

20th Anniversary

23-28 April 2024

Cork World Book Fest

At a glance
programme



Tuesday 23 April

Neasa de Bearoid, Singer

The Magic of the Musicals, a choral story of inclusivity, diversity and challenge, and the richness of learning that Love is all that matters.

City Library, Grand Parade | 10am | school event

Padraig Kenny, award-winning children's author

Enjoy *Stitch* by Padraig Kenny, an electrifying new gothic adventure about finding your place in the world.

City Library, Grand Parade | 11am | school event

Official Opening of the 20th CWBF

by the Lord Mayor
Cllr Kieran McCarthy

Opening night: A Medley of Irish Writers

Mary Morrissy, Evelyn Conlon
and Elaine Feeney,
in conversation with Olivia O'Leary

City Library, Grand Parade | 7pm | free

Wednesday 24 April

Thinking Outside the Box

Creating a positive learning experience for all children with Georgie Cooney.

City Library, Grand Parade | 10am | school event

Launch of *The Unfinished Book of Poetry 2024*

New poems from young writers across Cork city.

City Library, Grand Parade | 12.30pm | free

Teen Graphic Novel Launch

Over a series of workshops, teen participants devise character, plot, and narrative, with words and imagery to create a graphic novel with a selection of stories in different genres.

City Library, Grand Parade | 2pm | free

The Cork Art Novel: Narrating Cork as a Creative City

Eimear Ryan, Danielle McLoughlin and Billy O'Callaghan. Moderator: Carlos Garrado.

City Library, Grand Parade | 3.30pm | free

Laughter Lines: A Comic Book Workshop

Writer and artist Colin O'Mahoney and illustrator Mari Rolin explore how to use humour, and to tell funny stories in comics.

City Library, Grand Parade | 3.30pm | free

Spotlight on Literary Journals

4 Faced Liar, *Banshee*, *Swerve* and *Waxed Lemon*. Moderator: Lauren O'Donovan.

City Library, Grand Parade | 5pm | free

There's More Sky Over No Man's Land

Irish diaspora and emigre poets Joe Carrick Varty (UK) and David Nash (Cork/Chile).

Moderator: Keith Payne.

City Library, Grand Parade | 6.30pm | free

Mike McCormack and Aingeala Flannery

in conversation with Sarah Harte.

City Library, Grand Parade | 8pm | free

Thursday 25 April

Nadine Hughes Campbell, author of *Noah's Cork Adventure*

City Library, Grand Parade | 10am | school event

Author Ellen Ryan and illustrator Conor Merriman

Introduce *Gods Don't Cry* and *Girls Who Slay Monsters* to a Cork audience.

City Library, Grand Parade | 11am | school event

Leonard and Hungry Paul meet their Italian Translator

UCC Translator in Residence Elvira Grassi in conversation with Ronan Hession.

City Library, Grand Parade | 3.30pm | free

The Conversation: Poets Jo Burns & Emily Cooper

A unique collaboration exploring the women behind the art of Picasso. Moderator: Keith Payne.

City Library, Grand Parade | 5pm | free

Maggie Armstrong and Clemens Meyer with his translator Katy Derbyshire

Moderator: Mairead Hearne

City Library, Grand Parade | 6.30pm | free

You Spin Me Round

New anthology of essays on music from contemporary writers. With Peter Geoghegan and Declan Long.

Moderator: Dean Browne.

Triskel | 8pm | free

Friday 26 April

Something Terrible Happened Last Night

Meet YA author Sam Blake.

City Library, Grand Parade | 11.30am | school event

Translating Crime Fiction

Workshop with Peter Bush

O'Rahilly Building, UCC | 11am | free
Register with: H.Buffery@ucc.ie

Launch of French Book Collection for Children

City Library, Grand Parade | 12.30pm | free

Gendering Precariousness

Reading and Q&A with Remedios Zafra.

Moderator: Carlos Garrado.

Online | 3.30pm | free

Sacraments & Little Acts of Vigilance: A Tapestry, an Ailment, the Cure

Miriam Gamble & James O'Leary

Moderator: Molly Twomey.

City Library, Grand Parade | 5pm | free

Launch of *Ceoltóirí Chualann: The Band that Changed the Course of Irish Music* by Peadar Ó Riada

Peadar Ó Riada and Seán Ó Sé, launched by Martin Hayes. Musical performance too!

City Library, Grand Parade | 6.30pm | free

Prophet Song

Booker Prizewinner Paul Lynch in conversation with Alannah Hopkin.

Triskel | 8pm | Tickets €10/€8

Saturday 27 April

Book Market on the Grand Parade

Expect a showcase of some of the best booksellers from the city and surrounds, great food and family entertainment. Produced by Goldiefish Markets.

Grand Parade | 10am–4pm | free

Meet the Agents

Agents Polly Nolan and Simon Trewin in conversation with Vanessa Fox O'Loughlin.

City Library, Grand Parade | 10am | free

Baby Sign & Rhyme Storytime

Claire Glynn of Clever Little Handies.

City Library, Grand Parade | 10am | free

Milly McCarthy and the Sports Shambles

Children's author Leona Forde and illustrator Karen Harte.

City Library, Grand Parade | 11am | free

First Page Pitch

Ten selected writers read their first page to the agents and the room.

City Library, Grand Parade | 11.30am | free

Home in Ireland

Suad Al Darra and Sree Sen in conversation with Peadar King.

Triskel | 1.30pm | free

Lynda Marron: Debut Author from CWBF

Get Published sessions

The City Library, Grand Parade | 2pm | free

Fabiola Lobo Kids Art

City Library, Grand Parade | 2.30pm | free

Psychology and Literature

Psychologist Tony Bates and Editor Neil Astley in conversation with Thomas McCarthy.

Triskel | 3pm | free

The Holy Hour

Cónal Creedon and Molly Twomey.

Callanan's Bar, George's Quay | 4pm | free

The Many Voices of Spain

Galician poet and novelist Susana Sanchez Arins reads from her novel *And They Say*.

Moderator: Martín Veiga

City Library, Grand Parade | 4.45pm | free

Catalan author Gemma Ruiz Palá with her Translator Peter Bush

Moderator: Helena Buffery.

City Library, Grand Parade | 5.30pm | free

REIC Irish Language Spoken Word

Amano, Tomás Ó Coileáin and Gormfhlaith Ní Shíocháin Ní Bheoláin.

Le bean an tí Ciara ní É.

Triskel | 7pm | free

Listen to the Birds

Palestinian poet Marwan Makhoul and his translator Raphael Cohen, with Eibhlís Carcione, Áine Uí Fhoghlú & Louis de Paor. In collaboration with IMRAM

Triskel | 8.30pm | Tickets €10/€8

Sunday 28 April

POP at Elizabeth Fort

Poets and spoken word performers, readings, live music and drop in style workshops and more.

Elizabeth Fort | 1pm | free

Launch of *Cork Stories* by Lord Mayor Cllr Kieran McCarthy

Edited by Madeleine D'Arcy and Laura McKenna. Published by Doire Press

St Peter's | 3pm | free