care Experience Programme website: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/publications/our-publications/>.



We sincerely hope you find the report practical and useful to your work with care-experienced young adults.

SUPPORTING PARENTS

► Requesting details of parenting events taking place during August for promotion across DCDE social media channels



**An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais
agus Comhionannais**
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

Thank you for continuing to support the Supporting Parents communications campaign by informing us of upcoming events in your area.

We are now seeking details of any parenting initiatives which will be taking place in August. As with previous months, a selection of these events will be promoted across DCDE social media channels to raise awareness among parents of the supports available to them in their locality. [Details of upcoming events can be provided via a short survey by clicking here.](#)

You can check across DCDE social channels for your event and please feel free to like and share our social posts. We also encourage you to circulate this email to any service within your network that may have an upcoming parenting event which they wish to promote.

May we request that information on upcoming events is submitted through the survey link above. However, if you experience any issues using the survey or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email peipolicyunit@dcde.gov.ie for assistance.

Kind regards

The Prevention and Early Intervention Policy Unit

ADULT SENSORY & ASSISTIVE RESOURCES

► New adult sensory collection in Wexford libraries supporting independence

New adult sensory collection launched in Wexford libraries to support independence and wellbeing

A new collection of sensory and assistive resources designed specifically for adults has been launched by Wexford County Council Library Service, providing practical support for older people and those living with a range of additional needs.

The collection is now available to borrow from all library branches across County Wexford and can also be reserved through the library's online catalogue.

- The new initiative has been developed to support:
 - older adults,
 - people with visual impairments, sensory needs, acquired brain injuries and
 - those living with dementia.
- The collection features a wide range of resources aimed at promoting independence, wellbeing and engagement in everyday life. Items available to borrow include
 - large-piece jigsaw puzzles,
 - one-button radios,
 - giant print playing cards,
 - radio-controlled talking watches,
 - activity cushions,
 - simple day clocks,
 - talking tiles and
 - a variety of other assistive devices and activities.
- The resources have been carefully selected to encourage cognitive stimulation, improve fine motor skills, support sensory processing and boost confidence through meaningful, accessible activities.
- The project was developed in collaboration with several organisations, including Wexford County Council's Age-Friendly Coordinator, the Disability Equality Specialist Support Agency (DESSA), the Central Remedial Clinic in Waterford and Dublin, Enable Ireland, the Waterford Memory Technology Resource Room and the HSE.



LITERACY

► Going back to education as an adult - Radio Interview



[Going back to education as an adult - Colleen Dube \(NALA\) and Maurice Sammon \(Literacy Ambassador\)](#)

David McCullagh interviewed Colleen Dube, CEO, NALA **with our very own Maurice Sammon, Literacy Ambassador and Member of Waterford and Wexford's Regional Adult Literacy Coalition.**

Well done to Maurice, sharing his story is a powerful way to inspire and support others - thank you.

Literacy changes lives and we can all play our part to support people with unmet literacy needs and create a literacy friendly society.

This is #AdultLiteracyForLife.

► Financial literacy event 17 September 2025

Managing and keeping your money safe

Free community event



When: Thursday 17 September 2026
10.30am – 12pm
With Registration from 10am

Where: Tower Hotel,
The Mall, Waterford

Do you want to learn how to manage your money and keep it safe?

Then come along to hear guest speakers at our free information event on Thursday 17 September 2026.

We will talk about:

- Keeping your money safe from fraud
- Budgeting
- Preparing for financial emergencies
- The supports that are available locally

How do you register to attend?

- Call John on 087 271 5845
- Register on the day at the event

There will be:

- A questions and answers session and
- Local organisations will have stands at the event



#Waterford

Free Community Event - Managing and Keeping your Money Safe

Dear colleagues and partners,

Please find attached (and pictured below) details of a **free financial literacy event** taking place in **The Tower Hotel, Waterford** on **Thursday, 17 September, 10:30 am – 12 pm (registration from 10 am)**.

This community event will help people **learn how to manage their money and keep it safe**, with guest speakers covering topics such as:

- Keeping your money safe from fraud
- Budgeting
- Preparing for financial emergencies
- The supports that are available locally

We'd really appreciate your help in **sharing this event** — particularly with **people in your community or service who may need extra support managing money or avoiding scams**.

You can **register by calling John on 087 271 5845** or **simply come along on the day**.

Thank you for helping us spread the word and supporting those who need it most.