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Our JCSP Library

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Mount Carmel's school library is a JCSP Project Library run by two qualified librarians, Jenny and Áine.

Our students have access to the library before school, during lunchtime and after school as well as scheduled library classes for all Junior Cycle students and some Senior Cycle students. All our students are expected to read on a regular basis and borrowing books is part of daily life in our school. Everyone is encouraged to have a "book in your bag".

It has been proven that access to reading materials and the encouragement of reading for pleasure increases test scores in all subjects. The library at Mount Carmel is one of 30 [JCSP Demonstration Libraries](#) in the country.

The following is a sample of the wide range of activities, which is ongoing in our library:

Author visits and residencies

Student Book Clubs – including Manga Book club

Timetabled reading classes

Lunchtime clubs – chess club, crochet and knitting sit and chat, French conversation clubs

Book in your Bag

Storytelling events facilitated by authors and dramatists

[Accelerated Reader](#)

[Sora Digital Library](#)

[JCSP Make A Book Exhibition](#)

Library and information skills training using the JCSP Library Workbook

Creative writing

Numeracy Programmes

Literacy and numeracy games – including Maths Dice and chess

[WRaPParound](#) — Writing, Reading and Performance Poetry event



Reading Challenges – during the school year and in school holidays

[Drop Everything And Read](#)

[Bibliotherapy Initiative with Jigsaw 'Read Your Mind'](#)

You can follow the library's activities on Instagram @mountcarmeljcsplibrary

<https://mountcarmelsecondaryschool.ie/#colophon>