



Kildare Readers Festival



**1st–20th
October 2019**

Celebrating our 10th
Anniversary Year

Kildare County Library and Arts Service invites you to join us for our 10th anniversary Kildare Readers' Festival bringing the world of literature to readers' across Kildare. We have a packed schedule of events throughout October for you to enjoy.

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Festival Fortnight

Monday 30 th September	Kildare Readers Festival launch event	7pm	Woodbine Books, Kilcullen
Tuesday 1 st October	Orla McAlinden and Lynn Buckle: Women in Contemporary Fiction	7pm	Naas Community Library
Friday 4 th October	'Timeless in Kildare' — Ink Tank Creative Writing Group — Book Launch	7pm	Newbridge Community Library
Saturday 5 th October	Writing Social Action into your Fiction	10am – 12.30pm	Kildare Town Community Library
	The Muskerry Queen of Song — Óiche na Scéalta Ceolmhara	7pm	Renehan Hall, South Campus, Maynooth University
Sunday 6 th October	Pickings and Choosings — celebrating the work of Dennis O'Driscoll	11am	Naas Racecourse
Wednesday 9 th October	Michael Mullan Cancer Fund Writing Competition — Prize-Giving Event	7pm	Newbridge Community Library
	Short Story Panel	7:30 – 9pm	Maynooth Community Library
Thursday 10 th October	Irish Folk Tales with Steve Lally	6pm	Athy Community Library
	Kilcullen Library and Woodbine Books present Patricia Gibney	6pm	Woodbine Books, Kilcullen
Friday 11 th October	Writing for Wellbeing workshop with Mari Gallagher	2 – 4pm	Athy Community Library
	'Duality' — Book Launch	7pm	Kildare Town Community Library
Saturday 12 th October	Book Club Brunch: Hazel Gaynor and Antoinette Tyrell in conversation with Margaret Madden	12 – 2pm	Leixlip Community Library
Tuesday 15 th October	Mythology and Me	7 – 8pm	Maynooth Community Library
Wednesday 16 th October	The Wind that Shakes the Barley with discussion by Liz Gillis	8pm	Riverbank Arts Centre
Thursday 17 th October	When All Is Said, an evening with Anne Griffin	7pm	Celbridge Community Library
	Dachau to the Dolomites with Tom Wall	8pm	Newbridge Community Library

Libraries across Kildare will hold events in the run up to the Kildare Readers' Festival weekend. Individual events can be booked through their respective branches via phone or email.

Kildare Readers' Festival launch event

Monday, 30th September / 7pm
WOODBINE BOOKS, KILCULLEN

No Booking required.

Introducing Kildare's recently appointed Writers in Residence, Annemarie Ní Churraín and Sue Rainsford, who will read from their work and talk about their writing and hopes for their Kildare residency.

Orla McAlinden and Lynn Buckle: Outliers—Women in Contemporary Fiction

Tuesday, 1st October / 7pm
NAAS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(045) 879 111/naaslib@kildarecoco.ie

Lively discussion featuring readings from two of Ireland's top female writers in their respective fields of historical fiction and literary activism.

Orla McAlinden



'Timeless in Kildare'—Ink Tank Creative Writing Group—Book Launch

Friday, 4th October / 7pm
NEWBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Newbridge Community Library's resident creative writing group, **Ink Tank**, launch their debut prose and poetry collection. All welcome.

Writing Social Action into your Fiction with Lynn Buckle

Saturday, 5th October / 10am – 12.20pm
KILDARE TOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(045) 520 235 / kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Identify a cause or issue and learn how to effectively integrate it into your fiction or poetry. Practice your writing skills as you learn how to execute your fiction or poetry on a social action model. Discover new writing techniques and ways to share your ideas with a wider society.

The Muskerry Queen of Song—Oíche na Scéalta Ceolmhara

Saturday, 5th October / 7pm
RENEHAN HALL, SOUTH CAMPUS, MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

(01) 628 5530 / maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Elizabeth (Bess) Cronin is one of the most important historical figures in Irish traditional music.

Tabharfaidh an craoltóir **Donal Dineen** trí a saol agus a hoidhreacht muid in the company of her granddaughter and renowned singer **Eilish Ní Thuama**, plus a special guest sean-nós singer, and Kildare native, **Eithne Ní Chatháin**.

Pickings and Choosings—Celebrating the work of Dennis O'Driscoll

Sunday, 6th October / 11am
NAAS RACECOURSE

Join us on a new guided walk to celebrate the work of the poet, essayist and critic, Dennis O'Driscoll. En route, you can enjoy readings from Dennis' work. Refreshments at Maudlins Hotel afterwards.

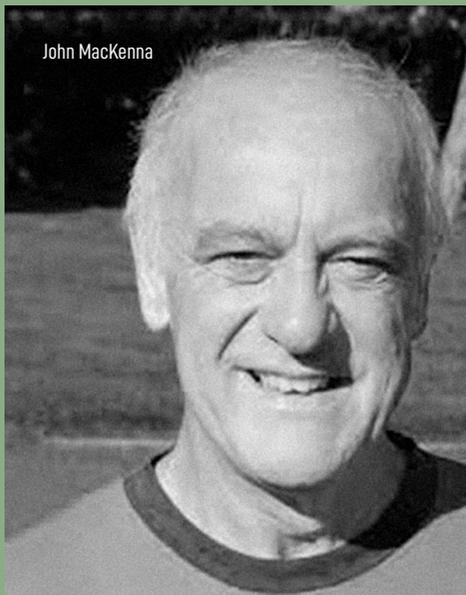
Meet at 11am at the Dublin Road entrance to Naas Racecourse. Assemble at the grassy knoll. No booking is required.

Michael Mullan Cancer Fund Writing Competition—Prize-Giving Event

Wednesday, 9th October / 7pm
NEWBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The winners of the annual writing competition, in aid of the Michael Mullan Cancer Fund, will be selected by; Martin Malone, Caroline Farrell and John MacKenna and winners announced at this special event in Newbridge Community Library.

See www.michaelmullancancerfund.com for further details. No booking is required.



Short Story Panel

Wednesday, 9th October / 7:30 – 9pm
MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(01) 628 5530 / maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Maynooth Community Library will host a stimulating panel on the world of short stories with some eminent authors including **Lucy Sweeney Byrne** and **John MacKenna**.

Irish Folk Tales with Steve Lally

Thursday, 10th October / 6pm
ATHY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(045) 980 555 / athylib@kildarecoco.ie

In this session of storytelling, **Steve Lally**, will weave a series of tales from his native County Kildare including; *'The Kildare Pooka'*, *'The Wizard Earl' of Kildare*, *'Moll Anthony - The Wise Woman of Kildare'* and many more.

Kilcullen Library and Woodbine Books present Patricia Gibney

Thursday, 10th October / 6pm
WOODBINE BOOKS, KILCULLEN

(045) 482 193 / kilcullenlib@kildarecoco.ie

Kilcullen Library in association with Woodbine Books is excited to present a special evening with Mullingar author, **Patricia Gibney**. Patricia is a successful crime novelist whose work includes the police procedurals; *The Missing Ones* and *The Stolen Girls*.

Writing for Wellbeing workshop with Mari Gallagher

Friday, 11th October / 2–4pm
ATHY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(045) 980 555 / athylib@kildarecoco.ie

In this workshop everyone is equal irrespective of previous writing experience. The inner critic is silenced and words are encouraged to flow onto paper, inspired by a variety of writing exercises. People who journal regularly experience improvement in both physical and mental health. Allowing the inner scribe to run free removes writer's block and releases creativity. Please bring notebook and a pen.

'Duality'—Book Launch

Friday, 11th October / 7pm
KILDARE TOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(045) 520 235 / kildarelib@kildarecoco.ie

Writer **Shauna Gilligan** and Artist **Margo McNulty** began their collaborative process when they met while residing in

Patricia Gibney



the Tyrone Guthrie Centre. From there, the pair continued their joint exploration of the concepts of shrinking buildings and land memory in *The Curragh*. The result of this exploration and collaboration is *'Duality'*.

The KRF Book Brunch with Hazel Gaynor and Antoinette Tyrrell, in conversation with Margaret Madden.

Saturday, 12th October / 12–2pm
LEIXLIP COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(01) 606 0050 / leixliplib@kildarecoco.ie

Margaret Madden (book blogger at *BleachhouseLibrary*) will be joined by two Kildare authors for light afternoon conversation about their work and writing historical fiction with complimentary brunch served to our audience.



Hazel Gaynor

Mythology and Me with Lynn Buckle

Tuesday, 15th October / 7–8pm
MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(01) 628 5530 / maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Richly illustrated talk on Greek mythology, the ancients in contemporary literature, and the artistic influences on the work of author Lynn Buckle in her novel *The Groundsmen*, published by Époque Press (2018).

Movie Night!—The Wind that Shakes the Barley with discussion by Liz Gillis (Decade of Commemorations Event)

Wednesday, 16th October / 8pm
RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

(045) 448 327 / www.riverbank.ie

In association with **County Kildare Decade of Commemorations Committee**, a screening of Ken Loach's *The Wind that Shakes the Barley*. Afterwards, a discussion with Liz Gillis about her book on the Hales Brothers from Cork, whose story mirrors that of the central characters of the film, the O'Donovan brothers. Patrons are encouraged to wear period costume!

When All Is Said, an evening with Anne Griffin in conversation with Henrietta McKervey

Thursday, 17th October / 7pm
CELBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(01) 627 2207 / celbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie

Celbridge Library looks forward to welcoming **Anne Griffin** for an evening of discussion about her debut novel *When All*

Is Said. Anne Griffin will be in conversation with acclaimed author, **Henrietta McKervey**.

Dachau to the Dolomites with Tom Wall

Thursday, 17th October / 8pm
NEWBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

(045) 448 353 / newbridgelib@kildarecoco.ie

Tom Wall will talk about his first book, a dramatic but little-known story of a group of prominent Nazi SS hostages transported from various concentration camps to a remote Alpine valley in the final days of the Third Reich. Five Irishmen were among the 160 prisoners whom Himmler and other SS leaders attempted to use as barter to save the regime or, as a final resort, themselves.

Anne Griffin





Douglas Kennedy



Rick O'Shea



Stefanie Preissner

Douglas Kennedy in conversation with Rick O'Shea

Friday, 18th October / 8pm / RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

Kildare Readers' Festival presents a special event honouring acclaimed writer Douglas Kennedy, international bestselling author of *The Big Picture*, *The Pursuit of Happiness*, and *The Heat of Betrayal*. Douglas will discuss his career with radio personality and champion of literature, Rick O'Shea.

Ten Books You Should Read with Stefanie Preissner and special guest

Saturday, 19th October / 10am / RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

Join us for the ever popular Ten Books You Should Read! Our two guests will select five books each that they would recommend and delve into the stories to illustrate why we should give them a try.

Joseph O Connor, Kit De Waal and Henrietta McKervey

Saturday, 19th October / 12 noon
RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

Fans of literary fiction will be treated to an in-depth discussion on various aspects of the working author, including; crafting characters, creating temporal settings, weaving narratives and their thoughts on the writing life.



Kit de Waal

Joseph O'Connor

The First Page: Writing that compelling opening to your next short story

Saturday, 19th October / 2–5 pm
RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

Pauline Clooney, founder of the Kildare Writing Centre, will lead a workshop about ‘openings’ and how to make sure that the reader turns the first page and continues with your story. All levels of experience welcome.

Persona Poetry Workshop with Christodoulos Makris

Saturday, 19th October / 2–5 pm
NEWBRIDGE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Booking through Riverbank Arts Centre

A fun and interactive workshop where participants will be guided to make use of public texts to compose poetry in the personae of a range of current figures. All levels of experience welcome.

** Hot Off The Press ** workshop sharing & Dennis O’Driscoll Literary Awards presentation

Saturday, 19th October / 5:30–6.30pm
RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

Join the participants from ‘The First Page’ and ‘Persona Poetry’ workshops led by **Pauline Clooney** and **Christodoulos Makris** for a sharing of work created that very afternoon - so ‘hot off the press’ that it might burn your fingers!

We will also present the prestigious **Dennis O’Driscoll Literary Bursary awards 2019** to an emerging and professional writer from County Kildare.



Ian Maleney and Jamie Goldrick live audio-visual literary documentary

Saturday, 19th October / 7pm
RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

Author **Ian Maleney** and film-maker **Jamie Goldrick** join forces to create a live audio-visual documentary for the stage, based on the text from Maleney’s book *Minor Monuments*.

Something Wicked This Way Comes with Niamh Boyce, Stacey Halls and Martina Devlin

Saturday, 19th October / 8:30pm
RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

‘Tis the season of Samhain and the Kildare Readers’ Festival will celebrate with an exciting panel discussion examining the depiction and characterisation of witches within the canon of literature.

Emilie Pine



Sunday Morning Sessions with Dermot Bolger and John Boyne

Sunday, 20th October / 10.30am – 12pm
RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

Dermot Bolger, returns to Sunday Morning Sessions, for a relaxed and intimate conversation with acclaimed novelist and short story writer, **John Boyne** providing insight into John's work and life experience that has led to his success.

Emilie Pine and Arnold Fanning in conversation with Emily Hourican

Sunday, 20th October / 12.30 – 1.30pm
RIVERBANK ARTS CENTRE

The Kildare Readers' Festival welcomes a duo of celebrated Irish authors, **Emilie Pine** (*Notes to Self*) and **Arnold Fanning** (*Mind on Fire: A Memoir of Madness and Recovery*), for a candid panel discussion on the most intimate of literature endeavours: memoirs. This event will be moderated by author and magazine editor, **Emily Hourican** (*How to Really Be a Mother*).

Arnold Fanning



Bookings

Headliners at the Riverbank events are FREE of charge, though bookings are essential through the Box Office at Riverbank Arts Centre

☎ (045) 448 327

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Please note there is a €1 charge for online bookings.

Festival Fortnight events must be booked directly through participating libraries. See event details for more information.

More information on the festival can be found at our website: www.kildarereadersfestival.ie or through Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

