



Leabharlann Chontae Mhaigh Eo Mayo County Library

MARCH MADNESS!!

Mayo libraries will be busy places throughout the month of March. *Library Ireland Week*, *Seachtain na Gaeilge* and Bord Gáis Energy's *Rediscover Your Local Library* campaign all run throughout the month meaning that Mayo Libraries will have something for everyone in March. And best of all practically all events are FREE!!!!

So what events can you expect to find in your local library this March?

- We kick off in **Castlebar Library** on Wednesday March 2nd at 8:00 pm with a talk by Richard Kirwan entitled 'If maps could speak'. Richard is a former director of Ordnance Survey Ireland. He was born in Waterford and qualified as a civil engineer at University College Cork and was director of the OS from 1996 until his retirement in 2006. Richard presents 'If maps could speak' an engaging combination of memoir, history and stories about people and places. His presentation will take his audience behind the scenes into the minds and works of early map-makers with accounts of their struggles in pre-Famine Ireland. He outlines the efforts of OS staff to bring the mapping of Ireland up to date in the final decades of the twentieth century and his own personal contribution to this effort.
- **In Ballina Library on Wednesday 2nd March from 11am – 1pm**
A drama workshop will take place for members of the Western Care Beehive Centre with Stephen Doyle.
The workshop helps adults with intellectual difficulties improve their interpersonal skills
- **On Thursday March 3rd Castlebar Library will host a talk with Kate Connon, author of *Healing Visions, First-aid for the Soul* from 7.30pm to 9pm.** How many people do you know who would literally up-root their lives, leaving behind the security of a respected and secure professional career, home and friends to move miles from home to a small town in the West of Ireland, jobless and knowing only a solicitor? In 2000 Kate Connon did just that. She moved from Belfast to Westport, Co Mayo where her mother and her mother's mother were born. Ten years later Kate says she has not regretted her move for a second. Kate discovered in the years leading up to 2000 that she was developing a healing gift, a mysterious gift that even today she does not fully comprehend. As a confirmed sceptic of things she could not see, touch or understand Kate initially rationalised that those visiting her for reflexology were imagining their experiences, but eventually was forced to accept their reality. Over the last 10 years Kate has worked with clients from India, America and Europe. Now her client's visions are commonplace.
Her talk in Castlebar Library will focus on dealing with stress in the today's' challenging world and will include contributions from Hilda Carroll, meditation teacher, Cathy Ryder, Bach Flower Remedies practitioner and Molly Healy, yoga teacher.

- ❑ **Ballina Branch of the Dyslexia Association of Ireland & Ballina Public Library** co-host an evening with Don Mullan, writer and campaigner on **Tuesday 8th March. 6pm -8pm.** Don will conduct a workshop with dyslexic children from 6pm- 6.30pm and an open session for the public from 6.30 – 8pm on his story and the problems facing dyslexic people.
- ❑ On **Thursday 10th March. 3pm- 4.30pm** The Music Circle within Ballina Active Retirement Group will meet in **Ballina Library** for an afternoon of musical appreciation.
- ❑ Claremorris Library will host an Art Exhibition and Sale on Friday 18th March at 6:00 pm. All the artwork is by local artist the late Helen Curran and all proceeds are in aid of the Hospice movement. All are welcome at this event.

***Seahctain Na Gaeilge* is celebrated in all Mayo Libraries. Our events listing includes:**

Juggling Gaeilge – ceardlann le páistí bunscoile: Laura ní Éanacháin
Dé Máirt 8ú Márta @11– Leabharlann Chlár Chlainne Mhuiris/Claremorris Library
Dé Céadaoin 9ú Márta @11– Leabharlann Bhaile an Róba/Ballinrobe Library
Déardaoin 10ú Márta @10 – Leabharlann Chathair na Mart/Westport Library
Déardaoin 10ú Márta @1 – Leabharlann Chluain Cearbán/Louisburgh Library
Dé Máirt 15ú Márta @11 - Leabharlann Chaisleán an Bharraigh/Castlebar Library

Faigh amach cén chaoi liathróidí a dhéanamh le balúin, plúr agus málaí plaisteacha...agus ansin faigh amach cén chaoi juggling a dhéanamh leo.
 Find out how to make juggling balls with balloons, flour and plastic bags...and then learn how to juggle them.

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Ceardlann Drámaíochta/ Drama workshop: Rosaleen ní Shúilleabhán
Dé Máirt 8ú Márta @11 – Leabharlann Bhaile Chathail/Charlestown Library
Dé Céadaoin 9ú Márta @11 – Leabharlann Choillte Mach/Kiltimagh Library
Déardaoin 10ú Márta @11 – Leabharlann Chaisleán an Bharraigh/Castlebar Library

Bainfear sult agus spraoi as an gceardlann seo, agus an Ghaeilge á labhairt ag ná páistí i mbealach nádúrtha taitneamhach. Níl ag teastáil ach fonn spraoi agus féith na samhlaíochta!

A really enjoyable workshop that gives children a chance to speak Irish in a natural, fun way. All you need is your imagination!

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Seisiún Scéalaíochta: Eibhlín Basquille
Dé Máirt 8ú Márta @11– Leabharlann Bhéal an Mhuirthead/Belmullet Library
Dé Céadaoin 9ú Márta @11– Leabharlann Chaisleán an Bharraigh/Castlebar Library
Déardaoin 10ú Márta @11 – Leabharlann Bhéal an Átha/Ballina Library
Déardaoin 10ú Márta @1 – Leabharlann Chrois Mhaoilíona/Crossmolina Library

Dé Máirt 15ú Márta @10 – Leabharlann Bhéal Átha hAmhnais/Ballyhaunis Library

Dé Máirt 15ú Márta @1 – Leabharlann Bhéal Átha na Muice/Swinford Library

Dé Céadaoin 16ú Márta @11 – Leabharlann Acla/Achill Library

Léifear gach saghas scéil, seanscéalta, úrscéalta, scéalta grinn sa Leabharlann. Beidh deis ag na páistí blas a fáil den réimse leathan leabhar Gaeilge atá ar fáil sna Leabharlanna.

All sorts of stories, old stories, new stories, funny stories...the children will have a chance to explore the wide range of Irish language books available in the Library.

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Caint ar Bheartas Teanga

Dé Céadaoin 9ú Márta @ 1-1.50 – Leabharlann Chaisleán an Bharraigh/Castlebar Library

Tá taighde dochtúireachta déanta ag Laoise Ní Dhúda BA, MA (Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh) ar fheidhmiú an bheartais teanga i gceantar Gaeltachta trí mheán na heitneagrafaíochta. Sa chaint seo tabharfar léargas eimpíreach agus coincheapúil ar mhúnla Spolsky i leith an bheartais teanga (.i. cleachtas teanga, creideamh teanga, bainistíocht teanga) sa Bhreacbhaile.

Laoise Ní Dhúda BA, MA (NUIG) has carried out doctoral research on the implementation of language policy in a Gaeltacht area. This talk will offer an empirical and conceptual insight into Spolsky's model of Language Policy (i.e. language practices, beliefs and management).

Tuilleadh eolais: 087 697 2922 nó gaeilge@mayococo.ie

Ceolchoirm sa Leabharlann

Déardaoin 10ú Márta @8.30 – Leabharlann Chaisleán an Bharraigh/Castlebar Library

Tá Ceolchoirm i Leabharlann Chaisleán an Bharraigh á eagrú ag Coiste Mhaigh Eo de Chomhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann le Michael Rooney agus June McCormack, beirt de na ceoltóirí is fearr atá againn in iarthar na tíre. Bígí linn i Leabharlann an Chontae, Caisleán an Bharraigh, Déardaoin 10ú Márta ag 8.30in.

As part of the Seachtain na Gaeilge Mhaigh Eo 2011 celebrations in the county, Coiste Mhaigh Eo of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann are hosting a concert in the Castlebar Library featuring Michael Rooney and June McCormack. Michael and June are two of the best exponents of the Harp and the Flute west of the Shannon. This is a concert not to miss. It is on in the Library in Castlebar on Thurs, 10th March and commences at 8.30 p.m. There will be a €5 cover charge for this event.

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As part of the **Bord Gáis Energy Rediscover your Local Library** campaign, children's' author and rugby pundit Brent Pope will visit the library on **Tuesday 15th March**. He will conduct 2 sessions on the day with a story-time for young children at 3.30pm – 4pm and a session on 'his life in sport' for older children and adults from 4pm – 5pm approx.

For more information on this FREE event contact Ballina Library on 09670833

Ballina Library also host Mayo Volunteer Centre's Annual Junior Art Competition Exhibition which opens on Tuesday 29th March @ 10 am with 40 of the prizewinning

entries on display with the official launch and prize-giving ceremony to follow later in the week.

Finally in Ballina Library on Thursday 31st March. 7.30pm – 9pm Kate Connon will give a talk on her recently published book, 'Healing Visions – First Aid for the Soul' which provides people with a "toolbox" to support your physical, emotional and spiritual health so that you can de-stress and face a brighter future.