



YOUTH LIBRARIES GROUP



Recommending With Confidence
Seminar Series 2022

Jan - Feb 2022
Online



Schedule of Events

Wednesday 19th January @ 9:30am

Bibliotherapy for Children

Children's Books Ireland have done incredible work on their recent 'Mind Yourself' and 'Free to be me' recommended reading guides. Both of which feature an extensive range of books dealing with issues facing children & young people. Elaina Ryan, CEO of Children's Books Ireland will join us to talk about the reading guides and how they can be used by Library staff. We will also be joined by Darina Molloy from Mayo Libraries who will discuss the practical uses of bibliotherapy through their 'Book Magic' project.

Wednesday 26th January @ 9:30am

Supporting LGBTQI+ Youth

Collette O'Regan from LGBT Ireland will join us for an awareness session looking at topics such as the terminology used around the community, common issues that arise for young LGBTQI+ people, how we could support them within our libraries and an overview of services available that we can direct young people to. This will be followed by a short presentation by Karen Mc Cague from Monaghan Libraries on their recent 'Rainbow Bag' initiative.

Wednesday 2nd February @ 9:30am

Fighting Words

'Fighting Words' was first established in 2009 by Roddy Doyle and Séan Lowe. The vision of Fighting Words is simple – to give children and young people the opportunity to discover and harness the power of their own imaginations and creative writing skills. As well as having their own dedicated centre in Dublin, Fighting Words have been running workshops in Schools and Libraries across the Country in recent years. During this session we will learn more about the Fighting Words programme as well as hear from Mila Taylor who has collaborated with Fighting Words to deliver Young Adult Festival in DLR Libraries.

Wednesday 9th February @ 9:30am

Book Clubs for Children & Young People

Book Clubs for children & young people can be hugely beneficial for the participants but a daunting task for library staff. How do we get them interested? How do we choose the books? How do we get them to talk openly at book club meetings? To help answer some of these questions we've rounded up library staff from across school & public libraries to share their knowledge of what works and what doesn't. We'll be joined by Peadar Cassidy from St. Kevin's College, Patricia Blommerde from New Ross Library (Dyslexia book Club) and Mairead Buckley from Fingal Libraries (YA Book Club, Swords).

Wednesday 16th February @ 9:30am

Supporting Class Visits - Scottish Book Trust

The webinar will take library staff through practical tips and tools for engaging children with books and encouraging participation, including how to build your confidence and run a class visit in your setting. The session will also include examples of best practice from libraries in Scotland and showcase reading recommendations for 8-12 year olds that engage both reluctant and keen readers.

All sessions will take place on the Crowdcast Platform and will last approximately 1 hour.

Q&A will follow each presentation.

Links will be sent to those who make the booking in advance.

Booking via Eventbrite.