

# LAOIS LIBRARIES

## Post Primary Schools Newsletter



### What's on at your local Library

#### A TEACHER'S CARD

made available to every teacher in the school  
which will enable each teacher to borrow  
items for his/her class

Each teacher in your school will be entitled  
to receive a teacher's card, on request, from  
your library service. The card will enable a  
teacher to borrow items for his/her class.

Class sets of books are also available  
in a range of titles and age groups.  
Contact your local branch for a list of  
available titles



#### CLASS VISITS

to your library branch  
Your local library branch will be happy to  
accommodate class visits from your school  
to the library, while following current  
guidelines.

During your class's visit, we can offer  
information, presentations and more!

Contact your local branch  
for more details





## ONLINE RESOURCES

We have a wide range of free online services including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, online courses and online newspapers.

Borrowbox contains a catalogue of over 17,000 e-books and 7000 e-audio books.

We can also provide information sessions and presentations for Classes over Zoom.



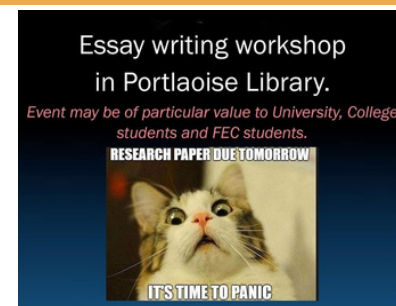
## LIBRARY PRESENTATIONS

A presentation(s) on the library services may be available on request. Your local library service can provide a presentation on the library services on request and at a time agreed with the school principal, as part of in-service training, or at your school to teachers, pupils or parents.



## LOCAL HISTORY

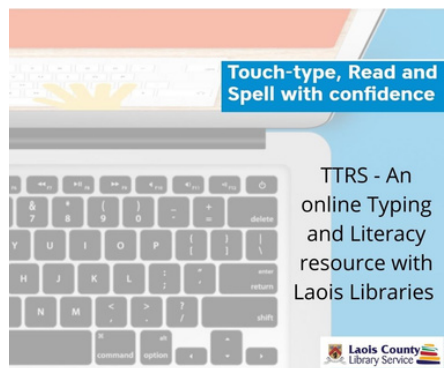
Our Local History sections in each branch have many resources available to support history research, part of the curriculum for both Junior and Senior cycles. We also have a dedicated Local Studies Librarian who can facilitate talks to history students and teachers either in their local library or in the classroom. For more information please contact your local branch or go to [www.laoislocalstudies.ie](http://www.laoislocalstudies.ie) for more information.



## ESSAY WRITING

Portlaoise Library can offer a talk on **SECRETS FOR SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC ESSAY WRITING AND RESEARCH SKILLS**. Learn how to locate research material, present a thesis, master the conventions of academic writing, structure an essay, negotiate referencing systems and excel in your assignments. A comprehensive hand-out of essential essay-writing tips can also be made available at this event.





## TOUCH, TYPE, RED, SPELL (TTRS)

(TTRS) is available free from Laois Libraries.

TTRS is a highly accessible multi-sensory course that teaches touch-typing, reading and spelling skills and is a fantastic resource for learners of with dyslexia and dyspraxia.

Our TTRS programme can be used by all ages to help with reading and spelling, those who require help with their literacy skills or for those learning English as a second language.

If you would like more information please email

[mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:mountmellicklibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

Numbers are limited.

#RightToRead #TTRS

#LaoisOffalyFamiliesForAutism

## STUDY SPACES AND WIFI ACCESS



Every branch in Laois has study spaces (subject to availability) and access to PCs and WIFI . Printing, photocopying and scanning service also available.

Contact your local branch for more information



## EU DIRECT

Europe Direct Information Centre at Portlaoise Library is your Local Link to Europe.

General information about EU matters in any of the official EU languages.

Europe Direct is there to answer your questions on the EU and to provide:

Information on the European Union

Access to publications and brochures from EU institutions

Access to PCs to search for EU material

A freephone link to the Europe Direct Helpdesk

Events, including talks, exhibitions and competitions.

✉ [europedirect@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:europedirect@laoiscoco.ie)

## EUROPE DIRECT SOAPBOX COMPETITION



The National Soapbox competition is run through seven Europe Direct Centres based in public libraries throughout Ireland and is an initiative of the European Commission Representation in Ireland. The competition always showcases a unique mix of views on the topic and reminds us that debate and discussion remain at the heart of European democracy.



## CAO INFORMATION TALK

Do you find the CAO process confusing, and need help gaining a better understanding of it?

Laois Libraries can present in association with a qualified career guidance counsellor an informative session for parents and students, helping them understand the whole CAO process. The presentation will be based around the CAO process, explanation of the application process, how and when to apply and deadlines, and will briefly mention UCAS, UNICAS and PLC courses.



## BOOKCLUB

Laois Libraries want to invite your students to join our brand new Young Adult Book Club! If they enjoy reading and chatting about stories, in any form - poetry, manga, graphic novels, anime, movies - then this is the club for them! Contact your local branch or check out our social media for updates.



## FIGHTING WORDS

Fighting Words Creative Writing Workshops help students of all ages to develop their writing skills and to explore their love of writing.

When a class comes to a Fighting Words Workshop for a session, they spend the first part of the time working together, as a group, creating a story initially through role play and improvisation. They then work together, developing characters, setting and plot, adding dialogue and editing as they go.

Each participant then has the opportunity to work on their own, individual pieces of writing, helped and encouraged by Fighting Words volunteer tutors.

## WRITE CLUB

Write Club is a community of like-minded young people between 13 and 18 years of age from all over Ireland who want to create their own work. Our members write plays, short stories, poetry, screenplays... flash fiction, graphic fiction, novels... spoken word pieces. Anything is possible.

Fighting Words provides space and time for Write Club members to come together to work on their own independent writing projects, supported by other writers and Fighting Words mentors.





## Laois Libraries Contact Details

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