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A SPACE FOR ALL – PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Libraries across the country have been involved in a number of projects to initiate or improve services to a rapidly evolving multicultural society. In this issue we highlight some of these initiatives, set against the backdrop of the *Libraries and Cultural Diversity Project* which began in April of this year. This 12 month project involves Dublin City Public Libraries, Meath County and Waterford City Library Services and has been funded under the Public Library Research Programme which An Chomhairle manages on behalf of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

The project aims to identify current views, attitudes and services to a multicultural society and includes extensive surveys of library users and library managers. Central to the project is the study of existing models at international level as well as examples of services being provided by colleagues here in Ireland.

The annual conference of the Public Libraries' Section later this year will be devoted to the subject of cultural diversity. *C'mon everybody – libraries and interculturalism* will be held from 14-16th October at the Radisson SAS Hotel in Sligo (see *Calendar of Events* for details).

An estimated 115,000 people attended **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's Festival of World Cultures** organised by the County's Arts Office from 27th-29th August. This was the 4th year of the Festival and as in previous years the libraries held many events in the lead up to the festival, including a full day packed with events in Deansgrange Library on Friday 27th August. This worked particularly well, with huge audiences attending Arran Towers Indian string puppet show from Rajasthan, Ronke Arogundade's lively African storytelling, dance and music and the breathtaking martial arts of the Brazilian group *Oficina da Capoeira*.

Workshops were held in Deansgrange Library's Seminar Room on lino printmaking with Maori motifs with Jackie Gray and the Chester Beatty Library workshop based on *Great Travellers along the Silk Road*.

Exhibitions included *Reflecting a New Ireland* – an exhibition of paintings by Femi Lateef from Nigeria and Roman Argutinsky from Georgia in Deansgrange Library while Stillorgan Library held a photographic exhibition of Pre-war Afghanistan taken by Sher Sharar and organised by Nasruddin Saljuqi.



Saeko Ogiso and Yoko Wakabayashi from the Chester Beatty Library performed the Tea Ceremony for a large group of enthralled children in Dalkey Library. The children also completed a workshop in Origami and several girls learned how to put on a Kimono.

FUSED began life three years ago as an intercultural festival; a collaboration between the libraries and the Arts Office of **South Dublin County Council**. This year the remit of the festival was broadened to include all things artistic, including film, visual arts, music and literature.

Music included *Congo Musica* (based in Ireland), *Pipschips* and *Videoclips* who flew in from Croatia as well as *The Fake Orchestra* from Slovenia. Visual arts included X.O.V.E.R., a curated website with 12 featured artists working in the area of new media. The website also had links to web logs (blogs), on-line diaries, and other sites linked to the artists. *Shoot at the Artist* was an installation of journal covers, video and sculpture which depicted the last years of the totalitarian regime in the former Yugoslavia.

The *FUSED* literature strand was fortunate enough to bring together some of the most eminent of contemporary Irish writers. Hugo Hamilton, Dermot Bolger, Deirdre Purcell and Joseph O'Connor made the audience laugh and weep in turn during an unforgettable afternoon in the Civic Theatre, Tallaght.

The branch libraries offered a taste of culture and cuisine with Spanish nights in both Ballyroan and Lucan libraries and a Vietnamese night in Clondalkin Library. The Vietnamese night was so successful with up to 60 of the Vietnamese local community regaling the audience with stories and song, that arrangements are already in place for the library to be part of the Vietnamese New Year celebrations in the coming February. A Spanish guitarist, tapas and salsa were the order of the day for the very enjoyable Spanish nights, while Castletymon Library held a *World Food Day* on the Friday afternoon where members of the public were asked to bring samples of their native cuisine.

Workshops in the branch libraries included Latin, hip hop and salsa dance, Aboriginal art and Afro art, a musical gymboree, African board games, and workshops with Beni Oburo exploring cultural themes.

As may be seen from the above programme new links were created with the Vietnamese community as well as with the Slovenian and Croatian embassies. Contacts were also strengthened with other festival partners such as Tallaght Hospital, South Dublin County Rural Arts Network, Tallaght Community Arts Centre and other local and national arts and cultural organisations.

As one facet of **Kildare Library and Arts Service's** multicultural activities, the County Library received a batch of one hundred new foreign language novels. The representative languages were chosen after consultation with library staff and local schools. Apart from works published in their original languages, the titles collected include works by many popular English speaking authors such as Judith Krantz, Josephine Cox, Agatha Christie, Danielle Steele and Lewis Carroll which have been translated into Bulgarian, Francophone, French, Latvian, Lithuanian, Romanian, Russian and Spanish. The collection will be housed at Athy but it is hoped to be able to extend this pilot service to other branches throughout the county. The books themselves have been rented from B.R.I.G.H.T. Rentals in Lancashire for a minimum of four months.

A travelling collection of Irish fiction in translation has also been established following a donation of materials by ILE.

In Naas Library, a special allocation of funds enabled the development of a multicultural collection of materials for children which has proved very successful.

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN LIBRARIES are pleased to announce that the deadline for the 16th annual *Féile Filíochta/International Poetry Competition* has been extended to Tuesday 30th November 2004. This is because the prize-giving evening will coincide from now on with the major *Poetry Now* festival. This is organised by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's Arts Office and takes place at the end of March every year.

The prize fund is €15,400 and the judges for this year's competition include Daithí Ó hÓgáin, Declan Collinge, Áine Miller, Tanja Dembski, Jean Phillipe Imbert, Marco Sonzogno, Dewi Wyn Evans, Antonia Flores, Rody Gorman and Annika Burholm. Check the website www.dlrcoco.ie/library for entry forms and conditions in the 9 languages of the competition or phone 278 1788 or email mkeyes@dlrcoco.ie

KILKENNY COUNTY LIBRARY: as part of the *Graig 800 celebrations*, President Mary McAleese and her husband visited Graiguenamanagh Library and met library members and staff. Other *Graig 800* events in the library included a children's art competition and a painting of *Graig 800* mural in the children's library. Graiguenamanagh Library was part of the ceol and craic, when it became the headquarters for the Leinster Fleadh Ceoil from the 9th/10th July.



▲ As part of the *Graig 800 celebrations*, President McAleese and her husband visited Graiguenamanagh Library on the 22nd June. Left to Right: Declan Macauley, Assistant Librarian, Majella Byrne A/Senior Library Assistant, Jim Fogarty Co. Librarian, Joan Murphy, *Graig 800* Committee, President Mary McAleese, Martin McAleese, Deirdre Joyce and Helen Breen-Allen, Branch Librarians.

Castlecomer Library hosted a *Prepare for your Deb's night* on the 15th June. The library staff put together a wide ranging display of library stock, on fashion, beauty and hair care. While local beauticians, dress designers, jewellers and hairdressers came and did displays and demonstrations. Second hand deb's dresses were also for sale. The night was a great success with over 60 people attending. The most popular stand on the night was the new St Tropez spray-on tan booth!

On Friday 18th June 2004, Fassadinin History Society presented 2 trophies and a photograph to Castlecomer Library. These were won by the local branch of the Castlecomer LDF (Local Defence Force) in the Curragh Command Field Ambulance Championships of 1944 and 1945. They will remain on permanent display in the foyer of the library.

The LDF consisted of volunteers who were part of local security forces, which served as a back up to the regular army from May 1940. The mission of the Field Ambulance was to assist in rescue missions whenever and wherever the need arose. The Castlecomer Unit attended competitions at the Curragh and were runners up in 1943. In 1944 and '45 they won the two trophies now on display in the library.

Daithí O'Hogain, Professor of Folklore UCD gave a lecture entitled *Legends and Folklore of Ossory* in Castlecomer Library on 21st May. Daithí's father is a native of Gaulstown, Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny.

To celebrate *World Book Day*, Urlingford Library hosted Michael Moylan's *History Live Show* for local schools. There was also storytelling with Jellybean Julie for younger children from Ballingarry, Lisnamrock, Glengoole, Mohober and Slieveardagh National Schools. While each branch of Kilkenny County Library Service held a free draw for a €20 book token, for anyone who visited the library on the day.

On 10th June the City Library staff hosted the annual *Word Aid* night, an open night for local adult literacy students and their tutors.

As part of the *Abbey 100* celebrations, Abbey Director Martin Drury gave an enlightening and animated talk about J.M. Synge and the *Playboy of the Western World*, at Loughboy Library on 20th July.

There were a host of summer activities for children at all library branches during July and August. These included: puppet shows, nail art, drama workshops, storytelling, location drawing, calligraphy, picture frame making, willow weaving, Rebus – to name but a few. Three different reading clubs were organised during the out of school months, all aimed and getting children to read as often and as widely as possible.

- *Go Wild with your Reading.* Each participant receives a logbook, each page presents a new reading challenge and the aim is to see how many pages they can fill by summer's end. As it says in the introduction, "Not all reading takes place between the covers of a book!"
- *The A-Z Reading Challenge.* Participants read their way through the alphabet over the summer, starting with authors with surnames beginning with A.
- *The Thermonaters - The Heat is on.* The mission is to become a red hot reader (Thermonater) by reading as many books as possible and to raise the temperature by turning the library into a sizzling book hotspot.

LEITRIM COUNTY LIBRARY has a new addition with the opening of a new branch in Kiltyclogher on June 1st, 2004. It has a stock of over 10,000 items, including CDs and videos. Computers are available with public internet access. It also has photocopying facilities. The new library was funded from the Peace and Reconciliation Fund.



▲ Pictured at the official opening are (back row l to r): Councillors Frank Dolan, Sean McDermott, Tony Ferguson, Senator Paschal Mooney, Chairman Leitrim Library Committee and Councillor Aodh Flynn. (Front Row): Councillor Mary Bohan then Chairperson Leitrim County Council and Orla Parkinson, Branch Librarian.

MEATH COUNTY LIBRARY: Ashbourne Library was over run with Horrid Henry fans that attended the library for their *Horrid Henry Event*. Ashbourne Library held a story time session and Quiz celebrating Francesca Simon's latest Horrid Henry book titled *Horrid Henry Meets the Queen*.

Over 30 children took part in the event ranging from ages 7 to 10 years. The quiz consisted of 10 multi choice questions about Horrid Henry and his friends.

Jamie O' Connor, Ashbourne was the winner of the prizes, which consisted of the new Horrid Henry Joke Book and the latest book. Mary Murphy, Executive Librarian in Ashbourne said 'It was great to see so many children enjoying themselves in the library. Everyone that took part in the quiz knew so much about Horrid Henry. The books are a great choice for boys in the seven to ten age group, who love following Henry's trials and tribulations.'

The County Library service had planned a wide range of events to celebrate this year's National Heritage Week from 5th to the 12th September.

Events ranged from book displays, photo displays, talks and exhibitions, to Celtic Arts workshops and Celtic glass decoration. Irish legends for children also featured for the younger members of the library service. There was also a celebration of Irish Traditional Music Heritage, with representatives from Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann performing and outlining the background and history of Irish traditional instruments and Ireland's musical heritage. The Schools Folklore collection, a collection of folk stories from primary school children throughout Meath from 1937 – 1938 was also made available.

The 17th annual **MS READaTHON**, supported by Cheerios, will take place in libraries and schools during the autumn term. The theme of this year's READaTHON is *Inspiration, Imagination, Elevation* a tribute to the work done by teachers, librarians and authors. Last year for MS READaTHON over 32,000 children aged from 6 to 16 took part either through their local library or their school. They read a total of 508,000 books, over a four-week period, and raised over €1.2 million for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This year, the MS READaTHON hopes to beat that record!

Once again MS READaTHON will hold its *lucky librarian* competition, open to all participating libraries. First prize is a €1,500 holiday voucher; runner-up prizes are 2 weekend breaks for two. The 2003 first prize went to Anne Keaveney and team in Drogheda Library.

For information contact Cheryl at 1850 650950 or log on to www.msreadathon.ie

NETDAYS 2004: Netd@ys takes place from the 22nd to 27th November. Netd@ys – a European Commission initiative – is an annual celebration of the use of new media (multimedia, internet, videoconference or audio-visual facilities) in the areas of education and culture.

This is an excellent opportunity for libraries to showcase their work in the field of ICT. The theme for Netd@ys 2004 is *Dialogue between Cultures*. Projects can be registered from September 2004 onwards. Once your project is accepted, the library will be awarded a Netd@ys label. Details of the project will be put on the Netd@ys Ireland website (www.netdaysireland.ie) and the Netd@ys Europe website (www.netdayseurope.org) In order to get the label, the activity or event must take place during Netd@ys week. It may be an ongoing project or a new project.

For further information, please contact Léargas, 189-193 Parnell Street, Dublin 1. Tel: 01-873 1411 Email: netdays@leargas.ie

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY LIBRARY – A DECADE OF DELIVERY: this year South Dublin County Council celebrates the first ten years of its existence, having come into being on 1st January 1994 as a result of local government reorganisation in the Dublin area. As part of this celebration a major photographic exhibition celebrating this first ten years was developed. The exhibition celebrates a decade of delivery of over 140 services to the public.

The exhibition is currently touring civic and community facilities throughout the county and by the end of the year will have been hosted by all of South Dublin's libraries.

Kilnamanagh guild of the ICA recently completed research on a history of the Kilnamanagh area. At a very pleasant ceremony during April at the County Library in Tallaght, a copy of the book *The History of Kilnamanagh* was handed over to Mayor Máire Ardagh on behalf of South Dublin County Council for the local studies collection in the library.

Local studies librarian, Kieran Swords, organised two field trips for South Dublin Libraries' staff, one to Casement Aerodrome Baldonnell, home of the Irish Air Corps and another to Rathfarnham Castle, a prime national monument in South Dublin County. Such was the demand for these field trips that additional trips to each venue were organised.



▲ South Dublin County Libraries Staff with tour guide Airman Michael Whelan examine exhibits in the Air Corps Museum, Casement Aerodrome.

The local studies section, in conjunction with class teachers, recently prepared a local studies pack for use with the senior classes in St. Thomas National School, Jobstown. The pack consisted of written history and a wide range of visual material including photographs, maps and prints. In addition the Local Studies section organised for a local historian Tomás Maher to visit the school to give a series of slide shows with question and answer sessions to three senior classes. Tomás is on a panel of local heritage specialists who are available to schools for a small fee under the Heritage Council's Heritage in Schools scheme. The Heritage in Schools Scheme is sponsored by the Heritage Council and administered by the INTO. Details of the scheme are available at <http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/education/index.html>

In April 2003, the local studies section prepared an exhibition celebrating the 75th anniversary of the first crossing of the Atlantic by plane from Europe in a westerly direction. The plane, the *Bremen*, took off from Baldonnell Aerodrome on 18th April 1928 and was piloted by two German airmen and an Irish Air Corps officer, Captain James Fitzmaurice. The exhibition was prepared by Síle Coleman and ran for the month of April in three of South Dublin's libraries. The exhibition has now been given a fitting permanent home in the Air Corps Museum in Baldonnell.

Greenhills Community Centre has been presented with a permanent display of historical maps and prints of the Greenhills and Tymon areas from the local studies section of the County Library in Tallaght. The display is aimed at making users of the community centre aware of the rich history and heritage of their area as well as alerting them to the existence of the local studies collection at the County Library.

WEXFORD COUNTY LIBRARY: for Heritage Week (5th – 12th September), the library service organised a wide-ranging series of events:

New Ross

- *The historic houses of New Ross*. This photographic exhibition, produced by Wexford Public Libraries staff, is based on the holdings of its Wexford Collection. Research by Eithne Scallan and David Rowe on the historic houses of County Wexford is due for publication next year.
- *Postage stamps of County Wexford*, a lecture researched and presented by Bernard Browne, historian

Enniscorthy

- Book launch: *Between Place and Parish: a guide to the historical administrative divisions of County Wexford*. This is the result of six months research by Celestine Rafferty and published by Wexford County Council. As well as being a useful guide to Wexford townlands and their locations, it offers a model for the production of similar guides countrywide.

Wexford Town

- Multi-media launch: *Wexford town's burial records: on microfilm and CD-Rom*. The culmination of six years work, this is a collaboration between the Local Studies and Archives Sections of the Library Service & Wexford Borough Council. The burial registers^[1] have been cleaned, conserved, microfilmed and scanned. The microfilm and CD-Rom will be available to researchers in Wexford town: an index to entries is in the final stages of preparation. Grant-aided by the Heritage Council of Ireland.
- *The history of hurling*, a lecture researched and presented by Dr. Kevin Whelan, Director, Keough Notre Dame Center. The lecture is supported by an exhibition of a selection from the materials in the Wexford Collection that have been donated by Fr. Lory Kehoe.

^[1]The graveyards involved are St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, St. John's, St. Michael's and a miscellaneous book of burials of the 1920's and of the Franciscan graveyard. Work is ongoing with the records of St. Ibar's Graveyard, Crosstown under examination at present.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL'S new mobile library took to the road on 25th May this year and has been enthusiastically received by new members all over the county. On the first week's outing forty people joined in Fassaroe, including more than thirty children. There were large turnouts the same week at Donard and Hollywood, where a great cheer was raised by the waiting crowd. The service has now been on the road for twelve weeks and membership has been rising steadily as word spreads around the county.



On Thursday 12th August eight-year-old Dara Byrne of Ballinaclash became the 1,000th new member of the mobile library and to celebrate Wicklow County Council Library Service presented her with a book token for €50. Dara was thrilled to receive her prize, especially as Thursday was her birthday!

Membership of the mobile library, as of all libraries in the county, is free of charge and customers can also avail of free internet access on board. With a stock of around 2,500 items including fiction and non-fiction, children's material, audio books and CDs there's something for everyone. The vehicle is fully wheelchair accessible and has a mini-loop hearing aid facility. Library members can log on free of charge to a quality online database at www.xreferplus.com/login_card.jsp. This allows them to search over 150 reference sources at any branch library, on the mobile library or from the comfort of their own home.

CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

For 2 weeks in October the *Children's Book Festival* is a massive celebration of children's books and reading. The festival for 2004 is shaping up to be the best yet.

It's amazing just how many events happen in so many places during the *Children's Book Festival*. From Donegal to Douglas there are lots of different types of events in libraries, bookshops and arts centres. Full details will be available in the event guide published in September as well as on the website at: www.childrensbooksireland.com.

This year sees the return of the *Design-a-bookmark* competition. One lucky young artist will get the chance to design the festival bookmarks for 2005. This year's bookmark design is by Doireann Brazil from Templeogue. Each library authority will nominate one winner who will be considered for the national prize. The winner will be announced at the festival launch on October 13th.



During the festival we also want to find out who is the favourite author. In 2002 J.K. Rowling came out on top, outdoing Jacqueline Wilson, Roald Dahl and Roddy Doyle. This year we will be asking young readers to again tell us who is their favourite either in their local library or online at www.chidrensbooksireland. Polls will open on October 14th.

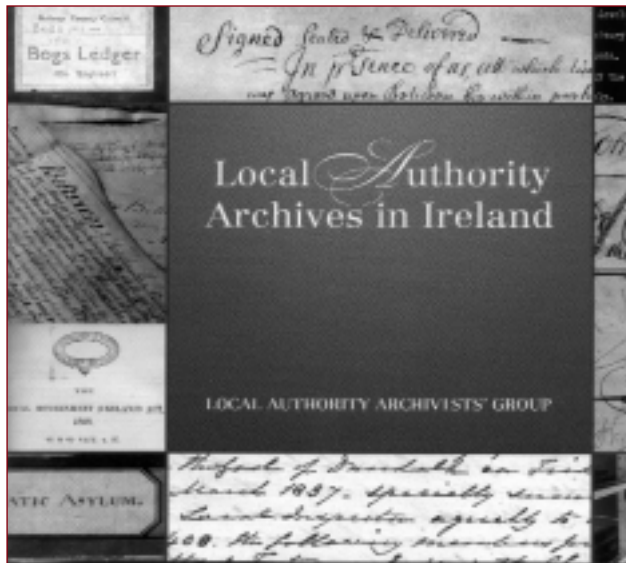
If you would like further details about any part of the festival please contact Mags Walsh, The Children's Book Festival, 17 Lower Camden St., Dublin 2. Telephone 01 4763715 or festival@childrensbooksireland.com

The *Children's Book Festival* is presented by Children's Books Ireland, in association with The Youth Libraries Group. We gratefully acknowledge our supporters and friends. Calpol Six-Plus, Colour Books Ltd., Mentor Books, MS READaTHON, Bord na Leabhar Gaeilge, and Eason and Sons Ltd.

The festival takes place between October 14 and 31st.

publications

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Martin Cullen, T.D., launched **Local Authority Archives in Ireland** in the Visitors Centre, Custom House on 24th June.



Produced by the Local Authority Archivists' Group, this publication is intended to raise public awareness of the range of archival material held by local authorities and available locally. Financial assistance towards the cost of the publication was provided by the Heritage Council. The booklet will be circulated, free of charge, to all local authorities, public libraries, secondary schools, universities, local history societies and other relevant bodies in the coming months.

Local authority archives in Ireland. – Wexford County Council for the Local Authorities Archivists' Group, 2003. ISBN: 0-9546551-2-5.

In October 2003, Peter Healy, brother of the late Patrick Healy handed over manuscripts containing a number of local histories of the Dublin area to the Local Studies Collection at the County Library in Tallaght. The late Patrick Healy who died in December 2000 was a noted field archaeologist who did most of his work in the Dublin area. While he had a large bibliography of journal articles, archaeological reports and surveys to his credit he had never published a book. **All roads lead to Tallaght**, Patrick Healy's first book was recently published posthumously by South Dublin Libraries.



▲ At the launch of *All Roads Lead to Tallaght*, Teresa Walsh, County Librarian, South Dublin Libraries, Kieran Swords, local Studies Librarian and Con Manning President of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.

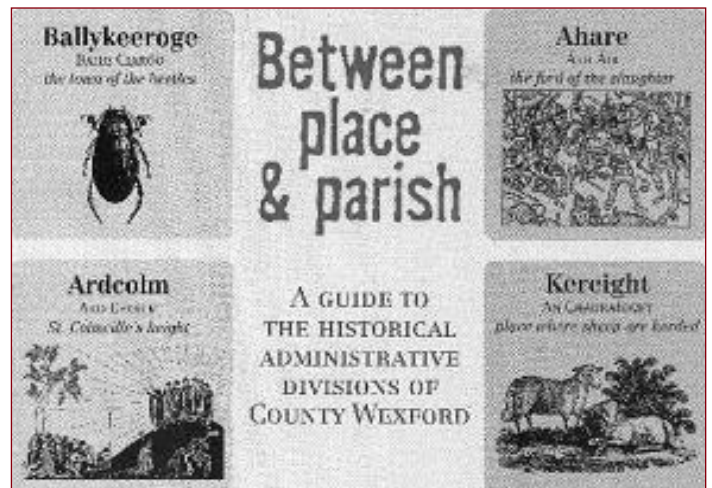
The book is well illustrated, containing almost one hundred images, many of them from Patrick Healy's collection of slides and photographs. Many of these images have not previously been in the public domain. The book was edited by Kieran Swords, local studies librarian at the County Library in Tallaght. Publication was grant-aided by the Heritage Council.

An exhibition based on the book, entitled *All roads lead to Tallaght* was also prepared and ran at the County Library in Tallaght for the month of July.

Copies of the book are available from any branch of South Dublin Libraries.

As part of its Heritage Week programme, **WEXFORD COUNTY LIBRARY** has published two items.

- *Between place and parish: a guide to the historical administrative divisions of County Wexford* / compiled by Celestine Rafferty. Wexford: Wexford County Council, 2004. ISBN: 0 - 9546551 - 6 - 8, €10.00.



This is a handbook and guide to accurate information, taking the townland as the starting point. It does exactly what it says in the title!

- *Wexford town's burial records*: on microfilm and CD-Rom.

The culmination of six years work, the burial records project is a collaboration between the Local Studies and Archives Sections of the Library Service & Wexford Borough Council. The burial registers have been cleaned, conserved, microfilmed and scanned. The microfilm and CD-Rom will be available to researchers in Wexford town : an index to entries is in the final stages of preparation. Grant-aided by the Heritage Council of Ireland, this project is on-going.

wanted

Ulla Rieck, a librarian from Germany is looking for a work placement in an Irish library for a period of 3 to 12 months. Ms Rieck has worked in libraries in Germany and Finland, speaks English, Finnish and German. She can be contacted at UllaRieck@gmx.de



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- 16th *Recruitment for librarians* – a half-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Gilbert Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net
- 17th *Negotiation skills for librarians* – a half-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Gilbert Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net
- 20-26th National Literacy Awareness Week's theme for this year is financial literacy. Contact: Tommy Byrne at NALA – t: 01-809 9190; e: tbyrne@nala.ie
- 23rd *Effective report writing for librarians* – a half-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Gilbert Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net
- 30th *Finance & budgeting for librarians* – a half-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Gilbert Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

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- 11-12th *Internet Librarian International 2004* – Millennium Gloucester Hotel, London. Details: Information Today Ltd., Woodside, Hinksey Hill, Oxford OX1 5BE, UK. t: 00 44 1865 327813; f: 00 44 1865 730232; w: www.Internet-librarian.com
- 12-14th *Public library impact – changed priorities... or shared priorities?* The Public Library Authorities Conference at the Marriott Hotel, Gosforth Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Details: www.cilip.org.uk/placonference
- 14th *Customer care in libraries* – a one-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Dublin Writers' Museum. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net
- 14-16th *C'mon everybody – libraries and interculturalism* – annual conference of the Public Libraries' Section (formerly Assistant Librarians' Section) of the Library Association of Ireland. The venue will be the Radisson SAS Hotel in Sligo. Details: Brenda Frawley, Dooradoyle Library, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick. Phone: 061 - 301101; Fax: 061 - 301144.

- 16th *Fifth Literature of Exile Autumn School* to be held in The Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park. To register or for further details contact: Christine.johnston@ni-libraries.net Telephone 028 8225 6315; Fax 028 8224 2241.

november 2004

- 1st NALA and the County Clare Family learning Project are organising a joint *National Conference on Family Literacy* to be held in The Glór Arts Centre, Ennis, Co. Clare. Key note speakers: Professor Lyn Tett, Head of the Department of Community Education and Lifelong Learning at the University of Edinburgh; Professor Aine Hyland, Vice President and Professor of Education, University College, Cork; Chair of the National Committee on Educational Disadvantage. Details: Tommy Byrne at NALA: t: 01-809 9190; e: tbyrne@nala.ie
- 11th *An Introduction to Acquisitions* – a seminar for library assistants and librarians newly appointed to acquisitions. Venue: Green Room, Mercer Hotel, Mercer Street Lower, Dublin 2. Fee: €70.00 including lunch. Numbers limited to 25. To book a place contact: Carol Creavin, Mercer Library, RCSI, Mercer Street Lower, Dublin 2. e: ccreavin@rcsi.ie; t: 00 353 1 402 2404; f: 00 353 1 402 2457
- 11th *Enhancing Learning Skills at University* (critical thinking skills, study skills and information literacy skills) in the O'Reilly Hall, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4. Further details from <http://www.ucd.ie/lisu> or email lsu@ucd.ie
- 23rd *Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lectures in Legal Bibliography*. A.W. Brian Simpson, Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne, Professor of Law, The University of Michigan Law School, will give the eleventh lecture in this series entitled *Bills of human rights: the forgotten proposals of H.G. Wells and the Alexandre Marc Committee*. The venue is Dublin City Library and Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact: Hugh M. Fitzpatrick, Library and Information Consultant, Newmount House, 22-24 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2. t: 01 269 2202, f: 01 661 0664.
- 25th *The proactive user: encouraging users to make the most of your resources* – a one-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Dublin Writers' Museum. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

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- 14-18th *Libraries: a voyage of discovery* – 71st IFLA General Conference and Council, Oslo. Details: e: ifla2005@norskbiotekforening.no w: www.ifla2005oslo.no

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