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ARKLOW AND BLESSINGTON LIBRARIES MARCH - MAY 2018

Welcome to *Way with Words, Wicklow* - a programme of free events for readers and writers of all ages, taking place between March and May 2018 in Blessington and Arklow Libraries.

We have storytelling and illustration workshops for children as well as poetry readings and talks by novelists, crime writers and memoirists. There are fiction, memoir and poetry workshops for adults, blogging and graphic novel workshops for teens and much more. Meet bestselling, award-winning writers and poets from all over the county and country including **Micheal Harding, Audrey Magee, Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick, Eoin Mc Namee, Julie Parsons, Oisín McGann, Jane Clarke** and **Catriona O'Reilly**.

Also as part of *Way with Words*, writers and poets will travel around Wicklow, visiting schools, community groups and others. **Micheal Harding** will call into Men's Sheds to swap stories over a cup of tea, the mobile library will be out and about with an illustrator on board and writing groups will work with author-facilitators **David Butler** and **Tanya Farrelly**. Playwright **Billy Roche**, poets **Anne Fitzgerald** and **Seamus Cashman** will be in residence in local schools as part of Reading Schools Wicklow so watch out for pop up readings and displays of student's work in the libraries!

Check out the programme and pop into a reading, be inspired by author recommendations, sign up for a workshop, come to a family event with the children but above all come along – we look forward to meeting you!

Nell Regan
Wicklow County Council Literature Curator

Way with Words, Wicklow

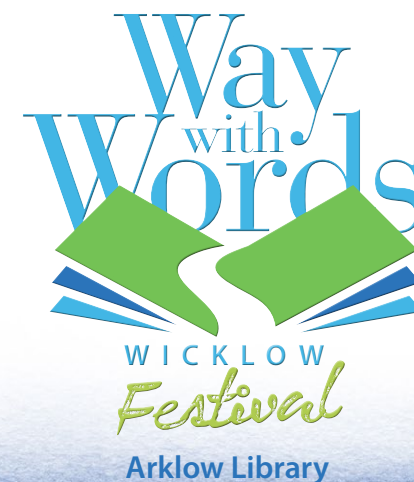
Led by Nell Regan, *Way with Words* is a Wicklow County Council initiative supported by Creative Ireland, in collaboration with Wicklow Arts Office and Library Services. This pilot programme is delivered in collaboration with Margaret Birchall, Blessington Library and Claire Fullam, Arklow Library.

Reading Schools Wicklow is a WORDS Ireland & Wicklow County Council Arts Office project, delivered by Children's Books Ireland & Poetry Ireland.

Way with Words booksellers are Blessington Book Store & Coffee Shop and Easons, Arklow.

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EXPLORE

ARKLOW LIBRARY

20-24 MARCH 2018

TUESDAY 20 MARCH

Start-Up Workshop for new Arklow writing group with poet Jane Clarke. All welcome. **6-8pm**

WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH

Student Reading with St Mary's College TY students & Brí Nua service users. **3.30pm**

THURSDAY 22 MARCH

Festival Launch. All welcome. **6.30pm**

Micheal Harding, writer and raconteur on 'The Art of the Memoir'. His latest book, *On Tuesdays I'm a Buddhist*, was an instant bestseller. **7.30pm**

FRIDAY 23 MARCH

'One Book: One Community' final event with St Johns Senior School & Glenart College Students. **10am -12pm**

Adele O'Neill reads from *Behind a Closed Door*, her latest thriller. **1pm**

Fiction Workshop with **Eoin McNamee**, winner of 2015 Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year. No experience necessary. **12 places. 4-6pm**

Audrey Magee & Eoin McNamee 'Recommend 10'. Both novelists talk about the books that they adore, have influenced them & the ones they recommend for you. **7.30 pm**

SAT 24 MARCH

CBI Book Clinic is calling out to all young readers! Need a prescription for an exciting new read? Pop along to the Children's Books Ireland Book Clinic. **10.am-2 pm**

'Doodle and Draw' with **Oisín McGann**, a children's illustration workshop. **4-6 years. 15 places.** Children must be accompanied by an adult. **10.30-11.30am**

Story Telling with **Joe Brennan**. Tales for all the family. **12 pm**

Open Mike with guest poet **Moya Cannon** whose reading will be signed in ISL. Stick your name down early to read! **2pm**

'Successful Blogging' with **Úna-Minh Kavanagh**, journalist, blogger, social media manager & finalist in the Irish Blog Awards. A workshop for teens. **14-17 years. 15 places. 1-3pm**

BOOKING

All events are free but booking is required for evening events and workshops. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets available at Eventbrite.ie and Arklow Library. Telephone **0402 39977**. Email arklowlibrary@wicklowcoco.ie. For more info & updates check in library or go to facebook @[WayWithWordsWicklow](https://www.facebook.com/WayWithWordsWicklow), Twitter @[WicklowWords](https://twitter.com/WicklowWords) and www.waywithwords.ie.

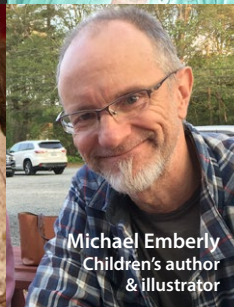
Michael Harding
Best-selling writer
and raconteur



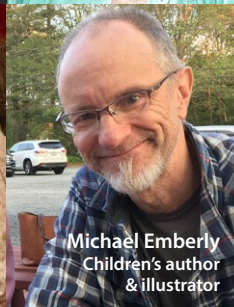
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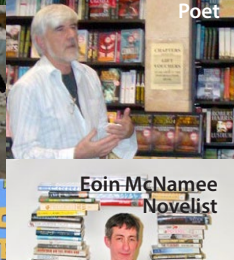
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Anne Fitzgerald
Poet



Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick
Children's author & illustrator



Seamus Cashman
Poet



David Butler
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Julie Parsons
Crime novelist



Tanya Farrelly
Fiction writer



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Novelist

BLESSINGTON LIBRARY

MARCH

SATURDAY 3 MARCH WORLD BOOK DAY

Story Telling with **Joe Brennan**. Tales for all the family. **11am**

'Scribble and Sketch' with **Micheal Emberley**, creator of *Priscilla Gorilla*. **7-10 years. 15 places.** Children must be accompanied by an adult. **12.30 pm-1.30pm**

'Doodle and Draw' with **Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick**, author of *Owl Bat Bat Owl*. **4-6 years. 15 places.** Children must be accompanied by an adult. **2-3 pm**

'Write a Graphic Novel' with **Oisín McGann**, award winning sci-fi and fantasy writer. Workshop for teens, **13-16 years. 15 places. 3.30-5.30pm**

APRIL

THURSDAY 26 APRIL NATIONAL POETRY DAY

PoulaPoetry present: **'The Bare Minimum'**, a poetry workshop with **Peggy Gallagher**. **11 places. 5pm**

'Surprised by Place', guest readings & open mike. **7pm**

SATURDAY 28 APRIL

Poetry Workshop with **Catriona O'Reilly**. No experience necessary. **12 places. 10.30-12.30pm**

Catriona O'Reilly, winner of the 2016 Irish Times Poetry Now Award & recipient of the Rooney Prize, gives a poetry reading with Q&A. **2.00pm**

'How to Write for Children' Workshop with **Micheal Emberley & Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick**, illustration and practical advice for adults. No experience necessary. **12 places. 3-5pm**

MAY

FRIDAY 11 MAY

Micheal Harding, writer and raconteur on 'The Art of the Memoir'. His latest book, *On Tuesdays I'm a Buddhist*, was an instant bestseller. **8pm**

SATURDAY 12 MAY

Memoir Workshop with **Micheal Harding**. No experience necessary. **12 places. 11am-1pm**

In Conversation with **Julie Parsons**, the winner of the 2017 Irish Independent Crime Book of the Year launches the library Crime Book Club. **2.30pm**

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