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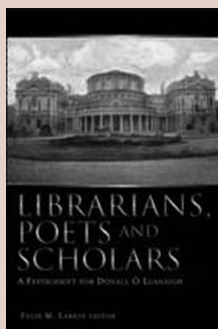
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NATIONAL RECREATION POLICY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teenspace – the National Recreation Policy for Young People was developed by the Office of the Minister for Children in response to concerns raised by teenagers and parents. In the consultations conducted throughout the country in the development of the National Children's Strategy (2000), the need for improved play and recreation facilities was the single biggest concern cited by children and young people. The report based on the research, was launched by the Minister for Children, Brendan Smith TD, at Larkin Community College on September 10 2007.

Teenspace recognises that young people don't always want to participate in structured activities and that hanging out is a valid and important aspect of teenage life. '*Teenspace* promotes new initiatives and the need for interagency co-operation but also outlines a strategic approach to existing investment' said the Minister. 'To invest wisely in the future, we need to involve young people in helping us to plan and design the facilities, which are most relevant to them' he added.

Liz Canavan, Principal Officer in the Office of the Minister for Children, said: 'it's fantastic to see the kinds of recreational innovations which are already happening and seem to be hitting the mark with young people. We need to mainstream these projects and foster more interagency collaboration by the way we invest in the future'. Youth cafés were identified by young people as their single biggest need during the consultations on the recreation policy, while the role of libraries also featured. The report recommends that:

Existing facilities should include a space dedicated to young people where they can meet their friends in a safe environment. A dedicated space should also be included as part of the design of new community facilities, including libraries

The existing commitment of public library authorities to the leisure needs of young people has been acknowledged in the report:

The larger public libraries have dedicated 'teen zones', with sofas, CD-listening posts, free Internet access, and multimedia and music collections. The availability of these services can draw young people into accessing literature, as well as information relevant to their needs.

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Public libraries have also undertaken innovative projects such as drama and drumming workshops, specifically directed at young people. Through the introduction of these new policies, 'the library' is increasingly seen as a place for teenagers to hang out. This is particularly true of new libraries in the larger urban centres.

...and innovative approaches are given particular attention...

It is encouraging the concept of 'service' to its users being provided both inside and outside the library building... It is also pioneering methods of delivering library services to remote areas through the increased use of new information technology...

For example:

Teenagers are the main focus of Taobh Tíre's efforts in East Donegal... Text messaging will be an important means of communication. Library staff gave introductory talks on Taobh Tíre and the library service generally to the local youth project. At the first of these introductory meetings, of the 29 young people in attendance, only one was a member of the library. Since then, all 28 others have joined up.

The whole process is envisaged as an interactive one with young people being invited to take an active part in the planning of facilities for their use:

Apart from structures at local level, such as Comhairle na nÓg which provide young people with a forum for expressing their views on policy issues at local level, young people should also be consulted about the design of local recreation and leisure facilities, including public libraries, multi-purpose games areas, skateboard parks and community facilities.

The report recognises the threats to the vulnerability of young people and, whilst welcoming existing attempts to safeguard them...

Those public libraries that provide Internet access to young people have policies in place to ensure that such access is appropriately monitored and supervised.

... it raises the possibility of more stringent controls being put in place in the future...

A related issue is the criminal history vetting of people dealing with young people in recreational settings. At present, staff in a wide range of public sector facilities involving access to children are not vetted. This includes staff in leisure centres, **public libraries** and park wardens.

The report makes a number of recommendations in support of its main objectives which relate to the public library sector. The main ones being:

- An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, in association with the library authorities and the Office of the Minister for Children, will investigate ways in which to develop services in public libraries in partnership with young people.
- The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, through the Public Library Service, will examine the feasibility of expanding rural library initiatives for young people in rural areas.
- The Libraries and Cultural Diversity Project Team will make recommendations on the development of library services for the multicultural society in Ireland.
- Websites of local authorities, the library service and local sports partnerships will provide information at local level on the range of amenities and facilities available.

The report can be downloaded from:

http://omc.gov.ie/documents/publications/TEENSPACE_Report_ENG.pdf

Copies of all Teenspace: National Recreation Policy for Young People documents, in English and Irish, can be found on www.omc.gov.ie.

BUNCLODY LIBRARY

Bunclody library was launched formally by Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley, T.D., at a ceremony in the town on Thursday 13 2007. Calling Bunclody one of the most attractive towns in the country, Mr. Gormley said that he was delighted to mark the renewal of Wexford's library service there.

Bunclody library opened in June and local people have been flocking to use it ever since. Services include free use of 10 pc's and broadband access to the internet. To date, internet services have attracted almost 100% occupancy, with 32% take-up by foreign national users. The top five usages registered include careers or jobs, work related enquiries, email, leisure interests and travel information. Of the library's internet services users, one in two visit the Wexford County Council site, and between 20% & 30% of users visit other Irish government sites.

The library has a start-up collection of 20,000 items including a Polish collection and books in other foreign languages, books on tape, and music and the spoken word on CD. Foreign language courses proved very popular over the summer, both for people holidaying abroad and others studying more seriously.

The total library space is 271m². A meeting room is available to groups and for library events. Summer events for families were booked out and now the library is focusing on back-to-school and other educational pursuits.

Also officiating at the launch, Wexford County Council Chairman Cllr. Denis Kennedy reaffirmed the Council's commitment to a free service. "Correct information is essential to every aspect of our lives and to the development of our communities", said Kennedy. "Wexford County Council knows this and is committed to providing a modern library service".

Bunclody library is open six days per week, Monday to Saturday, including Tuesday and Thursday nights until 9.00 pm. It is situated in the middle of the town, in front of the new Mill Race Hotel on the main Carlow to Enniscorthy road. Membership and all services are free.

BÉIM CURTHA AR CHAIGHDEÁN LEABHAR GAELIGE QUALITY OF IRISH-LANGUAGE BOOKS HIGHLIGHTED

Tugadh suntas ar an 18 Mean Fomhair, 2007 do chaighdeán na foilsitheoireachta Gaeilge nuair a fógraíodh na naoi leabhar Gaeilge atá ar an ngearrliosta do LEABHAR NA BLIANA 2007 ag ócáid speisialta a tionóladh i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath. Ba í Bláthnaid Ní Chofaigh, láithreoir 'The Afternoon Show' ar RTÉ, a d'fhógair teidil na leabhar a bheidh san iomaíocht do na gradaim.

Attention was drawn to publishing standards for Irish-language books on September 18 2007, when the nine books short listed for LEABHAR NA BLIANA 2007 (Book of the Year 2007) were announced at a special event in Dublin Castle. Bláthnaid Ní Chofaigh, presenter of RTÉ's 'The Afternoon Show' announced the titles shortlisted to compete for the awards.

Gearrliosta – leabhar na bliana do dhaoine fásta / Shortlist – adult readers' book of the year

- Sanas le Liam Ó Muirthile, foilsithe ag Cois Life.
- An Bóthar go Santiago le Mícheál de Barra, foilsithe ag Cois Life.
- Aiséirí/Requiem le Eoin Mac Lochlainn agus Ciarán Ó Coigligh, foilsithe ag Cló Chaisil.
- Mise an Fear Ceoil. Séamus Ennis – Dialann Taistil 1942-1946, Eagarthóir, Ríonach Uí Ógáin, foilsithe ag Cló Iar-Chonnachta.
- Gearrscéalta Ár Linne, Eagarthóir, Brian Ó Conchubhair, foilsithe ag Cló Iar-Chonnachta.

Gearriosta – leabhar na bliana do dhaoine óga / Shortlist – young readers' book of the year

- An Bhanríon Bess agus Gusaí Gaimbín le Bidy Jenkinson agus Ribó, foilsithe ag Coiscéim.
- Ag Taisteal le Tarlach sa tSeapáin le Laoise Ní Chomhraí, foilsithe ag An Gúm.
- Buaic le Dermot Somers, foilsithe ag Cois Life.
- Gaiscíoch na Beilte Uaine le Caitriona Nic Sheáin agus Andrew Whitson, foilsithe ag An tSnáthaid Mhór.

Is comórtas liteartha ar leith é 'Leabhar na Bliana 2007' sa mhéid is go ndíríonn sé ar árdchaighdeán foilsitheoireachta go príomha, ach go dtugann sé an t-aitheantas cuí d'údair na leabhar chomh maith. Is iad Bord na Leabhar Gaeilge agus Oireachtas na Gaeilge a reachtálann an comórtas seo gach bliain agus fógrófar buaiteoirí na gcomórtas ag Oireachtas na Gaeilge i gCathair na Mart ar an 2 Samhain.

Leabhar na Bliana 2007 is a unique literary competition, focusing mainly on excellent publishing standards, while also acknowledging the significant role of the authors. Bord na Leabhar Gaeilge and Oireachtas na Gaeilge organise this event on an annual basis and this year's winners will be announced at the Oireachtas na Gaeilge festival in Westport, Co. Mayo on November 2.

CELEBRATE LEARNING DURING THE ADULT LEARNERS' FESTIVAL

From 4 – 8 February 2008, AONTAS – the National Adult Learning Organisation – is coordinating the second annual Adult Learners' Festival and once again, they need your help! The aim is to celebrate adult learning and the achievements of adult learners, to showcase the work of adult education providers and to ensure adult education is placed firmly on the political agenda.

The festival will kick off with The STAR Awards Ceremony to celebrate adult learning projects on Monday, February 4 2008. The STAR Awards are about showcasing teamwork and awarding recognition – it is about acknowledging the fantastic work being done by adult learning projects throughout the country! Most of all, it is about celebrating the positive contribution that these project make to our society, our economy and our local communities.

It couldn't be easier to nominate a project for a STAR Award.... Simply, visit www.adultlearnersfestival.com and fill in the online nomination form or download the nomination form and e-mail it to mail@aontas.com. Alternatively, hard copies of nomination forms have been sent to adult learning projects throughout the country, simply fill it in the block capitals at return to AONTAS by post. The closing date for receipt of nominations is Friday, October 19, 2007 at 5pm.

The Adult Learners' Festival 2008 will only be a success if there is both a national and local dimension. Everyone involved in adult & community education is encouraged to celebrate learning during the Adult Learners' Festival 2008 by nominating a project for a STAR Award or by holding or attending a local event.

For further information on the Adult Learners' Festival, contact AONTAS, 2nd Floor, 83-87 Main St, Ranelagh, Dublin 6. t: 01 4068220; e: mail@aontas.com

news & events

October has been designated "Reading Month" at **Clare County Library**. As winter draws in what could be better than curling up and settling down with a good book? Before you do, maybe your experience could be enhanced by learning a little more about the whole subject of reading and books. How do you choose a good read? How do you pass on a love of books to your children? What is the magic of a good book? These questions, and more, will be discussed at the De Valera Library, Ennis during the month of October, when a series of adult lectures by specialist speakers will take place.

The programme kicks off on October 9. Each talk will begin at 8.00 pm. at the De Valera Library, Harmony Row, Ennis and admission is free. If you are already a believer in the value of reading these talks will explore new angles and ideas for you. If you are not already a reader, then a whole new world awaits.

- 9th October "Literature versus popular fiction or taking the snobbery out of reading" by Dr. Paula Murphy.
- 16th October "Why reading is good for your health" by Shalini Sinha
- 23rd October "Growing up with Children's books" by Robert Dunbar

For further details contact Clare County Library: Tel. 065 6846350 & 6842461. Email: mailbox@clarelibrary.ie

Donegal County Library: in January 2007, Milford Community Library invited students from Mulroy College to write and illustrate a book on the Flight of the Earls geared towards primary school children. The story is set in a present day classroom with the main character Shane O'Donnell being transferred back through time to the actual Flight of the Earls, and how he inadvertently becomes embroiled in the journey from Donegal Town to Rathmullan.



This is a beautifully illustrated, engaging story set in the historical context of the Flight of the Earls. This unique tale commemorates, in fact and fiction, the 400th anniversary of the Flight. Fourth year students devised the idea of simplifying the complex story for primary school children. The illustrations drawn by fifth year students are based on this text and are of the highest quality. The book took a number of months to complete involving cross-curricular work in English, History and Art. It was formally launched in Milford Community Library on Wednesday September 5 2007 by local historian, Sheila Friel.

The **Ennis Book Club Festival** is inviting librarians nationwide to give book clubs and readers an opportunity to attend next year's Ennis Book Club Festival (February 29 to March 2 2008). Book clubs are of enormous personal benefit to the individual, while for libraries the benefits in terms of involvement and interest are immeasurable. If you would like your library service to participate you simply need to sponsor a writing competition in your county or city. The topic for the competition is *My Fantasy Book Club Evening* – if death and different languages were removed as barriers to invitation, who would make up your ideal book club gathering and what would you read?

Winners in each county/city will receive weekend festival tickets, while for the overall national winner the prize is a weekend break for six people in Ennis, during the 2008 Ennis Book Club Festival i.e. 2 nights' hotel accommodation, (3 rooms) on a bed and breakfast/shared room basis. The weekend break in Ennis is kindly sponsored by John Treacy, IES, Leixlip. Further details from frances.ogorman@clarelibrary.ie Tel. 087 226 2259

Fingal County Libraries: *Finscéal 2007 – A Writer's Trail of Fingal* is a readers' and writers' festival organised and co-ordinated by Fingal County Libraries and The Fingal Arts Office. The festival is organised as part of Fingal County Council's commitment to provide equal access to arts activities and to encourage creative writing in Fingal.



Marisa Mackle

Finscéal is now in its sixth year and this year's festival was officially launched in Malahide Castle on Wednesday September 5 by the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Alan Farrell.

Special Guest for the evening was Marisa Mackle, well known author, journalist and publisher of Dodder Books. During the evening Marisa gave a wonderful insight into the world of a writer and gave invaluable advice on getting published.

The evening in Malahide Castle is the first of three weeks of events and workshops including creative writing and screen writing workshops, *A Murder Day* in Ardgillan Castle, *Poetry Unplugged* with Dermot Bolger and a comedic extravaganza with Anne Gildea in the Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre.

Author events include, a visit by renowned Irish author Joseph O'Connor to Blanchardstown library to discuss his work, and the final event is a *Readers' and Writers' Day* in the Radisson Hotel at Dublin Airport with Sarah Webb and the Irish Girls, and best selling UK author Katie Fforde.

The library of the **Royal Irish Academy** has received several important collections during the past year, including:

- The archives of the Dublin Unitarian Church congregations (from the 18th-century Cook Street congregation up to the current St Stephen's Green congregation). The archives are wide-ranging in coverage and should prove to be an important resource for scholars of Dublin history, social life, and the history of religious congregations, as well as providing a new resource for genealogical researchers. The collection is currently being catalogued with funding from the Heritage Council.
- Two lovely framed Gabriel Beranger (c.1729-1817) watercolours, of Ardfinnan Castle, Co. Tipperary and Trim Castle, bequeathed to the Library by the late Dr Monica Nevin. These drawings augment our significant Beranger collection of topographical drawings.
- Files relating to research carried out by Professors Ebling and Kitching on the ecology of Lough Hyne, Co. Cork, during the period 1937 to 1982, donated by Professor Trevor Norton, Liverpool University.
- A collection of papers relating to Seán Pléimeann (1814-96), editor of *Irisleabhar na Gaeilge*, 1884-91, donated by Dr Diamuid Ó hAirt.

In the spring the library staff organised a successful exhibition, *German-speaking Celticists and Irish scholarship, 1850-1930*, to

celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the European Economic Community (later EU).

This year, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of St Anthony's Irish College at Louvain, and as part of the *Louvain 400* exhibitions being held in Irish cultural institutions and universities, the library has organised two lunchtime lecture series. These are themed

- Ireland and Europe in the seventeenth century: poets, priests and patrons Lectures, September 24, 26 and 28 (See www.ria.ie for further details.)
- Irish scholarship at St Anthony's College Louvain Lectures, November 26, 28 and 29 (See www.ria.ie for further details.)

These lecture series are timed to coincide with the forthcoming exhibition, *The writing of Irish history: the Four Masters and their world*, which will take place in the Long Room, Trinity College Dublin, October - December 2007, featuring the *Annals of the Four Masters* and other Academy manuscript materials. The Academy Library will also mount an exhibition in support of the lecture series. This exhibition will feature continental and Irish works on the lives of the Irish saints.

The Library will take part in *Open House Dublin 2007* on Saturday, 20 October, 2-5 p.m. when the ground floor of Academy House will be open to the public for architectural tours.

For further information contact the Academy Library at 01-676 2570 or email library@ria.ie (www.ria.ie).

Tipperary Libraries: Clonmel Library staff presented a series of six workshops for children over the summer holidays. The six countries chosen this year were Poland, Lithuania, India, Malaysia, Ireland: the Travellers, and Australia.



Each day, children took part in art and craft sessions, food tasting, customs and traditions, with a native from each country now resident in Clonmel. David let the kids have a go with an Australian Rules ball, Pinky from Malaysia let children taste some Malaysian foods, Damian had some tasty Polish sweets, Sangeeta wore her traditional sari, Laura from Lithuania showed children pictures of Lithuania and Damian from Poland told children all about his country - the traditions, culture and daily life.

The Ireland workshop focused on the customs and traditions of the Traveller Community.

Ellen O'Reilly told children all about her life growing up and all the traditions and customs in the Traveller community before showing the children how to make paper flowers, a very old Traveller craft. Every child got to make a paper flower.



Confirmed so far are:

- Josephine Cox, best-selling author of *The Journey*, *Journey's End* and the new best-seller *The Loner*.
- Alan Durant, author of over fifty novels and picture books for children of all ages, including the *Bad Boyz* football series and the bestselling *Dear Tooth Fairy*.
- Paul Williams, crime correspondent for *The Sunday World* and author of books such as *The Untouchables*, *Evil Empire*, *Gangland*, and *The General*.
- John Quinn, writer and broadcaster, author of Bisto award-winner *The Summer of Lily and Esme*, *Bill and Fred*, and the memoir *Sea of Love, Sea of Loss*.
- Dr. Jim Parker, Registrar of Public Lending Right in the UK.
- Rhona Arthur, Assistant Director of The Scottish Library Information Council/CILIPS.
- Dave Pattern, Library Services Manager, University of Huddersfield.
- Tom Donegan, Programme Officer, Children's Books Ireland.

For further information contact Melanie Cunningham at publiclibraries@libraryassociation.ie.

The **2008 Annual Joint Conference** of the LAI and CILIP will take place from 15th to 17th April 2008 at the Radisson SAS Hotel, Athlone.

Forbidden Fruit: The censorship of literature and information for young people, Southport, June 19-20 2008. This two-day conference offers a unique opportunity for authors, practitioners from libraries, information services and education, researchers from a range of disciplines, publishers and policymakers from all interested sectors to meet, network and share experiences. The conference will focus on the censorship of print, electronic and other literary and information resources for young people. Abstracts are invited for a presentation in either of the following formats:

- A reflective paper (approx 30 minutes plus discussion)
- A case study (approximately 20 minutes plus discussion): a short report of a research activity or project
- A poster (a visual presentation of a case study or issue, with opportunities for informal discussion)

Suggested themes include:

- Young people, the Internet and censorship
- Access to citizenship, health and other information for young people
- Pressure groups and censorship
- The role of information literacy
- Publishers and censorship
- Media literacy
- Authors for young people and censorship
- Media reaction to censorship
- Graphic novels, manga and 'crossover' novels
- Library selection policies
- The history of censorship

Please send an abstract of up to 200 words, together with your contact details, by email to ebase@uce.ac.uk, post to Ebase Events, PO Box 128, Glossop, SK13 8WJ, or by fax to 08717 145 900. The closing date for submission of abstracts is 7th January 2008.

For more information, please contact sarah.mcnicol@uce.ac.uk
Please note: The date of this conference has been changed from 25-26th June to the 19-20th June.

publications

The long awaited Festschrift for Dónall Ó Luanaigh, entitled ***Librarians, poets and scholars***, will be published in October by Four Courts Press in association with the National Library of Ireland Society. The Festschrift is a collection of essays and poems, presented by the National Library of Ireland Society to Dónall Ó Luanaigh, Keeper of Collections at the National Library of Ireland. The Society is an association of 'friends' of the National Library of Ireland, and most of the contributors to this volume have recently lectured to the Society or given poetry readings.

Librarians, poets and scholars: a festschrift for Dónall Ó Luanaigh / edited by Felix M. Larkin. Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2007.

ISBN: 978-1-84682-017-5; €55.00 (Web price: €49.50).

www.fourcourtspress.ie

The final volume of the series ***Beathaisnéis, Beathaisnéis a Naoi: Forlíonadh agus Innéacsanna, 2007*** by Máire Ní Mhurchú and Diarmuid Breathnach (published by An Clóchomhar) has been published. This biographical dictionary of notable persons in the world of the Irish language 1560-2006, commenced in 1980. Máire and Diarmuid are retired librarians with a longstanding writing partnership. The series may be the only biographical survey of a major Irish movement of the period 1882-2006. This volume has a further 120 subjects, together with corrections and additional information on lives in the earlier volumes. The series also indexes people, places, Irish books since 1567, plays both published and produced, pseudonyms, Irish and foreign authors translated, and also has a general and thematic index. Some of the volumes in the series are now out of print and it is An Clóchomhar's intention to reprint these by the end of the year. On the publication of the fifth volume in 1997, Professor Joe Lee wrote in *The Sunday Tribune*: 'With only modest funding and less fanfare, Breathnach and Ní Mhurchú have succeeded in rescuing from near oblivion a central component of the cultural history of Ireland and an important aspect of the European experience.'

Irish Libraries, Archives, Museums & Genealogical Centres: A Visitors' Guide / edited by Robert K. O'Neill. - Ulster Historical Foundation, 2007 – a new edition of this directory has just been published.

conferences & calls for papers

The **Public Libraries Section** of the Library Association of Ireland's annual conference will take place from November 7 to 9 at the Tower Hotel, Waterford City. The conference theme is about getting the right book to the right reader, and there is a great line-up of speakers.

october 2007

3-26th *The Children's Book Festival 2007* will run from October 3rd – 26, with over 1,000 events taking place nationwide to celebrate children's books and encourage reading amongst young people.

3rd *People in Local History* - Part one of a three part series of training sessions on local history delivered by Dr. Brian Gurrin, NUI Maynooth to be held at the Imperial Hotel, Cork – organized by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Details on this and other courses from mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

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10th -12th *PLA Conference 2007: Inform Educate Entertain - Whose role is it anyway?* For more information see <http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/plg/pla2007/>

11-12th *Management Issues in Public Libraries* - a course on management issues in public libraries, as arranged by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna in consultation with the Standing Committee on Public Library Staff Training and Development. Contact mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

15th *Emergency Planning and Management*, Trinity College, Dublin - A one day training course on how to prevent and manage emergency situations in libraries Facilitated by Jane Henderson, Professional Tutor HISAR, Cardiff University – organized by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Details on this and other courses from mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

16-17th *Library Ireland – The Library, Education & Cultural Resources Exhibition*. Venue: RDS Dublin, 11am-5pm. Admission free. For your free visitor's pack please contact Key Events Ltd., 24 Terenure Road East, Rathgar, Dublin 6. Fax: +353-(0)1-4901792 or register online at www.keyevents.ie

18th – 20th *Marsh's Library - A Mirror on the World: conference to commemorate the 1707 Act of Parliament establishing the Library*. Day two of this conference is entirely devoted to the subject of 'Collectors & Collections'. Conference fee €60 (students €30). For information and booking form contact Ann Simmons, Marsh's Library, St. Patrick's Close, Dublin 8. Email: keeper@marshlibrary.ie Tel: 01-4543511. Accommodation is limited, early booking is essential.

22nd Parts 1 of *Introduction to children's books in libraries*: a two part course for library staff Facilitated by The Reading Centre at The Church of Ireland College of Education. Church of Ireland College of Education, Rathmines – organized by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Details on this and other courses from mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

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22nd *Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lectures in Legal Bibliography*: Dr. Laurence M. Geary, Department of History, University College, Cork, will give the seventeenth lecture in this series entitled *A history of the poor law in Ireland: a bibliographic survey*. The venue is The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, 6 Kildare 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.

26th *People and Places in Local History*. Part 2 of a three part series of training sessions on local history delivered by Dr. Terence Dooley NUI Maynooth. Imperial Hotel, Cork – organized by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Details on this and other courses from mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

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4-8th *2nd AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival*. If you would like to organise an event or would like more information, please contact AONTAS on 01-4068220 or e-mail: mail@aontas.com

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