

For Children

Intergenerational Heritage Games and Craft with Catherine

Thursday 5 February

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Join Catherine, Libraries NI Mid Ulster District Officer, and library staff for an afternoon of play across the generations, rediscovering the games your grandparents may have enjoyed, including tiddlywinks, ludo and jacks. This relaxed session invites grandchildren, parents and grandparents to enjoy heritage through play together. There will also be an opportunity to make a peg doll craft to take home.

Children's Storytime

Saturday 7 February

at 11:00am

Join us for a magical and enchanting children's storytelling. Winner of the National Literacy Trust's prize for reimagined fairy tales, Vicky McFarland writer and word weaver brings wonder and fun to her tales for all the family.



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.

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



Exploring the History That Shaped Fivemiletown

This February, Fivemiletown Library proudly presents the return of its 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 the mills and the filmed history of the area, the festival offers a fascinating look at Fivemiletown's past. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit the new library and discover the heritage that makes Fivemiletown so special.

Exhibitions

On display during library opening hours throughout February.

The Splendid Press

Come and see The Marcus Ward Collection usually held in Belfast Central library. The exhibition boasts a large collection of their many beautiful products, including illustrated books, cards and calendars, with the jewel in the crown being their unique and lavish illuminated manuscripts.

The Reformation

A joint project by Libraries NI and PRONI. It was done to mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. However, the content is more than that and it focuses on documents and materials held by PRONI and items from the Fine Book Room in Belfast Central Library.

Events

Days Gone By: Stories From The Film Archives

Tuesday 3 February at 2:00pm

Northern Ireland Screen's Digital Film Archive presents a selection of films of the local area, farming, schooldays and much more. Spot places and people you remember and share memories of how we used to live.

The Digital Film Archive contains thousands of films of Ulster and Northern Ireland from the last 120 years, including television, film, home movies and more.

 NORTHERN IRELAND SCREEN
Digital Film Archive

William Carleton: An Introduction to his Life and Work

Tuesday 3 February at 6:00pm

Join the William Carleton Society for a reading of an extract from 'Neal Malone'. This humorous short story has been adapted by Vice-President, Liam Foley and will be performed by The William Carleton Players. There will also be a short talk about Carleton and a reading of Carleton's poem 'Retrospections', with references to his childhood memories including Knockmany and Lumford's Glen.

Booking essential

Family History - Irish 1901 & 1911 Census for Beginners

Thursday 5 February at 10:30am

Interested in tracing your Irish ancestors? Join Catherine, Libraries NI Mid Ulster District Officer, 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.

Fivemiletown Three Centuries of History (1650–1950)

Thursday 5 February at 3:00pm

Clogher Valley historian Jack Johnston presents an illustrated talk exploring Fivemiletown's history from 1650 to 1950. Using a PowerPoint presentation, the session features Hearth Rolls, Registry of Deeds sources, estate records and churches, as well as the mail coaches and the railway.

The talk will be accompanied by an exhibition of billheads relating to Fivemiletown. If you have an early billhead relating to the town, you are encouraged to bring it along.

Booking essential

Mills around Fivemiletown with Sebastian Graham

Friday 6 February at 3:00pm

In this talk Sebastian, an expert in the architecture and built heritage of Ulster's linen industry will focus on mills in the Fivemiletown area. Mills were once central to the rural economy and everyday life in many communities. Water power was used for activities such as linen bleaching, corn milling and flax scutching. Some mills date back to the plantation period, while others were built in response to the growing demand for linen, particularly during the 1700s.

Come along to hear more about their history and social importance.

Booking essential

Adult Storyteller Saturday 7 February at 12:30pm

Join professional storyteller, writer, and immersive arts producer Vicky McFarland as she delves into her repertoire of folktales, myths, legends and fairy tales to enchant and entertain you. Vicky breathes new life into old stories, keeping all the heart and wisdom whilst adding her own original voice.