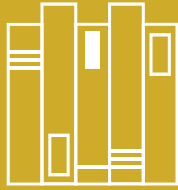


Kildare Readers Festival



Online

12th - 18th October 2020

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Kildare County Library & Arts Service invites you to join us for the **Kildare Readers Festival 2020** from the safety of your own home. This year our packed online schedule brings the world of literature to readers across Kildare and beyond.

Monday 12th October	OK Let's Do Your Stupid Idea: Patrick Freyne and Abie Philbin Bowman	9pm
Tuesday 13th October	a lesson in celestial symmetry We are all made of stories: Oein DeBhairduin with Ruth Smith	7:30pm 9pm
Wednesday 14th October	Annemarie Ní Churreáin Conversations: Kimberly Lojewski Writers in Residence: Susan Tomaselli and Dr. Nathan O'Donnell	7:30pm 9pm
Thursday 15th October	Annemarie Ní Churreáin Conversations: Patrick Chapman Cauvery Madhavan in conversation with Margaret Scott	7:30pm 9pm
Friday 16th October	Annemarie Ní Churreáin Conversations: Honorée Fanonne Jeffers Edel Coffey and Naoise Dolan in conversation	7:30pm 9pm
Saturday 17th October	Ten Books Dennis O'Driscoll Awards Marita Conlon-McKenna with Margaret Scott	11am 2pm 9pm
Sunday 18th October	Sunday Sessions with Dermot Bolger	11am



Patrick Freyne



Abie Philbin Bowman



Oein DeBhairduin



Ruth Smith

Monday 12th October 9pm
OK Let's Do Your Stupid Idea: Patrick Freyne and Abie Philbin Bowman

Ever had a stupid idea? Patrick Freyne has tried quite a few, but writing a book has not been one of them. Former aspiring rock star, equine liberator and feature writer for the 'Irish Times', his first book *Ok, Let's do your stupid idea*, published on September 17th, received glowing reviews. Patrick will be interviewed by comedian, RTÉ Radio 1 regular with his Podcast 'Humans of Politics' and hack of all trades, Abie Philbin Bowman.

Tuesday 13th October 7:30pm
a lesson in celestial symmetry

This newly commissioned piece by Sue Rainsford blends prose and images in an exploration of deficiency and nourishment, destruction and regeneration, and the patterns of cause and effect that move through matter.



Sue Rainsford

Tuesday 13th October 9pm
We are all made of stories: Oein DeBhairduin with Ruth Smith

Why the moon travels (Skein 2020) is community activist Oein DeBhairduin's debut collection of stories originating from the Irish Traveller community, the Mincéirí. Beautifully illustrated by fellow Traveller Leanne McDonagh, this book is thought to be the first of its kind published in Ireland. Join us for a discussion about this lyrical collection celebrating a culture rooted in a profound respect for tradition, the natural world and family.

Wednesday 14th October 7:30pm
Annemarie Ní Churreáin
Conversations: Kimberly Lojewski

In the first talk of this series commissioned for Kildare Readers Festival, Annemarie Ní Churreáin is joined by Kimberly Lojewski whose debut story collection, *Worm Fiddling Nocturne in the Key of a Broken Heart* is filled with whimsical fairy tales of princesses and farm girls turned dark, and dark tales of mistreated sideshow freaks turned whimsical.



Susan Tomaselli



Dr. Nathan O'Donnell*

Chapman. Patrick's most recent poetry collection is *Open Season on the Moon* (Salmon, 2019).



Cauvery Madhavan



Margaret Scott

Wednesday 14th October 9pm
Writers in Residence: Susan
Tomaselli and Dr. Nathan O'Donnell

Maynooth University Department of English and Kildare County Council Arts and Library Service are thrilled to announce the appointment of Susan Tomaselli and Dr. Nathan O'Donnell as writers-in-residence for 2020/2021. Join us for a conversation between the two where they will discuss their work, their plans for this year's residencies and more.

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Thursday 15th October 9pm
Cauvery Madhavan in conversation
with Margaret Scott

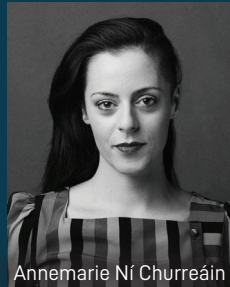
Cauvery Madhavan's third novel *The Tainted*, picked by An Post Irish Book Awards as one of their Top 5 Summer Reads, has been described by Sebastian Barry as a "wonderful story written by a wonderful writer". Join Cauvery and author Margaret Scott in a conversation about writing and stories.



Kimberley Lojewski



Patrick Chapman



Annemarie Ní Churreáin



Honorée Fanonne Jeffers

Thursday 15th October 7:30pm
Annemarie Ní Churreáin
Conversations: Patrick Chapman

Donegal poet Annemarie Ní Churreáin talks poetry craft and process with poet, fictionist, and scriptwriter Patrick

Friday 16th October 7:30pm
Annemarie Ní Churreáin Conversations:
Honorée Fanonne Jeffers

Annemarie Ní Churreáin speaks with critically acclaimed poet, fiction writer and essayist Honorée Fanonne Jeffers.

Jeffers' most recent work *The Age of Phillis* is based upon fifteen years of research on the life and times of Phillis Wheatley (Peters), a formerly enslaved person who was the first African American woman to publish a book. Her first novel, *The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois*, is forthcoming from Harper in 2021.



Edel Coffey



Naoise Dolan

Friday 16th October 9pm Edel Coffey and Naoise Dolan in conversation

Naoise Dolan's debut novel *Exciting Times* has garnered huge praise and attention since its publication earlier this year and has announced her as a wonderfully sharp and comic new voice in Irish literature. The novel follows Ava, a young Irishwoman, grappling with love, relationships and class as she tries to make a life for herself in Hong Kong. Naoise joins journalist and broadcaster Edel Coffey to discuss her book, its inspiration and what lies ahead in her writing career.

Saturday 17th October 11am Ten Books

Our ever popular Ten Books goes online! Our two guests will recommend five books each and delve into the stories to illustrate why we should give them a try.

Saturday 17th October 2pm Dennis O'Driscoll Awards

We introduce this year's awardees who will read their work, adjudicated by Kildare native singer-songwriter and podcaster Megan O'Neill.



Marita Conlon-McKenna

Saturday 17th October 9pm Marita Conlon-McKenna with Margaret Scott

Margaret Scott is joined by one of Ireland's best-loved authors, Marita Conlon-McKenna, renowned for the children's classic *Under the Hawthorn Tree*. Marita's new adult novel *The Hungry Road* is set during The Great Irish Famine and is a story of courage and the strength of the human spirit.



Dermot Bolger



Christine Dwyer Hickey

Sunday 18th October 11am Sunday Sessions with Dermot Bolger

Readers Festival regular Dermot returns this year for a relaxed and intimate conversation with award-winning author Christine Dwyer Hickey, whose book *Tatty* is the UNESCO Dublin One City One Book choice for 2020. Not to be missed!

Each event will be broadcast on our Facebook page **Kildare Readers Festival**
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