

Kildare Library Service – Bringing the Library to Your Door.

Kildare Library Service is delighted to announce the launch of a library housebound service for elderly and vulnerable residents of Kildare who are cocooning due to the Covid-19 emergency.

A wide variety of books, audiobooks, large print titles and DVDs are available. The library service hopes that engaging with the service will provide some entertainment and help to lighten the days ahead for those who are dealing with challenging and isolating circumstances.

The service is co-ordinated through Kildare County Council's Community Call Helpline. Once a person calls the helpline, they will be asked some questions about their preferred reading material, and a selection of 5 library items will be delivered to their home by a member of the library team. The library team will also collect the items once the person has finished with them and provide a new selection if they would like them.

It is important to note that this service is available to all cocooning residents in the county, young or old, and you do not have to be an existing member of the library to take part.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from this service then contact the Community Call Helpline on **1800 300 174** or covidsupport@kildarecoco.ie

Mayor of Kildare, Cllr Suzanne Doyle, welcomes this new service which will provide some escapism during these anxious times, help to reduce the impact of social isolation and pass the time, as there is nothing like a good book to get lost in. Our library staff are highly customer focussed and are in a unique position to understand reading habits. Selecting reading material based on a reader's preference they might even throw in something unexpected to discover.

Chief Executive of Kildare County Council, Mr Peter Carey, stated that since our libraries closed their doors they continue to work on providing online services and programmes, this digital approach may not be for everyone and this new service will provide an opportunity for many who are cocooning to access reading material to enjoy.

During recent weeks library staff have been busy working on the Community Call Helpline as well as providing online events such as storytelling, crafts, STEAM workshops for children, support workshops from our Let's Talk About Parenting and TTT (Toys, Training and Technology) programmes. We also have upcoming events in May for Biodiversity Week and our Young Readers Festival. The library team have also been busy promoting and providing support to accessing our free online resources.

To keep up to date on the 'Bringing the Library to your Doorstep' service, and all library events and initiatives, you can subscribe to the library service newsletter at <http://kildare.ie/library/newsletter/subscribe/index.html>

HSE guidelines will be adhered to in the delivery of this new service.

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