

MAY 2026

Bealtaine AT THE LIBRARY

Ireland's national festival celebrating
the arts and ageing.



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Waterford Libraries Bealtaine Festival Programme Highlights

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Leabharlanna Phort Láirge
Waterford Libraries

Bealtaine Dawn Chorus

Dunmore East Library
Sunday 10th May 8am



Free event

All are welcome to join with the Bealtaine Choir to greet the Dawn with song. Refreshments will be served.

*Start Your
Ukulele Journey
in Tramore
Library
Free Adult
Beginner Classes*

**FREE 5 WEEK COURSE
WEDNESDAY'S AT 3 PM
STARTING APRIL 29TH
INSTRUMENTS WILL BE
PROVIDED.**

**RESERVE YOUR FREE SPOT
AT THE LIBRARY, OR CALL
051 849594**



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CENTRAL CONVERSATIONS



WATERFORD'S QUAKER HERITAGE

Joan Johnson

**CENTRAL LIBRARY, Wednesday 6 May
6:30pm | Central Library**

FREE EVENT – BOOKING REQUIRED

Contact Central Library at: 051 849975
email: centrallibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie



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**JOIN US FOR A CRAFT WORKSHOPS THIS
MAY TO CELEBRATE BEALTAINÉ
ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED BOOK YOUR FREE
PLACE IN YOUR LOCAL BRANCH**

**KILMACTHOMAS LIBRARY
LISMORE LIBRARY
CAPPOQUIN LIBRARY
BROWNS ROAD LIBRARY
ARDKEEN LIBRARY
PORTLAW LIBRARY
TALLOW LIBRARY**



Seed / Seedling Swap

6 - 7 pm, Tuesday, 12th May
Ardkeen Library

Have you surplus seeds or seedlings
to share with others?

Is it too late to sow? No!

Drop in on Tuesday 12th May at 6 pm:

-  Exchange your surplus seeds and seedlings for a variety you don't have. Be sure to bring something to exchange!
-  Learn from each other about seed sowing and nurturing seedlings through to fully established, happy plants.



Led by Grace Hamilton,
social and therapeutic
gardening facilitator



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Jewellery making workshop



Lismore Library

Master the art of
Jewellery making

Please book your place by
calling us on: 058-21377 or
email: lismorelibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie

Thursday 14th
May at 11am

CENTRAL LIBRARY

BEALTAINÉ

PAPER FLOWER CRAFTING WORKSHOP!

15TH MAY 3-4:30PM

**Booking Essential
Call - 051 849975**



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BEALTAINNE JEWELLERY WORKSHOP

JEWELLERY MAKING WITH
LAURA FROM FIREFLY
PARTIES & EVENTS!

TUESDAY, 19TH MAY @2.30PM
BROWNS ROAD LIBRARY



LIMITED
SPACES!



THIS IS A FREE EVENT BUT SPACES ARE LIMITED SO
PLEASE BOOK WITH US BY PHONE AT (051) 849 614 OR
EMAIL: BROWNSROADLIBRARY@WATERFORDCOUNCIL.IE.

*Dance yourself
free
in Ardkeen
Library*

**JOIN US IN ARDKEEN
LIBRARY FOR A BODY
POSTIVE DANCE
EXPERIENCE**

**FOR OLDER ADULTS
THURSDAY 21ST MAY
10:30AM**

**RESERVE YOUR FREE SPOT
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Ardkeen Library

**Make your own wreath or
wall hanging
all materials supplied**

**Please book your place by calling us
on: 051 849755 or email:
ardkeenlibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie**

**19th May at
10:30am**



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Cappoquin Library

**Make your own wall hanging
all materials supplied**

**Please book your place by calling us
on: 087-2605466 or email:**

cappoquinlibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie

**Monday
25th May
at 10:30am**



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Older People's
Council

CARRICKPHIERSH LIBRARY
BEALTAINÉ 2026
LUST FOR LIFE
MUSIC AND DANCE PARTY



NO.1 HITS OF THE

6:30

PM

60'S' 70'S & 80'S

WITH WLR'S JOHN KEANE

21ST
MAY

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FREE EVENT BOOKING
ESSENTIAL 051 849696



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Tai Chi

Engage in Tai Chi at
Dungarvan Library

19th May

Free

booking essential



Dordán & Suir Ukulele Strummers



CENTRAL LIBRARY
Saturday 23 May 2:30pm
FREE EVENT - ALL WELCOME

Bealtaine Dusk Chorus

Carrickphierish Library

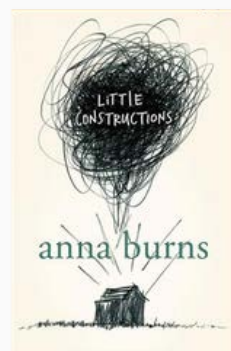
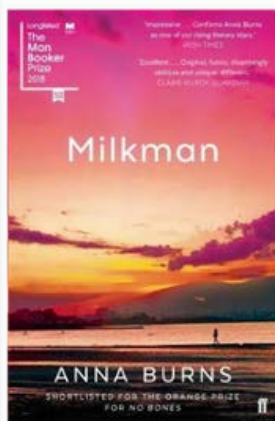
Thursday 28th May 6:30pm



Free event featuring the Bealtaine Choir
and art work produced during the festival.
All welcome!
Refreshments will be served.

AUTHOR EVENT

Anna Burns



Booker Prize-winning author, **Anna Burns**, will be in conversation discussing her work in **Dungarvan Library** on **Thursday 28th May** at **7:00pm**.

DUNGARVAN LIBRARY
Thursday 28th May | 7:00pm



FREE EVENT - BOOKING REQUIRED
Dungarvan Library - 058 21141



KNITTING & CROCHET GROUPS



Our fun, friendly knitting groups are a great way to meet new people and share skills

Come for the crafting and stay for the chats. All levels of experience welcome.

Central Library Wednesdays at 10:30am

Carrickphiersh Library

Thursdays at 6:30pm

Tramore Library Fridays at 10:30am

Portlaw Library Fridays at 10:30am



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***Lismore Library invites
you to view an
exhibition of works from
local craft groups***

***May 6th to 31st
during Library opening
hours***

***Celebrating Bealtaine
2026***



*Bealtaine Festival - Ireland's national
Celebration of the Arts and Creativity
as we age*

Established in 1995, Bealtaine is Ireland's National Festival which celebrates the arts and creativity as we age. The festival takes place each May and is coordinated by 'Age & Opportunity', the national organisation which promotes active and engaged living as we get older.

**All our events are free with
more to be announced contact**

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