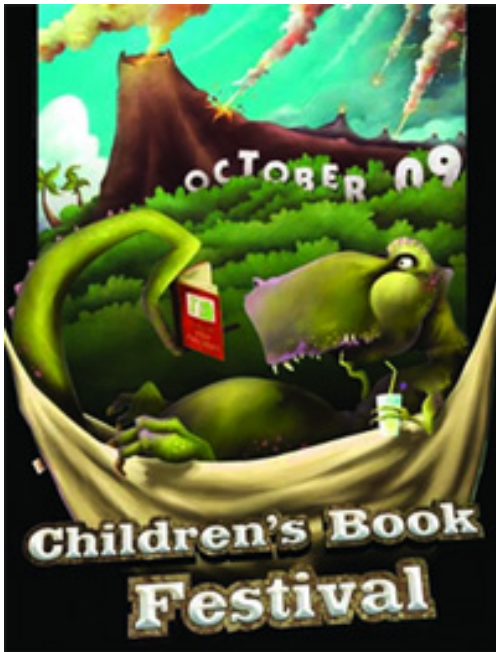


Read On!

Offaly County Library's programme of events for Children's Book Festival 2009



This year's Children's Book Festival runs for the month of October and *Offaly County Library* is celebrating with a series of events and activities aimed at promoting books, reading and the world of the imagination to children.

Children can join their local Offaly library for free and there's no time like CBF time to see what your local library has to offer!

For further details about becoming a member, branch opening hours and library services to young people, visit or contact your local library, call *Offaly County Library Headquarters* on 057 9346834 or visit us on Offaly County Council's website at www.offaly.ie.

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- *A calendar of events taking place for CBF over our branch network including...*

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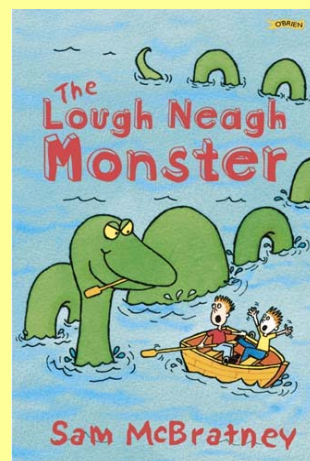
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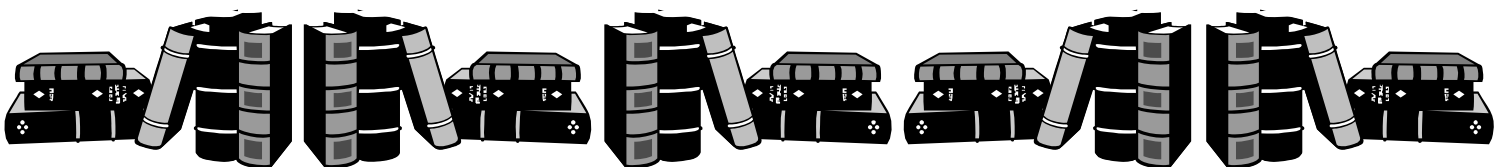
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And more...

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A good book is the best of friends
– English proverb





Calendar of Events



Please note: events marked *Class Event* are intended for pre-booked class visits only.
Contact relevant branch library for details.

BIRR LIBRARY
Phone: 057 9124950

Exhibition

Wednesday, 28th – Saturday 31st October

An exhibition of project work completed by local primary schools as part of a competition organized by the library. Each school submitted one project on the myths, customs and traditions surrounding the festival of Halloween. This project was open to all 5th & 6th classes in the local primary schools. The exhibition is both colourful and informative.

Colouring Competition

Thursday, 29th October, 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

The library will have a number of special Halloween colouring sheets for children of all ages to express their artistic ability. There will be a special treat for their colouring efforts. There is only one entry per child. All are welcome.

Children's Book Club

Friday, 30th October, 3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

The Children's Book Club is a regular event in the library calendar and, this year, will hold their first meeting during the October mid-term break. This is a club for readers or people interested in books. We will be reviewing – Derek Landy's *Skulduggery Pleasant: the faceless ones*. This book is available in Birr Library before the event.
New members welcome.

Story-time for the under 6s

Saturday, 31st October, 11.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

This story-time is filled with laughter, songs and stories. Listen to the classics or the world according to Dr. Seuss. There is something for everyone. All are welcome.

Class Event - Author Visit: Mary Arrigan
Thursday, 5th November, details TBC

Contact Birr Library for details.

TULLAMORE LIBRARY
Phone: 057 9346832

Eletelephony & other nonsense

Thursday, October 1st, 4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

To mark the first day of CBF 2009 as well as *All Ireland Poetry Day* we present a selection of silly poems and nonsense verse, classic and modern.
Ages: 12 years and younger.

Special Story Readings: Sam McBratney's The Lough Neagh Monster

*Tuesday, October 6th, 7.00 p.m. &
Wednesday, October 14th, 4.00 p.m.*

The Lough Neagh Monster is this year's CBF Design a Cover Competition Book. It's also a very amusing tale. So whether you want to enter the competition or just like to hear a good story, why not come along!
For ages 6+

Class Event - Author Visit: Joseph Delaney

Wednesday, October 7th, 10.00 a.m.

Contact Tullamore Library for details.

Page-turners Presentation Ceremony

Friday, October 16th, 4.00 p.m. (sharp)

A special ceremony to present all those who completed our *Page-turner Challenge* over the Summer with their certificates. Certificate recipients and prize draw winners will be notified in early October.

Books about Books Story-time

Wednesday, October 21st, 4.00 p.m.

A special CBF story-time for the under 10s featuring a selection of storybooks with a bookish theme. Includes stories written by Julia Donaldson, Lauren Child and more!

Scared Silly! Halloween Story-time & Costume Competition

Friday, October 30th, 4.00 p.m.

Slightly spooky stories that are slightly or even very silly! Wear your Halloween costume as there will be prizes for the best ones! For under 10s.

EDENDERRY LIBRARY
Phone: 046 9731028

Arts and Crafts

Wednesday, October 7th, 14th & 21st
Ages 6-12.

Contact Edenderry Library for event details.

Reading for Children:

Mr. Gum and the Dancing Bear.

Thursday, October 8th, 15th & 22nd,
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Ages: 7+.

Board Games for Children

Every Tuesday in October,
3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Favourite Books

Friday, October 16th, 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

A get-together to talk about your favourite children's book, with a chance to read aloud from your book if you wish. Ages: 8-12.

Class Event - Editing and reviewing a local writer's work: Nicola Dowdal.

Friday, October 16th, Thursday, October 22nd & Friday, October 23rd (various times)

4th class pupils from some local schools will meet Nicola in the library and give their thoughts on her first manuscript "Fairytale". Contact Edenderry Library for details.

Grandparents & Grandchildren in the Library

Wednesday, October 28th (morning)

BANAGHER LIBRARY
Phone: 057 9151471

***Class Event - Bringing a Book to Life:
Drama workshop with Eddie Alford.
Date TBC***

Contact Banagher Library for further details.

**Knowledge is free at the library.
Just bring your own container.
– Anonymous**

CLARA LIBRARY
Phone: 057 9331389

Clara Library Halloween Competition! *During CBF*

Fill our Scary Stories Scrapbook. As part of the Children's Book Festival, Clara Library asks children in 2nd, 3rd and 4th class to write a scary story or poem and to draw or paint an accompanying picture. All entries will be displayed in a scary stories scrapbook in the library for the month of November. Entry forms are available in the library.

Class Event - Author Visit: Oisín McGann.
Wednesday, November 18th

Contact Clara Library for details.

DAINGEAN LIBRARY
Phone: 057 9353005

Display of colouring and stories by children from local schools. *From Mid-October*

Children from Junior Infants to 4th class did colouring pages of witches and pumpkins. 5th & 6th classes wrote a story on "My Town / Area".

Contact Daingean Library for details.



Join the
Spook Festival

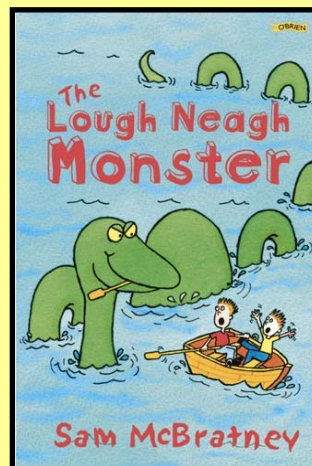
Visit your local library!

Children's Book Festival 2009
October 1st to Halloween

Children's Book Festival 2009

Design a Cover Competition

A special edition of Sam McBratney's
The Lough Neagh Monster
is due for release in 2010.
You have a chance of designing
the new the front cover!



There are 2 ways that you can enter:

- *You can enter through your local Offaly library for a chance to win a €25, €15 or €10 book token.* The winner of the €25 first prize will go on to represent *Offaly County Library* in the national competition! If you are entering the competition through Offaly County Library, the closing date for giving us your entry is Thursday, November 5th 2009.

Or

- *You can enter by sending the completed entry form directly to Children's Books Ireland.* Ask in your local library for entry forms and details. The closing date for entries sent directly to *CBI* is Friday, November 13th 2009.



Entrants must be aged 15 years or under on November 13th 2009.

Only one entry per person will be accepted.

National competition prizes:

- The winning entry chosen by the judging panel of the national competition will be used as the basis for the cover design of a new edition of *The Lough Neagh Monster* to be published in Spring 2010, plus an O'Brien's Winner's Hamper.
- There are five runner-up prizes. The five runners up will have their designs featured in the book in some form. They will also receive a selection of O'Brien Press titles.

For a full list of terms and conditions, contact your local library
or visit the Children's Books Ireland website.