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NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK

National Heritage Week celebrates Ireland's cultural, built and natural heritage. It brings together volunteers, community groups and heritage enthusiasts to share their experience, knowledge culture and practices. Kilkenny County Library this year in its programme celebrates the three pillars of Heritage in its events. We have events online and around the County. All events are free to attend.

Reel through the Years with your Local Studies Department

Have you ever wondered what made the front pages on the day you were born? Or maybe you've been searching for that GAA team picture from your youth so you can relive those glory days? Whatever your reason for revisiting old newspapers, your Local Studies Department has you covered!



The Irish Newspaper Archives



The Irish Newspaper Archives is one of our most popular on-line resources and it's easy to see why! With over 110 newspaper titles (including local, national and out of print titles), this archive spans over 280 years of history. Popular titles such as the Kilkenny People, the Irish Independent, the Munster Times and the Wexford People can be found in a digitised, searchable format making your quest for information easier than ever.

Library members can access this archive for free by logging onto the WiFi or a PC in any Kilkenny Library branch. Once you've found what you're looking for, you can even save to a memory stick, print or send to your family or friends.

Newspapers on Microfilm

If you're more of a traditionalist, we also have titles including the Leinster Journal, the Kilkenny People and the Kilkenny Moderator available to view on our microfilm machines. You can make yourself comfortable in our Local Studies room in John's Green House and scroll through the papers at your leisure.



To find out more or to book an appointment in our Local Studies room, phone us at **056 7794160** where a staff member will be happy to assist.



Date and time	Venue	Title	
13 th August – 20 th August	Virtual	Kilkenny recoloured A series of recoloured old postcards from our collections depicting sites around Kilkenny from the early 20 th Century An image goes 'live' every day on our social media channels	
15 th August	Virtual	The General Election 1923 'A general election took place in August 1923, it was one of the most important in the county's history. Coming just three months after the Civil War ended, the sometimes-vicious campaign ended with something of a surprising result. Find out what happened in this podcast hosted by historian Eoin Swithin Walsh' This goes 'live' on 15th August on the library website, www.kilkennylibrary.ie	
14 th August 9.30 – 14.30	Loughboy	Genealogy one to one Book in for a one to one session with our highly experienced staff member Damien Brett and break down the brick walls as you unravel your family history. Seven 30-minute slots are available from 9.30am to 2.30pm in Loughboy library to go through the various online resources available to help with discovering your family history. Booking essential, contact 056 7794176 or email loughboy@kilkennylibrary.ie	
15 th August 9.30 – 13.00	Local Studies Department, Library Headquarters	Genealogy one to one Book in for a one to one session with highly experienced staff member Damien Brett and break down the brick walls as you unravel your family history. Six 30-minute slots are available from 9.30am to 1pm in Local Studies, John's Green House, Kilkenny to go through the various online resources available to help with discovering your family history. Booking essential, contact 056 7794160 or email info@kilkennylibrary.ie	
15 th August 10.30 – 13.00	Thomastown Library	Biodiversity Workshop Join Maura Brennan at Thomastown Library as we embark on a tour of biodiverse spaces in the area, to explore the importance of native wild flowers and plants for biodiversity and pollinators. Participants will learn a range of hands on practical surveying skills using the Library Citizen Science Kit as well as how to record the findings through the National Biodiversity Data Centre. This workshop is aimed at both beginners and enthusiasts interested in participating in biodiversity initiatives. Phone 056 7794331 or email thomastown@kilkennylibrary.ie to book a place.	
16 th August 14.00 – 15.30	Castlecomer Library	Recording Milk Churn Stands workshop Milk churn stands (aka creamery stands) played an important part in the rural economy and communication until the early 1980s, but are now often overlooked. How many are there, where are they and what state are they in? You can help answer these questions by becoming part of a worldwide, sustainable project to record them on OpenStreetMap and Wikimedia. In this workshop, you will learn how to record photographs and local history on Wikimedia and how to map milk churn stands on OpenStreetMap. Both are OpenData platforms which means that the data is accessible for anyone to use and work with. You can use the skills you acquire in the workshop to record any type of built heritage, including holy wells, mass paths, forges and many more. Please come along with photographs and stories about milk churn stands in your area! If you have photographs on your phone, it would save some time on the day, if you got a Wikimedia account beforehand: https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:CreateAccount . Contact Castlecomer Library on 056 4440561 or email castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie	
17 th August 10.00 – 13.00	Graigue-namagh Library	Genealogy one to one Damien Brett from Kilkenny Library will be on hand to give one to one workshop on how to research your family tree using freely available on-line sources. Each session will be 30 minutes long between 10.00 am–1.00 pm. Booking essential. Ring Graig library to book on 056 7794178 or email grauguenamagh@kilkennylibrary.ie	
17 th August 10.30-13.00	Loughboy Library	Biodiversity Workshop/Walk A walk to Kilkenny outdoor areas to explore the importance of native wild flowers and plants for biodiversity and pollinators. Participants will learn a range of hands on practical surveying skills using the Library Citizen Science Kit as well as how to record the findings through the National Biodiversity Data Centre. These workshops are aimed at both beginners and enthusiasts interested in participating in biodiversity initiatives. Phone 056 7794176 or email loughboy@kilkennylibrary.ie to book a place	
18 th August 18.00-19.00	Loughboy Library	'The Decade of Centenaries: A Recap' A talk giving an overview of 1912-1923 in Kilkenny and how the county commemorated those events 100 years later with writer/historian Eoin Swithin Walsh Contact Loughboy Library on 056 7794176 for more information.	