# KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL 

# Seachtain na Gaeilge $=$ 

$\square$eachtain na Gaeilge returns on March 1st and will run until March 17th. Showing no signs of losing its status as the biggest Irish language festival in the world, this annual festival continues to go from strength to strength.

Seachtain na Gaeilge began in 1902, and originally was confined to a single week and limited to events in Ireland. The intervening years have seen the festival grow in stature. After a mere week proved insufficient to accommodate the wealth of activities taking place, the festival was extended to seventeen days, and has developed a global reach well beyond its native island. Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrates the Irish language and promotes its use through a wide range of events and activities that aim to cater for a broad range of tastes and interests.
Age is no issue, as this festival has something for everyone, young, not so young, and all ages in-between. Everyone is encouraged to speak their native language, no matter what their level of fluency, and enjoyment and fun are essential ingredients in encouraging everyone to take part. Kilkenny Library Services

And of course, if Seachtain na Gaeilge inspires you to have a go at increasing your use of the Irish language, why not see what is happening in your local libraries - there are many excellent Irish language books to choose from, both on our bookshelves and through our online service BorrowBox. All you need is current library membership to avail of a wealth of Irish language resources.

Kilkenny Libraries stocka through reading, listening range of titles as Gaeilge (in and speaking. the Irish language) to cater for all ages and all levels, and library membership also allows you to avail of access to the free online language ser-

Irish Conversation Groups

If you would like to enjoy

## Irish eBooks



## Irish Verbs, Proverbs and Seanfhocail



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Collins Easy Learning Irish Collins, Dr. A. J. Hughes On Loan


Seanfhocail


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 Irish Customs and Tradition. Irish Proverbs Laurence Flanagan
vice Transparent Language Online. With this service, you can learn more than 100 languages online, and it provides a perfect means of improving your Irish

some Irish conversation with others, why not try one of the many conversation groups which meet in our Kilkenny Library branches. Ferrybank Library hosts, an Irish circle every Tuesday from 2.30 to 3.30 pm . Everyone is welcome to come along and join, no matter their level of Irish.
Loughboy Library also hosts an Irish Conversation Group each Wednesday morning at 11.00am. This group is open to all levels of fluency. So, whether you are a beginner or an improver, feel free to come along any Wednesday.

Thomastown Library and Graiguenamanagh Library have been hosting Irish Language classes throughout February, and Graiguenamanagh Library also hosts an Irish Conversation Group which meets each Wednesday at 11.00am.

If you are interested in attending, just call 056 7794178..

Classes and Activities.
If you would like to try a class to help you brush up on your Irish language skills, Castlecomer Library have beginner Irish classes for Adults in the lead up to Seachtaine na Gaeilge, on Friday the 23rd of February and Friday the 1st of March from 10.30am - 12.30pm. Booking is essential, just
 a place.
Ferrybank Library will host two events for Seachtain na Gaeilge. On Wednesday 13th March at 4.00 pm , there will bea very special St. Patrick's themed Storytime and Crafts. All children are welcome to come along and there's no need to book.
On the 13th of March at 6.30 pm , all are welcome to come along to Ferrybank Library to recite their favourite Irish poems, in English or as Gaeilge.
So, there's no better time than now to try out your Irish language skills, and have fun doing so with others. And Seachtain na Gaeilge provides many opportunities
call 054440561 to reserve to do so in a relaxed and or to get assistance from our friendly environment, with friendly mobile library team. no need to be nervous. As Formore information on any one of this year's Seachtain of our mobile stops please na Gaeilge ambassadors, Ain- visit www.kilkennylidriú de Paor, says, "Don't be brary.ie or phone (056) too worried about being $100 \quad 7794160$. per cent perfect, use what Irish you have, give it a go and throw yourself into it." Mobile Library

Every month our mobile library van visits over 60 schools, nursing homes and early learning centres across the county including 10 community stops where everyone is welcome to visit! The mobile library offers the same great services as our other library branches so come along to borrow or return items, request items


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Feb 28th: 2.50-3.50pm

Feb 29th: 10.50-11.50am
March 7th: 12.35-12.55pm

March 14th: 1.40-2.00pm

March 20th: 1.00-1.40pm

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March 21st: 2.15-3.00pm

