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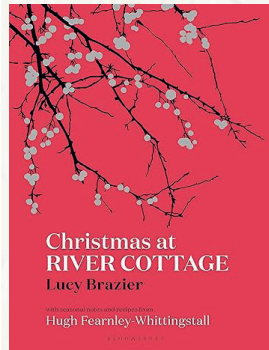
Christmas in Kilkenny Libraries

Now that the festive season is upon us, why not visit your local library to take part in some of our many Christmas events or explore our books and online resources to get tips and ideas to make this a really special Yuletide season!

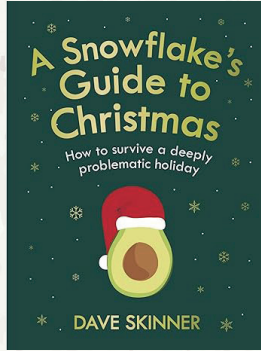


Of course, this is a busy time of year, and if you're feeling overwhelmed by all the preparations to be done, or simply trying to think of something different that you can do this Christmas, then just call into your nearest library branch and have a look at their Christmas range of books.

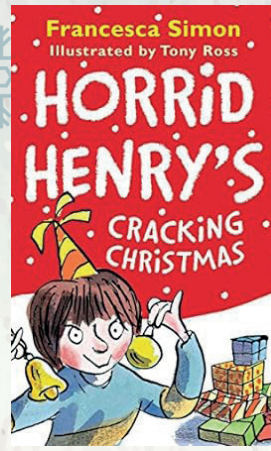
If cookery is on your mind, you will find a vast range of books with Christmas culinary tips. Maybe you're thinking of making a Christmas cake that is just that little bit more special, or the ultimate pudding! Or would you like to try preparing iced snowflake cookies or gingerbread spires? Then browse our selections of Christmas cookery books - you are bound to find something that is just perfect for the menu.



For crafts enthusiasts, Christmas provides ample opportunity to get involved in fun activities. Whether you are thinking of making your own Christmas cards, trying out a fun variation on the traditional wreath, or making glowing lanterns to brighten up the dark wintertime, our libraries can provide you with a wonderful selection of books to help you with your Christmas crafts of choice.



And of course, we must not forget the pleasures of a good Christmas themed read, for both young and old. Whether you would like to revisit a timeless classic such as A Christmas Carol or have fun with Horrid Henry's Cracking Christmas, your local library will have an excellent selection of Christmas themed reading from which to choose.



Kilkenny Libraries will also be providing some special Christmas events throughout December across our branches. We have spotlighted a few here, but keep an eye on our social media platforms and website for further details.

Urlingford Library
Christmas Storytime for Little Ones (0-4 years) on Friday 8th December at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Thomastown Library
There will be **Wreath Making for Children** on Wednesday 13th December from 4.30 - 6.00pm for children aged 8 years and upwards, where children can join Margaret and learn to create their own delightful Christmas decorations to hang up at home!

Children aged 8 - 12 years can learn to create their own fabulous illuminated Christmas cards at the Light Up Christmas Cards workshop on Friday 15th December from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

You need to register to attend the above events in Thomastown Library. To register, contact Thomastown Library on 056 7794331 or email thomastown@kilkennylibrary.ie.

Graigenamanagh
Family time at your library - Saturday December 9th @12pm. Tiny Tots concert storytelling through music for 0-6years.

On Saturday 16th December at 11.00am, Santa and Helena the storyteller will be in Graigenamanagh Library with more Christmas stories and song. To register for this event, email graigenamanagh@kilkennylibrary.ie or call 056 7794178.

City Library
Toddler Storytime & Play sessions - every Thursday morning in December from 11.30am. We will have a selection of sensory toys or crafts to choose from. There is no need to book - just come along!

Loughboy
Family time at your library - stories and games on Friday 8th December from 10.00-10.30am where there will be stories and games for parents and children. No booking required. All are welcome.

Ferrybank
Family Board Game Morning - bring the family to try out a new board game before Santa pops it under the tree on Christmas Eve. Saturday the 9th December at 11.30am. No booking required. For more information contact the library at 051-897200 or ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie

Castlecomer
Family time at your library - December 9th @10pm. Tiny Tots concert storytelling through music for 0-6years.



And of course, Kilkenny Libraries also cater for Christmas with our online resources. For a choice of festive reading, why not sample the selection of books available on Borrowbox. Feel like reading the Christmas editions of your favourite magazines? Then look no further than Libby, which will definitely have something of interest for you. Or, if you feel like a trip down memory lane to revisit Christmas past, why not browse our Irish Newspaper Archive, to see what was going on during those holiday seasons of yesteryear.



So, make sure to check in on your local library over the next few weeks and make Christmas time that bit more special!

Eco Xmas
The persistent pummeling that the cost of living crisis is exacting, coupled with unrelenting global climate destruction, means there has never been a greater imperative to celebrate Christmas the sustainable way.

Fortunately, having a Green Christmas is not only terrific fun but by placing emphasis on cultivating memorable experiences and sharing time with loved ones, rather than on the acquisition of material belongings, it goes to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas. At its core is the simple, ethical ethos of reducing waste by the reuse,

recycling, and upcycling of materials to create clever and crafty Christmas alternatives to the traditional twinkle of tinsel and the inevitable gargantuan glut of gift-wrapping garbage.

To get you started on your renewable Christmas journey, your friendly library staff have compiled a list of 5 book titles packed with clever, easy to follow tips and solutions. From designing your own advent calendar, to creating your own unique Christmas tree decorations, to fashioning fabulous festive gifts for friends and family, this cornucopia of seasonal sug-

gestions will not only help save the environment, but will help your pocket too. Crammed stocking-full of handy and helpful craft ideas and projects on how to customise your own eco-friendly Christmas, there's something for all the family to enjoy, no matter what your skill level is.



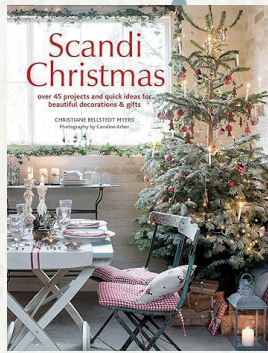
Zero Waste Christmas: Crafty ideas for a sustainable Christmas (2021) by Christine Leech and Emma Friedlander-Collins



2. The Eco-Christmas Craft Book: 30 stylish festive projects that won't hurt the planet (2021) by Marrienne Miall



3. Green Christmas: Little changes that bring joy and help the planet (2020) by Eilidh Gallagher



4. Scandi Christmas: Over 45 projects and quick ideas for beautiful decorations & gifts (2017) by Christiane Bellstedt Myers



5. Stars & Snowflakes: Simple, sustainable paper crafts for the festive season (2023) by Jennie Lantz and Cecilia Möller Kirchsteiger

If any of the above titles has sparked your interest reserve them through the national catalogue or as an eBook through Borrowbox both can be accessed through the library website www.kilkennylibrary.ie.