

# Kilkenny County Library Service

## Castlecomer Municipal District



Snapshot 2016

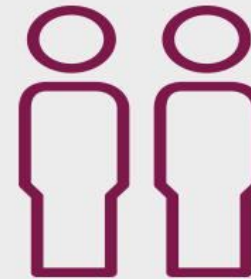
## Significant Figures



299,971  
Items Issued



296,901  
Through our doors



13,228  
Members



26,130  
Computer sessions



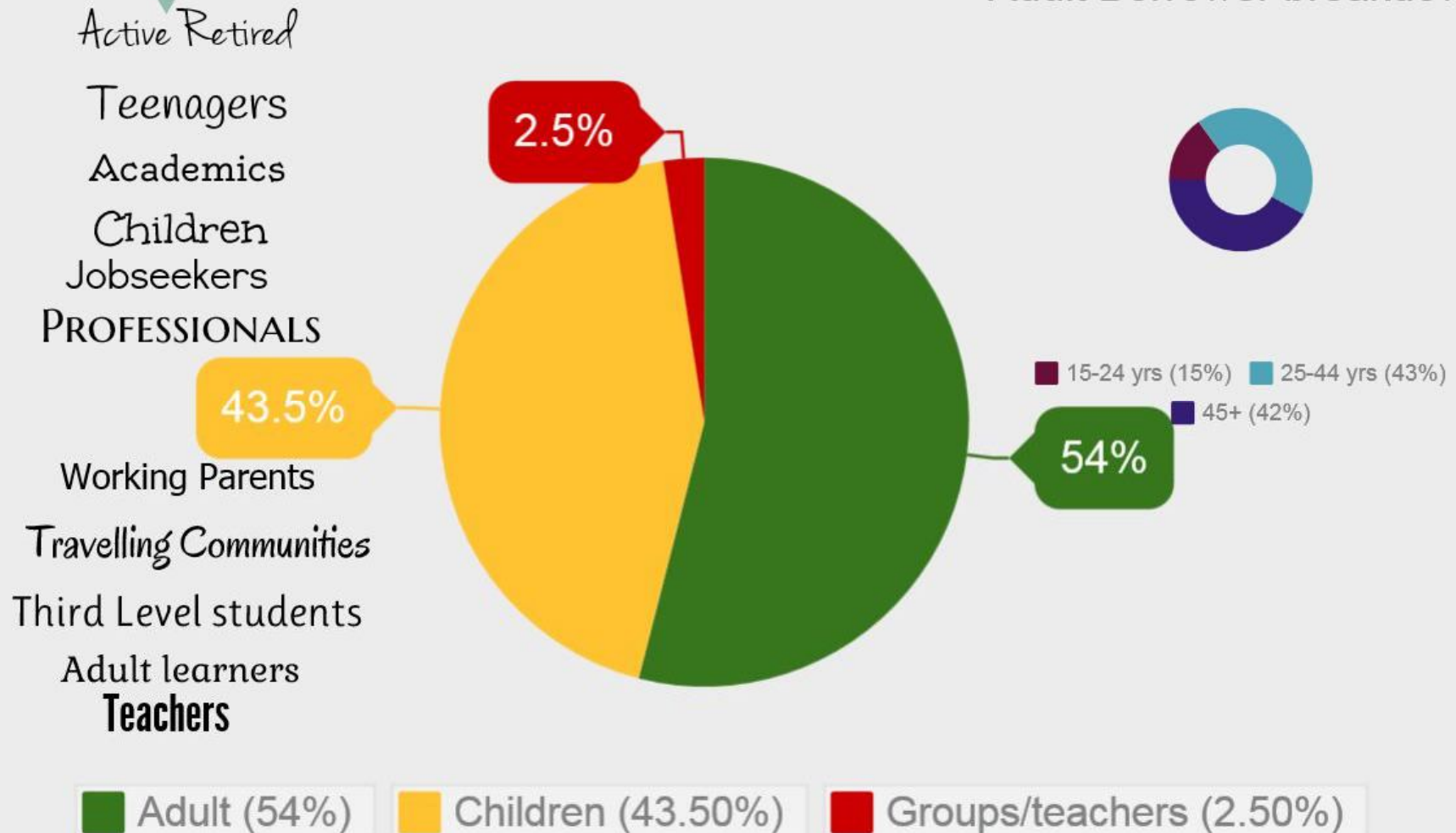
122,892  
Website page views



4,985  
E-Magazines borrowed

# Who is our audience?

Adult Borrower breakdown



A unique community space for all ages

# Mobile Library Service to Castlecomer Municipal District



**Carries over  
8,000 items**

**Over 50 rural  
stops every  
three weeks**

**Serving:**

Clontubrid School  
Gattabawn  
Lisdowney  
Ballyragget Creche  
Ballyragget  
Clistown  
Tullaroan & School  
Kilmanagh  
Ballycallan  
Conahy  
Clara  
Gowran  
Gowran School  
Tiny Tots Creche

Johnswell  
Castlewarren  
Muckalee  
Johnstown  
Galmoy  
Freshford  
Paulstown School  
Goresbridge  
Saplings School  
Goresbridge  
Mooneenroe  
Coon School  
Clogh  
Fairy Folk Creche

**Issues 44  
books per hour**

**9539 people  
came on board**

# Every Month.....



- 24,741 people visit our libraries
- 24,998 items are borrowed
- 1,102 people join/rejoin





# What are we used for?

Spend time in a quiet place

Attend a children's programme

**Toddler Storytime**

*Meet a friend*

Attend an author visit

**Find information**

*Photocopy*

*attend a meeting*

Work on a school project

**Trace my family tree**

**Use WIFI**

Check out a movie

Print a CV

**Borrow a music CD**

Read a magazine or newspaper

Check out a book

Attend a workshop

*book club*

See an exhibition

**Irish/French language circle**

**Do online research**

**Ask a librarian**

*Pick up material on hold*

*Borrow literacy material*

**Use a computer**

Borrow an audiobook

## New Services: Online Resources available to all members

Learn a new language, check a fact, read a magazine  
or book online or study a course



eBooks

2,427 read



eAudiobooks

2,813 listened to



Digital Magazines

4,985 read



Online Languages

431 sessions



Music Library

1,341 tracks  
downloaded



E-Newspapers

1,217 searches



Paper Archive

1217 searches



Encyclopaedia

244 searches

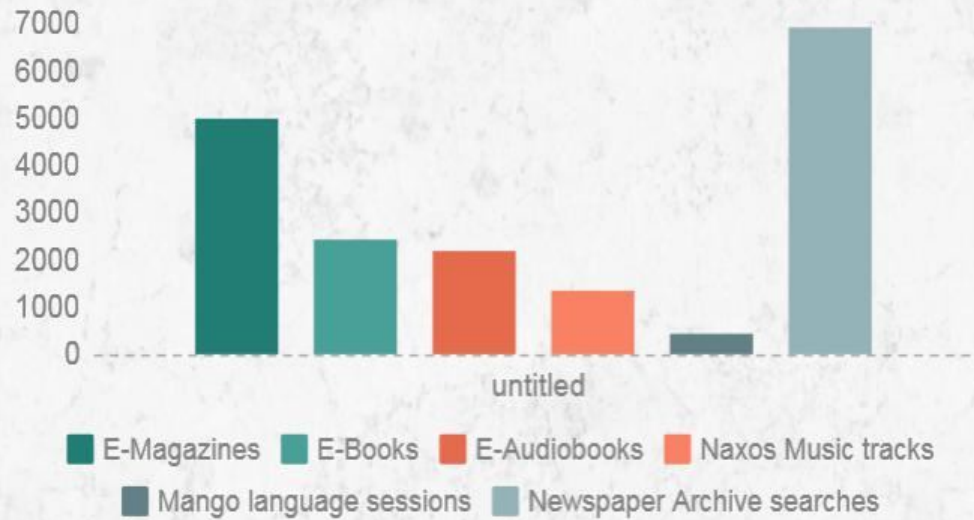


Online Learning

Universal Class

# 24/7 Library

Online Service use 2016



Social Media followers:



  
122,892 web views

 54,041 web sessions

  
28,128 website users





# My Open Library

**Unlimited Access 8am - 10pm**

What is My Open Library?

It is a service that allows for additional opening hours over and above normal staffed opening hours.



How does it work?



- Users register for the service and are given a dedicated swipe card and informed of the terms and conditions of this service.

They can then access the library between 8-10am before regular opening hours every morning and from regular closing hours until 10pm daily.

## What services will be available?

Users can:-

- Borrow and return books and other items
- Use the public computers and WiFi
- Print and photocopy material
- Study
- Have meetings



My Open Library allows users and communities' better choice in when they can visit their local library. It is not designed to replace the need for trained and knowledgeable library staff but to allow those interested to use services that can be carried out independently.





## INVESTMENT

National target for spend on stock per capita is **€3.77**

Current spend in Kilkenny: **€0.97**



## Our Collection : 240,728 items

available to borrow:

- Adult books
- Children's Books
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Local Material
- Film
- Large Print
- Music
- Teenagers books
- Literacy & Special collections

The collection is our prime asset and annual investment is required to ensure it is current & relevant to users needs.

€93,000 = 581 items  
(book/DVD/Audio)  
per branch per year



## Castlecomer Library



✓ 27%  
increase in  
members in  
2016

✓ Almost  
20,000 items  
issued in  
2016

✓ Over 21,000  
people  
visited the  
branch

Castlecomer Library opened in 1999, and has been a hive of activity for all ages and central point in the community since then. With 2 adult book clubs, a thriving knitting group with over 20 members, and a weekly toddler group, there is something for everyone!





## Urlingford Library

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25% increase  
in  
memberships  
in 2016



15,214 items  
borrowed



1216 internet  
sessions

Originally a Courthouse, the building was transformed into a library in 1996, the result of a successful co-operative effort between the local community and Kilkenny County Council. On May 10th we celebrated it's 20th Anniversary, with a day of activities for all.

## WHO WE WORK WITH...

Urlingford Club for the Elderly

**5 primary schools**  
**1 post primary school**

**Johnstown Active Retired**

*Elderly Centre  
St. Kieran's Community  
Centre, Urlingford*

Castlecomer Development  
Association

**11 Local primary schools**  
**1 post primary school**

Castlecomer Men's Shed

**Deenview Centre**  
**Castlecomer**

Castlecomer Active  
Retired

**weLieRace**  
Castlecomer



**Cartoon Saloon**



**Citizens  
Information**



**etb**

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna  
Chill Chainnigh agus Cheatharlaigh  
Kilkenny and Carlow  
Education and Training Board



**Irish Countrywomen's Association**



# Local Studies

Preserving and enhancing the collective memory of Kilkenny

Services:  
Old Newspapers  
Parish Records  
books & periodicals  
Photographs, maps  
Census records  
Land records  
Archives



Queries:

In person:800  
Email:74  
Phone:76  
Genealogy:101



Microfilm uses:  
1035

mainly newspapers

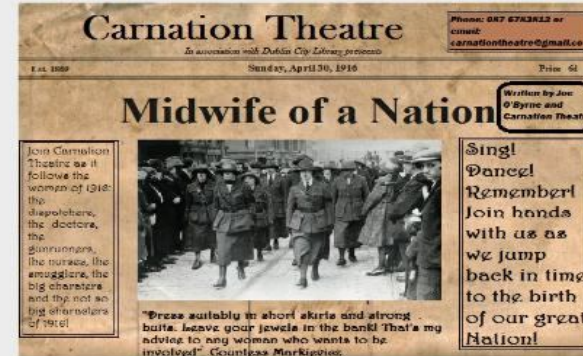
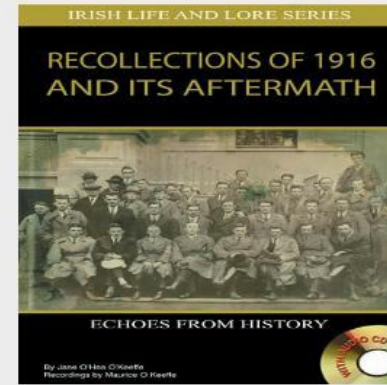
Reference material  
use: 620





Who uses the service:

2nd & 3rd level students  
Visitors & tourists  
Historical societies  
Researchers  
Academics  
Genealogical researchers



We had an extensive programme of events as part of the Countywide Centenary programme with investment to develop an extensive collection of 2016 titles across the network which will remain as a legacy for future generations.

We also launched a commemorative reader card, had Oral recollections of 1916 from Kilkenny, "Find my past" sessions with Eneclann, 1916 Theatre performances, Irish History Live shows and Irish language classes.



# New Services & Initiatives



**Work Matters**  
at the  
Library

SUPPORT  
FOR BUSINESS  
& EMPLOYMENT

Business &  
Employment  
working with  
LEO, Job clubs,  
Intreo &  
businesses



**Right to Read**  
Campaign

Supporting Literacy  
in the Local Authority

Right to Read  
national  
campaign  
supporting  
children's  
literacy

A New national  
Library  
Management  
System



**FREE**  
membership  
for everyone



in all  
branches

# Why do Libraries Matter?



Trusted & safe with well trained, friendly staff



Valuable & positive Community benefit



Positive presence for Local Government



Reaching large & small communities



Supports health & wellbeing



Opportunity to engage in culture, heritage & creativity

# The Future



# Overall Spend

3%

of total Local Authority expenditure  
is on the Library Service.

**VALUE FOR MONEY**



**"The last truly democratic space  
where nobody moves you along"  
Dermot Bolger**



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