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MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. John Gormley, T.D. launched the report *Meeting the Challenges of Cultural Diversity: a report on the role of public libraries in Ireland* in Rathmines Library on Wednesday October 17 2007.

The report is the culmination of research and pilot programme implementation by three library services: Dublin City, Meath County and Waterford City Public Libraries, supported by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna.

Speaking at the launch, the Minister stated that he was very happy to have been invited to launch what he described as a "very welcome report which examines how public libraries are rising to the challenges presented by Ireland's new and cultural diversity". The Minister noted that "thanks to this report, we now have a very clear picture of the library needs of this very significant element of our population" and he acknowledged that the challenge was to respond quickly to the recommendations contained within it.



Left to right: Deirdre Ellis-King, Dublin City Librarian, Marisela Pérez de Cleary, Ecuadorian Consul Dublin, H.E. Franc Mikša Ambassador of Slovenia to Ireland, John Gormley T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, H.E. Claes Ljungdahl, Ambassador of Sweden to Ireland, Lawrence Lee, Association of Professional Chinese in Ireland. Annette Kelly, Assistant Director, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna/The Library Council.

He indicated that he was particularly struck by the findings of the report in relation to the high level of use of information technology in public libraries by foreign nationals. He stated that he was glad to note that the report recommends "that libraries should continue to provide ICT services to support the needs of foreign nationals while also encouraging them to avail of the wider range of library services available to all" and expressed satisfaction that the wide range of IT library initiatives supported by his Department over the past few years were directly benefiting "so many members of our increasingly culturally diverse population".

He concluded by emphasising that the public library service is for everyone and expressed his hope that "in the future, through the implementation of the recommendations of this report, libraries will see an increasing number of users drawn from all ages, cultures and backgrounds found in the community". Speaking about the report, Deirdre Ellis-King, Dublin City Librarian and President of the Library Association of Ireland, acknowledged "... the contribution of public libraries in meeting the needs of culturally diverse communities" and urged all library services to "...consider and act on the report's recommendations, so as to further strengthen public library provision in this area."

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Amongst its recommendations the report encourages public libraries:

- To develop policies to meet the needs of foreign nationals,
- To engage in community profiling exercises to establish the range and extent of cultural diversity,
- To acquire multilingual stock such as books, newspapers, CD and DVDs,
- To continue to provide well used ICT facilities while also encouraging use of a wider range of library services,
- To deliver multicultural events and activities so as to promote public library services,
- To provide appropriate training for staff to enable them to interact more effectively with foreign nationals.

The report also emphasises the need to integrate services to culturally diverse communities within general library services.

ASK ABOUT IRELAND IRISH TIMES DIGITAL ARCHIVE LAUNCHED

A fully searchable digital archive of *The Irish Times*, freely accessible within public library branches and schools through www.askaboutireland.ie, was launched by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. John Gormley, T.D. and the Managing Director of *The Irish Times*, Ms. Maeve Donovan, on October 8 at the Mansion House, Dublin.

The *Ask About Ireland Irish Times Archive* contains every issue of the newspaper, from the first edition in March 1859. The archive spans such events as the assassination of US President Lincoln in 1865, the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, the 1916 Rising, the birth of the Republic, and the World Wars and all local and national events in between.

Genealogists, those researching their ancestors and anyone looking to know more about the past should find the site of particular interest. Birth notices, obituaries, social notices, court reports and even inquests give considerably more insight than any public record will reveal. Written in the language of the time, reports also reflect the social and historical background of daily life. Digitisation of the microfilm began in 2006, working with an international specialist firm to develop the archive from microfilm originals.

The Public Library Research Programme was established in 2002 to implement the recommendations of *Branching Out* for a formalised research programme which would focus on the provision of new, innovative and improved library services. The Programme is managed by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and monitored by the Public Library Research Committee, which includes members from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the Library Association of Ireland, the School of Information and Library Studies (National University of Ireland, Dublin) and An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. The report is available from Annette Kelly, Assistant Director, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna or is available to download from www.librarycouncil.ie.

Digitisation involves scanning the images stored on microfilm and placing them in a searchable format online. A digital archive contains exact reproductions of the printed version of the paper, with all the pictures, headlines and text of the newspaper in the same format as they were originally produced.

A panel of quality assessors, including fifteen local studies librarians from public library authorities across the country, evaluated and tested the digitised content over a number of months to ensure that the archive would meet user requirements. The project was co-funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and *The Irish Times* and developed in association with An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (The Library Council).

Access to the archive is available, free of charge, through www.askaboutireland.ie within public library branches and schools. It is also accessible on a subscription basis on *The Irish Times'* website, ireland.com.

For further information on the *Ask About Ireland Irish Times Digital Archive* and www.askaboutireland.ie, please contact Annette Kelly or Joan Ward, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, 53 & 54 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2 - telephone: 01 676 1167- fax 01 6766721 e-mail: akelly@librarycouncil.ie or e-mail: jward@librarycouncil.ie

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS AWARDS 2007

The Public Library Buildings Awards UK and Republic of Ireland 2007 were announced in Glasgow on Wednesday October 11. The awards recognise the best libraries open to the public in the last two years throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland and focus on building design, practice, management and use of the buildings by the library customers and staff. Two Irish libraries were recognised by the judges this year, the Johnston Central Library and Farnham Centre in Cavan, and The Source Library and Arts Centre in Thurles.

Cavan's Johnston Central Library won The Judges Award, the 'Mary Finch Accessibility Award', as the library which best incorporated access for all users.

The Judges Award, the 'Mary Finch Accessibility Award' generously sponsored by the BBC, goes to the library which, in the judges opinion, most addressed inclusivity - the accessibility elements in this library have been carefully integrated to ensure that it meets and possibly exceeds the regulations but does so in an understated way. This means that any visitor to the building is likely to have the same visitor experience moving through this building.

The Johnston Central Library and Farnham Centre was also highly commended in the Architecture Meets Practicality award. Jack Keyes, Cavan County Manager said: "We are delighted and proud to have received these two prestigious awards. Cavan County Council set out to deliver an excellent library building and services for Cavan Town and its catchment. These awards recognise that excellence has been achieved. We still have some way to go in developing Cavan library services throughout the

County. The awards give heart to Cavan library staff and confirm that we are getting it right. In 2003 we won the Public Library Buildings Award for Cootehill library and hardly dared hope that we could win again! The Cavan library staff team knows that quality public library services are invaluable to the community."



L-r: Norma McDermott, Director, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, Ger Finn, Director of Services, Cavan County Council, Josephine Brady, Cavan County Librarian, Adrienne Adair, Assistant Chief Librarian, SEELB.

Ger Finn, Director of Services added: "with 12,000 visits monthly and close to 8,000 members, Johnston Central Library staff are now concentrating on developing library services to meet the needs of all our users," while Francis McDermott, Cathaoirleach, Cavan County Council said that: "We are particularly pleased to win the Accessibility Award and would like to thank local people with disabilities for all their help and support in making Johnston Central Library work for all. We have learned that our building is

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better for everyone as a result of listening to the needs of people with disabilities. Our hope is that others will follow our lead and give serious attention to the needs of people with disabilities when planning new public buildings for Cavan”.

County Librarian emphasised that: “Cavan County Council is currently working on an Implementation Plan to deliver accessibility in all our Council buildings and services. We have a lot of work to do and are determined to achieve excellence for local people with disabilities. Johnston Central Library is an example of best practice that is very useful as we work on our Implementation Plan. I would like to thank the Johnston Central Library Staff Team for all their hard work in delivering services every bit as fine as the building itself.” Sheila Courtney, Chairperson of the CRAIC (Creating Reasonable Accommodation for People with Disabilities in Cavan) Advisory Group said that: “We are thrilled with this award and with the Johnston Central Library Building. On behalf of the CRAIC Advisory Group, we would like to congratulate Cavan County Council. This is just reward for the commitment shown in the planning of this building. We look forward to this award bearing fruit over the coming years for local people with disabilities.”

Thurles Library entered the Public Library Buildings Awards under the Partnership Category, which is for new or refurbished libraries built and/or managed in partnership with other agencies and was “highly commended” at the awards. The Source Library and Arts Centre is jointly managed by County Tipperary Joint Libraries Committee and Thurles Regional Arts Centre Ltd. Assistant Librarian in Thurles Library, Ann Marie Brophy said that: “I think we were awarded [the commendation] because of how the building is managed, there are three different bodies involved...and we have worked well together from as early as back at the planning stage. Ann Marie also went on to say that being “Highly Commended” was: “a big surprise and put us on the map. It’s a clear message that our library is award winning and up to international standards.”



L-R: Adrienne Adair (Assistant Chief Librarian, South Eastern Education & Library Board); Jimmy Hogan (Chairperson, County Tipperary Joint Libraries Committee), Norma McDermott (Director An Chomhairle Leabharlanna), Martin Maher (County Librarian)

SURVEY OF EUROPEAN CULTURAL VALUES

In 2007, the European Commission (Directorate General Education and Culture) commissioned a quantitative Eurobarometer study to measure public opinion on culture and values within Europe, in order to ascertain both opinions and behaviour in this area.

The survey was carried out by TNS Opinion & Social, interviewing 26,755 citizens in the 27 Member States.

The objectives of the study were in particular to analyze:

- How Europeans conceive of the idea of culture and its importance to them.
- Europeans' involvement in cultural and artistic activities, the role of the Internet in this, barriers to cultural access and views on the trend towards free cultural access.
- Issues of cultural exchange, specifically its value to society, the extent to which cross-cultural contact already occurs, the willingness of Europeans to meet people from other countries and to learn a new language, ways in which cross-cultural understanding can be enhanced and actors best placed to implement these measures.
- Interest in culture both in Europe and beyond; views on whether there is indeed a European culture, its characteristics and the effects upon it of globalisation.
- Opinion on key values to be preserved and reinforced in society as well as whether these are seen as particularly European in nature.

For each of these points, the study analyses the results in terms of the European average, before also noting results by country and by socio-demographic variables where relevant.

A number of countries consistently feature as having citizens with high rates of participation in cultural activities. Regarding public libraries, the participation rate is 35% with the highest participation in Finland (72%), Sweden (70%) and Denmark (68%) - Ireland ranked eighth at 47%.

The survey revealed age, gender and educational attainment all influenced participation rates. 37% of women surveyed had visited a public library in the past year, compared with 32% of men.

Both book reading and public library use are more common activities among the youngest age group (15-24).

When asked to categorise use of the Internet for reasons other than work-related, almost 25% stated that they had visited museum, library or other specialised websites in order 'to improve their knowledge'. The response from Ireland was 16%.

The full report is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/sources_info/studies/pdf_word/values_report_en.pdf

The summary report:

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/eac/sources_info/studies/pdf_word/summary_report_values_en.pdf

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Clare County Library will be represented in Chamber Ireland's *Excellence in Local Government Awards 2007*. For the second year running Clare County Library projects have been shortlisted in this prestigious competition. The awards were established to acknowledge and encourage best practice and constructive initiatives by local authorities and to enhance positive relationships between chambers, businesses and their respective local authorities. The overall winners will be announced at a special function in Dublin on November 8. The awards ceremony will take place in association with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The two projects shortlisted for Clare County Library are a photographic project and a maps project. The photographic project is entitled Foto and was launched in August 2004. Foto is the online image database made available through the library's website at <http://foto.clarelibrary.ie/fotoweb/>. To date, it contains over 8,000 images and Clare library plans to continue

sourcing and adding suitable photographic collections. The collections date from the beginning of the 20th century and cover topics like archaeology, architecture, railways, landscape, flora, postcards, mortuary cards, gravestones and people.

The second project shortlisted is a maps project called *Historical Maps of County Clare*. It is available online at <http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/maps/index.htm>. It began in July 2004 when the library decided to build an Internet Geographical Information System for the users of Clare County Library's website, based on the 1842 Ordnance Survey 6-Inch maps of County Clare. The maps were integrated with other online resources available on the website. In August 2006 the Clare Grand Jury Maps (1787) and Petty Maps (1658-9 & 1685) were added, and in February 2007 the David Rumsey maps of Clare were included. The aim is to provide free and unlimited access to a digital map collection comprising a variety of historical County

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Clare maps, integrated with the wealth of historical and archeological data on the library website. These projects are managed by Maureen Comber and Anthony Edwards.

Following a successful pilot programme in Ennis library, the Séan Lemass library in Shannon has launched a comprehensive new film and music collection. The collection was launched by the mayor of Clare, Patricia McCarthy who said that: "Film and music collections are being established at library branches in Shannon and Scarriff as a result of the hugely successful collection at the De Valera library in Ennis." Executive librarian, Carrie Stafford said that the collection included a range of film classics and that the music collection featured selections from genres ranging from classical to popular music.

(Source – *Limerick Leader*, September 7 2007.)

The British Library has announced the retirement of IFLA issued vouchers. The Governing Board has approved that vouchers issued during the years 1995 - March 2003 by the British Library (BL) will be phased out during 2008. The deadline for redeeming/exchanging BL issued vouchers will be October 31, 2008. Institutions sending back the old BL vouchers will have two choices:

- To have their BL vouchers replaced by new IFLA Vouchers (no added costs).
- To receive a redemption payment (normal handling fee of 12 euros per redemption). If you chose to redeem your BL vouchers please use the IFLA redemption form (www.ifla.org/VI/2/p1/redempt_frm.pdf). To avoid confusion, BL issued vouchers have the following text on the backside: Issued by/Emis par, IFLA Offices for UAP and International Lending, c/o British Library, Boston Spa, Wetherby, Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, United Kingdom.

A selection of The British Library's collection of 19th century newspapers will soon be available online, with a launch to the UK Higher and Further Education in October. Wider public availability is planned from Spring 2008. The library's newspaper digitisation project will provide access to electronic versions of national, regional and locally important newspapers from 1800 to 1900, allowing users to search material previously only available in London-based reading rooms. Two million pages from 48 newspapers will be rolled out progressively thanks to funding from the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) as part of its £22 million digitisation programme. The content will focus on London national newspapers, English regional papers, home country newspapers from Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, and titles in specialist areas such as Victorian radicalism and Chartism. The British Newspaper Library has also secured JISC funding to digitise another million newspaper pages from the 19th century by early 2009, and plans to make available online a million pages from 18th century newspapers as well.

Cork City Libraries' Children's Book Festival was launched by author, cartoonist, and wildlife enthusiast Don Conroy and bilingual puppeteer, Seán Ó Laoghaire. The new children's logo for Cork City Libraries was introduced to over 100 children who attended the launch.

Children from all over the city, spent the summer months thinking of suitable names for the bird logo which will form part of the visual identity of Cork City Libraries children's service. The name Red was chosen from over 500 entries. The name reflects the colour of the bird and the fact that it hails from Cork. Incorporating the official logo of Cork City Libraries, the bird design was executed by Alan Barrett, a former staff member.

Puppeteer Seán Ó Laoghaire used a 3-D puppet representing the logo and he hopes to introduce Red as a character in book format to promote Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Kerry County Library's new logo, launched by the Mayor of Kerry, Cllr Michael Healy Rae on Tuesday September 25 in Tralee library, marks the first step in a drive by Kerry library to promote the many services that the library has on offer. In addition the library

produced a whole range of promotional material ranging from pencils to rulers to reader guides. With over 230,000 books held by Kerry libraries, and over 367,000 items issued in 2006, there is major public use of the libraries. However, visitors to the nine branch libraries in the county will realise that they are not just about books, with plenty more on offer. "The aim is to raise awareness of the wide range of services that Kerry libraries have on offer," County Librarian Tommy O'Connor explained. "Book lending forms just part of what we offer to members of the public. Other services include free Internet access, on-line access to national and international newspapers, audio books, CD books, the Irish Times Archive and many more. In addition, we hold numerous events in all our libraries throughout the year, whether poetry readings, art exhibitions, book launches, lectures or talks by the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society. The mobile library service, which stops at over 70 locations around the county, free of charge, also includes urban areas, such as Ardshanavooley in Killarney, Spa Road and Shanakill in Tralee. This gives people who might not be able to travel to their local library, the chance to have the library come to them". "Kerry County Council will be spending €3.2m on library services in 2007, so there is a major commitment towards the promotion of the library services throughout Kerry," County Manager, Tom Curran explained. "In addition, we have a new library in the Killorglin Area Services Centre development, and the new Area Services Centre in Castleisland, which will open in the coming weeks, will also contain a brand new library. Kenmare Library has been recently re-furbished, while plans for a new library in Cahirciveen are at an advanced stage". Mayor of Kerry, Cllr Michael Healy Rae, who officially launched the new logo, pointed to the benefits that the Kerry Library service offers. "Children, teenagers, adults and senior citizens, all benefit from the wealth of knowledge that is contained within the libraries," he said. "It is a vital service for many members of our community, and the additional services that are coming on stream will allow people to access the library 24 hours a day".



Tommy O'Connor (Kerry Co. Librarian), Michael Healy-Rae (Mayor of Kerry), and Tom Curran (Kerry Co. Manager) at the launch of the new logo

The second edition of the CD-ROM, Resource County Roscommon was launched, as part of Heritage Week, at **Roscommon County Library** on August 28. The CD is a compilation of information relating to County Roscommon, with maps and databases compiling historical records. The new CD consists of 2,000 pages of data, including 120 maps and is designed, by John Hunter, from Brisbane, Australia, to help simplify the process of tracing one's family history and gathering information on local history. Mr. Hunter has also compiled a similar CD-ROM for County Leitrim. The CD is available from Trinity Rare Books, Bridge St. Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim or online from Gould Genealogy, Australia – orders@gould.com.au.

Over 40 events took place in Roscommon to mark Heritage week, most of which were free of charge and all of which aimed to generate and develop awareness of the county's built, natural and cultural heritage. As well as the launching of projects, such as Resource Roscommon, there were music recitals, lectures, archaeological field trips, nature walks exhibitions and seminars.

SEELB's Tullycarnet Library will host the annual *Notes in November Festival* from 3rd – 24th November. Two of the music events are *Cantiunculae*: a 10 piece a capella chamber choir from Belfast (Tuesday 20th) and Nibs van der Stuy, singer/songwriter and acoustic guitarist from South Africa (Saturday 24th). Details are available on www.ni-libraries.net

Wild and Weird, **South Dublin Libraries'** animal-themed Children's Book Festival, got off to a great start in Castletymon Library on Wednesday October 3. Mayor Billy Gogarty officially launched the festival before guest of honour, Mary Kingston from RTÉ, entertained local school children, with help from *The Cowardly Lion*, *Dorothy* and *Glenda the Good Witch*. A highlight of the morning was the magic show performed by the Wizard from Oz, who enthralled the children with lots of fantastic tricks.



RTÉ's Mary Kingston with the Cowardly Lion

Highlights of South Dublin Libraries' Children's Book Festival included author visits from Diana Kimpton, author of the *Pony Mad Princess* series; Korky Paul, illustrator of the *Winnie the Witch* series; and Geraldine McCaughren, award winning author of *The Kite Runner* and *Stop the Train* amongst others. There were storytelling sessions with Niall de Burca, Dan Crow, entertainer and recording artist, and Eric Maddern, tale-spinner and singer. Art and music workshops were conducted by the Hugh Lane Art Gallery and National Concert Hall. There was also a visit from nature enthusiast Éanna Ní Lamhna, and lots more.

During the months of July and August **Tipperary Libraries** ran one of their most successful summer reading schemes for many years. This year each child who read the required number of titles received a specially commissioned commemorative medal, and a reading tree certificate. The medals were sponsored by the various Bank of Ireland branches in Tipperary, and this initiative was also seen as a terrific way of promoting the library service. Award presentations have taken place in several libraries so far, with other ceremonies yet to take place.



The picture from Thurles library shows the Gemma Larkin, Children's Librarian, and the local Bank of Ireland manager Mr Liam Neligan presenting the first certificates and medals for the Thurles winners.

Wexford County Library: *Reading the Future* is an exciting new course for adults, in Enniscorthy Library. The course runs on Wednesday mornings, from October to early December. *Reading the Future* is the focus for group reading and discussion. As its title suggests, the work of contemporary and recent writers such as Cormac McCarthy, W H Auden, Robert Frost, F Scott Fitzgerald, George Orwell and Seamus Heaney, are being read and discussed. Their views, and questioning of the world, now and in the near future, is the starting point for a stimulating and provocative programme of reading. Novels, poetry and short stories are covered in the core workshops. Other recommendations are being offered as the course progresses. *Reading the Future* is one of many informal courses that are offered by Wexford Public Libraries. Participants say that the mixture of short pieces with novels lets them join in, no matter how little time they have for reading. As always, the books, poems and other materials are being supplied from the stock of Enniscorthy library. The discussion group is led by Althea Farren who moved to Gorey from Zimbabwe, Africa earlier this year. Althea was born in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa and grew up on a farm in Rhodesia, (now Zimbabwe). She has co-authored a book *Voices of Zimbabwe* (2001) and has written *Raging Gently*, about the experiences of a reading circle there. Althea and her Irish husband, Larry, are settling in Wexford. She is looking forward to meeting and joining with other readers here to explore views on the world through the eyes of as our foremost writers.

publications

What will we do next? A Book of Children's Games, produced by South Dublin County Libraries in association with Community Services, Parks and Landscaping Department of South Dublin County Council. *What will we do next? A Book of Children's Games* aims to re-establish the joy of play, encouraging children and parents alike to engage in physical and mental activity. Following South Dublin County Council's very successful National Play Day, held for the first time on July 16 2006 and now an annual event, it was decided to document some favourite traditional games before the very old ones are lost forever. This book will give parents and children hours of pleasure. Many adults out there will have enjoyed happy hours in the distant days of youth playing *Red Rover*, *Four Corners* and *Queenie-I-Oh!* Clear instructions are given about playing the games, so that the booklet will be suitable for both adult play leaders as well as children themselves to use.

What will we do next? A Book of Children's Games is available for free in all South Dublin County Library branches or can be downloaded at www.southdublinlibraries.ie.

Database of Irish women's writing, 1800-2005: since 2005 the project team led by Professor Maria Luddy of the University of Warwick and Professor Gerardine Meaney of University College Dublin has constructed a bibliographical database of Irish women writers, who wrote in both Irish and English, between 1800 and 2005. The database includes a whole range of publications, such as novels, articles, poems, memoirs, travel writing, essays, cookery writing, plays, films, etc. The database also provides biographical details, where available, such as birth dates, date of death, place of birth and death, places associated with a particular author, together with all known pseudonyms. Every known edition of a book, play, or film is listed, along with details of printers and publishers for each work.

The project was funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and was designed by Robert O'Toole of Elab, University of Warwick.

The database is now freely available at: <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/wimic>

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- 7-9th The Public Libraries Section of the Library Association of Ireland's annual conference at the Tower Hotel, Waterford City. The conference theme is about getting the right book to the right reader. For further information contact Melanie Cunningham at: publiclibraries@libraryassociation.ie
- 8th *An Ghaeilge sa Leabharlann / Promoting the Use of Irish in Libraries* in the Green Room, Mercer Hotel, Lower Mercer St, Dublin 2. To reserve a place please e-mail Eva Hornung (Academic & Special Libraries Committee) at eva.hornung@cdu.cdvec.ie by Friday November 2.
- 12th Part 2 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
- 19th Part 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. Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee – organized by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Details on this and other courses from mflynn@librarycouncil.ie
- 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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- 28-29th 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

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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
- 29-2nd 2nd annual Ennis Book Club Festival. Further details are available from: frances.ogorman@clarelibrary.ie and www.ennisbookclubfestival.com
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- 19-20th 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
- 30-1st Beyond Discovery EUSIDIC - CLSIG (March 30 - April 1). The 2008 EUSIDIC Conference is a joint event of EUSIDIC and CLSIG (Commercial, Legal and Scientific Information Group of CILIP). Details: www.eusidic.net

april 2008

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

june 2008

- 19-20th Forbidden Fruit: the censorship of literature and information for young people, Southport. The conference will focus on the censorship of print, electronic and other literary and information resources for young people. For more information, please contact ffruit@hotmail.co.uk or visit: <http://forbiddenfruitconference.wetpaint.com>
Please note: The date of this conference has been changed from June 25-26 to the June 19-20.



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