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THE MS READaTHON

The **MS READaTHON** is Sweet Sixteen and Invites Adult Participation for First Time – SPECIAL PRIZE FOR LIBRARIANS OF €1,500 HOLIDAY VOUCHER

The annual MS READaTHON will take place from 18th October to 18th November. Now in its 16th year and supported by Cheerios, the MS READaTHON is a motivational reading programme where participants get sponsored for reading books during a four week reading period. For the first time in its history the MS READaTHON will now be extended to book clubs and adult literacy groups.

Librarians are once again being asked to lend their support to the MS READaTHON. MS READaTHON packs will be sent to all libraries and librarians are asked to stamp all MS READaTHON registration cards with the library stamp and display promotional materials for the event. All returned stamped registration cards will be put into a draw for a €1,500 holiday voucher which will take place on **Den TV** on 17th December. Last year's winning library was Sligo County Library where the prize was shared amongst the team.

Mary Richardson, MS READaTHON Manager said "The MS READaTHON has encouraged millions of children to read despite

the fast pace of entertainment and modern life. For the first time this year we are encouraging adults to get involved as well so we hope to see plenty of parents, teachers, librarians and adult literacy groups take part."

All participants are entered into a draw to win a host of fabulous prizes which this year include a computer with flat screen and colour printer, a digital camera, a weekend trip to see Manchester United play Liverpool, a hot air balloon trip and road and track sports cycle. There are also special prizes and awards for schools, teachers and individual children etc.

Multiple Sclerosis is a disease of the brain and spinal cord. It is the most common neurological disabling disease affecting young adults, with over 6,000 people in Ireland currently living with MS. The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland is a voluntary organisation set up to facilitate people with MS to control their lives and environment, to live with dignity and participate in the community and to provide support for the families and carers of people living with MS.

More information on how to get involved with the MS READaTHON is available on the MS Ireland website <<http://www.ms-society.ie>> or by phoning 1800 650950.

news & events

South Dublin Libraries: Irish Local History – Introduction to methods and sources.

Recently, staff members from South Dublin Libraries took part in a course **Irish Local History – Introduction to methods and sources**. The course was held in the County Library headquarters in Tallaght for 2 hours each workday afternoon from 16th – 23rd June 2003. The aim of the course was to introduce staff to the methods and sources employed in local studies work, to assist them in any research they might undertake and enable them to direct library users to sources of interest in their libraries or at other locations. The course was offered to all South Dublin Libraries staff and 23 members (25% of staff) volunteered to undertake the course.

The main lecturer on the course, Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú is a secondary teacher in Dublin who is a well-known writer and lecturer on Irish local history. Among his published books are: *The Humours of Donnybrook: Dublin's Famous Fair and its Suppression*; *W & R Jacob: Celebrating 150 years of Irish Biscuit Making*; *The Wicklow World of Elizabeth Smith, 1840-1850* (with Dermot James) and *Ballyknockan: a Wicklow Stonecutters' Village* (with Barry O'Reilly). His doctoral thesis was on the subject of the Dublin suburban townships. He regularly teaches courses in Irish local history studies and for many years has taught the N.U.I. Maynooth Diploma and Certificate courses in local studies and the NCVA Certificate in Local History. The course was organised by Kieran Swords, local studies librarian at the County Library. The topics covered included: people, time and place; approaches to local history; introduction to sources of Irish local history and their use; official sources; land records; church records; Tithe Applotment and Griffith's Valuation; maps for local history; census records; education records; local government records; directories; diaries, memoirs and visual records; folklore and oral history. Kieran gave a presentation on

the Local Studies Collection at the county library and on the final day of the course Tomás Maher led the course participants on a walking tour of historical Tallaght. In addition, interested staff members had the opportunity to visit Dublin City Libraries' recently refurbished Dublin and Irish Local Studies Collections in Pearse Street where they were given a guided tour by Dr. Máire Kennedy.



Great credit is due to all staff of South Dublin Libraries and both participants and non-participants who facilitated the running of this course. Staff undertaking the course travelled to the county library each day and the remaining staff in the branches shouldered an increased burden while the course was in progress. *Picture shows South Dublin Libraries staff members studying St Maelruán's losset during a guided tour of historic Tallaght.*

Twinning Library Associations throughout Europe: The twinning of library associations is part of an official initiative from the European Commission funded PULMAN-XT project. EBLIDA has taken up this mediating task to help professional library associations in finding a twinning partner to define digital knowledge exchange programmes, with the ultimate goal of achieving strong national library associations across the European continent. The eventual success of the twinning initiative is to a great extent dependent on the participants' proactive approach.

Twinning in this case is the joining of two library associations wishing to establish more formal bonds of co-operation and mutual assistance, which will endure after the PULMAN XT project has finished (August 2003). These bonds will be supported by a long term action plan in which the specific areas of twinning and action between the partners are outlined.

The idea of twinning, originally between two towns, stems from the post war period in Europe, to promote good understanding and peace between Europeans.

EBLIDA will mediate and mentor the twinning process by creating a virtual market through which information and contacts will be facilitated to the participants. The ultimate goal of these activities is to create strong library associations Europe wide, especially in the candidate countries, which will soon be part of the European family.

The advantage of this virtual market place is that it allows library associations themselves to check out the list of potential partners. Direct contact is possible or one can choose to use EBLIDA as a mediating partner.

EBLIDA will be launching this activity soon and will contact all the possible participants. The twinning web section will also be placed at the EBLIDA website (www.eblida.org). For more information please contact the Director, María Pía González Pereira, at the EBLIDA Secretariat or on the following e-mail address: eblida@debibliotheken.nl

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Please note that the email addresses of the Secretariat staff have changed and now have the extension @debibliotheken.nl instead of the former @nblc.nl (although both will be functioning for a period of time). You may find these and other information on the EBLIDA website: www.eblida.org, and will also find complete references on the next issue of *Hot News*.



Netd@ys is taking place this year on the 17-23 November. The theme is 'Dialogue between Cultures'. As last year's theme of 'Image' was so successful, participants are also encouraged to develop their skills in this area when creating their Netd@ys 2003 project. Projects that use photographs, film and video are particularly welcome.

The overall objective of Netd@ys is to promote the educational use of new media technologies in the areas of education and culture.

The response from libraries all over the country to Netd@ys 2002 was excellent and it is hoped to build on this for 2003. Projects varied from online poetry competitions to slide shows.

To register your activity, please visit www.netdayseurope.org
For further information about Netd@ys 2003 contact netdays@leargas.ie or www.netdayseurope.org
01 873 1411 or visit www.netdaysireland.ie

Wexford County Library: *Reading down the ages* is a community learning project that seeks to promote critical reading, self-expression, local heritage and community engagement among senior citizens in County Wexford. About eighty older people are participating in the programme, which runs workshops, weekly or fortnightly, in three libraries and three day-care centres. Initially reading materials have been pre-collected into 18 themes. A different theme is addressed at each session. The focus is on reading and analysis, not reminiscence. The programme is facilitated by local writer Jim Maguire, and part-funded County Wexford VEC.

This is an eighteen month project which started in July 2003. The 2003 phase is experimental. Music, active-reading aloud and e-learning are proposed as supports throughout the complete project. Documentation being amassed includes monthly reports, a master collection of recommended reading, & a diary of the process. More information from Susan Kelly at tel: 05324922 or susan.kelly@wexfordcoco.ie

The beginning of a four month Summer Open Season of cultural events at **Farmleigh**, in Dublin's Phoenix Park was formally announced by An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, TD.



The Office of Public Works organised this year's public programme to take place over four months from 6 July to 31 October. The four month programme features a range of musical and other performances and events including the "*RTÉ Farmleigh Proms*", with Rat Pack and Glenn Miller evenings and classical and operatic favourites, including the Anna Livia Opera Company. Celebrity chefs, Paul Rankin and Richard Corrigan, storytelling, gardening events, featuring Diarmuid Gavin, Mary Reynolds, Helen Rock and Dermot O'Neill, literary readings and talks, as well as book and food fairs form part of the programme. The house and grounds are open to the public on most Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays until and including 31st October. The public can also enjoy the newly refurbished Boat House Tearooms which are available to the public during the open days.

Minister of State Tom Parlon, TD who is responsible for the OPW which manages Farmleigh, acknowledges that over the past two years, Farmleigh has played an important role on behalf of the State as a hospitality venue for visiting dignitaries and as a beautiful heritage property for the public to enjoy. Minister Parlon is delighted that it has been embraced by the public as a new and welcome addition to state-owned recreational and cultural facilities. In 2002 more than 80,000 people applied for tickets to the cultural events and a far greater response is anticipated for this year's expanded programme.

All 'At Farmleigh' events are free of charge, most are open and do not require tickets. However, some events do require application for tickets, which will be allocated through a supervised lottery. For further programme details and ticket application procedure, log onto www.farmleigh.ie Booklets were distributed to all public libraries to highlight the initiative.

publications

'Zwolle-zine' is the SURF Foundation's electronic magazine about copyright management in higher education. It contains follow-up to the second Zwolle conference agreement between the various parties. It outlines the principles and achievements of the Zwolle Group on Copyright Management in Higher Education. Its goal is to work with academic authors, institutions, publishers and libraries in order to develop and promote balanced approaches to the management of rights, thereby establishing optimal access to scholarly information. The main objectives of the group are to disseminate information in order to assist stakeholders in the management of copyrights, to increase awareness and influence behaviour among all stakeholders interests. For further information on Zwolle visit <http://www.surf.nl/copyright>

caught in the web

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize

New GCSE History Resource from BBC NI Learning: GCSE students studying the history of Northern Ireland 1965-1985 will find revision a lot easier this year thanks to a new BBC Bitesize website which will be launched at the Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Library in Armagh on 17th September. Bitesize is the highly successful, easy to use online revision service from the BBC which covers a broad range of GCSE schools subjects. BBC Bitesize covers a comprehensive range of GCSE subjects and in the month leading up to the exams in June this year, it received 10 million hits a week from students preparing for their exams.

THE H.W. WILSON COMPANY STRENGTHENS TIES TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The H.W. Wilson Company in conjunction with An Chomhairle Leabharlanna in Dublin has recently announced an initiative targeted towards the public library authorities in Ireland.

This initiative will enable all the central and branch libraries (and their users) to access Wilson's acclaimed *OmniFile Full Text Mega Edition* and *Biography Reference Bank* databases at a special price.

With their abstracting team based at offices in Fenian Street, Dublin, the H.W. Wilson Company has always had strong links with Ireland, and this special offer illustrates their commitment to the Irish public library community. The special promotion will make the information contained in the databases more easily accessible to as many people as possible.

Biography Reference Bank is one of the most comprehensive biography databases available, with over 400,000 profiles and more than 32,000 images to bring the profiles to life. *OmniFile FT Mega Edition* covers subjects as diverse as Humanities, Art, Social Sciences, Education, Business, General Science and other disciplines and is suitable for all levels of users.

Alongside its official representative in Ireland – Thompson Henry Ltd – the H.W. Wilson Company will be rolling out this initiative throughout the autumn.

Further details are available from Rónán Mac Lochlainn, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, Tel. 01 676 1167, e-mail rmaclochlainn@librarycouncil.ie or www.librarycouncil.ie

vacancies



YOUTH LIBRARY SERVICES MANAGER

(Ref 525) Library Headquarters, Ballynahinch (36 hpw)
Salary Scale: €27,402 - €29,835 per annum. NJC Pts 38–41.



Applicants must have:

- (1) A professional qualification in Library and Information Studies;
- (2) At least 3 years experience within the last 5 years of managing staff;
- (3) At least 3 years experience within the last 5 years of managing services in a recognised library service;
- (4) At least 1 years specialist experience within the last 5 years of schools or children's library services;
- (5) Access to a car or other suitable form of transport (appropriately maintained and insured for Board business) as and when necessary to facilitate the requirements of the job in a reasonable and effective manner.

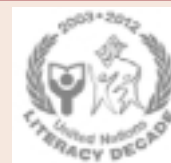
Associate membership of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (or equivalent) as recognised by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals and a qualification in one of the following would be desirable: management, marketing or financial management or computer studies. The criteria may be enhanced.

This is a permanent post, however the Board will consider filling the position by way of secondment up to a maximum of 3 years from the date of appointment. Applicants must seek and obtain prior approval for release on secondment from their employer.

It is anticipated that shortlisted candidates will be called for interview in the week commencing 27th October 2003.

Further particulars and application forms are available for collection or on postal request (stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed) from the Recruitment Section, Human Resource Services, South Eastern Education and Library Board, Grahamsbridge Road, Dundonald, Belfast, BT16 2HS. The title, location and reference number must be quoted in any request for application forms. Completed applications must be returned by 4.00 pm on Friday 3rd October 2003.

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September

- 8th *International Literacy Day*
- 9th *E-Journals – To Catalogue or Not To Catalogue?* Seminar organised by the Cataloguing & Indexing Group of the LAI, Trinity College Library Dublin 10.30-15.30. For further details, please email: Jane.Gibbon@ul.ie or Barbara.McDonald@tcd.ie
- 10th Library Association of Ireland. Rare Books Group Heritage Week Event 'An Claidheamh Solais agus Fáinne an Lae' (1899-1932) and its role as An Irish-language newspaper. An illustrated talk by Regina Uí Chollatáin *Wednesday 10th September 2003, Marsh's Library, St Patrick's Close, Dublin, at 7.30 p.m.* Admission: €4 Concessions: €2. All Welcome <http://www.libraryassociation.ie/sections/rarebooks>
- 11th *Information sources & reference work* – a one-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates. In the Urban Institute, University College Dublin. To register or for further details: Brid McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assoc., Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; email: bridmcgrath@eircom.net
- 16-19th *Hearts and lives – public libraries nurturing local communities:* Public Libraries Authorities Conference, 2003. Venue: Palace Hotel, Torquay. The conference is organised by CILIP Conferences on behalf of the Public Libraries Group. Details: CILIP Conferences, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE. t: + 44 20 7255 0544; f: 20 7255 0541. e: conferences@cilip.org.uk; w: www.cilip.org.uk/groups/plg/plgconference
- 17th-18th *Info Ireland 2003*, Ireland's first dedicated information management event, has been officially announced by ALLIM International, the global association for Enterprise Content Management. The event will take place at the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, and will feature expert advice, seminars, case studies, discussion, workshops, technology demonstrations and analysis on documents, records and content management. Exhibitors will include Fujitsu, MBS Ireland, Terminal Four, Softco, Adest and Impute Technologies, and speakers from PwC, Irish Life & Permanent and Strategic Partners International will also appear. Admission is free and further information can be found at <http://www.infoevent.net>
- 18th *Managing the Special Library / Information Unit* - a one-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates. To register or for further details: Brid McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assoc., Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; email: bridmcgrath@eircom.net
- 19th-23rd *Libraries Without Walls 5: The Distributed Delivery of Library and Information Services:* an international conference organised by CERLIM – The Centre for Research in Library and Information Management to be held in Lesvos, Greece. A provisional programme, further details and booking form are now available on the conference website at: <http://www.cerlim.ac.uk/conf/lww5/> or from Lawraine Wood Department of Information and Communications Manchester Metropolitan University Geoffrey Manton Building, Rosamond Street West, Manchester M15 6LL Email: l.wood@mmu.ac.uk Tel. 0161 247 6144
- 22nd-28th *Literacy and the legal justice system* is the theme of this years' National Literacy Awareness Week. For further details see www.nala.ie or contact NALA by phone 01-855 4332 or by email literacy@nala.ie
- 26th -27th *Oscailt – Openings 2003.* The third annual Ó Fiaich Library Seminar entitled *Oscailt – Openings* will take place in Armagh from 26 – 27 September. The theme of this years' event will be the question of 'A Canon of Irish Literature'. The programme includes readings, lectures and performances including the first presentation of 'Here I am amongst ye all', an evening of poetry and song with Paul Muldoon (Pulitzer Prize winner), Pádraigín Ní Uallacháin & Len Graham. For further information on tickets and weekend packages, please contact the librarian at 028/048 37522981 or e-mail eolas@ofiaich.ie

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October 2003

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20th

28th -31st

November 2003

17th-23rd

19th

20th

"Were not finished yet", Learning in the fourth age: Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle. This is the first national workshop on learning opportunities for older people in care settings. Its purpose is to bring together older people and representatives of agencies that provide care and education to explore ways in which we could improve and extend learning opportunities for older people in all care settings. It forms part of a week's programme of events relating to highlighting the ageing experience in a positive sense. For further details contact: Sinead Quinn, Age Action Ireland, 30/31 Lower Camden Street Dublin 2 or telephone 01 4756989

Readers on the Web – a one-day course organised by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. For details, please contact Ronán MacLochlainn at 01-676 1167 or e-mail rmaclochlainn@librarycouncil.ie web: www.librarycouncil.ie

Library Expo 2003 at the Royal Dublin Society - the bi-annual showcase for new products for the library and information sector. Details: Key Events Ltd., 24 Terenure Road East, Rathgar, Dublin 6. tel. 01-490 1790; fax: 01-490 1792; e-mail: info@keyevents.ie

Adlib Information Systems awareness day and user group meeting, Dublin. Adlib will be contacting all Irish users of their library, archive and museums systems and inviting them to attend the afternoon user group meeting. Further details are available on the Adlib website www.uk.adlibsoft.com/

Children's Book Festival 2003. Details: Festival Office (01) 476 3715

The Reader Friendly Library – a one-day course organised by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Venue: Dooradoyle Library, Limerick. For details please contact Ronán MacLochlainn at 01 6761167 or e-mail rmaclochlainn@librarycouncil.ie, or visit <http://www.librarycouncil.ie/training.html>

IFLA Interlending and Document Supply International Conference to be held on 28-31 October in Canberra, Australia. Fee\$550AUD for registrations before 31st July. The programme promises to be diverse and interesting on the theme of Document Supply and Interlending and an exciting social programme which will include watching a film under the stars at Australia's national botanic gardens. For further details see: www.xe.net/ucc/ or telephone Tom Ruthven at +66 2 6262 1265 or fax +61 2 6273 2719

Dialogue between cultures – Netd@ys Europe 2003. For further information contact netdays@leargas.ie

Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lectures in Legal Bibliography. Dr. Michael J. Clark, Head of the Medical Film and Audio Collections, Wellcome Library for the History and Understanding of Medicine, London, will give the ninth lecture in this series entitled *Distinctiveness and divergence: legal bibliography and Anglo-Irish medico-legal relations in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries*. The lecture evening is by invitation but there are a number of places available for interested parties. The venue is Marsh's Library, St. Patrick's Close, Dublin 8.

Enquiries to Hugh M. Fitzpatrick, Library & Information Consultant, Newmount House, 22-24 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2. t: 01 269 2202, f: 01 661 0664.

Information Centres appraised using economic indicators as criteria: an evaluation and assessment of trends. This workshop will focus on the business techniques for attracting users and the most innovative methods for promoting the use of libraries' services and resources. It takes place in Barcelona on Thursday 20th November 2003 and if you would like to attend or present a case study (15-20 minutes) contact the organisers: Universitat Oberta de Catalunya Library, Avda. Drassanes, 3-5 | 08001 Barcelona (Spain). Contact: Núria Ferran +34 934 817 284. Fax: +34 933 177 075 e-mail: biblioteca@uoc.edu

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