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## MINISTER ROCHE WELCOMES SECOND REPORT ON LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICE INDICATORS

Mr Dick Roche, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government welcomed the second report from the Local Government Management Services Board on Local Authority Service Indicators on 8th August last.

The report details the performance of local authorities in 2005 in relation to 42 indicators of service covering the full range of local authority activities e.g. housing, water, planning, fire service, environment, and finance.

In emphasising the importance of quality customer service, the Minister noted that "reporting on performance in this way

- underlines local government's continued and real commitment to the modernisation agenda,
- emphasises the clear focus of that agenda on the end-user of public services,
- allows performance to be assessed on a regular basis,
- is a significant innovation for local government in that it is the first sector within the wider public service to measure performance in this way."

Minister Roche continued, "quality customer service is a cornerstone of public service modernisation. Through its policies, services, systems and controls, each local authority contributes greatly to the economic and social development of its area. All local government services, and its increasing activity in the areas of community development and social inclusion, bring local authorities into daily contact with their local communities and local quality of life. It is very good, therefore, that local government has taken a lead in accounting publicly for the quality of service it provides to all of us – its customers."

The report provides a valuable snapshot of local authority performance across a wide range of services, for example, in the public library service:

- opening hours for libraries;
- internet availability in libraries;
- internet usage;
- registered membership;
- items issued.

Minister Roche pointed to the "very real impact which these services have on the quality of life of the customer. It is important, therefore, that local authorities operate the highest standards of professionalism and courtesy in the delivery of services."

The Minister welcomed the comparison in the report between performance in 2004 and 2005. He acknowledged that it was still early days for the service indicators initiative and that changes in just two years are unlikely to be dramatic. The important thing is that trends should be positive. He was pleased therefore that with a few exceptions the trends overall were moving in the right direction including the public library service.

The full report is available on [www.lgmsb.ie](http://www.lgmsb.ie)

**CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL 2006**



This year the Children's Book Festival/Féile Leabhar Na bPáistí will run from 4th – 28th October, and as ever will form one of Ireland's biggest arts festivals, with hundreds of events all across Ireland celebrating children's books. The Festival, now in its sixteenth year, has established itself as a major focus for children's books in libraries, bookshops, schools and arts centres around Ireland.

This busy month of October is a result of a huge effort by everyone involved in the festival. Authors and illustrators all around Ireland commit themselves to busy schedules of events and the Children's Books Ireland office is bursting with activity. The network of library staff throughout Ireland who programme and host events is an immense powerhouse, which drives the festival from year to year. This year, CBI began to foster a Nationwide network for information and advice, which, we hope, will become a central part of the festival in years to come.

The festival also has a year round legacy with Book Fest, The Recommended Reading Guide, published to coincide with the festival. Containing reviews of newly published books for all ages, it's an ideal quick reference guide for everyone. This year, many of the sections contain introductions and information about authors and illustrators too.

Award-winning illustrator Annie West has been specially commissioned to create the unique image for this year's festival. Taking inspiration from Alice in Wonderland, Annie has created a celebratory image full of characters and humour. Annie's image perfectly sums up the ethos of the festival – fun, lively and brimming with character.

For further information about the Festival, please contact James Curtain in Children's Book Ireland, Tel: +353 1 8727475. E-mail: [info@childrensbooksireland.com](mailto:info@childrensbooksireland.com)

**Children's Book Festival in Kilkenny libraries October/ November 2006**

In Kilkenny we do things differently! We divide the Festival into October for author visits and the mid term break in November for activities in the branches.

During October the library service works in conjunction with local schools to provide the reader/pupil with good preparation for a visit by a leading children's author. This year the library will be hosting visits by Niall de Burca, John Quinn, Malachy Doyle and David Donohue.

To cater for all our borrowers and potential borrowers we have provided a programme to suit all ages and various interests. Young children will be invited to come to our Story at Bedtime. This event, full of atmosphere, is held after dark, in 5 branches and Barnstorm Theatre will provide the storytellers. Storytime will be held in 2 other branches during the day.

Restless teenagers are not so easily calmed so we have engaged the services of a rap writer. Glen Boyne will instruct teens on the intricacies of writing and performing these creations. He will visit Castlecomer and Loughboy branches.

Smadar O'Connor, will work creatively with harvest materials e.g. chestnuts, pinecones, acorns, thistles and leaves. These materials will be transformed into spiders' webs, hedgehogs, (note similarities to thistles), owls, birds and woodland creatures. These Days will be held in 4 branches.

Natasha Smith facilitates children to paint mugs or plates with their own design. These are then glazed and fired and will keep forever. This activity will be held in 6 branches.

Caroline Sloan works with words and illustrations creating stories with children for children. She will visit all our branches. Jean Conroy is a local artist who will treat the children of Callan branch to an arts and crafts workshop during the festival.

This is an overview of our Festival. We will post exact details on our website by early October. [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)

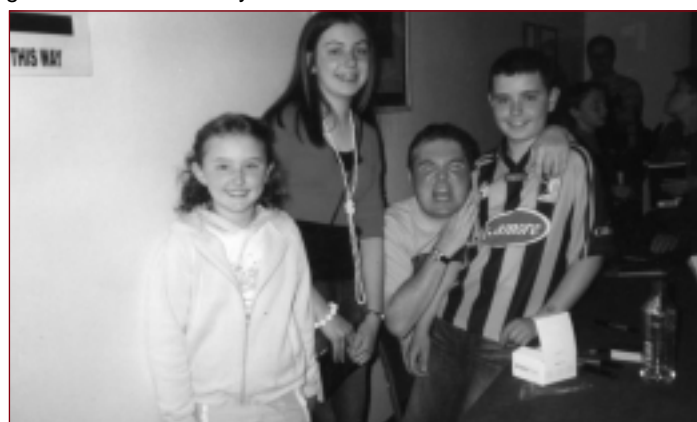
**More events at Kilkenny**

Postcard Exhibitions were held in John's Quay and Graiguenamanagh Libraries to celebrate Heritage week. These consisted of old postcards from the early – mid twentieth century depicting the heritage of the area.

End of an Era in Callan – Callan Library was the last branch in the county to 'Go Live'. Although many staff and borrowers have fond memories of the manual system, we are delighted to be able to offer our borrowers a modern standard service throughout the entire county.

Both Urlingford and Loughboy Libraries have the Driver Theory Test available in DVD format on computers for the public. This allows people to have a trial run before the actual test and is proving immensely popular.

Kindermusic classes have resumed in Castlecomer branch. Classes given by Ann Moylan are proving extremely popular with young children and provide an introduction to rhythm and instruments, and culminate in a performance for parents and guardians in the library.



*Liam Deevy (far right) member of Thomastown Library, pictured with author Darren Shan. Also pictured are Liam's sisters Aoife and Eilis. Liam won a chance to meet his favourite author in a book review competition run by Kilkenny County Libraries.*

**YEATS PLAYS IN THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND**

The National Library of Ireland will play host to a series of performances of WB Yeats' plays to coincide with the exhibition **Yeats: the life and works of William Butler Yeats.**

Audiences will have an opportunity to see early-evening performances of plays in the *Cuchulain Cycle*. The plays will take place in the Library's Seminar Room at 6.30pm on Monday 27 November, Tuesday 28 November, Wednesday 29 November 2006. Tickets for November evening performances cost €10.

To make a booking call + 353 1 6030 346 / 277. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

**The Really Useful Guide to Words and Numbers**

The National Adult Literacy Agency's new distance learning initiative will be launched this autumn. **The Really Useful Guide to Words and Numbers** will consist of two twelve-part television series, printed workbooks, an interactive Web site, and a freephone tutor support line. The new television series will be broadcast on Sunday mornings at 12pm on RTE 1, beginning on 24th September. Along with studio-based discussions on topics of special interest, there will be learning tips each week on reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. Students will play a central role in the new series and will be interviewed about their experiences and suggestions for improving reading and writing skills.

For more information on the project, call Tom O'Mara, Distance Education Co-Ordinator, NALA, on (01) 8099181 or via email at: [tomara@nala.ie](mailto:tomara@nala.ie)

Libraries may order copies of the **Really Useful Guide to Words and Numbers** workbook from An Chomhairle Leabharlanna using our online order form at: [http://www.librarycouncil.ie/publications/order\\_form.shtml](http://www.librarycouncil.ie/publications/order_form.shtml)

### Cork City Libraries go international

One of the stories of Irish libraries in recent years is the explosion in the numbers of users from other countries who (quite rightly) see libraries as a welcoming and inclusive space for them to find information about their new home.

Cork City Libraries are no different in this regard with all libraries in the network welcoming people from all over the world who come to use the internet, satisfy information queries, read newspapers and magazines, take part in cultural events, and borrow books, DVDs and CDs. The staff of Cork City Libraries reflects this change in Irish society, and now comprises seven different nationalities, including the staff pictured:



*I to r: Beata Molendowska (Polish), Michela Palucca (Italian) Gerda Ryan (Dutch), Minnie Haupt (Danish) and Aira Togoingar (Chadian-Italian)*

### Reading Centre @ CICE 2006-07: Children Reading in the 21st Century

The Reading Centre @ Church of Ireland College of Education, Dublin is pleased to announce a series of lectures to take place over the coming academic year. The lectures will look at some contemporary issues in children's literature on an international basis. The Inaugural Lecture will take place on October 25th. It will be given by **Dr Peter Hunt**, former Professor of Children's Literature at the University of Wales, Cardiff. He has written and edited many books, including the *Routledge International Companion Encyclopedia, Children's Literature*, and *Critical Concepts in Literary and Cultural Studies* (4 vols.), and has written over 200 articles on children's literature. His mission, according to his university's website, is "to bring everyone interested in children's books into an inventive and exciting (and mutually comprehensible) partnership."

**Professor Trinka Messenheimer**, Director of The Martha Gesling Weber Reading Center in Bowling Green, Ohio will deliver the second lecture on December 6th and will look at the changes made by publishers in vocabulary when books for children cross the Atlantic Ocean.

In early 2007 **Korky Paul**, renowned illustrator and author, will deliver the third lecture on January 31st in which he will talk about the importance of developing children's visual literacy. This will include a discussion of his own work, both with words and with images.

The final lecture will be given on May 2nd by **Dr Mel Gibson**, Associate Senior Lecturer in Childhood Studies (CETL), University of Northumbria and expert on comics and graphic novels, who will look at literacy and the art of the graphic novel.

Lectures will begin at 8p.m. The first lecture on October 25th will be preceded by a reception to mark the launch of the lecture series.

Advance booking is now open: €10 per lecture or all four for €30. Please note the number of places is limited.

For booking or for further information, contact: The Reading Centre, Church of Ireland College of Education, 96 Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. [readingcentre@cice.ie](mailto:readingcentre@cice.ie)

### Caherciveen Library plans launched

The draft plans for the newly designed Caherciveen Library, Arts Centre and Area Offices were launched on Thursday, 7 September 2006 in Caherciveen Library by John O'Donoghue, T.D., Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism.

A very large attendance was present and after the formal proceedings a celebratory recital was hosted by the Kerry School of Music, featuring the Kerry Chamber Choir and the McCrohan Brothers. To promote consultation of the plans members of the public were invited to enjoy four further recitals in the Library on 7 and 8 September 2006 during library opening hours.

Áitainmneacha Chiarraí is a voluntary organisation which collects, records, researches and maps the minor oral place names of Kerry. The Survey project has its Advisory Council composed of community, library, linguistic, educational, cultural, historical and archaeological interest.

The Project Director is Dr. Éamon Lankford who established Suirbhéanna Áitainmneacha in 1996 to advance a County Place Names Survey in Cork. The survey methodology was extended to County Kerry in 1999-2000 and has to date collected and mapped over 60,000 placenames with several thousand other references being extracted from Kerry literary sources.

The first ten volumes from the survey were deposited in the County Kerry Place Names Archive at a ceremony in Kerry County Library on September 29th, which was attended by the Mayor of Kerry, Ted Fitzgerald and representatives of educational, cultural and community interests. An t-Aire Éamon Ó Cuív, T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs launched the "Place names in the Community 2006-08 Survey" which specifically invites the participation of community development organisations in the preservation of the place names and identity of their own area. The County Kerry Place Names Archive will be held in a dedicated area in the Local Studies section of the Kerry Library Headquarters and will be available to the public for research as well as being a future permanent place names deposit archive.



*At the launch of the public consultation stage of the draft plans for Caherciveen Library: (from left): Seamus Dowling (Assistant Librarian), Tommy O'Connor (Acting County Librarian), Kate Kennelly (County Arts Officer), John Breen (KCC Director of Service), John O'Donoghue, T.D., Minister for Arts, Sports & Tourism, Barthy Flynn (Caherciveen Library), Noreen O'Sullivan (Caherciveen Library), Paul O'Donoghue, MCC, Ann Ferguson (Assistant Librarian).*



**Platform1**, which opened on 23rd September at Leixlip Library, is a monthly workshop series which aims to provide a unique opportunity to **listen to, debate with and be inspired** by some of Ireland's leading musicians and songwriters. During **Platform1** workshops, Joe and Steve Wall (*The Stunning, The Walls*), Mundy, Declan O'Rourke, Ollie Cole (*Turn*) accompanied by Marilyn Bane will provide insights into their song writing techniques. The opening workshop on 23rd September was the first stage of a long-term music development initiative, based at The Music Suite @ Leixlip Library. The long-term programme will be shaped by the input from the musicians participating in platform1. *The platform1 workshops are free of charge, but booking is essential!* Contact Leixlip Library, t: 01-6060050, e: leixliplib@kildarecoco.ie

#### **eContentplus Programme**

The overall aim of the EU eContentplus Programme is 'to make digital content in Europe more accessible, usable and exploitable, facilitating the creation and diffusion of information in areas of public interest at Community level'.

A new Call for Proposals has been issued with a closing date of 19th October and with a budget of €27.3 mil.

Proposals are invited in the areas of

- Geographic information
- Educational information
- Digital Libraries
- Cooperation between digital content stakeholders

It is envisaged that proposals will be made by consortia involving both content providers and users.

Full information in relation to this Call is available at [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/econtentplus/calls/proposals/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/econtentplus/calls/proposals/index_en.htm)

#### **British Library's new Learning website**

The British Library's new Learning website at <http://www.bl.uk/learning/index.html> is devoted to promoting the wonders of the book, and to opening up the mysterious and magical qualities of the Library's collection.

Virtual visitors can browse a treasure trove of fascinating texts and images: from medieval banquet menus to ancient Iranian myths, from 18th century ship's logs to Russian Constructivist book covers, from Victorian freak show posters to WWII maps. There are over a thousand texts on the site, as well as wonderful audio recordings from the Sound archive, and a range of multimedia elements. The site is divided into six themed sections, making navigation easy and enjoyable.

In launching the new website, the Learning team aims to bring the British Library's world renowned collection to a wider audience, and to inspire learners of all ages. The material provides myriad opportunities for personalised learning, individual research projects and classroom activity.

#### **Cuisle 2006; Limerick City International Poetry Festival**

2006 marks the tenth Cuisle Festival in Limerick City, celebrating local, national and international excellence in poetry. The festival will take place from **Wednesday 18th to Saturday 21st October** with 20 poets from 5 different countries visiting Limerick over 4 days. Limericks' long association with poetry makes **Cuisle** the perfect opportunity and place for audiences to extend their experience of poetry during four festival days of convivial discussion readings, book launches and workshops with the leading contemporary poets of our time.

Every evening at 8pm in the Belltable a national and international line up of poets will take to the stage, including **Adrian Mitchell, Naomi Foyle, Imtiaz Dharker, Christopher Meredith, Saeid Hooshangi, George Szirtes, Brendan Kennelly** and **Maria Jaztržëbska** and those who are looking for an opportunity to read to an audience can do so during the series of open sessions each night of the festival at 10pm in the White House Pub.

Four book launches will take place during the festival, each title an exciting new presence in the literary Irish writing scene, **REVIVAL, The Stony Thursday, Surreal Man, Chapbook** by **Ciaran O'Driscoll** and **Brendan Kennelly's** new '**When Then is Now**'.

To celebrate the achievements of Limerick poets, a series of lunchtime (1pm) readings at Impact Theatre Company in O'Connell Street will celebrate the work of **Tom Henihan**, and **Tim Cunningham** whose new book **Unequal Truths** will also be launched during the festival.

Another Limerick son will return to our shores for the festival. Irish composer/violinist **Colm O'Riain** teams up with Sri Lankan poet **Pireeni Sundaralingam** to weave together poetry and music in a series of duets exploring the rich interconnections between a host of lyric traditions, including Irish ballad and Indian raag. This event will take place on Saturday 21st October at 1pm in the beautiful surroundings of the new Daghdha Space in John's Square.

**Susie Minto** will enthral children in Limerick City Library during the festival with her unique style of story telling. Her deep love for stories and their energy will have her telling all kinds of tales – traditional stories and legends from her Scottish roots and from many world cultures, as well as personal anecdotes and spontaneous stories straight from her imagination.

For those of us who are sometimes daunted by the range of styles in poetry, **Gerry Hanberry** will lead a workshop on '**How to Read Contemporary Poetry**' on Saturday 21st October at 11am.

Limerick celebrates 25 years of twinning with the French City Quimper and to honour this relationship the Quimper poet **Lionel Poiraudau** will team up with an Irish poet living in Paris, **Derry O'Sullivan** on Saturday 21st October.

All during the festival **John Davies** aka Shedman, returns in his role as director of THE SOUTH to present PLACE OF BIRTH/PROJECT POETRY! a series of innovative commissions for poets working with visual artists to create 'projected poems'. Poets featured include Brendan Cleary, Bernadette Cremin, Andrew Dilger, Catherine Smith and Jackie Wills. (Suitable for 16+).

For further information on all our events during the Cuisle Poetry Festival contact by email [artsoffice@limerickcity.ie](mailto:artsoffice@limerickcity.ie) or call into Belltable Arts Centre for a festival brochure and book tickets on 061 319866.

## ROSCOMMON FOLKLORE AND HISTORY PROJECT

The County Roscommon Folklore and Oral History project seeks to secure and protect oral history for future generations, the County Librarian, Mr. Richie Farrell emphasised at the formal launch of the project in the County library on 30th August.

The project involved 29 interviews with some 22 people from all areas of the county and was part funded by the Mid-South Rural Development Company. The work was also undertaken in partnership with the County Heritage Officer, Ms. Nollaig McKeon. Welcoming the attendance, Mr. Farrell said that the launch was the first in a series of events being staged throughout County Roscommon to mark Heritage Week. The event was a collaboration between the library services and the Heritage Forum and he wanted to acknowledge those who had made it possible, Breda Gilligan, Nollaig McKeon and Anne Ridge.

He added that the project was about developing and adopting broad policies as part of the Local Authority services, and in this particular case, focussing on folklore and oral history.

It was also about broadening the scope of collection development and access to material in a variety of formats. It was thus about engaging in projects that put oral history in place for future generations as repository collections within the library and information services for access.

The audio collection has captured material as diverse as Scramogue Ambush, turn cuttings, wren boys, last race in Strokestown, Kiltrean football team in the 1930s, the wedding drive, compulsory tillage and teeth pulling at the Ballinasloe October fair. For more information contact Roscommon Library, <http://www.roscommoncoco.ie>

## LAUNCH OF [learningpoint.ie](http://learningpoint.ie) THE ONE-STOP-SHOP ABOUT TRAINING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR



[learningpoint.ie](http://learningpoint.ie) is an exciting new online resource developed by The Wheel, a leading support and representative network for the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland.

This new website is freely accessible to anyone who works in Ireland's vibrant Community and Voluntary Sector, looking for information about training.

The core element of the website is a database of training courses and providers, which lists hundreds of training opportunities nationwide. People can search for suitable training courses and providers depending on their location and area of work.

[learningpoint.ie](http://learningpoint.ie) contains information on over 250 training providers and more than 700 relevant training courses.

[learningpoint.ie](http://learningpoint.ie) also provides extensive information on training news and events, publications and useful web links.

Deirdre Garvey, Chief Executive of The Wheel commented:

"We are delighted to launch [learningpoint.ie](http://learningpoint.ie)! Research conducted in 2005 illustrated that there was no central resource with information about training for the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland. We are now providing this much needed new resource to people working in this Sector. This central website will enable community and voluntary organisations to access information about training, and we are hoping that this will help to develop people's professional skills, and in turn build organisational capacity."

[learningpoint.ie](http://learningpoint.ie) is part-funded by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, through the National Training Fund, and the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

To find out more about [learningpoint.ie](http://learningpoint.ie), log onto [www.learningpoint.ie](http://www.learningpoint.ie) or contact: Mélanie Gutman, Training Information Officer, The Wheel, tel – 01 454 8727, email – [melanie@wheel.ie](mailto:melanie@wheel.ie)

## ALAI Awards

The Library Association of Ireland is pleased to announce that the following candidates have been awarded the Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland (ALAI):

Mary Buckley, National College of Ireland  
Madelaine Dennison, Oireachtas Library  
Maura Doolan, Fingal County Libraries  
Alison Nolan, National College of Ireland  
Anne O'Sullivan, Oireachtas Library  
Kieran Swords, South Dublin County Libraries

Certificates will be presented at the LAI AGM in March 2007.

## Other News from the Education Committee, LAI

The LAI Education Committee recently launched a campaign to promote the award of ALAI. Personal members of the Association will have received a copy of the promotional leaflet. Posters are currently being distributed to libraries. Details of the ALAI award are available on the Library Association of Ireland website at [www.libraryassociation.ie](http://www.libraryassociation.ie)

The Education Committee welcomes applications for ALAI. Contact: [education@libraryassociation.ie](mailto:education@libraryassociation.ie)

## i2010 Digital Libraries Initiative

In the context of the i2010 Digital Libraries initiative, the European Commission adopted a Recommendation on digitisation, online accessibility and digital preservation of cultural resources.

The Recommendation calls on EU Member States to set up large-scale digitisation facilities, so as to accelerate the process of getting Europe's cultural heritage online via the European digital library. It also calls for action in various other areas, ranging from copyright questions to the systematic preservation of digital content in order to ensure long term access to the material.

The full text of the Recommendation and other relevant information can be accessed from the website of the i2010 Digital Libraries initiative: [http://europa.eu.int/information\\_society/activities/digital\\_libraries/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/information_society/activities/digital_libraries/index_en.htm)

## appointments

Joanna Quinn has recently been appointed Library Director at the Royal Dublin Society (RDS) Library in Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. This is a new position and Joanna's role will include the implementation of the Society's new Library Development plan. This project will ensure that the RDS library and its diverse collections will be recognized as an excellent resource for the research community and the Members of the RDS. Joanna holds a degree in History, Postgraduate Diplomas in Business Studies and Library and Information Studies and an MA in the History of Design and the Applied Arts. She studied at the Royal School of Librarianship in Copenhagen as part of her DLIS. She previously worked in UCD Library and for the Crafts Council of Ireland.

## offers



## Back Issues Available

Ireland of the Welcomes is offering back issues of the magazine free of charge to any library that wants them. Published since 1952, Ireland of the Welcomes seeks to show the history, people, lifestyle and crafts of Ireland with the overall objective of encouraging both visitor and local to explore the country. It is more than simply a tourism brochure and invaluable as a source of information. Contributors through the years have included Benedict Kiely, Sybil Connolly, Peter Harbison (a former editor), Seamus Heaney, and David Bellamy. Contact Letitia Pollard at [letitia.pollard@faipteireland.ie](mailto:letitia.pollard@faipteireland.ie)

## calendar of events

### october 2006

11-13th CILIP Public Library Authorities conference, De Vere Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton. Further details: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/plg/pla2006/>

14th Western Education & Library Board Reader's Day in Omagh Library. Authors who will visit include Paul Carson, Catherine Dwyer Hickey, and John Boyne. Promoted by Reading Agency and Random House. For further information contact Deirdre Nugent or Margaret Cummings 028 82244821 or e: [christianname.surname@ni-libraries.net](mailto:christianname.surname@ni-libraries.net)

16-17th Internet Librarian International 2006. Copthorne Tara Hotel, London. Details: [www.internet-librarian.com](http://www.internet-librarian.com)

18th **Informal Networking Evenings:** The Academic & Special Libraries Committee invites you to join us on a visit to the Yeats Exhibition at the National Library of Ireland, & also for drinks & chat in Buswells Hotel. This will give you a chance to visit the National Library, experience the Yeats Exhibition & to meet other librarians & information professionals, including the A&SL Committee, over a drink to share news, views & experiences at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 18 October 2006 at The National Library of Ireland, Kildare St., Dublin 2 & Buswells Hotel, Molesworth St., Dublin 2 **from 6pm Cost: €5.** The guided tour of the Yeats Exhibition is limited to 15 places. To book a place on the tour please e-mail Ann O'Sullivan (Secretary) [ann.osullivan@oireachtas.ie](mailto:ann.osullivan@oireachtas.ie) by Friday, 13th October. Everyone is welcome to join the Committee in the Bar in Buswells Hotel from 6-8pm.

23-26th *XIV World Cochrane Library Colloquium.* For more information on the programme and registration details of the Cochrane Colloquium, please check out [www.colloquium.info](http://www.colloquium.info)

### november 2006

2-3rd Courses on EU legislation, statistics and lesser-known databases, organised by the European Information Association.

#### *Finding EU law on the web* (full day)

Find out how the EU legal process works and how to track EU law effectively and speedily via the internet. This practical course offers an informal atmosphere, expert trainer, lots of hands-on time, and plenty of advice and guidance.

Price: EIA members €215 + VAT; non-members €320 + VAT.

#### *EU statistics: how to find and how to use them* (half day)

A detailed look at the complex Eurostat site, plus guidance on where to find statistics from other key sources including OECD, CIA, EIU Country Reports and the World Bank.

Price: EIA members €95 + VAT; non-members €140 + VAT.

#### *Hidden gems: EU databases you might have missed* (half day)

Although EUR-Lex and RAPID are the best known of the EU's databases, there are literally dozens of

others which don't make the headlines but are nevertheless invaluable sources of difficult-to-trace information on the EU.

Register your areas of interest when you book so that the course can be specially tailored for participants. Price: EIA members €115 + VAT; non-members €165 + VAT. There is a €15 discount if you book both half-day courses. Bookings can be made online at [www.eia.org.uk/events.htm](http://www.eia.org.uk/events.htm), where further details can also be obtained.

7-8th Freedom: licence or liberty? *Engaging with a transforming Ireland.* Céifin Conference 2006, West County Hotel & Conference Centre, Ennis Co. Clare. E: [ceifinconference@eircom.net](mailto:ceifinconference@eircom.net)

8th Pathways to Learning: Exploring the Potential for Cross-sectoral Library Service Provision. COLICO Conference, National Library of Ireland, Dublin (by invitation). Details: [www.librarycouncil.ie/colico](http://www.librarycouncil.ie/colico) and [colico@librarycouncil.ie](mailto:colico@librarycouncil.ie)

11th The School Library Association of Ireland would like to announce its next conference: *Reading Matters – developing readers in schools.* Opening presentation and keynote speech by Fiona Edwards from *Opening the book*, followed by afternoon practical workshop session and closing address by Claire Hennessy, author of *'Memories'*, *'Stereotype'* and *'Good girls don't'*. Venue: Alexandra College Dublin at 9.30am. Full details will be available from: Aileen Ivory, t: 01 4977571 [ivory.aileen@alexandracollege.ie](mailto:ivory.aileen@alexandracollege.ie)

18th *Behind the Typewriter*, Mayo County library's first reader's day will be held on Saturday November 18th in Ballina library. Writers who will speak include Bernice Harrison, Sara Webb, Anita Notario, Morag Prunty/Kate Kerrigan, Claudia Carroll and Marina Devlin. Book lovers from all over Ireland are welcome especially book clubs and library staff. Places must be booked in advance at Ballina library 096 70833.

24th *Promoting, Preserving and Reading the Irish Book* – annual seminar of the LAI Rare Books Group Venue: National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Registration fee: €80 (LAI members); €100 (Non-LAI members); €50 (Concessions). For further information please contact: Celine Ward, Rare Books Group Secretary, [rbgsec@cbl.ie](mailto:rbgsec@cbl.ie) or 01-4070757.

30th *Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lectures in Legal Bibliography:* Professor Douglas Hay, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, will give the fifteenth lecture in this series entitled *Justices' handbooks, masters and servants: Irish employment law and its sources to 1875.*

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, 9 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2. t: 01-269 2202; f: 01-661 9239.

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