We are pleased to introduce Creative Lab workshops for adults and children in selected venues. Participants will be able to learn more about digital content production for film, music and the visual arts.

Libraries NI Writer-in-Residence is award-winning author Eoin McNamee and during March he will be delivering a varied programme of events.

We would be delighted to see you at any of these events during March. You don’t have to be a library member to attend, but, if you haven’t been in, or used, a library for a while, why not take the opportunity to find out more about the range of services that are available. I’d like to encourage you to visit a library near you or go to the Libraries NI website at www.librariesni.org.uk for more information.

Irene Knox
Chief Executive
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Literature

Poetry Workshop with Maria McManus

Maria McManus has produced a body of work including poetry, scripts for stage and screen, memoir and prose. Her poetry collections include *We are Bone*, *The Cello Suites* and *Reading the Dog*. She was awarded the Arts Council Individual Artist Award in 2008 and 2012.

This workshop will help both experienced and emerging writers to develop their work in a reflective and supportive environment. The desire to have a go and willingness to try something new are the only criteria necessary.

**Booking essential**

**Ballymena Central Library**
**Tuesday 3 March**
10:00am - 1:00pm

t: 028 2563 3950
e: ballymena.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Armagh City Library**
**Friday 27 March**
1:00pm - 4:00pm

t: 028 3752 4072
e: armagh.library@librariesni.org.uk
In her 30s, Jennifer Klinec abandoned a corporate job to launch a cooking school from her London flat. She travelled the world, in search of ancient recipes, eventually leading her to Iran. Here she was introduced to a local woman who taught her secrets of the Persian kitchen.

As her culinary skills developed so did an unexpected relationship with her teacher’s son, Vahid. This did not run smoothly but together they navigated cultural differences and Iranian laws and customs.

Enjoy the chance to hear Jennifer Klinec read from and talk about her fascinating book *The Temporary Bride*, a memoir of love and food in Iran.

Book Reading and Discussion with Jennifer Klinec

Belfast Central Library
Monday 9 March
10:30am - 12:00 noon

Derry Central Library
Monday 9 March
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Booking essential
Dermot Bolger is one of Ireland’s best known authors. He has written novels, poetry, plays and screen adaptations and is an award-winning commentator for many leading newspapers. In addition, he works collaboratively with other writers and has edited numerous anthologies.

This year he releases his twelfth novel, *Tanglewood*, and tours China with his acclaimed adaption of James Joyce’s *Ulysses*.

Come along and be inspired!

**Booking advisable**

**Ormeau Road Library**

**Thursday 12 March**

7:00pm - 8:00pm

t: 028 9050 9228
e: ormeauroad.library@librariesni.org.uk
Alice McCullough is one of the most captivating new voices to emerge on the wave of spoken word talent in Belfast. In 2014 she was the winner of the Belfast Book Festival Poetry Slam, was Writer-in-Residence of the Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival, and the host of Belfast’s new alternative spoken word showcase, Red Pill.

We invite you to an evening with Alice as she shares her unique take on stand-up poetry, playing with the boundaries between spoken word, stand-up, storytelling and theatre in her one-woman show Earth To Alice.

Booking essential

Ballyhackamore Library
Monday 16 March
6:00pm - 7:45pm
t: 028 9050 9204
e: ballyhackamore.library@librariesni.org.uk
Dr Sinéad Sturgeon discusses the life and work of Sheridan Le Fanu, one of the most acclaimed and accomplished writers of the Victorian ghost story. Drawing on some of Le Fanu’s most influential works, the talk explores his mastery of the Gothic within the turbulent context of the time, and considers his enduring legacy in literary tradition.

Dr Sinéad Sturgeon is a lecturer in Irish Writing at Queen’s University, Belfast, with particular research interests in nineteenth-century literature and culture. 

Suitable for age 16 and over

Booking advisable

Bangor Carnegie Library
Monday 23 March
6:45pm - 7:45pm

t: 028 9127 0591
e: bangorcarnegie.library@librariesni.org.uk
Donal Ryan is an author from Co. Tipperary whose novels have been published worldwide and translated into several languages. He currently holds the Arts Council Writer-in-Residence Fellowship at the University of Limerick where he teaches Creative Writing.

His debut novel, *The Spinning Heart*, and his second book, *The Thing About December*, have topped the Irish best-sellers lists and gained considerable acclaim, being nominated for and winning several literary awards.

Hear him talk about his books and the impact they have made.

**Booking essential**

**Enniskillen Library**
**Tuesday 24 March**
**7:00pm - 8:00pm**
**t: 028 6632 2886**
**e: enniskillen.library@librariesni.org.uk**
George Murphy is an established storyteller from Dungiven. He started out as a musician but for many years now has been performing his light hearted yarns throughout Ireland. The experience has given him tremendous insight into the art of storytelling. As he says himself, he now tells ‘songs’ without the music.

George has led storytelling workshops for Derry, Limavady and Coleraine council projects. Participants will be informed and entertained.

**Booking essential**

**Dungiven Library**  
**Wednesday 11 March**  
2:30pm - 5:30pm  
t: 028 7774 1475  
e: dungiven.library@librariesni.org.uk
Written by Maggie Cronin and Carol Moore. Performed by Maggie Cronin, Laura Hughes and Carol Moore.

In the early hours of 1 August 1914 a group of suffragettes led by Mrs Lilian Metge attempted to blow up Lisburn Cathedral. What made a respectable middle class supporter of women’s rights resort to active militancy?

Using a mix of new writing, original source and related material, Shrieking Sisters brings Lilian and many of her fascinating contemporaries to life, highlighting the events around the Ulster Suffrage Movement between 1912 – 1914 and the struggle for votes.

**Booking advisable**

**Newry City Library**  
**Saturday 21 March**  
2:00pm - 3:30pm  
t: 028 3026 4683  
e: newrycity.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Derry Central Library**  
**Saturday 28 March**  
2:00pm - 3:30pm  
t: 028 7127 2310  
e: derrycentral.library@librariesni.org.uk
Script Writing

Script Writing Workshop for all Genres

Renowned playwright Pearse Elliott will deliver a workshop with hints and tips for the basics of all genres of script writing from choosing topics to getting an agent.

Pearse Elliott has been writing professionally since winning the BBC Young Playwrights Festival Award in 1995. He has written extensively for the BBC, radio, stage and screen. He has been nominated for over 20 awards and is starting preproduction on his fourth feature film starring Ciaran Hinds.

Suitable for age 16 and over

Booking essential

Falls Road Library
Tuesday 24 March
1:00pm - 4:00pm

t: 028 9050 9212
e: fallsroad.library@librariesni.org.uk
An Introduction to the Art of Film and Theatre Makeup

This demonstration will show the power of make-up and special effects: how they can create new dimensions on the face, and produce limitless possibilities for new character creations.

Discover a variety of different techniques - moulding new features on top of the original canvas, airbrushing, and tools which create textural elements of the character's aesthetics. There will be plenty of time for questions throughout.

Delivered by Joanne Bentham from Paddy McGurgan’s Make-up Pro Store.

Suitable for age 16 and over

Booking essential

Ormeau Road Library
Saturday 28 March
10:00am - 1:00pm

t: 028 9050 9228
e: ormeauroad.library@librariesni.org.uk
Eoin McNamee is the author of seventeen novels including Resurrection Man, The Ultras and 12:23. The first novel of the Blue Trilogy, The Blue Tango based on the murder of Patricia Curran, was nominated for the Booker prize in 2001.

He has written six novels for young adults, the first of which, The Navigator, was a New York Times bestseller. He has also written three thrillers under the pseudonym John Creed. The Sirius Crossing won the CWA Steel Dagger award.


His work for television includes An Bronntanas (TG4) and Hinterland (BBC 4/S4C). He has written numerous radio plays for BBC R4. He is also a member of Aosdána.

Eoin was born in Kilkeel and studied in Trinity College, Dublin. He lives in Sligo with his wife and two children.

“I am delighted to be Libraries NI Writer-in-Residence for Creativity Month March 2015. There is something about a library that lifts my heart every time I enter one. Not as a writer, but as a reader which is where every young writer must start”.

Murder He Wrote
Eoin McNamee will be talking about his work. He has written seventeen novels including, thrillers and novels for young adults and “faction” which combines fact with fiction. They say that fact is stranger than fiction and Eoin McNamee is a contemporary master of combining both in his novels.

Enniskillen Library
Tuesday 3 March
6:30pm - 7:30pm
t: 028 6632 2886
e: enniskillen.library@librariesni.org.uk

Banbridge Library
Saturday 21 March
2:00pm - 3:00pm
 t: 028 4062 3973
e: banbridge.library@librariesni.org.uk

Author photograph by Sarah Lee
Adventure in the Screen Trade Workshop
An introduction to scriptwriting for film, TV and radio. Eoin will give advice on writing for performance and how to hone skills when scriptwriting for different media.

Booking essential
Strabane Library
Thursday 5 March
4:30pm - 7:30pm
 t: 028 7188 3686
e: strabane.library@librariesni.org.uk

Giving it a Go Workshop
A no pressure workshop for young adults who feel they might want to write – any genre, any form.

Suitable for ages 16 - 19
Booking essential
Kilkeel Library
Friday 6 March
1:00pm - 3:00pm
 t: 028 4176 2278
e: kilkeel.library@librariesni.org.uk

Northern Noir Crime Writing Workshop
What makes great crime writing? An interesting protagonist? A great plot? This workshop will explore the elements of compelling crime fiction with some interesting conclusions.

Booking essential
Bangor Carnegie Library
Wednesday 11 March
1:00pm - 4:00pm
 t: 028 9127 0591
e: bangorcarnegie.library@librariesni.org.uk

From Fact to Fiction Workshop
Eoin is known for taking the structures of real events and forging them into fiction. This workshop will explore the relationship between fact and fiction. Participants will be looking at the genesis of story ideas, how to extrapolate fiction from real life events, and how to draw on the stuff of everyday life to form narrative.

Booking essential
Antrim Library
Friday 20 March
1:00pm - 4:00pm
 t: 028 9446 1942
e: antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk

From Blog to Book Workshop
What techniques do blogging and fiction writing share? How do you go from writing for the internet to fiction? Can one way of writing inform the other? Come and explore new forms of writing in this workshop.

Booking essential
Coleraine Library
Wednesday 25 March
6:00pm - 8:00pm
 t: 028 7034 2561
e: coleraine.library@librariesni.org.uk

Read Eoin’s blog at www.librariesni.org.uk/writer-in-residence/
The Clinics
Get down to the nub of things with one to one advice, guidance and feedback from acclaimed writer Eoin Mc Namee at these creative writing clinics.

Participants should submit their work -
• 1000 words for fiction or
• short script idea/treatment plus ten pages of script.

Submissions to be emailed to - jane.moore@librariesni.org.uk

Submission dates for the clinics -
• Belfast: Thursday 5 March by 2:00pm
• Omagh: Monday 16 March by 2:00pm
• Derry: Monday 23 March by 2:00pm

Meetings at the clinic are in 30 minute slots.
All participants must book an appointment at a clinic.

Belfast Central Library
Thursday 12 March
12 noon - 2:00pm and
2:30pm - 4:30pm

Colin Glen Library
Monday 23 March
6:30pm - 7:30pm

t: 028 9050 9216
e: holywoodarches.library@librariesni.org.uk

e: colinglen.library@librariesni.org.uk

Journey into Publishing
As the number of opportunities to publish shrinks how might you improve your chances of getting published?
Eoin will draw on his experience of getting published and help direct those embarking on this route.

Booking essential

Lisburn City Library
Thursday 19 March
6:00pm - 7:00pm

t: 028 9263 3350
e: lisburncity.library@librariesni.org.uk

Live Tweeting from Lisburn City Library
Eoin will be available for tweeting after his talk on his journey into publishing.
Get pointers from this published author.
7:00pm - 8:00pm
www.twitter.com/librariesni

Dungannon Library
Saturday 28 March
2:00pm - 3:00pm

t: 028 8772 2952
e: dungannon.library@librariesni.org.uk
Bulgarian husband and wife duo, Nikolay and Vessie Ivanov, and Northern Ireland born musician, Lee Lawson join together to form VioLeeN. This trio of professional musicians play a multitude of instruments and fuse together classical and jazz music from many different cultures. These include Irish, Scottish, Bulgarian, French, German, Italian, Russian and Latin American to name but a few.

Come along and experience something just that little bit different!

This is an intergenerational event, suitable for all

Booking essential

Lurgan Library
Tuesday 10 March
2:30pm - 3:30pm

t: 028 3832 3912
e: lurgan.library@librariesni.org.uk
Music

Flute and Bodhrán Performance by Anne Sands followed by a Tutorial Workshop

Performance and workshop presented by members of the world renowned Sands Family Folk Group from Co. Down.

Anne Sands and her daughter will share their own original music with the audience in addition to performing other well-known pieces.

This will be followed by a bodhrán workshop offering participants the opportunity to learn how to play this ancient instrument.

Suitable for all ages

You are invited to bring along your own bodhrán

Booking essential

Strabane Library
Saturday 14 March
2:00pm - 3:30pm

t: 028 7188 3686
e: strabane.library@librariesni.org.uk
Music

Songwriting Workshop with Hannah McPhillimy

Hannah McPhillimy is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist whose influences include musicals, pre-war jazz, blues and folk. She is a graduate from Queen’s School of Music and the Scratch My Progress programme at the Oh Yeah Centre.

Recent performances at local festivals have helped establish her as a captivating live performer and one to watch.

Hannah will share her experiences and outline the different approaches to writing songs. She invites participants to bring along their own ideas and instruments.

Suitable for age 16 and over

Booking essential

Belfast Central Library
Saturday 28 March
11:00am - 2:00pm

t: 028 9050 9150
e: belfast.central@librariesni.org.uk
Radio Broadcasting

Sound Waves and Words

Two-part workshop providing a hands-on introduction to radio broadcasting.

Session 1 - Sound Advice
Saturday 14 March
Learn about radio broadcasting techniques, interviewing skills, good practice and live broadcasting ethics and etiquette.

Session 2 - Sound Waves
Saturday 21 March
Deliver a live broadcast from Radio Wrdz with recorded interviews.

Suitable for age 16 and over

Attendance required at both workshops

Booking essential

Omagh Library
Saturday 14 March
Saturday 21 March
10:00am - 4:00pm

t: 028 8224 4821
e: omagh.library@librariesni.org.uk
These hands on creative workshops will be delivered in the Libraries NI Creative Labs. They will inspire and up skill learners around digital content production for film, music and the visual arts.

Participants will be guided through a series of software packages and creatively challenged to produce a piece of new work by the end of the session for use in a Digital Showcase.

**Newry City Library**
**Friday 27 March**
**Suitable for age 16 and over**
10:30am - 12:00 noon
**Creating with Photoshop**
1:00pm - 2:30pm
**Creating with iMovie**
3:00pm - 4:30pm
**Creating with GarageBand**

**Derry Central Library**
**Friday 27 March**
**Suitable for age 16 and over**
10:30am - 2:00 noon
**Creating with Photoshop**
1:00pm - 2:30pm
**Creating with iMovie**
3:00pm - 4:30pm
**Creating with GarageBand**

**Booking essential**

*t: 028 3026 4683*
*e: newrycity.library@librariesni.org.uk*

*t: 028 7127 2310*
*e: derrycentral.library@librariesni.org.uk*
Creative Labs

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Friday 27 March
Suitable for age 16 and over
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1:00pm - 2:30pm
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3:00pm - 4:30pm
Creating with GarageBand

t: 028 8224 4821

e: omagh.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Falls Road Library**
Friday 27 March
Suitable for age 16 and over
10:30am - 12:00 noon
Creating with Photoshop

t: 028 9050 9212
e: fallsroad.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Shankill Road Library**
Friday 27 March
Suitable for age 16 and over
1:00pm - 2:30pm
Creating with iMovie
3:00pm - 4:30pm
Creating with GarageBand

t: 028 9050 9232
e: shankillroad.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Antrim Library**
Tuesday 3 March
Suitable for ages 8 - 12
4:00pm - 6:30pm
Introduction to Creative Software with iMovie and GarageBand

t: 028 9446 1942
e: antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Dungannon Library**
Thursday 26 March
Suitable for ages 8 - 12
4:00pm - 6:30pm
Introduction to Creative Software with iMovie and GarageBand

t: 028 8772 2952
e: dungannon.library@librariesni.org.uk
Architectural Design

Contemporary Design Secrets: the Art of Building a House in the Countryside

Jane Burnside, award-winning local architect and finalist on BBC NI’s House of the Year series, discusses good design and creativity in vernacular architecture, as covered by her book Contemporary Design Secrets.

Jane has built up a thriving architectural practice over 20 years and her house was open to the public during the recent Ulster Architectural Heritage Open Days Weekend.

Ballymena Central Library
Thursday 26 March
6:45pm - 7:45pm

t: 028 2563 3950
e: ballymena.library@librariesni.org.uk
Traditional Crafts

Harvest Customs and Knots

Why did the farmer fear the hare? What did the little people do to bramble fruit at harvest time? Learn fact from fiction as you hear about our local harvest customs and make two harvest knots to take away with you.

Madeline McGreevy is the director of Kathleen’s Attic, a Lisburn based group offering workshops in all kinds of traditional crafts.

Madeline has worked with local councils, partnerships and other organisations to provide authentic traditional local crafts and activities from the 1900s. She is a trained educator with many years of experience.

Suitable for adults

Booking essential

Carrickfergus Library
Tuesday 10 March
2:00pm - 5:00pm
t: 028 9336 2261
e: carrickfergus.library@librariesni.org.uk

Finaghy Library
Thursday 19 March
2:00pm - 5:00pm
t: 028 9050 9214
e: finaghyroad.library@librariesni.org.uk
Clive Lyttle, experienced basket maker and countryside skills practitioner, will give a talk and demonstration on basketmaking.

Clive runs Welig Heritage Crafts along with Elaine Burke from their smallholding near Portaferry. They make baskets, garden ware, hurdles, rustic furniture and willow sculpture. They also carry out hedge laying, dry stone walling, hedge/tree planting, and woodland management.

Booking advisable

**Lisburn City Library**  
**Thursday 12 March**  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
t: 028 9263 3350  
e: lisburncity.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Dungannon Library**  
**Tuesday 24 March**  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
t: 028 8772 2952  
e: dungannon.library@librariesni.org.uk
Create your own super hero in a Comic Creation Workshop with Uproar Comics.

Join the team behind the Northern Irish hit comic series Zombies Hi to learn industry practices and create your very own short comic. The workshop will focus on scripting, story-boarding, character development and illustrating.

**Suitable for ages 12 - 15**

**Booking essential**

**Omagh Library**  
Saturday 7 March  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
t: 028 8224 4821  
e: omagh.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Finaghy Library**  
Saturday 14 March  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
t: 028 9050 9214  
e: finaghyroad.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Holywood Library**  
Saturday 21 March  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
t: 028 9042 4232  
e: holywood.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Strabane Library**  
Saturday 28 March  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
t: 028 7188 3686  
e: strabane.library@librariesni.org.uk
Creative Kids

Make a Book with Chris Fairclough

Chris Fairclough has worked in children’s publishing for many years. He has travelled around the world taking photos and researching for the hundreds of non-fiction books he has written and contributed to.

Come along and join in this lively workshop and create a book under the guidance of author/photographer Chris Fairclough.

Suitable for ages 9 - 12 years

Booking essential

Armagh City Library
Saturday 21 March
10:00am - 12 noon
t: 028 3752 4072
e: armagh.library@librariesni.org.uk

Newry City Library
Saturday 21 March
2:00pm - 4:00pm

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School Children across Northern Ireland

During Creativity Month invited school classes will discover How to Hide a Lion in a workshop delivered by Theatre Without Walls while others will be involved in a WIGGLEGIGGLE poetry slam with the Replay Theatre Company.

Chris Fairclough will also help children to create their own books.
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