



It's time to start some new Hobbies and Interests... ...go to your local library to help you get going!



We all have our bucket list of places we want to visit and hobbies we plan on starting. We often don't seem to have enough time to get around to these new ventures! Now, as we enter the Autumn, it's as good a time as any to make someday "today"!

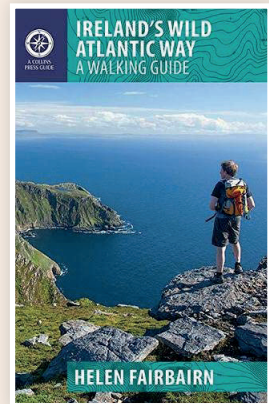
The library has a wealth of books, online resources and classes to give you ideas and help you to fulfil those ambitions.

Cycling
"Cycling in Ireland" by David Flanagan documents the best cycling ways Ireland has to offer—with something for everyone from gentle family treks, to long challenging routes. As one of the most popular hobbies



today, this book is a great way to help you get started!

Walking

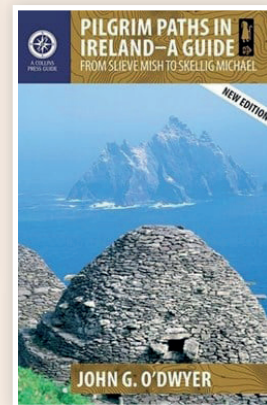


We've all got to appreciate the great outdoors over the past couple of years and there is a huge range of guides available to cover various walking routes around Ireland.

"Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way a Walking Guide" by Helen Fairbairn is one such guide and this follows one of 30 routes on Ireland's West coast as well as walks to well-known and less visited locations and detailed maps.

"Pilgrims Paths in Ireland A guide" by John G. Dwyer gives some ideas of the pilgrim walks in Ireland. The popularity of the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain has led to renewed interest in Ireland's pilgrim

walks and this book will give you information on walks everywhere from Slieve Mish to Skellig Michael. This book will help you to learn about each walk and the author's experience of the characters he meets along the way.

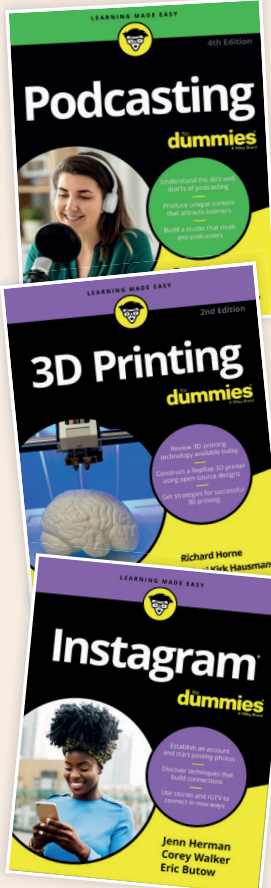


Upgrading your IT skills

We can all feel overwhelmed by changing technology. Just as we get a handle on it, there's another upgrade or it becomes obsolete. So, whether you want to get updated with the latest equipment or just to enhance your skills or learn about a new subject, get started with the basics!

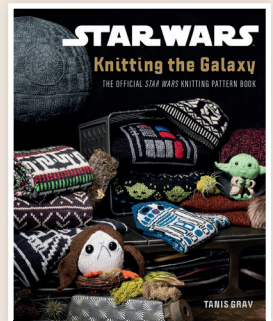
The ever popular and well known for "Dummies" series, is a good place to begin. They explain information on various subjects simply and clearly. So, if you

want to learn the power of Instagram, how to setup a podcast or to use a 3D Printer, there is a range of books available to support you in any new endeavours. To implement the practise, 3d printing services are also available in Loughboy Library—contact us for further details.



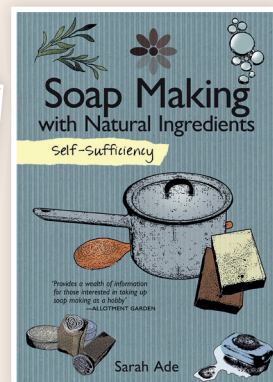
Knitting

Tanis Gray is the author of two movie related knitting pattern books. Learn how to knit toys, costumes and home décor with the "Star Wars Knitting the Galaxy" & "Harry Potter Knitting Magic". Come along to our weekly meeting of the Knitting Group in Loughboy library and find out what exciting things other people are making. The group meet every Wednesday at 10am for two hours and new members are always welcome.

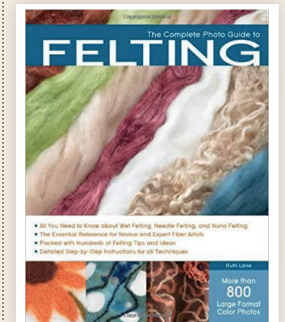


Soap Making and Wet Felting

We all know about the benefit of natural foods, but what about natural soap? "Soap making with natural ingredients" by Sarah Ade shows us how to make dozens of types of soap using readily available ingredients, and is ideal for beginners.

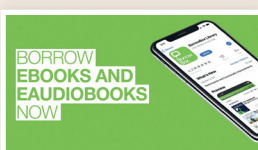
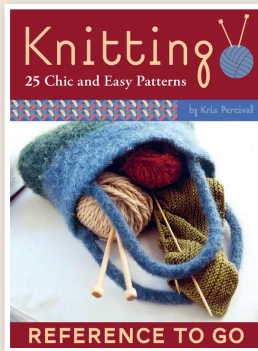
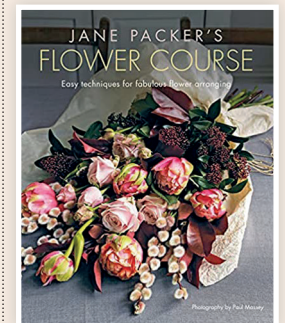


Wet felting is another innovative and wonderful craft, making all kinds of creations such as flowers from wool, with the help of a bit of soap and water. There will also be a course on wet felting in Loughboy Library starting in September, so contact the library for more information!



Flower Arranging

Learn to arrange flowers with this easy to follow illustrated guidebook or follow 25 step-by-step projects with Jane Packer's "Flower Course", to improve and update your flower arranging skills. Loughboy Library also holds Flower arranging classes and one-off workshops, so keep in touch with our social media and our website to find out about these events.



Of course, we have plenty of online resources to help you on your journey. Check out **Borrow Box** for some e-books and e-audio books for lots more titles.



Universal Class also has a broad range of classes with plenty of practical advice and easy to follow lesson plans. Cake decorating, Drawing or Digital Photography are just some of the courses you can take up for free with your library membership.

Get involved in a new group - Loughboy Library and all library branches around Kilkenny have various groups - creative writing, knitting and crafts, Irish conversation groups, French language group as well as Book Clubs. **Contact any local branch for further details!**