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Féile Fhine Gall de Litríocht na Leanaí Draíocht na Scéalta

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Swords Castle • Saturday 28th September • 11am – 4pm

Welcome to The Magic of Stories 2024

The Magic of Stories – Fingal Festival of Children’s Literature is back ... and it’s bigger and better than ever! We’ve got amazing writers, illustrators, theatre, music, art, games, and so much more packed into the incredible Swords Castle. We even have an event in a Planetarium! And the most magical part of all? Everything is free. A day for all ages, just bring your imagination and creativity to what is the most fantastic event imaginable.



The Magic of stories In Libraries And Schools

The festival isn't just taking place in Swords Castle—we're also bringing The Magic of Stories to your local library! Artist Kim Jenkinson will be visiting libraries throughout Fingal, working with children from local schools to create delightful book-themed decorations. As you explore the festival, be sure to look out for these creative and bookish touches that add an extra layer of magic to the event!

Meet The Author Tent

Come along and meet your favourite writer,
book signings throughout the day



Book your festival ticket now at

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/magic-of-stories-festival-2024-tickets-1003466323787>



Little Library Tent

11:00am - 4:00pm

Walk in event - All welcome

Come and say hello to us at the Little Library, where there will be Fantasy Map-Making, book chats, Storytimes and fun all day. You'll run into "guerilla Irish language enthusiast" Áine Gallagher and her giant 'Cup of Focals' and have a unique chat as Gaelige - or just learn a few words.



Check out the brilliant sensory toys and aids and, if you need a break, take some time out in our dedicated quiet space.

And if you're not a member of Fingal Libraries, find out how to join!

Join Fingal Libraries!

Did you know....

Membership of all public libraries is free for everyone. You can join at any age!

To find out how to join Fingal Libraries, click on the QR code or call into your local branch where our professional and friendly staff are always happy to help. When you join the library, you will get your own library card and a Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Joining the library gives you access to lots of great services:

Children's books for all ages • Audio Books • DVDs, CDs, and games
Storytime Arts & Crafts • Author and Illustrator visits • Coding Workshops
Computers, tablets and Internet access • Online services - Borrowbox,
Tumble Books, Tumble Maths, Lote for Kids, Lexia and more
Summer reading programmes • Book Clubs • Dungeons & Dragons
3D Printers • Makerspace • VR Headsets • Boardgames
Sensory Toys and Games • And much more!



A Snail's Tale

11.45am, 1:15pm, 2:45pm

All Ages

Meeting Point: The Little Library

Venue: Castle grounds

Winding its way through the Swords Castle grounds, join the story a knight who sets off to explore, do good and find love for his snailly steed, Mishelle - the only left-handed snail in all the land. Travelling a slimy path with his trusty travel scribe and hand-drawn-selfie artist, Isabaeu, he records his daring deeds, acts of gallantry, and fabulous interactions with passers-by.



The Chapel

11:00am

Age: 8+

Castle Monsters and Mischief with Tarsila Krüse

What's better than creating one character? Making three and putting them together in crazy combinations. Join Tarsila Krüse for an inventive drawing workshop that will have your imagination fizzing.



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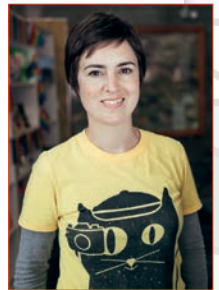
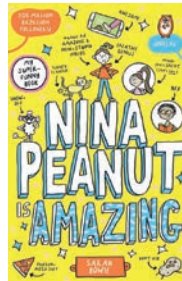


12:30pm

Age: 8+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Nina Peanut is Amazing with Sarah Bowie

Nina Peanut wants to be popular and famous, but when a video goes viral, is stardom really that super? Sarah shows us how she made her bestselling graphic novel series - and how to draw yours.



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The Chapel

1:45pm

Age: 6+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Hunt for the Golden Hare with Paddy Donnelly

Can you spot The Golden Hare? The awesome author/illustrator Paddy Donnelly brings us on a hunt for the inspiration behind his magic tale – and then it's time for the audience to create a legendary creature.

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3:00pm

Age: 7+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Marita Conlon-Mckenna

A special event with a great of Irish writing; Marita's 'Under The Hawthorn Tree' is a classic of children's literature and she has fans across the generations. She'll tell us about her career, read from her books and answer your questions too.

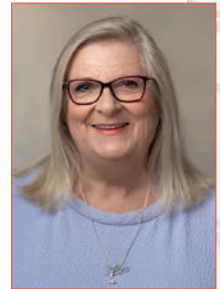
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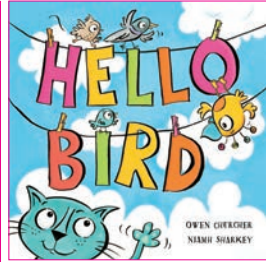
StoryTent

11:00am

Age: 4+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)

'Hello Bird' Monster Doodle with Niamh Sharkey and Owen Churcher

We always love to kick off the festival with the amazing Monster Doodle, so come along to hear the brilliant 'Hello Bird' and then add your art to the giant paper.



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Age: 4+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Magic Story-Time with Sarah Sparkles

The songs, stories and puppets of Sarah Sparkles are one of everyone's favourites at The Magic of Stories festival. Come along to join in the colourful clap-along and sing-along fun that makes Sarah so beloved.



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StoryTent

2:00pm

Age: 4+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Magnificent Mask-Making with Margaret Anne Suggs

Add your own colour to the festival and get creative with a mask-making event based on Margaret-Anne Suggs's beautiful and inspiring new picture book, 'The Dandelion's Tale'.

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3:30pm

Age: 4+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)

The Bits & Bobs Orchestra

Classical music is not just for concert halls! Join Bits and Bobs Orchestra for a fun and relaxed introduction to the world of classical music. Interact with our musicians and the instruments of the orchestra, bop along to familiar songs and classical hits, and even try your hand at conducting! For ages 4-10 years old.

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Tall-Tales Tent

11:15am

Age: 7+

The Great Castle Drawalong with Alan Nolan

This event isn't just a drawalong with star author and illustrator Alan Nolan (*The Sackville Street Caper*), it's also a treasure hunt around the castle walls. A magic event not to be missed.

No booking required.



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12:30pm

Age: 6+

Milly McCarthy Mayhem with Leona Forde

Join author Leona Forde for a whirlwind tour through the Milly McCarthy series, including a quiz, a reading from *'Milly McCarthy and the Sports Day Shambles'*, and a make your own medal craft. Acting, antics, mischief and mayhem guaranteed.

No booking required.



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Tall-Tales Tent

1:45pm

Age: 8+

Derek Landy

The 'Skulduggery Pleasant' Superstar

One of the biggest children's authors of them all – and a Fingal local hero - visits The Magic of Stories to talk about his legendary, internationally bestselling series Skulduggery Pleasant. Then it's time for one of Derek's famous book signings...



No booking required.



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3:00pm

Age: 6+

Evil Duck and the Feather of Fortune with Chris Judge

You can find Chris Judge's brilliant artwork all over Ireland as well as in his fantastic books. Chris tells us about his new hilarious bestseller 'Evil Duck' and shares a few dastardly drawing tricks.



No booking required.



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The Creative Zone

The Creative Zone is the place to get arty and it's bigger than ever this year. It's just bursting with so many amazing activities for you to do. This is where you can get your imagination going – and your hands covered in paint!

The Creative Zone is open all day.



Time: 11am – 4pm • All ages
No booking required. All welcome

11:00am – 4.00pm

All ages

Street Art Ink Graffiti Workshops

Become a Graffiti Artist in only 15 minutes! Suitable for all ages and abilities, this is a workshop like no other. Learn how to use stencils and spray paint skills to create your very own piece of bespoke street art!

No booking required. All welcome.



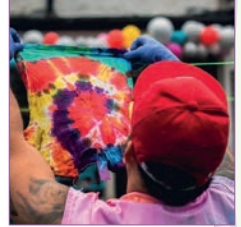
The Creative Zone

11:00am – 4.00pm

All ages

Lollipop Tye Dye Workshops

Add a touch of colour to your life with an art experience that creates joy and brings a smile to everyone. This workshop is not like other ordinary rubber bands and dye workshops... Prepare for the great vibes and a truly fun and artistic adventure.



No booking required. All welcome.

11:00am – 4.00pm

All ages

Art and Story-making with Orlaith O'Sullivan

With booklets of story prompts, you can fill in the blanks and colour your own story and unlock your imagination. A great walk-in workshop for all ages with the brilliant Orlaith O'Sullivan.



No booking required. All welcome.

1:00pm – 3.00pm

All ages

Creation Station

Small or tall, arty or smarty, the Creation Station is for you! Discover new ways to be creative with award-winning author/illustrators Mary Murphy and Niamh Sharkey and their birdy books 'Hello Bird' and 'Chirp'. Come along and create your very own bugs and birds by printmaking with rollers, dippers, fingerpaint, real feather brushes and much, much more.



No booking required. All welcome.



The Book Clinic in the Castle Wall

11:00am - 3:00pm

All ages

Walk in event. All welcome

Want ideas for what to read next? Looking for your next favourite series? Do you want funnier books, scarier books, fantastic books or ones based on true stories? The Book Doctor is here from Children's Books Ireland to give children and families one-to-one advice on books they will love. Each child leaves with a Reading Passport with their 'prescription' they can fill in themselves over time.

Each session will last 15 minutes.



Planetarium

11.00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm

Age: 7+ (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Venue: Planetarium

This is a book event like no other. Eve McDonnell's new book 'The Last Boy' takes place in a meteor storm, so what better place to hear about it than in a planetarium. Eve brings your imagination on a journey as the sky above you fills with stars.

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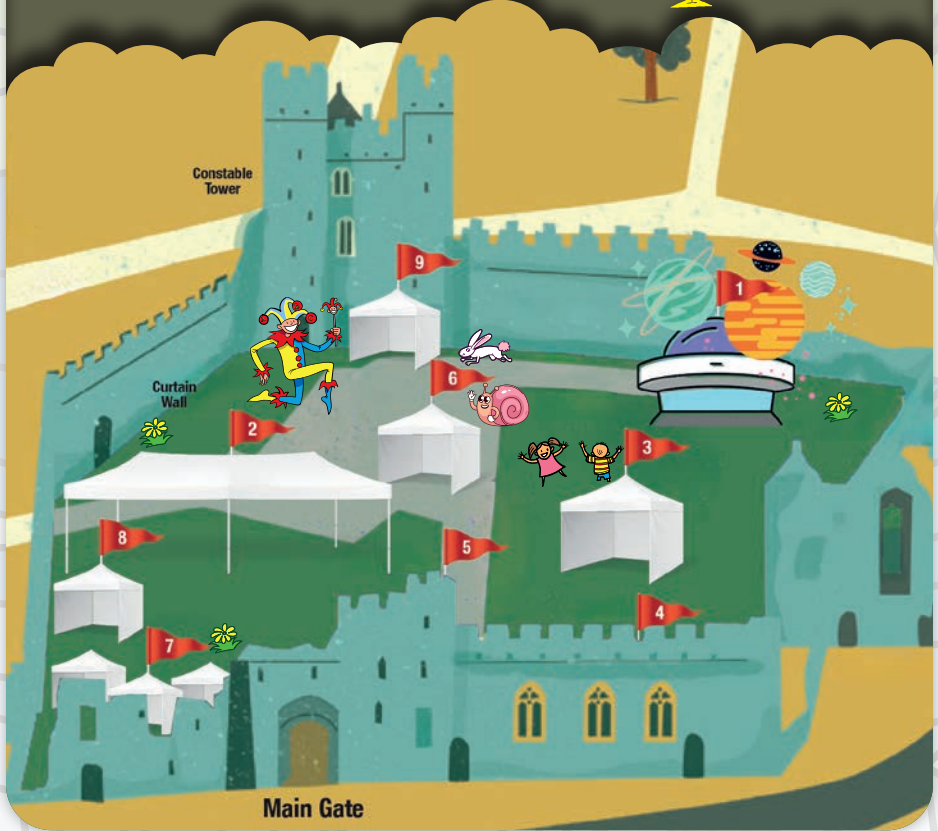
Swords Castle Grounds

The Fanzini Brothers

Known far and wide, the wonderful Fanzini Brothers will be entertaining you between events! These heroes of Irish circus delight with their interactive comedy performances, including clowns, stilt walking, hula hooping and much, much more.



Swords Castle Festival Map



- 1 Planetarium
- 2 Tall-Tales Tent
- 3 StoryTent
- 4 The Chapel
- 5 The Book Clinic in the Castle Wall
- 6 Little Library Tent
- 7 The Creative Zone
- 8 Meet the Author Tent
- 9 Quiet Zone



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