



## Enjoy National Heritage Week events in Leitrim Libraries 19 – 27 August

National Heritage Week is coordinated by The Heritage Council and its aim is to build awareness and education about all aspects of our heritage. This year National Heritage Week runs from 19 – 27 August and it offers everyone an opportunity to celebrate our heritage and take part in events. As in previous years there is an exciting line up of events being hosted in Leitrim Libraries throughout the week and all are free of charge.

There will be a Crochet Display during opening hours in Carrigallen Library. This display of the beautiful handmade silk crochet by Aisling Doonan of Rubysasha Designs includes bespoke and original pieces, based on Irish garments from bygone days. Winner of the Guild of Lacemakers Award at the 2016 RDS National Craft Competition, this fine and delicate work is a sight to behold and not to be missed.

Also, throughout opening hours, Drumshanbo Library will host an Exhibition of Nature Art Work created by children aged 7 - 11 years. It features drawings and paintings by boys and girls and comprises of some beautiful pictures of the wonderful nature which is all around us, as seen through the eyes of a child.

On Tuesday 22nd at 7pm Ballinamore Library will host the Leitrim Launch of Cumann Chonmhaicne Ceol. Conor Ward will launch the society in Leitrim, which was initially launched in Longford in 2016. This will be followed by renditions of music with Marie Reilly and other local musicians. There will be a focus on local greats like Peter Kennedy and others too.

Wednesday 23rd is an exceptionally busy day for heritage lovers. There will be a Myths and Legends Storytime for children aged 4-7 on at 4pm in Mohill Library. They can expect stories of Irish myths and legends and some colouring in too.

Later that evening Carrick on Shannon Library will present a Community Singing Workshop at 7pm facilitated by Sarah Garden. Come and celebrate our heritage by singing in a group, in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. You will learn easy rounds and harmony songs, no experience is necessary. Admission is free but booking is essential by contacting 071 9620789.

At the other end of the County, Holy Wells, Tombs and Tunes is an event being presented at two locations. Firstly, in Kiltyclogher Library at 6.30 and later in Manorhamilton Library at 8.30pm. It comprises of a short lecture on local holy wells by Tamlyn Mc Hugh of Fado Archaeology, a short presentation on local court tombs by student Orla Parkinson and tunes from fiddler, Fiona Doherty.

The Golden Era of Ceili Music is a talk by Brian Lawlor, founder of the Ardellis Ceili Band. This is a treat for all lovers of Irish music and dance and covers the period 1955-1970. There will be two shows on Friday 25th, starting at 2.30 in Ballinamore Library and again at 5pm in Mohill Library. Brian has collected interviews from all kinds of people who were part of the Golden Era of Ceili Music and Dance. Come to this talk and hear his personal history of the time and the stories he has recorded along the way.

Celebrating our heritage is in our nature, so please join in at some of the Leitrim Library events listed and remember that they are all free. Further information may be sought from any of our Leitrim Libraries and in the National Heritage Week event guide, available from all Libraries.