

Offaly Libraries

Name of library

Tullamore Central Library

Address of principal library

O'Connor Square, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Website: <http://www.offaly.ie/libraries>

Opening hours

Monday 10.00 - 17.00
Tuesday 10.00 - 20.00
Wednesday 10.00 - 17.00
Thursday 10.00 - 20.00
Friday 10.00 - 17.00
Saturday 10.00 - 17.00

Check our website for details of other libraries: <http://www.offaly.ie/libraries>

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Requirements for referral

Referral from participating library required. Telephone call in advance, to one of the Midlands PAL coordinating team: 0579346832.

Statement of access to resources

Reading access to records and archives. Visitors may use reference, Local Studies, journals and other consultation resources on site. Membership of library required to borrow items and use computers.

Library Collection

Offaly Libraries hold general interest collections for children and adults. These are available in the Central Library in Tullamore and at 7 other branch libraries throughout Offaly. Offaly Libraries also have an extensive Local Studies and Archives Department, located in the Central Library in Tullamore.

This includes a large collection of Newspapers available in digital format and on Microfilm:

- Tullamore Tribune 27th May 1978 – 2011 (digital)
- King's County Chronicle 24th September 1845-12th October 1922 (digital)
- Offaly Chronicle 19th October 1922 -26th June 1963 (digital)

- Midland Tribune 15th and 22nd September 1881, 3rd August 1882-2011 (digital)
- Westmeath Independent 13th June 1846-1894 (microfilm)
- Tullamore & King's County Independent: 7th July – 4th August 1920 – June 1920 (microfilm)
- Offaly Independent 3rd July – 30th Oct 1920, 4th Feb 1922-1967(microfilm)
- Westmeath Independent 1967-June 1968 (microfilm)
- Westmeath Offaly Independent July 1968-1985 (microfilm)
- Offaly Independent 1986-2005 (microfilm)
- East Galway Democrat 1911-1913, 1922-1936 (microfilm)
- The Nation 1848-1853 (microfilm)
- The Irish Catholic 1891-1897 (microfilm)
- Hibernian Journal 1820 (microfilm)
- Westmeath Guardian 1888 (microfilm)
- Miscellaneous Irish Newspaper 1649-1892 (microfilm)
- Irish Times 1859-date (digital)

Other Selected Resources:

- Census data, including the first Census, 1659
- The Civil Survey 1654 – 6 : (Vol. 10 includes King's county). Dublin, 1961.
- Books of Survey & Distribution c.1700
- Tithe Applotment Books 1823 – 1838 and also available online <http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/>
- The Primary Valuation of Tenements completed in the 1850s (Griffith's Valuation) and also available online <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>
- (O'Donovan), Ordnance Survey Letters and Field Name Books, 1839/40
- (Lewis), Topographical dictionary of Ireland with atlas. 1837
- Grand Jury Presentment Books for the King's County, 1830 – 1878
- Poor Law Records
- British Parliamentary Papers. Famine Ireland, 1846 – 48.
- Archives of local authority bodies in Offaly
- Estate Records & Private Papers
- Photographic archive
- Down Survey 1654
- Census of Ireland (1813/ 1821/1831/1841/1851/1861/1881/1891/1901/1911)
- Ordnance Survey – Historic maps online 1st edition from 1830 <http://maps.osi.ie>
- Registers of Electors for Offaly 1932 to date
- Cemetery Records relating to Graveyards. Register of Interments and Register of purchasers of grave spaces.

The Library catalogue is available online through www.offaly.ie/libraries