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Caisleán Shoirde • Dé Sathairn 17 Meán Fómhair



The Magic of Stories

Swords Castle • Saturday 17th September

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Fingal Festival of Children's Literature

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Fingal Libraries is delighted to host the very first Fingal Festival of Children's Literature - a celebration of children's stories and books at a unique venue, Swords Castle, on Saturday, 17th September. Meet bestselling authors, amazing illustrators, awesome artists and see where your imagination can take you!

And just like the Libraries, every event is free to the public.

Check out the events at the Storytent, The Chapel, The Book Clinic and The Creative Zone to see what needs to be booked in advance and what you can walk into on the day. We can't wait to see you in Swords Castle to celebrate the Magic of Stories!

StoryTent

Baby and Toddler Doodle with Niamh Sharkey

Love to draw, paint, scribble or doodle? The amazing, bestselling, prizewinning, Disney-show making Niamh Sharkey is here with one of her famous doodles. Niamh is the author of *The Ravenous Beast*, *The Happy Hugglewug* and *A Field Guide to Leaflings* (with Owen Churcher) and creator of Disney Junior shows Henry Hugglemonster and Eureka. Come along and create your mini-masterpiece. A must-do, fun event for our youngest artists of all. Dress for mess!

Time: 10.30am **Venue:** Storytent

Age: 0-4 (Each child must be accompanied by an adult)

Free book for every child in attendance.

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/baby-and-toddler-doodle-with-niamh-sharkey-tickets-406152221227>

Spaces limited. Booking is essential.



StoryTent

Story Treasure Hunt with Eve McDonnell

Are there stories to be found in the objects and treasures all around you? Eve McDonnell – the author of *Elsetime* and the upcoming *The Chestnut Roaster* – will bring young writers on a search for lost treasures to be found at the castle today and turn them into legendary tales.



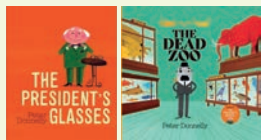
Time: 12.00pm **Venue:** Storytent

Age: 7+ plus adult

Free book for every child in attendance.

Booking via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/story-treasure-hunt-with-eve-mcdonnell-tickets-406161749727>

Spaces limited. Booking is essential.



The Great Presidential Drawalong with Peter Donnelly

The writer/illustrator of the hugely popular *The President's Glasses*, *The President's Surprise* and new story *The Dead Zoo*, is here for drawalong fun. What if the President has to face down a dragon in Swords Castle? What adventure can you imagine? Come along to create some magic with Peter Donnelly and his wonderful drawings.

Time: 1.30pm **Venue:** Storytent

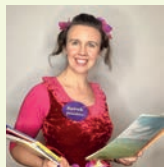
Age: 4+

Free book for every child in attendance.

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-great-presidential-drawalong-with-peter-donnelly-tickets-406164437767>

Spaces limited. Booking is essential.



Magic Story-Time with Sarah Sparkles

Interactive story-telling with puppets, songs and rhyme from Sarah Sparkles. This will be a fun and entertaining storytime that younger kids will especially love. Sarah is always a huge hit at Fingal Libraries and all around the country so don't miss out!

Time: 3.00pm **Venue:** Storytent

Age: 4+

Booking via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/magic-story-time-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-405300654167>

Spaces limited. Booking is essential.



The Chapel



Make Your Own Mini Book with Kim Jenkinson

Join artist Kim Jenkinson to celebrate the magic of stories by making your own squash book, using simple origami techniques to create a blank mini book that you will fill using drawings, collage, words and imagination to tell your very own story.

Time: 10.30am **Venue:** Chapel

Age: 6+

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/make-your-own-mini-book-with-kim-jenkinson-tickets-406167687487>

Spaces limited. Booking is essential.



The Magical World of Leaflings with Niamh Sharkey and Owen Churchar

Welcome to the world of Leaflings, the secret guardians of the trees all around the world. Niamh Sharkey and Owen Churchar will show you the magic behind the art and story of their beautiful *A Field Guide to Leaflings*, and how to draw and make your own field guide.



Owen Churchar is a graphic design and media tutor working in North Dublin and writer of children's picture books. Owen is currently collaborating on a new series of picture books with his wife, the author and illustrator, Niamh Sharkey. *A Field Guide to Leaflings* is Owen's first book.

Niamh Sharkey is an award-winning picture book creator of books including *The Ravenous Beast* and *The Happy Hugglewug*. Niamh is also an Emmy nominated creator and executive producer of Disney Junior's animated preschool series *Henry Hugglemonster* and *Eureka*. She was also Ireland's Laureate na nÓg (2012-2014).

Time: 12.00pm **Venue:** Chapel

Age: 5+

Free book for every child in attendance.

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-magical-world-of-leaflings-with-niamh-sharkey-and-owen-churchar-tickets-406169603217>

Spaces limited. Booking is essential.



The Chapel

The Lost Girl King with Catherine Doyle

Everybody loves a story of adventure, excitement, danger, and great characters – so there's nobody better to meet than bestselling author Catherine Doyle. In the beautiful chapel at Swords Castle, the writer of the *Storm Keeper* series and *The Miracle of Ebenezer Street* will tell us about the inspirations and ideas behind her fantastic new book *The Lost Girl King*.



Time: 1.30pm **Venue:** Chapel

Age: 8+

Free book for every child in attendance.

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-lost-girl-king-catherine-doyle-tickets-406174166867>

Spaces limited. Booking is essential.



Meet Two Great Authors:

Sarah Moore Fitzgerald
& Sinéad Moriarty

Two of Ireland's best and most popular children's authors are together for a great event to share their inspirations, ideas and writing behind their stories.

Sarah Moore Fitzgerald is author of books including *The Apple Tart of Hope* and *All the Money in the World*. Her acclaimed new book *The Shark and The Scar* is a compelling story of family secrets.

Sinéad Moriarty's *The New Girl* won 'Teen and Young Adult Book of the Year' at the 2021 An Post Irish Book Awards. Her new book *The Truth About Riley* is about a girl who suddenly faces homelessness.

Time: 3.00pm **Venue:** Chapel

Age: 9+

Free book for every child in attendance.

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/author-talk-sarah-moore-fitzgerald-and-sinead-moriarty-tickets-406176223017>

Spaces limited. Booking is essential.





The Book Clinic Tent



Book Clinic with the Book Doctor

Want ideas for what to read next?

Looking for your next favourite series?

Do you want funnier books, scarier books, fantastic books or ones based on true stories?

The Book Doctor is here from Children's Books Ireland to give children and families one-to-one advice on books they will love. Each child leaves with a Reading Passport with their 'prescription' they can fill in themselves over time.

Time: 11.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: The Book Clinic Tent

Age: All ages

Walk in event - No booking required. All welcome





The Creative Zone

The CREATIVE ZONE is your place to get hands on with arts, crafts and Lego, with lots of activities throughout the day.



Bricks4Kidz – Harry Potter Themed Lego Fun

For those who love both Lego and books, what's better than making your own Harry Potter-themed Lego? Come along and build a 'Golden Snitch' Lego brick model with the help of the brilliant Bricks4Kidz. This is a sensory-friendly workshop.

Time: Pre-booking required for 30-minute sessions
between 10.00am – 11.30am

Venue: Creative Zone

Age: 6+

Please contact: library.events@fingal.ie

Spaces limited. Booking is essential.

Shorter walk-in sessions 11.30am – 1.00pm



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