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Féile Fhine Gall de Litríocht na Leanaí Draíocht na Scéalta

Caisleán Shoard • Dé Sathairn 09 Meán Fómhair 2023



The Magic of Stories 

Swords Castle • Saturday 9th September • 10am – 4pm

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Welcome to Fingal Festival of Children's Literature 2023

Fingal Libraries is delighted to bring you the second Fingal Festival of Children's Literature – a celebration of children's stories and books at a unique venue, Swords Castle, on Saturday, 9th September. The Castle will be packed with bestselling authors, amazing illustrators, hidden treasures and awesome artists – just bring your imagination! And just like the Libraries, every event is free to the public. Check out the events at the Storytent, The Tall-Tales Tent, 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 once again celebrate the Magic of Stories!

Shane Hegarty
Creative Director

About Shane Hegarty

Shane Hegarty is a children's writer and journalist. Formerly Arts Editor of The Irish Times, his first children's series *Darkmouth* was nominated for the Waterstones Prize and an Irish Book Award. His book *Boot* was nominated for the Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards, An Post Irish Book Awards and was selected as the Dublin UNESCO City of Literature CityWide Read for 2020. His writing has been translated into over 15 languages worldwide. His latest series is The Shop of Impossible Ice Creams.



Little Library Tent

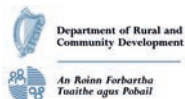
10:00am - 4:00pm
Drop by - All welcome

The Fingal Festival of Children's Literature is brought to you by Fingal Libraries. The friendly library staff will be at the festival to answer all your library questions so make sure to drop by. You can join the library if you are not a member. Membership is FREE.



With thanks

The book-gifting element of the festival is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Community Recognition Fund.



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The Chapel

10:00am – 11:00am

Age: 10+

Journaling for Mental Well Being with Megan Wynne

In her unique workshop, with lots of writing time, author Megan Wynne (*The House on Hawthorn Road*) shares creative tools to help children figure out their feelings and write about visions they have for their life. A great way to enhance creativity while exploring dreams and goals.

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/689477013307>

Spaces limited. Book your place.

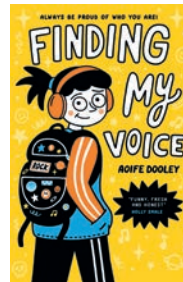


11:30am – 12:30pm

Age: 8+

Finding My Voice with Aoife Dooley

The fantastic and funny author/illustrator Aoife Dooley connects with young readers in a very special way. In this fun event she'll show us the inspirations behind her books *Frankie's World* and *Finding My Voice* and what it's like to find your voice and stand-out.



Booking via Eventbrite:

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Spaces limited. Book your place.



**FREE BOOK FOR EVERY
CHILD IN ATTENDANCE**



The Chapel

1:00pm - 1:45pm

Age: 6+

Bringing a Line for a Walk with Niamh Sharkey and Megan Churcher

In a mix of music and art, Megan plays the different sounds of a violin while Niamh shows you how drawing can be inspired by the notes. Then it's your turn to draw! A one-of-a kind family workshop that is a playful introduction to music, literature, and art.



Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/689523101157>

Spaces limited. Book your place.



2:30pm - 3:30pm

Age: 8+

The Girl Who Fell To Earth with Laureate na nÓg Patricia Forde

Explore the universe of stories with award-winning author Patricia Forde - Ireland's brand new Laureate na nÓg, celebrating and championing literature for young people. Her new book *'The Girl Who Fell to Earth'* is a wonderful story that asks what it means to be human and how we live on planet Earth.



Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/689510673987>

Spaces limited. Book your place.



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StoryTent

10:00am - 10:45am

Age: 0-4 years

(children must be accompanied by an adult)

Baby and Toddler Doodle with Niamh Sharkey

Back by popular demand, this is the place to be for little ones who love to draw, paint, scribble or doodle. Create your mini-masterpiece with the amazing, bestselling, prizewinning, Disney-show making Niamh Sharkey. Dress for mess!



Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/689515769227>

Spaces limited. Book your place.



11:30am - 12:15pm

Age: 0-4 years

(children must be accompanied by an adult)

Baby Bop Orchestra

Classical music is not just for concert halls! This is an interactive and lively classical music concert for early years children and their families, with Disney tunes and Finnish tangos for everyone to dance along to. A playful and friendly first introduction to brass, woodwind and strings. Bring your dancing shoes!



Booking via Eventbrite:

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Spaces limited. Book your place.



StoryTent

1:00pm - 1:45pm

Age: 3-6 years (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Be Wild, Little One with Olivia Hope

Little ones make their own magical flying creature to fly across oceans, dance with fireflies or go on a wild adventure! Olivia Hope's uses her story *Be Wild, Little One*, with stunning illustrations by Daniel Egnéus, for an interactive event of storytelling, music and movement.



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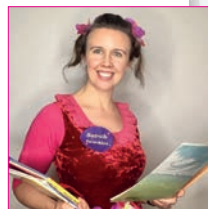


2:30pm - 3:15pm

Age: 3-6 years (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Magic Story-Time with Sarah Sparkles

Fun, musical story-telling with puppets, songs and rhyme from the much-loved Sarah Sparkles. A fun and entertaining story-time that younger kids will especially love, be ready to clap hands and dance along. Sarah was a huge hit at last year's festival!



Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/689530142217>

Spaces limited. Book your place.



Tall-Tales Tent

10:30am - 11:30am

Age: 8+

Time to Rhyme! with Sarah Webb and Lucinda Jacobs



Do you like making up rhymes and writing funny poems? Then this is the event for you! Children's writers Sarah Webb and Lucinda Jacob will share favourite poems with you about dragons and horses, jellyfish and pancakes from the upcoming book, *'I am the Wind: Irish Poems for Children Everywhere'*, illustrated by Ashwin Chacko.

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/689532880407>

Spaces limited. Book your place.



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12:00pm - 1:00pm

Age: 7+

Double Trouble at the Dead Zoo with Alan Nolan

One of Ireland's favourite authors and illustrators, Alan Nolan's events are famous for being crazily creative. Be prepared for an entertaining illustration masterclass based on Alan's brand-new book *'Molly Malone & Bram Stoker in Double Trouble at the Dead Zoo'*.

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Spaces limited. Book your place.



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Tall-Tales Tent

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Age: 8+

Greetings Heroes! - choose your own adventure story with Dave Rudden & Graham Tugwell



A story-telling event in which kids control the action. Graham Tugwell (*The Official Doctor Who Role-Playing Game*) and Dave Rudden (*The Knights of the Borrowed Dark* trilogy, *Doctor Who*) lead the audience in a story where you are the hero – or the villain. Perfect for fans of Dungeons & Dragons, role-playing games – or just great stories.

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/689883649567>

Spaces limited. Book your place.



3:00pm – 4:00pm

Age: 8+

Bringing History Alive with illustrator Alan Dunne

Bring history alive at Swords Castle with Alan Dunne, illustrator of Myles Dungan's *The Great Irish History Book*. Alan will bring you through time to meet the people and events that have shaped our world and then it's your turn to create your very own historical illustrations.



Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/689950960897>

Spaces limited. Book your place.



FREE BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD IN ATTENDANCE



The Creative Zone

A place to drop in and make wild art or crazy tales, the Creative Zone will be the place for the young artist to have fun while they create.

Make cool graffiti with Street Art Ink and their brilliant spray-paint art to take home and hang on your wall.

Write letters to your favourite fictional characters or just take time out to colour in pictures from great stories with Orlaith O'Sullivan.

The Creative Zone is open all day.



10:30am - 12:30pm, 1:30pm - 3:30pm

All ages

Get Creative with Orlaith O'Sullivan

Tap into your creativity with storytelling, colouring and writing with the brilliant Orlaith. Explore characters from your favourite books and create your own new stories. With bookmark colouring and a storytelling activity for the family.

No booking required. All welcome.



The Creative Zone

11:00am – 3:00pm (or while supplies last)

All ages

Create your own Graffiti Art with Street Art Ink

Street Art Ink are bringing their graffiti spray workshops to you, where you will learn how to spray multiple layers using stencils to create your own artwork. These workshops are highly engaging, and each participant will create and bring home their own bespoke piece of graffiti art!

No booking required. All welcome.



10:00am – 4:00pm

All ages

The DIY Den

Want to write a letter to your favourite fictional character? Answer a quirky quiz about brilliant books? Make some art of our nature? Or just take a break and do a bit of colouring? There's lots of Do It Yourself fun at the DIY Den.

No booking required. All welcome.



The Book Clinic in the Castle Wall

11:00am - 3:00pm

All ages

Walk in event. All welcome

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.

Each session will last 15 minutes.



Schools Programme



The Fingal Festival of Children's Literature isn't just about one day in Swords Castle but will spread the joy of stories to schools and libraries across Fingal. With writers and artists meeting hundreds of creative young people, there will be inspiration and ideas all week before the festival. Make sure to keep an eye out for the art of local schoolchildren bringing magic to Swords Castle on festival day.

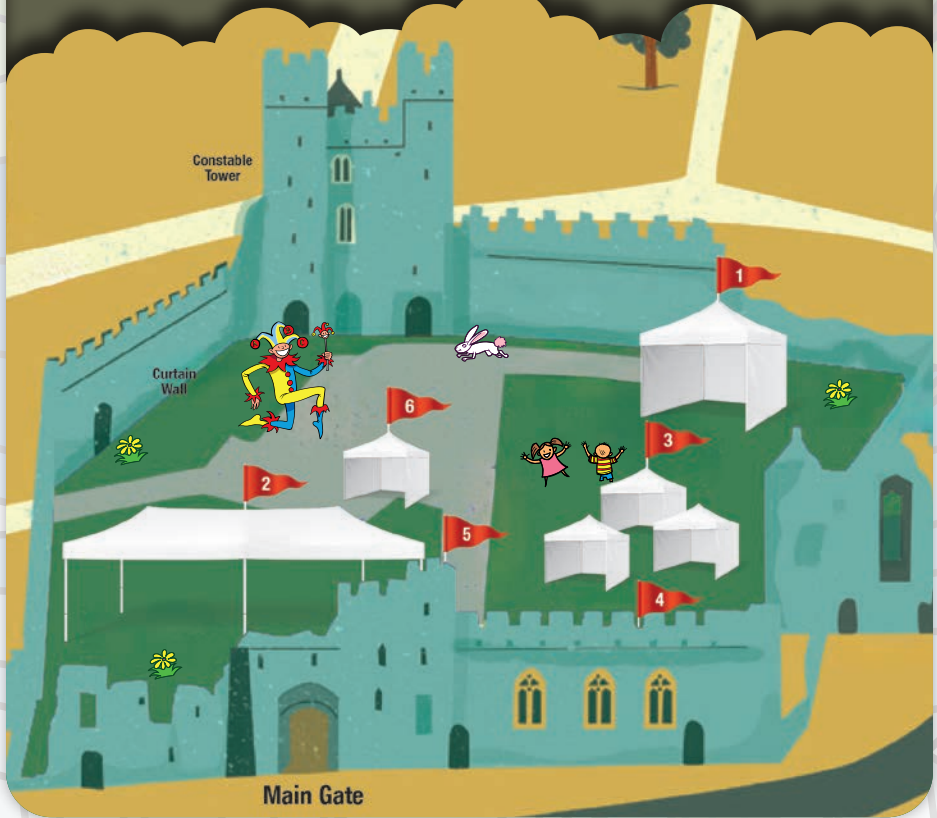


Swords Castle Grounds

On the day of the festival, watch out for The Fanzini Brothers who will beguile and thrill you with their amazing, interactive comedy circus.



Swords Castle Festival Map



- ① StoryTent
- ② Tall-Tales Tent
- ③ The Creative Zone
- ④ The Chapel
- ⑤ The Book Clinic in the Castle wall
- ⑥ Little Library Tent



Cá bhfuil mo leabharlann is cóngaraí? Where is my nearest library?

Balbriggan	01 870 4401	balbrigganlibrary@fingal.ie
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Blanchardstown	01 890 5560	blanchlibrary@fingal.ie
Donabate	01 890 5609	donabate.library@fingal.ie
Garristown	01 835 5020	garristownlibrary@fingal.ie
Howth	01 890 5026	Howth.library@fingal.ie
Malahide	01 870 4430	malahidelibrary@fingal.ie
Rush	01 870 8414	rushlibrary@fingal.ie
Skerries	01 890 5671	skerrieslibrary.library@fingal.ie
Swords	01 890 5582	swordslibrary@fingal.ie
Mobile Library Service	01 890 6719	mobile.libraries@fingal.ie
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