

Events (continued)

Crafting Worlds: Exploring Setting and Landscape in Writing with Anthony Quinn

Saturday 22 February

12 noon - 1:00pm

A workshop for writers looking to bring their settings to life. Through guided exercises and examples, explore how landscape - whether imagined, remembered, or lost - can shape poetry, fiction, and memoir. Anthony J. Quinn is an internationally acclaimed author of ten novels in crime and historical fiction. His debut novel *Disappeared* was a Daily Mail Crime Novel of the Year and a Sunday Times Best Novel of the Year. He has taught on the MA in Creative Writing at Queen's University Belfast and is currently a Royal Literary Fund Fellow.

For Children

Tale Time with Vicky McFarland

Saturday 22 February

10:00am - 11:00am

Bring little ones along for a magical storytime with Vicky McFarland! This sensory, participatory session includes singalong songs, enchanting tales, and interactive fun for children aged 4-6.

Tale Time with Vicky McFarland

Saturday 22 February

12 noon - 1:00pm

Adventure awaits! Older children will love this engaging storytelling session where dragons, magic, and heroic quests come to life! Using theatrical techniques and traditional storytelling, Vicky creates an unforgettable experience for children aged 7 and up.

All events are FREE and open to the public.

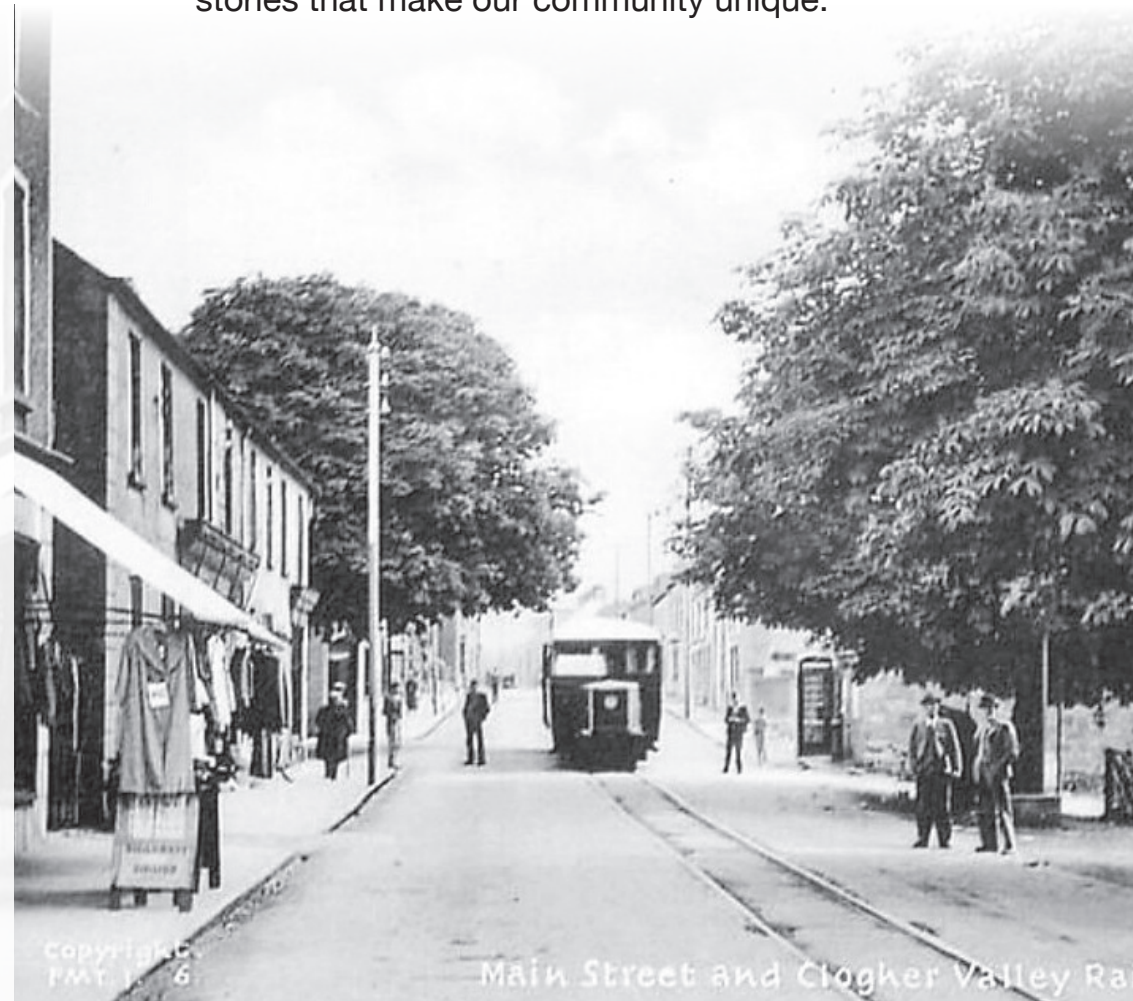
For more information or to book a place at any of the events please telephone Fivemiletown Library 028 8952 1409 or email fivemiletown.library@librariesni.org.uk

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Tracks From The Past

#FivemiletownCulturalHeritageFestival

Join us at Fivemiletown Library for 'Tracks from the Past Cultural Heritage Festival' and celebrate the stories that make our community unique.



Exploring the History That Shaped Fivemiletown

This February, Fivemiletown Library proudly presents its first-ever cultural heritage festival, Tracks from the Past. Join us as we celebrate the people, places, and traditions that have shaped our community, through a series of FREE exhibitions, talks, and storytelling sessions. From the legacy of the Clogher Valley Railway to stories of migration and the works of renowned writers, the festival offers a fascinating look at Fivemiletown's past. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit the newly built library and discover the heritage that makes Fivemiletown so special.

Exhibitions

On display during library opening hours throughout February.

Your Past in Print

Delve into the past with this unique exhibition featuring images and articles from historical newspapers. Discover the stories that made the headlines and shaped the lives of those who came before us. A must-see for history enthusiasts and curious minds alike!

William Carleton Exhibition

Explore the life and work of one of Ireland's most celebrated writers, William Carleton. This exhibition showcases paintings from the William Carleton Summer School and various pieces that highlight his literary legacy and influence on Irish culture.

Events

'This Train is For' with Bernie McGill Tuesday 18 February 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Embark on a literary journey with award-winning author Bernie McGill as she reads from her evocative short story collection, 'This Train is For'. While the stories may not be set in Fivemiletown, they echo the spirit of connection that the Clogher Valley Railway once brought to the community. Bernie will discuss her work, the inspiration behind her stories, and the universal theme of journeys - both physical and emotional. This event is the perfect companion to kickstart the Fivemiletown Cultural Heritage Festival, offering a chance to reflect on how trains have shaped lives and stories across generations.

'Putting Migration into Fivemiletown History' with Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald MCMS

**Tuesday 18 February
6:45pm - 7:30pm**
Migration has shaped Fivemiletown in ways you might not expect. Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Head of Research and Development with the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster-American Folk Park, will explore the impact of immigration, emigration, and internal movement on the area, offering a fresh perspective on how people, past and present, have shaped the town's identity.

Family History - Irish 1901 & 1911 Census for Beginners

**Thursday 20 February
12 noon - 1:15pm**
Interested in tracing your Irish ancestors? Join Catherine Kane for a beginner-friendly session on using the 1901 and 1911 Irish census for family history research. Learn how to navigate the records, uncover hidden details, and discover tips for when someone seems to be missing from the census. Booking essential.

'The Clogher Valley Railway' with Jack Johnston

**Thursday 20 February
3:00pm**
Travel back in time as historian Jack Johnston, former chair of the Ulster Local History Trust and a former director of the William Carleton Summer School, recounts the story of the Clogher Valley Railway (1887-1942). Learn how this vital transport link connected the valley to the wider world, carrying passengers, goods, and even barrels of Guinness!

PRONI - Getting Started Workshop Friday 21 February 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Thinking of starting your family or local history research? PRONI is on tour at Fivemiletown Library for an interactive workshop designed to help you navigate their online services and other key research tools. A great opportunity to ask PRONI staff your questions directly

Booking essential via Eventbrite: PRONI Getting Started Workshop at Fivemiletown Library



Scan the QR code to book or visit bit.ly/FivemiletownPRONI



Reminiscence Session with Nuala O'Toole Armstrong Storytelling Trust Friday 21 February 2:00pm

Step into a world of memories and stories with Nuala O'Toole, a gifted storyteller who has brought tales to life for audiences across Northern Ireland. This special storytelling session for adults invites you to sit back, listen, and reconnect with the past through tales that evoke nostalgia, laughter, and reflection.



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