Libraries Open For All

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Public Libraries at a glance

- 330 library branches & 31 mobile libraries across 31 local authorities
- 754,748 members in 2016
- 45 new or extended library branches between 2012 and 2017
- 17,983,358 items loaned
- 15% increase in spend on books and online resources from €7,678,118 in 2012 to €8,819,676 in 2016
- 17,270,751 visits to libraries in 2016 for a range of services including Right to Read, Work Matters, Healthy Ireland at Your Library, My Open Library, local studies

Over 12 million books and online resources available
‘When you're finished changing, you're finished.’

- Benjamin Franklin
“Public libraries are attractive and welcoming spaces where all members of the community can access knowledge, ideas and information and where people can reflect, connect and learn.”
The strategy sets out three strategic programmes for service development:

- Reading and Literacy
- Learning and Information
- Community and Culture

The implementation of these is supported by six strategy enablers:

- Infrastructure and Service Delivery
- Library Team
- Promotion and Marketing
- Collections
- Research and Development
- Funding
Dlr Lexicon Library
Winner of 2016 Irish Concrete Award for Best Building and Best Overall Design
A bright attractive, trusted, welcoming, civic space

Extended opening hours in at least 100 libraries by 2022 and 200 libraries by 2028

Friendly, skilled staff, actively supporting and guiding users throughout the library

A meeting place, informally and formally

Centrally located, accessible and visible across over 330 communities

Attracting users of all ages, increasing membership to 30% of the population

A wide range of resources and services for work, leisure, learning and creativity, online and in-library

Leading edge digital technologies and digital learning centres to enhance the service and available for users with support from staff

Free service, no fines or lending charges by 2022

Workstation facilities for hot-desking, supporting job seekers and entrepreneurs

The go-to place locally, with national reach

Valued by and essential to communities

Attracting and benefiting local residents and users

Places for creativity and culture

A focal point for all public services
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