

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE



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Your Library's got you covered for 'Back to School'

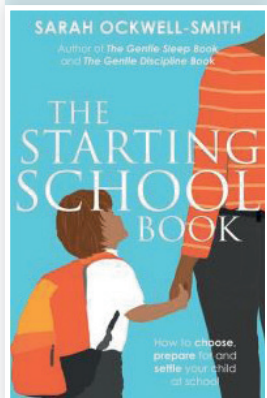
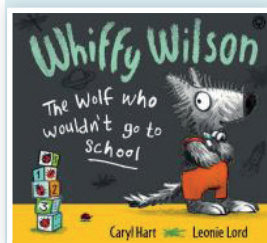


Summer is coming to an end, it's time to get back into that school routine and your library is here to help!



Get ready for school with these helpful resources for students, teachers, parents and caregivers to help make the school year easier.

Reading is an essential part of every school day and it should also be an important part of your child's home life. There is no better place to find reading material for your kids than in your local library.



Helping parents out!
• Plan a weekly trip to

your local library, it's one of the easiest ways to assist your children through the school year. Get your child a library card as soon as you can (even babies can get one!). (Image 5) Make library visits part of your routine! Children find it more fun to read books that they choose vs required reading!



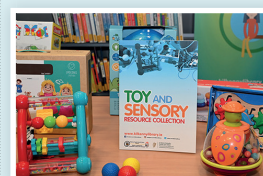
• **Early Readers:** Each library has a fantastic supply of early reader books for children starting out. Library staff will be able to assist you with the right section for your child's reading stage.



• **Research:** Older children are often tasked with projects that require research and our libraries are stacked with books full of useful information for all projects, plus if you can't find what you're looking for we will do our best to source it!



• **Nutrition** plays an important role in fuelling your child's brain. Our libraries stock a large selection of cook books and nutritional books for your growing children's needs.



• **Sensory Toy and Book Collection:** Our sensory toy and book collection is available to parents, teachers, childcare practitioners, and SNA's through a Sensory library membership. To get set up, you need a letter from the school principal, an Occupational therapist or GP recommending access to the collection. See kilkennylibrary.ie for more details.

• **Services for Teachers:** Did you know Kilkenny Libraries have resources and outreach facilities available to all teachers and students? Working with your local library improves student access to reading resources, services and programmes.



• **Teachers and Child-care practitioners** library cards can be used to borrow up to 40 items at a time and keep for up to 12 weeks! You can also avail of a selection of books in languages such as Irish and Ukrainian.



• **Class visits** are always welcome, and should be booked in advance.

• **Events:** From Author visits, Bookville, and Science Week to storytimes and crafts, there is lots happening for school children!



• **Spaces:** We offer study spaces, local history and online research resources to all!



• **Teachers pack:** Our teachers pack contains information on all services offered to teachers from Class Novels, Aistear book loans to Sensory toy and book loans. Contact your local library or info@kilkennylibrary.ie to get your hands on one!

• **Aistear book Collection:** We have developed a collection of books based on popular Aistear themes. Each set has approximately twenty age-appropriate books, and includes both fact books and story books. Sets can be borrowed for up to three months. Pre-booking is advised, as demand can be high. Aistear book collections are held at Ferrybank, Castlecomer, Thomastown, Loughboy and out mobile library, but can be requested by any teacher/childcare practitioner in the county.

Mark, Jan
Lady Long Legs
65 Copies
Nisba may be new at Farm Lane School, but when an older girl tries to stop her walking along the green tiles in the corridor, Nisba puts her foot down.



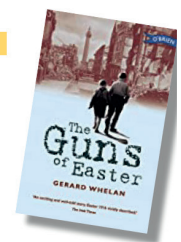
Mark, Jan
Taking the Cat's Way Home
24 Copies
William, the new boy, has it in for Jane from the moment he appears. It seems as though the only way she can escape him after school is to follow her cat along the wall, into the unknown...



Valliams, David
The Midnight Gang
10 Copies
The Midnight Gang is a story of friendship, theatre and magic – and of making dreams come true. When the clock strikes midnight, most children are fast asleep, but for the Midnight Gang the journey is just beginning.



Whelan, Gerard
The Guns of Easter
44 Copies
A story which presents a child's view of a pivotal event in British and Irish history. A young Dublin boy is caught up in the rising of 1916 on O'Connell Street. Surrounded by danger and starving families, how can he make sense of all the conflict?



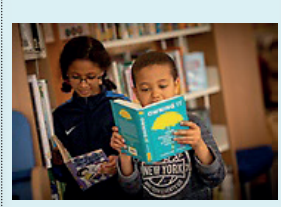
through your local library.

Themes available

- Animals
- Transport
- Emergency services
- Library
- Gardening
- Feelings, identity and belonging
- Space
- People at work
- School
- Nature

• **Class reader:** We have over 150 class reader titles to choose from, with a large selection for all ages from 1st class upwards. These can be pre-booked and borrowed

• **Have Fun!**
Although there are so many educational uses of your public library, sometimes your kids need a break



from the school setting to have a little fun! Luckily, your local library probably has a programme to help! From story time to craft and STEM activities, the li-

brary is a great resource for fun! To find out what's going on in your local library visit our website www.kilkennylibrary.ie and check out our What's on section, and remember to follow @kilkennylibrary on social media!

• **Summer Stars:**
Make sure to return your completed Summer Reading Challenge cards to your local library by Friday 2nd September, so you can be included in our draws!