

## Longford County Library, Archives and Heritage Service

**Name of Library:**

Longford County Library

**Address of Principal Library:**

Longford County Library Service, Floor 1, Longford Town Centre, Longford Town, Co. Longford.

**Website:**

<http://www.longfordlibrary.ie>

**Opening Hours:**

*Longford County Library Service HQ*

Mon-Thurs 9.30-5.30. Fridays 9.30-5.00

**Longford Branch Library**

Mon & Wed 10-8.30pm

Tues & Thu 10-5.30pm

Fri 10-5pm

Sat 10-2pm

Please check our website for details of opening hours for our other 5 library branches at

[http://www.longfordlibrary.ie/local\\_lib.html](http://www.longfordlibrary.ie/local_lib.html)

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**Requirements for Referral:**

Referral from another participating library required. Telephone call or email in advance to one of the Longford PAL Co-ordinating Team.

**Statement of Access to Resources in your Library:**

Library visitors may access Libraries Reference Collections in library branches and access Local Studies Archives Collections housed in our Local Studies Room at Longford Library HQ.

**Library Collection:**

Longford County Library have in excess of 140,000 titles across our 6 library branches available for loan and access by adults and children. Membership required to borrow items, Longford Libraries also have an extensive Local Studies and Archives Department located in the Local History Room at Longford Libraries' Admin/HQ Department. This collection includes :

**NEWSPAPERS:****THE LONGFORD MESSENGER (microfilm)**

6<sup>th</sup> Jan – 14<sup>th</sup> April 1837

**THE LONGFORD JOURNAL (microfilm)**

1839-1868 , 1869 (10<sup>TH</sup> Jan – 10<sup>th</sup> July ), 1870 – 1888, 1935 – 1937

**THE LONGFORD JOURNAL AND MIDLAND TIMES ( microfilm)**

1899 -1914

**THE LONGFORD INDEPENDENT ( microfilm)**

1885 – 1913, 1921-1925

**THE LONGFORD LEADER (microfilm)**

1897 – 1902, 1905 – 1987

**LONGFORD NEWS (microfilm)**

1961 – 1963 (26/8/1961 – 28/12/1963)

1964 – 1972,1973

**THE LONGFORD LEADER (hardcopy)**

1954,1963,1964,1966,1976,1977,1981,1982,1984 – 2012

**THE LONGFORD NEWS (hardcopy)**

1976,1977,1981,1984 – Aug 2010

**THE LONGFORD TELEGRAPH (hardcopy)**

APRIL 1949 – DEC. 1950

**50 YEARS OF LONGFORD: A HISTORY IN THE MAKING: 1936 - 1986 (To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Longford News) (hardcopy)**

**75 YEARS OF LONGFORD: THE LONGFORD LEADER 1897 – 1972(hardcopy)**

**A CENTURY OF LONGFORD LIFE: LONGFORD LEADER 1897 – 1997(hardcopy)**

**THE IRISH TIMES 1859-PRESENT ( digital/online)**

### **Other Resources include:**

- Census data, including the first Census, 1659
- **Tithe Applotment Books** 1823 – 1838 and also available online at <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/>
- (Lewis), Topographical dictionary of Ireland with atlas. 1837
- Local authority records for Co. Longford including Co. **Longford Grand Jury**, Longford and Ballymahon **Poor Law Union**, Burial Registers
- **Estate Records & Private Papers** incl The Edgeworth Papers , Keenan Papers , King Harman Papers Leavy Papers, The Longford I.C.A. Papers , Rainsford Papers.
- **Simon de Montfort Collection**-Family registers' for about 400 families who had property or businesses in the county. These include pedigrees-'notes' for another 600 families about which less information was available-indexes to births, marriages and deaths for *The Longford Journal* (1839-1868)and indexes to family names in various sources including directories,
- **Census of Ireland (1813/ 1821/1831/1841/1851/1861/1881/1891/1901/1911** <http://www.cso.ie>
- **Ordnance Survey Maps**– Historic maps online 1st edition from 1830 <http://maps.osi.ie>. Longford library holdings include the first edition of the series with the scale of six inches to one mile for County Longford, dating from 1837. Copies of two accompanying sets of records are also available: the 'name books', with townland descriptions, 1836-7, and John O'Donovan's letters, 1837. The revised six-inch series from 1913-14 is also among the collections.
- **Placenames of County Longford digital resource** based on John O'Donovan's "name-books"
- **National Schools Folklore Collection.**
- **Journals** including Studies, Analecta Hibernica, Béaloideas, The Irish Sword and Irish Historical Studies
- The Monsignor John V. Sheridan Collection, consisting of books on all aspects of Ireland
- A wide variety of publications including key reference works such as Burke's Landed Gentry and Burke's Irish Family Records.
- Maria Edgeworth Book Collection
- Oliver Goldsmith Book Collection
- Paraic Colum Book Collection
- Photographic archive
- **Longford County Library catalogue is available online at** <http://ipac.longfordlibrary.ie/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=ld#focus>