

Photo Captions:

- 1 and 2: Luke O'Sullivan, aged 10, from Dublin, enjoying a Coat of Arms workshop at the NLI.
3: Sisters Lucy and Megan Lloyd, ages 8 and 12, enjoying an event at the NLI last summer.

PRESS RELEASE

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National Library Announces Programme of Events for Children this Summer

The [National Library of Ireland](#) (NLI) announced its programme of child-focused events for summer 2014 today (04.07.14). With the summer holidays now in full swing, the NLI has developed a programme of free activities for children aged from five upwards, focusing on family history, storytelling and art.

Highlights will include:

- On Thursday, 3rd July from 11.30am to 1pm, children aged seven to 12 can learn about the ancient art of heraldry, look at the ways coats of arms are used today and design their own imaginary coats of arms in a fun workshop.
- On Thursday, 10th July from 2.30pm to 4pm, children aged eight to 12 years can join Debbie Thomas, author of popular children's book, 'Monkie Business', for an afternoon of reading followed by a fun treasure hunt.

Both of these events require booking at learning@nli.ie or phone (01) 6030259.

- On Thursday, 17th July from 2.30pm to 4pm, children aged five to eight years can enjoy some tall tales at the NLI. Ireland is a country of stories and storytellers and over the years these stories have been written down and have made their home in the National Library. Come on a journey through some magical stories of legends and heroes, and create your own tall tales through art. Booking is not required for this event.
- On Saturday, 26th July from 1pm to 2pm, children of all ages are welcome to join storyteller Niall de Burca for a fun-filled hour of high-energy storytelling. As one of Ireland's finest storytellers, Niall de Burca has featured in theatre, radio and at many festivals at home and abroad, including The National Children's Book Festival.

Commenting on the NLI's summer programme for children, Bríd O'Sullivan, Head of Learning and Outreach with the NLI, said: "The NLI is a hugely significant national cultural institution, and one of our aims is to be open and accessible to all. That includes people of all ages.

"We love the energy that our younger visitors bring to the Library, and we are delighted to be able to provide such a fun-filled programme for summer 2014. As we welcome many school visits during the year, the summer programme provides the opportunity more informal visits! So we would strongly encourage them to give the NLI a try!"

For more information, visit www.nli.ie

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