

AUTHOR EVENTS

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MARCH

Martina Devlin Author Event **Saturday 29th March | 3:00pm | Central Library**

Martina Devlin is an award winning author and newspaper columnist. She has written nine novels, two non-fiction books, two plays and a collection of short stories. Her latest novel, *Charlotte*, explores Charlotte Brontë's Irish connections. Other novels include *Edith* about the Irish R.M. co-author Edith Somerville; and *The House Where It Happened* about a mass witchcraft trial in Co Antrim in 1711, which led to a plaque erected to commemorate those convicted following a campaign she initiated. Prizes include the Royal Society of Literature's V.S. Pritchett Prize and a Hennessy Literary Award, and she has been shortlisted three times for the Irish Book Awards. Martina writes a weekly current affairs column for the Irish Independent for which she has been named National Newspapers of Ireland commentator of the year, among other journalism prizes. She holds a PhD in literary practice from Trinity College Dublin and is currently a judge on the Dublin Literary Award.



This is a FREE event, but booking is essential.

Please contact **Central Library** on **051 849975** for bookings and further information.

APRIL

John Connolly Author Event **Tuesday 29th April | 7:00pm | Carrickphierish Library**

John Connolly is author of the Charlie Parker mysteries, *The Book of Lost Things*, *The Land of Lost Things*, the Samuel Johnson novels for young adults and, with his partner, Jennifer Ridyard, co-author of the *Chronicles of the Invaders*. John Connolly's debut – *Every Dead Thing* - introduced Private Investigator Charlie Parker, and launched him right into the front rank of thriller writers. All his subsequent novels have been Sunday Times bestsellers, and he has sold more than 8 million copies in English language alone. He was the winner of the 2016 CWA Short Story Dagger, the first non-American writer to win the US Shamus Award and the first Irish writer to win an Edgar Award. *Books To Die For*, which he edited with Declan Burke, was the winner of the 2013 Anthony, Agatha and Macavity Awards for Best Non-Fiction work. John writes regularly for newspapers and magazines and hosts a radio show on RTE. He divides his time between Dublin and Portland, Maine.



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Please contact **Carrickphierish Library** on **051 849696** for bookings and further information.

Peter Murphy Poetry Event for Poetry Day Ireland 2025**Thursday 1st May | 7:00pm | Tramore Library**

Peter Murphy is a novelist, musician, spoken-word performer, journalist, poet, actor and arts facilitator/mentor from Wexford. He has published two novels, *John the Revelator* and *Shall We Gather at the River* (Faber & Faber), and his short fiction has appeared in *New Irish Short Stories* (ed. Joseph O'Connor), *Being Various* (ed. Lucy Caldwell), and *The Art of the Glimpse* (ed. Sinead Gleeson) among other anthologies. He records and performs as Cursed Murphy and has released two albums to date, *Cursed Murphy Versus the Resistance* (2020) and *Republic of the Weird* (2023).



Peter's journalism has featured in the Irish Times, Rolling Stone, The Guardian, the Sunday Business Post, Huffington Post and Hot Press, where he was a contributing editor for fifteen years, writing more than fifty cover stories for the magazine. His interview portfolio includes James Ellroy, FW De Klerk, Neil Gaiman, Patti Smith, Bret Easton Ellis, Nick Cave, PJ Harvey, Alan Moore, David Simon, Tori Amos, Lou Reed, Wim Wenders, Billy Bob Thornton, Willie Nelson, Henry Rollins and more. More recently, his essays and non fiction have appeared in the Stinging Fly and Winter Papers, for whom he currently serves as a contributing editor. He has been awarded literature bursaries by the Arts Council in 2011, 2015, 2020 and 2023, is currently completing his third book, and will begin recording his third album this autumn.

This is a FREE event, but booking is essential.Please contact **Tramore Library** on **051 849594** for bookings and further information.**Orla Mackey** Author Event**Saturday 24th May | 3:00pm | Ardkeen Library**

Orla Mackey is a writer and teacher based in Kilkenny in Ireland. She studied English Literature at Trinity College, Dublin. *Mouthing* is her first novel. Narrated by several generations of villagers, *Mouthing* traces the fortunes of one small community from the mid-20th century to the early 21st, in a series of highly confessional and darkly hilarious monologues. The good people of Ballyrowan delight in twisting the knife, in tormenting one another, in perfecting the art of schadenfreude. And, it becomes clear, none of them are entirely reliable witnesses. As each character offers their version of 'the truth', upending our assumptions at every turn, we see how feuds are passed down through the generations, how families are estranged or reunited and fortunes made or lost, how strict social expectations loosen over decades (and how some things remain stubbornly unchanged). And how secret hopes and private sorrows, triumph and humiliation, pleasure and grief are all absorbed into the merciless chorus of mouthing.



Mouthing is an acerbic, unsentimental love letter to rural Irish life, where everyone knows everyone else's business and everyone has an opinion on it - where 'community' is both a lifeboat and a life sentence.

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JUNE

Andrea Carter Author Event Wednesday 18th June | 3:00pm | Lismore Library

Andrea Carter is the author of *The Inishowen Mysteries*. She grew up in Ballyfin, Co. Laois, and graduated in law from Trinity College, Dublin, before qualifying as a solicitor and moving to the Inishowen peninsula. Having practised law for twenty years, more recently as a barrister, she now writes full time. Her short story *The Lamb* was shortlisted for the Irish Book Awards in 2019. The *Inishowen Mysteries* series is in development for television. The *Sunday Times* said '*Carter excels in re-creating the cloistered, gossipy confines of a small Irish village...the Inishowen peninsula community where everybody knows everybody else's business is a fine stand-in for the mannered drawing-room society of a Christie mystery.*' Her first standalone thriller *There Came a-Tapping* was published in March 2025.



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Please contact **Lismore Library** on **058 21377** for bookings and further information.

JULY

Sheila O'Flanagan Author Event Tuesday 22nd July | 7:00pm | Tramore Library

Sheila O'Flanagan is the author of more than 30 contemporary novels and short stories. Born in Dublin she worked at the family grocery store in Dublin's Iveagh Markets and later had a successful career in banking and finance. Her first novel, *Dreaming of a Stranger*, was published in 1997 and was an immediate bestseller. Following the publication of two more novels she left finance to become a full-time writer. As well as her contemporary novels, Sheila has also written a historical novel based on the life of her grandmother during the Civil War, two fantasy novels for children and contributed to a number of anthologies as well as both the Open Door and Quick Reads short novella series. Her latest novel, *The Honeymoon Affair*, is another number one bestseller. She has been a winner of the Irish Tatler Woman of the Year for Literature, The Irish Post Woman of the Year for Literature and Bord Gais Popular Fiction awards. Sheila was a director of Fighting Words for nine years and worked with transition year students and senior citizens in helping them to bring their stories to the page.



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