



Palliative Care Week 2026

Libraries and Community Conversations

6–12 September 2026

Theme: “It’s Not What You Think”

**Ideas, resources and reading suggestions for
libraries across Ireland**



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Why Libraries?

Libraries are trusted community spaces that support learning, wellbeing, connection and conversation.

Many people in every community are affected by serious illness, caring, grief or bereavement.

Palliative Care Week is an opportunity to help raise awareness and provide accessible information and supportive community spaces.

No activity is too small. Even simple displays or conversations can make a difference.

Ideas for Getting Involved

Simple Activities

- Create a themed book display
- Share information leaflets or posters
- Set up a quiet reflection or wellbeing space
- Display local support information
- Highlight books on caregiving, grief, wellbeing or serious illness
- Share information on your social media channels



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Community Activities

- Host a short community conversation
- Invite a local speaker or volunteer
- Run a wellbeing or creative session
- Host a “Tea and Chat” event
- Partner with local community groups

Working with Local Palliative Care Services

Where appropriate, AIHPC may be able to help connect libraries with local hospices, specialist palliative care providers, clinicians or volunteers who may wish to support local activities during the week.

Support Available from AIHPC

- Posters and flyers
- Palliative Care Week resource materials
- Social media assets
- Guidance and support with ideas
- Connection with local palliative care organisations where available

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