

## May 2022 Newsletter!

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### Quote for May

Queen of months,  
supremely fair,  
Cloth'd with  
garments rich and  
rare,  
None in beauty can  
compare  
With thee, sweet  
May.

- Peter Burn



Some happy 4-5 year olds collecting their Little Library Book Bags in Johnston Central Library!

## Free Book Bags for all Children starting School this September 2022

Is your child starting school this September? If so, then Cavan Library Service has great news!

The **'My Little Library Book Bag'** initiative, a collaboration between libraries and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy, offers a **FREE** 'My Little Library Book Bag' for every child starting school in 2022 to help them to prepare for this big step.

Children and their parents or guardians can collect the bags at any library throughout Cavan. Each bag contains three books, especially selected, on starting school, making friends and being comfortable to be yourself. There is also a guide for parents and guardians, and a special library card wallet where your child can keep their library card for visits to the library! Book bags are available in both Irish and English.

More Information on My Little Library Book Bags is available on the Cavan libraries

## Little Library Bear!

As part of the Little Library Initiative, Cavan Library Service offered a beautiful Little Library Bear from Bear Essentials in Bawnboy to Early Learning Centres throughout the county.

The Library Bear will enhance storytime in the childcare settings, and will reinforce the joy of reading and using the library service for young children for years to come.

Professional storyteller, Chris Thompson, was engaged to record a friendship themed story, with the help of Little Library Bear of course, which was streamed into all the Early Learning Centres in the county.

Pictured is Clare from Cootehill Community Childcare Ltd, who was delighted to pick up their Little Library Bear to share with all the children.

The initiative was funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.



## Award For Cavan County Library Service

We were delighted to win Bronze in the **Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) All Ireland Community and Council Awards** for the Best Community Based Initiative. The award was for our Cavan Library COVID-19 Book Delivery Service, a service coordinated by library staff, which delivered books to all our housebound during lockdown. This was a hugely beneficial service and we are proud to receive recognition for it.

Pictured at the Awards L to R Tommy Ryan, CEO Cavan County Council, Susan Gilsenan and Amy Smyth, Cavan Library Service, Emma Clancy County Librarian, Clifford Kelly Cathaoirleach Cavan County Council



Cavan Library Service invites you to join us **ONLINE** for **Co. Cavan's Linen Story**

Live online lecture by historian Patrick Cassidy  
Thurs 5th May at 7.00pm Zoom ID: 823 8508 1088

### Poems We Learned In School

Recitals of poems learned in school long ago by local Cavan people  
Tues 17th May at 7.00pm on [Facebook.com/CavanLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/CavanLibrary)

### Bees and Beekeeping in the Springtime

Live online lecture by Aidan Brady  
Thursday 26th May at 7.00pm Zoom ID: 823 8508 1088

 [www.cavanlibrary.ie](http://www.cavanlibrary.ie)



## Library Craft Groups

We are delighted that our craft groups have returned to our library spaces. We missed you! Our groups meet as follows and are always open to new members. The weekly get-togethers offer a great opportunity to meet and have a chat whilst sharing crafting skills! Contact libraries for more information!

<b>Johnston Central</b>	049 4378500
<b>Bailieborough</b>	042 9665779
<b>Cootehill</b>	049 5559873
<b>Belturbet</b>	049 9522683



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