



“ The diagram tells you about all the different parts of your visit today ”



Visiting your local Library



Library Services



Library Technology



Sensory Spaces



What can I bring to help me?



Supporting Aids



What to expect when visiting your local library

Thank you for choosing to visit your local library in Limerick.

We have created this booklet in order to help familiarise **autistic individuals** with the library before and during their visit.

Limerick City and County Library Service appreciates the difficulty that new environments can pose for those on the autistic spectrum. A visit to the library will be different from their daily routine and we want to help them understand and **familiarise** themselves with our various branches and what to expect from them.

We have broken this process down into **various sections** that are clear and easily digestible. Each section contains **picture-specific** examples of what to expect, and we have included an **interactive section** at the back with which individuals can engage after their visit to the library.

On the back we have listed our library branches, their email addresses and telephone numbers. More information on opening times is available on <https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/libraries>



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- What our library branches look like?

Visiting your local library

We have 16 library branches in Limerick City and County, and you can visit any of these libraries.

All our libraries look different from the outside but inside they have lots of books for you to borrow and read.





Visiting your local library

Can you see all the different shapes of the library buildings ?

Some buildings have small windows, some have very big windows.

Some of the buildings are different colours outside.

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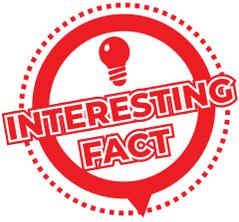


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Visiting your local library



Glin Library was built in 1829. The building was once the local jail and prisoners were held there. It was also used to hold trials.

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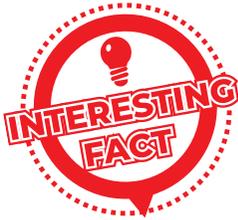
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Visiting your local library

Some of our libraries are in old historic buildings, whilst some are in new bright glass-fronted buildings.

The Granary Library is housed in a former warehouse built between 1780-1800. The carriage arch entrance is still in use today.



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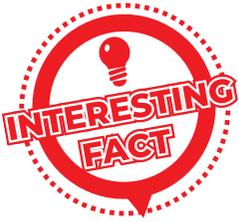
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Kilmallock
Library



Visiting your local library



Rathkeale Library is housed in the historic Carnegie Library building built in 1907.

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Newcastlewest
Library



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Rathkeale
Library



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Roxboro
Library





Visiting your local library

The Mobile Library Service visits:

Ballingarry, Ballyagran, Bruree Nursing Home, Caherconlish, Castleconnell, Croom, Doon, Feenagh, Good Counsel Nursing Home, Grange, Herbertstown, Hospital Church, Kilmurry Church, Knocklong, Monaleen Park, Murroe, Old Pallas, Pallasgreen, Park Retirement Home.

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Watch House
Cross Library



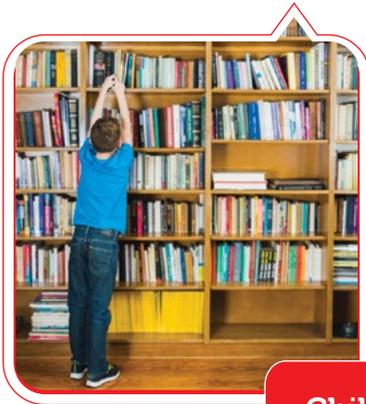
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Mobile Library
Service

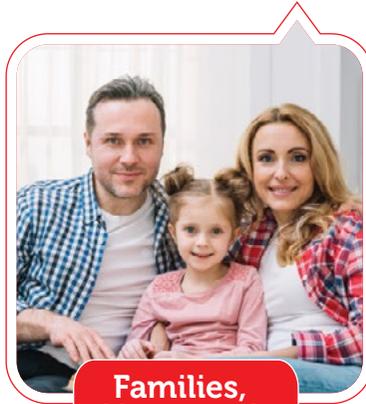


Who goes to the library?

Families, Moms, Dads, adults of all ages and children visit the library to find interesting and fun books to read. We have books you can read on your own, and books you can share reading with brothers and sisters and parents and friends.



Children



**Families,
Moms and
Dads**





Who goes to the library?



Classes from schools sometimes visit the library to listen to an author speak about the book they have written.



Grannies, Nanans and Grandads sometimes bring their grandchildren to the library.



Children come to the library to use computers to find interesting facts and play games.



Lots of adults visit the library to choose books to read.



What is it like in the library?

We have lots of books , DVDs and computers in the library. When you visit the library you can use the computer to look up interesting facts. You can choose books on topics you like to read and learn about.





What is it like in the library?

Some libraries hold lots of events during the year. It can be noisy in the library when we have events. You can bring your ear defenders to use during these times if you don't like noise.

Some libraries have art and craft sessions where you can make a craft to take home with you.



Sometimes there can be music and singing in the library. You can sit down and listen to the music during your visit.



Children's Book Festival runs for the month of October in all library branches. Various events run throughout the month.





What is it like in the library?

Sometimes students come to study in the library. We try to be very quiet when they are studying.



We have storytime in the library.



Library Services

When you join the library you get your own library card.

You can use this to borrow books, borrow DVDs and use computers.



The back of your library card has space to write your name in.

It also has a long number on it, and this is your library number that you can use when accessing e-services and technology



The front of your library card is green and the words are in Irish and English.

Library Services

The library has many e-services that you can use on your computer, tablet and phone when you are at home, in the car or on holidays. You can use your library card to access these services.

Borrow, download
and enjoy

eBooks &
eAudiobooks





Library Technology

Security Gates



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Security Gates:

As you come in and go out of the library, we have large Perspex panels. These are our security gates. Sometimes when you pass in or out they may flash with red lights and make a buzzing sound. You can wear your ear defenders if you do not like this noise when you are in the library.

Library Technology

Self Service Check in and out

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Self-service machines

This is our new self-service machine. You can now use it to check in and out your own books.



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First you scan your library card by sliding the barcode through the red light.

Place your book on the glass shelf and follow the instructions on the screen. You can print a receipt that tells you when you need to bring your book back to the library.

Library Technology

Printing, Photocopying and Scanning

When you come to the library, you can photocopy, scan and print documents.

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Our new printing system lets you do all this yourself.

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Touch the Start box.



8

This is where you put the document you want to photocopy.

7



By touching either of these blue boxes on the screen, you can choose printing, photocopying or scanning. There will be more blue boxes and more options until your document prints out.



Library Technology

Interactive TV

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Some library branches have new large interactive TVs that you might see somewhere in the building. There may be different programmes on these TVs and sometimes there may be no sound coming from the TVs.

Sensory Spaces in your Library

A **Sensory Room** is a specially designed room that can help individuals with sensory impairments, learning and development difficulties and those on the Autism Spectrum. Sensory rooms combine a range of **stimuli** to aid, develop and engage the senses.

Watch House Cross Library Sensory Room has a range of **visual, tactile, auditory and vestibular stimuli**. The Sensory Room is available for use by parents, guardians and carers of children, teens and adults with Autism, Sensory Impairments, Special Needs and Learning and Development Difficulties.

The Sensory Room can be booked for 30 minute sessions by contacting Watch House Cross Library at 061-557726



Infinity Tunnels

The LED lights in the infinity tunnel appear to go on and on capturing the child's attention. Eye contact can be difficult for those on the spectrum and the infinity tunnel allows them to explore their surroundings through the reflections they see.

Bubble Tube

A sensory bubble tube is the focal point in the room. Its changing colours, bubbles and fish provide a calming sensory effect.





Sensory Spaces in your Library

Den

ASD children are often socially shy and love to hide and look out at their surroundings. The den lets them do this in the sensory room, it has a dark padded inside and a raised padded floor for safety and comfort.



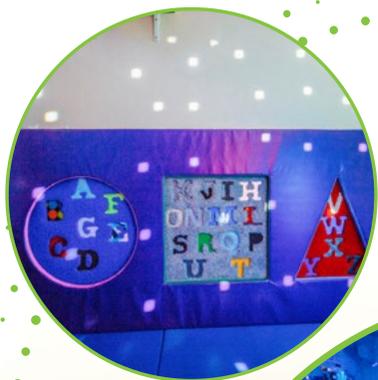
Grass Floor

4cm long tactile sensory grass is a great experience for most kids especially those in need of tactile stimulation.





Sensory Spaces in your Library



Alphabet Wall

The padded tactile alphabet wall where each letter has a different feel, will encourage the children to explore the letters.



Stars

A star projector projects a slow moving blue cloud and 300 green laser stars onto the ceiling and wall. It is proprioceptive and great for eye tracking and raising concentration.



Sensory Spaces in your Library



Mirror Ball

A slow rotating mirror ball is an option for increasing focus and concentration.



Bean Bags

Flip flop bean bags are placed around the sensory room for comfort and relaxation.



UVA Panel

UV light is a simple and effective visual treat.



What you can bring with you to the Library



Companion Dogs

You can bring your companion dog when you visit the library. You can choose a book to read to your dog during your visit. This is an interesting website to check out; it is all about reading programmes and animals. <http://www.palspets.com/programs-and-facilities.html>





What you can bring with you to the Library

Comfort/Stress box

Do you have a box of toys and gadgets that help you when you are worried or upset? You can bring something you like with you to keep you company on your visit to the library. Make sure you don't forget it when you are going home with your books.



Ear Defenders

Sometimes it can be noisy in the library. You can bring your ear defenders with you to wear if it gets too noisy, or you can wear them coming in to visit the library.



Supporting Aids

Visual Schedule

We look forward to welcoming you to the library for a visit.

We hope the visual schedule on the next 2 pages will help make your visit more welcoming.



Print and cut out each schedule card



Arrange cards in the order best suited to you



Attach the visual schedule with velcro to card or paper so you can move them around or take away as necessary



Supporting Aids

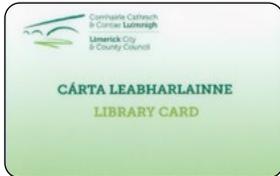
Visual Schedule

 <p>ARRIVE AT THE LIBRARY</p>	
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 <p>FIND BOOKS ON LIBRARY SHELVES</p>	
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 <p>USE YOUR LIBRARY CARD</p>	
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Supporting Aids

Visual Schedule



**GO TO
STORY
TIME**



**LEAVE THE
LIBRARY**



**GOOD
JOB!**



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Supporting Aids

Interactive Page

We hope you enjoyed your visit to the library.

Did you see any of these in the library you visited?

If you did, then tick the boxes:



A book with a picture of an animal on the cover



Computers



Self-service machines



Somewhere to sit and read the newspaper

Did you get any of the following in the library today?

If you did tick the boxes:



A book or DVD



A bookmark



A picture to colour



Supporting Aids

Colour Me In

COLOUR ME IN



Artist: Derek & Duffie.



Library Programmes

The library service offers a range of programmes that promote literacy, access to information on health and well-being, and support to job seekers and small business entrepreneurs.



Right to Read at your Library



Healthy Ireland at Your Library

New Initiative



-  **Health Information**
Guidance on access to information
-  **Books on Health and Wellbeing**
Large collection of books on health and wellbeing
-  **Online Health Information**
E-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines
-  **Programmes and Events**
Talks, discussions and workshops relating to various health and wellbeing topics



Work Matters at the Library

SUPPORT
FOR BUSINESS
& EMPLOYMENT



Library Branch Locations

Abbeyfeale Library

Tel: 068 32488
abbeyfealelibrary@limerick.ie

Adare Library

Tel: 061 396822
adarelibrary@limerick.ie

Askeaton Library

Tel: 061 392256
askeatonlibrary@gmail.com

Cappamore Library

Tel: 061 381586
cappamorelibrary@limerick.ie

Dooradoyle Library

Tel: 061 556860
dooradoylelibrary@limerick.ie

Dromcollogher Library

Tel: 063 83011
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Foynes Library

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Galbally Library

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Glin Library

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Granary Library

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Kilfinane Library

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Kilmallock Library

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Newcastle West Library

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Rathkeale Library

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Roxboro Library

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Watch House Cross Library

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Mobile Library Service

Tel: 061 556526

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