Kenmare Library
For bookings: 064 6641416
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Tuesday 6 October
10.00am Join award-winning author, **E.R. Murray**, to explore the magical world of books and storytelling
2nd – 5th Class

Friday 9 October
10.00am Meet the BFG and learn about all things giant. Roald Dahl inspired fun with **Arron Towers**
1st – 4th Class

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12.15pm Meet the BFG and learn about all things giant. Roald Dahl inspired fun with **Arron Towers**
1st – 4th Class

Friday 23 October
11.00am Howl at Halloween – Áine Goes To Kenmare with author **Hazel Mulqueen**
Senior Infants – 2nd Class

Killarney Library
For bookings: 064 6632655
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Tuesday 13 October
10.00am Make a comic strip in Irish with **Aidan Courtney** of Coimicí Gael
2nd – 6th Class

Saturday 17 October
11.00am Howl at Halloween – Áine Goes To Kenmare, with author **Hazel Mulqueen**
4 - 8 Years Old
Booking Required

Wednesday 21 October
10.00am Learn about dinosaur chaos, an insight into how books are made and a hands-on craft activity with author **Jen Wallace**
Senior Infants – 2nd Class

Wednesday 28 October
12.30pm A wellness workshop including story time and a calming mindful craft activity with **KosyCubs**.
3 – 8 Years Old
Booking Required

Saturday 3, 10, 17 and 31 October
11.00am Sensory Construction
All Welcome

Killorglin Library
For bookings: 066 9761272
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Thursday 1 October
10.30am Toddler Tales, craft and play.
0 – 3 Years Old
All Welcome

Saturday 3 October
10.30am Mouse Look Out! Storytime and Leaf Cat Craft
All Welcome

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2nd – 5th Class

Thursday 8 October
10.00am Book Illustration Workshop. Join in for a fun and creative workshop with **Linda Fährlin**
1st – 6th Class

Saturday 10 October
10.00am Celebrate Autumn with Leaf Craft Session and Playtime
All Welcome

Tuesday 13 October
12.30pm Make a comic strip in Irish with **Aidan Courtney** of Coimicí Gael
2nd – 6th Class

Thursday 15 October
10.00am Shipwreck: Famous Shipwrecks from Around the World with children's book author **Deirdre Laide**
Junior Infants – 6th Class

Saturday 17 October
10.30am There's a Bat in the Library! Storytime and Bat Craft
All Welcome

Thursday 22 October
10.30am Toddler Tales, craft and play
0 – 3 Years Old
All Welcome

Saturday 31 October
11.00am Halloween Storytime & Potion Making (Bring your bottle to take home your potion!)
All Welcome

Friday 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 October
3.00pm Sensory Construction
All Welcome

Listowel Library
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listowel@kerrylibrary.ie

Saturday 3 October
11.00am Crafty Crafts with **Maria** storytime, followed by colouring
All Welcome

Tuesday 6 October
10.00am Make a comic strip in Irish with **Aidan Courtney** of Coimicí Gael
2nd – 6th Class

Wednesday 7 October
12.30pm Meet the BFG and learn about all things giant. Roald Dahl inspired fun with **Arron Towers**
1st – 4th Class

Saturday 10 October
11.00am There's a Dinosaur in My Shed! Storytime, followed by colouring
All Welcome

Saturday 17 October
11.00am The Salmon of Knowledge, and other Irish Legends storytime, followed by colouring
All Welcome

Thursday 22 October
1.30pm Join author and illustrator **Gerry Daly** for a draw-along session with puppets and storytelling
Junior Infants – 2nd Class

Thursday 29 October
12.30pm A wellness workshop including story time and a calming mindful craft activity with **KosyCubs**
3 – 8 Years Old
Booking Required

Saturday 31 October
11.00am Spooky Tales storytime, followed by a Halloween-themed craft and colouring
All Welcome

Saturday 3, 10, 17 and 31 October
2.00pm Sensory Construction Playtime
All Welcome

Tuesday 6, 13, 20, 27 October
5.30pm Sensory Construction Evening
All Welcome

Tralee Library
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Tuesday 20 October
10.30am Join Cork author **Leona Forde** on an adventure into the wonderful world of Milly McCarthy
2nd – 3rd Class

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Junior Infants – 2nd Class

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3 – 8 Years Old
Booking Required

Thursday 29 October
10.00am Shipwreck: Famous Shipwrecks from Around the World with author **Deirdre Laide**
7 - 12 Years Old
Booking required

Saturday 3, 10, 17 and 31 October
11.30am Saturday Storytime
All Welcome

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Fáilte / Welcome

Welcome to Children's Book Festival 2026

This October, Kerry Library is celebrating adventurers, sport and creativity. Many of our events this year have been inspired by authors and illustrators who have used their creativity to conjure up new and exciting worlds for young readers. We have many exciting events on offer for both schools and families. There is something for everyone. As always, we are delighted to welcome the authors, storytellers and illustrators who will visit our libraries AND of course a huge welcome to their audience of eager readers and budding writers.

Fáilte go Féile Leabhair na bPáistí 2026

An Deireadh Fómhair seo tá Leabharlann Chiarraí ag ceiliúradh na heachtránaithe, cruthaitheact agus sport. Tá roinnt mhaith d'ár nimeachtaí i mbliana spreaghta leis na húdair agus maisitheoirí á úsáideach a gcuid samhlaíochta chun saolta nua iontacha a chruthú i gcómhair leitheoirí óga. Tá neart imeachtaí breátha ar fáil again i gcómhair scoileanna agust teaghlaigh. Tá rogha leathan ann do chách. Mar is gnách cuirimid fearadh na fáilte roimh na húdair, maisitheoirí a bheidh rannpháirteach linn AGUS fáilte rí-mhór roimh a lucht féachana ina bhfuil ábhar scríobhneoirí agus leitheoireachta.

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Meet The Gang

Arran Towers

The Tallest Smallest Theatre, run by Arran Towers, offers quality interactive shows, walkabouts and workshops throughout Ireland. This event in Kerry Library will see Roald Dahl's classic BFG brought to life in an engaging interactive way.

Aidan Courtney

Is maisitheoir, cartúnaí, scríbhneoir, foilsitheoir agus éascaitheoir ceardlainne é Aidan Courtney. Déanann sé ceardlanna dátheangacha agus trí Ghaeilge amháin chun taispeánt conas scéalta a chruthú agus conas rudaí a tharraingt.
Aidan Courtney is an illustrator, cartoonist, writer, publisher and workshop facilitator. He does bilingual workshops to show how to create stories and how to draw things.

Gerry Daly

Gerry Daly is a children's author and illustrator. His latest book is *What's That Spooky Sound?* His first author-illustrated book was *Finn's First Song*. Gerry is also the illustrator of the bestselling *Puffling* series, and of *Wee Donkey's Treasure Hunt* all written by Erika McGann.

Leona Forde

Leona Forde is a children's author and teacher from Bandon, County Cork. She is the author of the best-selling Milly McCarthy series published by Gill Books Ireland.

Linda Fährlin

Linda Fährlin is a visual artist and illustrator inspired by the wild Atlantic Ocean and the landscape of north-west Ireland, where she lives. Linda's books include *The Illustrated Encylopedia of the Irish Seashore* and *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Irish Lighthouses.*

Linda also participates in art residencies in primary schools and has been Children's Books Ireland Champion of Reading 2022-2026.

KosyCubs

Charlene and Orla are two fully qualified Children's Yoga Teachers, with a shared passion for supporting children's wellbeing, confidence and emotional development through yoga, mindfulness and creative storytelling. Between them, they have over 25 years of experience working with children and are both highly skilled and experienced in childcare and children's education. Through their children's yoga sessions, they combine movement, mindfulness, breathing exercises, relaxation and imaginative yoga stories to help little ones develop important life skills in a way that feels natural and enjoyable. They are passionate about creating happy, positive spaces where children can move, explore, express themselves and simply enjoy being children.

Deirdre Laide

Deirdre Laide is a primary school teacher and children's book author living in Kerry. She is passionate about nature, conservation, and the lesser-known aspects of history. Her debut children's book *Shipwreck* is a lyrical non-fiction picture book exploring famous and infamous shipwrecks.

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Hazel Mulqueen

Hazel Mulqueen is a retired primary school teacher and author. In recent years, Kerry has found a special place in her heart. The beauty of the landscape and the community's celebration of Halloween traditions inspired her to write *Howl at Halloween – Áine Goes To Kenmare*.

E.R. Murray

E.R. Murray writes in multiple genres for children, young adults, and adults. Her latest book, *Arabella Pepper - The Wild Detective* was longlisted for the 2025 Wainwright Prize for Children's Fiction. In 2016, her debut, *The Book of Learning* was the Dublin UNESCO Citywide Read. She lives in West Cork, Ireland.

Jen Wallace

Jen Wallace is the author of the Dinosaur Pie trilogy. Her work features neurodivergent characters and lots of dinosaur chaos. Dinosaur Pie won the Great Reads Award and her latest book *Project Dinosaur: Top Secret* is out now. She has worked with young people for over twenty years and loves meeting kids at library events.

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Event Guide

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- **All information is correct at the time of print.**
- **Events may be subject to change.**

Ballybunion Library

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Wednesday 21 October

11.00am There's a Dinosaur in My Shed!
Storytime, followed by colouring
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Cahirciveen Library

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Thursday 8 October

12.30pm Book Illustration Workshop. Join in for a fun and creative workshop with **Linda Fährlin**
1st – 6th Class

Thursday 15 October

12.30pm Shipwreck: Famous Shipwrecks from Around the World with children's book author **Deirdre Laide**
1st – 6th Class

Thursday 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 October

5.30pm Chess Club
10 – 13 Years Old
All Welcome

Saturday 3, 10, 17 & 31 October

11.00am Lego Create & Discover
All Welcome

Castleisland Library

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castleisland@kerrylibrary.ie

Wednesday 7 October

10.00am Meet the BFG and learn about all things giant. Roald Dahl inspired fun with **Arron Towers**
1st – 4th Class

Saturday 17 October

3.00pm Howl at Halloween – Áine Goes To Kenmare, with author **Hazel Mulqueen**
4 - 8 Years Old
Booking Required

Thursday 29 October

10.00am A wellness workshop including story time and a calming mindful craft activity with **KosyCubs**
3 – 8 Years Old
Booking Required

Saturday 3, 10, 17 and 31 October

11.00am Construction Toy Playtime
All Welcome

Dingle Library / Leabharlann Dhaingean Uí Chúis

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Dé Máirt 6 Deireadh Fómhair

12.30in Make a comic strip in Irish with **Aidan Courtney** of Coimicí Gael
Rang 2 – 6

Dé Déardaoin 29 Deireadh Fómhair

12.30in Shipwreck: Famous Shipwrecks from Around the World with children's book author **Deirdre Laide**
Rang 1 – 6

Dé Sathairn 31 Deireadh Fómhair

12.30in Halloween-themed Junk Art craft event
2 – 6 Bliana D'Aois
All Welcome

Dé Sathairn 3, 10, 17 agus 31 Deireadh Fómhair

11.00am Spraoi ar tSathairn
Fáilte roimh chách