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NEW ARRIVALS



▲ **Bundoran Community Library** was officially opened on 9th February 2004 by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Martin Cullen T.D. The library serves the town of Bundoran and its environs, including parts of neighbouring north Leitrim and Sligo. It is very much a community resource as the library's collections and programme of activities are focused on the social, educational and cultural needs of the local community – (see also *ILN* 237).



▲ **Westside Library** was officially opened on 23rd January. It is the first purpose-built community library in the suburbs of Galway City and will serve the people of Westside and surrounding areas. It is located at the back of the Sacred Heart Church and across from the new resource centre. The library comprises 8,000 square feet. It has a capacity of 30,000 books and incorporates study and exhibition areas, and an office suite complete with nine computers and a printer. As part of the welcome and introduction days, all local voluntary and community organisations and local schools were invited to visit the library at specific times to meet the staff and view its facilities.

Tubbercurry Library was opened to the public in August 2003. The new library accommodates 730 square metres of the new one stop shop which will eventually improve the quality and accessibility of services for the local community by delivering a co-ordinated range of facilities under one roof. The library carries a stock of 15,000 items including book and non-book material, such as CDs and DVDs. In addition there will be a substantial collection of magazines, local newspapers and paperback fiction.



▲ **Tubbercurry Library**

The Internet will be available via twenty-two public access Internet points, with six designated for children's use. The children's area consists of a zone suitable for art and craftwork and is equipped with a sink unit. In addition, areas for story time and book club activities have been designated. A number of study tables will also be available as well as a casual, informal area suitable for those who may wish to sit and read.

The library will share its space with the court service ten days per year. A partition will divide the two areas in order for both to function independently of the other. This space will also be used for activities such as book and poetry reading, recitals, exhibitions and reader development when the court is not sitting.

Waterford City's remodelled and extended central library in Lady Lane was officially opened on 16th February. The existing library was built in 1905. The new design has extended the library with the addition of a three storey block which contains a new entrance in Lady Lane. A new storey has also been added on the Bakehouse Lane side.

The library will be featured in the next issue of *Irish Library News*.



Pictured at the opening are (l-r): Sean Ryan (Chairman, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna); Jane Cantwell (City Librarian); Alderman Tom Cunningham (Waterford City Mayor); Cllr. Cora Long (member of An Chomhairle); Conn Murray (City Manager); Cllr. Laurence O'Neill (member of An Chomhairle).

The celebration of winning poems from the Féile Filíochta/International Poetry Competition organised by **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Libraries** will take place in the Assembly Rooms, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire on Friday 26th March at 7.00pm. This is the first time that this has been held in the springtime and it now coincides with the Poetry Now Festival (PN04) which runs from 25th-28th March and is organised by the Council's Arts Office. Prize-winners this year will travel from Italy, Mexico, Sweden, France, Germany, Wales, Scotland and of course Ireland to recite their poems and join in the festivities. The prestigious Féile Filíochta Poem of Europe Award goes to Italy this year, to Miriam Santopolo from Petrizzi for her prize-winning poem *Le urla della notte* (*The Cries of the Night*). All the winning poems (selected from nearly 5,000 entries) can be read on the library website www.dlrco.ie/library

An exhibition entitled **15 years of the Féile Filíochta** will be on display in the Assembly Rooms on Friday 26th March and subsequently in Deansgrange Library for the month of April. The launch of the 16th Féile Filíochta/International Poetry Competition 2004 will take place at the end of March.

On 9th September 2003, **ECO-Unesco** launched their educational interactive CD-ROM entitled *Protect Your Local Environment* at the ENFO offices in Dublin. The project, produced in association with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Meath, Donegal, Leitrim, Longford, Limerick and Mayo County Councils, and The Wrigley Company, encourages young people to protect their local environment and sends a positive environmental message to up to 300,000 young people throughout the country. The CD-ROM will be distributed to schools, libraries and youth groups in the six county council areas. Other county councils, youth groups, organisations and individual schools may obtain copies by contacting ECO-UNESCO directly at ecounesco@eircom.net Further information: Elaine Nevin, National Director, Eco-Unesco, Clare Street, Dublin 2. t: 01 662 5492 f: 01 662 5493. eciybeseci@eircom.net

The Fifth **International Edible Book Festival** will occur throughout the world on any day from April 1 to April 5.

In previous years, the event was held throughout April due to various considerations of venues and audiences. This year 5 April seems to be a popular day, because it's on a weekend. It all depends upon you and your location!

All works of art must be edible and have something to do with books! The edible books are exhibited and consumed. Each participating group or individual is responsible for its/his/her own audience and website.



All venues are requested to take photographs or record in video their event and displayed books.

Please send two copies of menus and copies of photographs to Umbrella, P.O. Box 3640, Santa Monica, CA 90408. The documentation will be used for a potential (non-edible) book by Umbrella Editions. And, of course, *Irish Library News* would like to hear about any events.

For further information and inspiration go to:

<http://colophon.com/ediblebooks/books2eat2004.html>

Leitrim County Library played host to a number of exciting and interesting people over the past number of months. Michael Moylan presented his *Irish History Live* show commemorating the bicentenary of Robert Emmet. Dr Fred Freeman from Scotland gave a very interesting talk of the music of Robert Burns. Niall de Burca entertained large numbers of children in some of the branch libraries. Toby Kinsella visited Leitrim with his musical stories. Author Oisín McGann was very well received in Carrick-on-Shannon and Drumshanbo libraries. Ultan Cowley from Wexford gave a very interesting talk entitled *The Story of the Irish Navvy* agus bhí léacht ar "Saol agus Saothair Phádraic Uí Chonaire" i Leabharlann Chluainín Uí Ruairc ag An tSiúr Eibhlín Nic Chionnaith.

Sligo County Library: the culmination of an unusual project involving nine primary schools in south Sligo was celebrated in the recently opened Tubbercurry Library. The Cathaoirleach of Sligo County Council, Councillor Joe Crowley, and Mayor of Sligo Alderman Sean McManus were among the many guests who attended the event in the newly opened Tubbercurry Library. Each school created a patch measuring 63cm which depicted social historical events and folklore of the area. The patches combined to make a quilt which was presented for display in Tubbercurry Library and is a true representation of the enthusiasm and dedication of the children and their teachers.

The University of Ulster at Magee has joined with the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe to provide a new home for the historic Diocesan Library Collection, which contains volumes dating back to the 15th century.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between UU Vice-Chancellor Gerry McKenna and Bishop Ken Good, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, as the collection was officially handed over.

A guest lecture by Caroline Bendix, Library Conservator and Nicholas Pickwood, Book Conservator, entitled *A Sleeping Beauty among Irish Libraries* took place to mark the occasion.

Professor McKenna said: "The 7,000 volume Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Library is a unique collection, including specialist material on theology, both Anglican and non-Anglican; the classics; canon and secular law; travel and geography. It has an historic lineage, dating back over three and a half centuries, during which time it has subsumed a number of rare personal libraries and other collections. Its provenances make it an irreplaceable resource. Our own record in preserving rare book collections is established. Best known of these are the Henry Davis Collection at Coleraine and the existing Rare Books Collection here at the Magee campus, which itself will complement the Diocesan Library. Not surprisingly, these works already provide valuable source material for scholars and other users from throughout the world, further establishing the University's place in a community of learning that transcends borders of geography or the mind."



◀ **University of Ulster** archivist Joe McLaughlin with a rare 15th century volume from the Diocesan Library Collection.

Bishop Good warmly welcomed the development, adding: "This remarkable library is a unique intellectual resource, and I am delighted that its conservation and accessibility for future generations is now assured by the generous co-operation of the University of Ulster. I wish to pay tribute to the University, to Caroline Bendix and to Nicholas Pickwood for the professionalism and expertise with which they have helped develop the project to this point. The purpose-built facility in which the library is now stored and the conservation measures which we hope will be forthcoming, as resources become available, will ensure the preservation of this remarkable collection for the foreseeable future".

Wicklow County Council Library Service held a *Christmas Hamper Competition* in Baltinglass Library which was jointly sponsored by the Library Service and Quinn's SPAR supermarket in Baltinglass. People were asked to visit the library and fill in a free entry form, suggesting improvements to the service, if they so desired. The promotion resulted in 267 entrants and County Librarian Brendan Martin made a formal reply to the suggestions in the local media, outlining the commitment to the service within the lifetime of Wicklow County Council Library Development Plan.

'IRISH GENIUS': THE YEATS FAMILY AND THE CUALA PRESS

The 'Irish Genius': The Yeats family and The Cuala Press exhibition opened on Thursday 12th February in the Long Room at Trinity College Library and will be on view until the end of May 2004. The exhibition was opened by Deirdre Ellis-King, Librarian of Dublin City Libraries.

The Cuala Press was the most important literary publishing house in Dublin in the first half of the 20th century, producing the first editions of several works by W.B. Yeats. The exhibition displays a wide range of material produced by the Cuala Press, including first editions of Yeats' works, hand-coloured broadsides and greeting cards.

The Dun Emer Press, which became the Cuala Press, was established in 1902 as part of the Dun Emer Industries and operated as a book, print and greeting card publisher until 1985. The inspiration behind this undertaking was the arts and crafts movement and the objective was 'to find work for Irish hands in the making of beautiful things'.

The principal figures in Dun Emer Industries were Evelyn Gleeson who organised the weaving, Lily Yeats, the embroidery, Elizabeth Yeats, the printing, and William Butler Yeats as literary adviser to the press. Following the dissolution of the partnership in 1908 the Yeats sisters renamed the press as the Cuala Press. Books, broadsides and greeting cards were the staple work of the press and these activities continued in the hands of other family members after the sisters died, until it finally closed.

The exhibition features the Albion handpress which was used in printing the books. This press, built in 1853, is one of few surviving in this country. Constructed out of cast iron, these presses, with the rival Columbian Presses, were the workhorses of the nineteenth-century printing business.

The exhibition has been curated by Charles Benson and Corinne Forbes of the Library's Department of Early Printed Books.

The exhibition opening hours are Monday to Saturday from 9.30am to 5pm and Sunday 12 noon to 4.30pm. Admission to this exhibition also includes viewing the Old Library and The Book of Kells 'Turning Darkness into Light' exhibition.

Admission Rates: Adults €7.50, Students €6.50, OAPs €6.50, Group rate available.

School groups when accompanied by their teachers have free admission from 1st Oct to 30th June.

THERE ARE VOTES IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES AFTER ALL...

Electronic voting machines have been installed in libraries and other public buildings around the country to enable voters familiarise themselves with the new technology ahead of the local and European elections in June. Local authorities are encouraging members of the public of voting age and younger to try out the machines in the hope that by giving the public a chance to use the voting machine in a relaxed atmosphere of the library some of the fears surrounding electronic voting will be dispelled.

...SO VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN

Back in March and April 2001, librarians world-wide voted for the most fascinating library buildings in the world, visited or seen on TV or in a publication. The categories voted for were:

- o the most fascinating national library buildings
- o the most fascinating university library buildings
- o the most fascinating public library buildings.

The results of all the votes are published in detail with photographs in the forthcoming edition of *Library World Records* which is due to be published in March 2004 in the U.S.

Well, it's time to vote again for the most fascinating library buildings in the world, that you have visited. Also to be included in the voting category this time around, will be national archives buildings. The results of the new votes will be published in the new edition of *Library World Records*.

The voting period will end in September 2004, so if you happen to visit or pass by a library or national archive building, this coming Easter or summer holidays in another country, and you find the building (the exterior and interior) a masterpiece, remember to send in your vote(s) via www.geocities.com/infolibrary/Votes.htm.

SOUTH DUBLIN MOBILE LIBRARY SMS SERVICE

It doesn't happen often, but on the rare occasion in the past when a mobile library stop was cancelled or delayed, there was no way for the staff to let library users know there was a problem. But not any more! Now mobiles' staff can send a text message directly to mobile 'phones, saving their valued library users a wasted journey. The message is typed once on a PC in the mobiles office and sent to everyone on the relevant user-list with one mouse-click!

This Desktop Texting Service for Business is provided by O2 and is set up free of charge. After that, messages are charged at normal O2 Corporate rates.

To register for this service, library users were asked to fill in a form on the mobile van giving their name, borrower number, mobile 'phone number and the location of the mobile stop they normally use. Library staff then sort them by location and add them to the O2 database ready to use when the need arises.

Needless to say, the SMS Service has proved useful and popular with library staff and users alike, providing one more way of working with library users to provide a better mobile library service.

wanted

The National Training and Development Institute, Cork is planning to establish a library for use by trainees attending the Centre. The Centre would appreciate any donations of material, fiction / non-fiction (sport, art, poetry, biography, self help, education, etc.).

If you can assist, please contact Margaret Kennedy at the National Training and Development Institute, Model Farm Road, Cork.

CONSULTATION MEETING IN TUBBERCURRY

County and City Librarians met on 18th February with An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government staff for a consultation meeting on proposed library initiatives funded by the Information Society.

The day focused on *Lifesteps*, a new service development project, and gave details on the *National Digitisation Programme* and the *Cultural Heritage Project Phase 2*.

The event offered the great opportunity of visiting the new library in Tubbercurry that provides a very successful and attractive service to the people of south Sligo County.



▲ County and City Librarians at Tubbercurry Library

MUSIC LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

For library staff in all sectors whose collections contain music materials, a conference to be held at Trinity College Dublin in June offers an unparalleled opportunity to learn about current issues and developments in music librarianship, and to meet with colleagues from throughout Ireland and the UK.

The UK & Ireland branch of the International Association of Music Libraries (IAML UK & Ireland) holds its Annual Study Weekend (ASW) at TCD on 11-14 June 2004. IAML is the professional association for music libraries and librarians, and for anyone working with music (including library users, musicians, publishers, suppliers, and broadcasting authorities). The conference is open to members and non-members alike.

A full and varied programme is planned. Amongst the subjects covered are: *Irish art music in a postcolonial world* (Harry White); *The Irish Traditional Music Archive and its holdings* (Nicholas Carolan); *The iconography of music in nineteenth-century Ireland* (Barra Boydell); *Ebenezer Prout* (Rosemary Firman); *Leos Janacek* (John Tyrrell). In addition there will be seminars on fund-raising, music in children's libraries, developments in international cataloguing standards, and *New Grove online*, as well as professional updates on a variety of projects and topics of interest. There will be a short recital by renowned harpist Cliona Doris, excursions to Powerscourt and the Guinness Storehouse, and a walking tour of Dublin sites of musical interest led by Barra Boydell. The conference dinner will be held in the Westbury Hotel. Full details of the programme and booking procedures are available on the IAML (UK & Ireland) website www.iaml-uk-irl.org (under *Training*), or from the contacts listed below:

Antony Gordon, British Library Sound Archive, 22 Micawber Street, London N1 7TB. Tel: +44-20-7412 7412; email: antony.gordon@bl.uk Roy Stanley, Trinity College Library, College Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 01-608 1156; email: rstanley@tcd.ie

The Music Libraries Trust offers a limited number of bursaries, available to students and music librarians new to the profession who wish to attend the ASW. Further details on the IAML (UK & Irl) website www.iaml-uk-irl.org (under *Awards*), or from Claire Kidwell, (Bursary Secretary), The Music Libraries Trust, c/o Jerwood Library of the Performing Arts, Trinity College of Music, King Charles Court, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London SE10 9JF. Tel: +44-20-8305 4423; email: ckidwell@tcm.ac.uk

AND ALL BECAUSE THE LADY LOVES BOOKS ...

Deansgrange Library was the venue for a wonderful celebration for writers and readers organised by author Sarah Webb in association with the Irish Girls and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Libraries. *Romancing the Book* Readers' Day on Valentine's Day was a phenomenal success with tickets sold out within an hour of being made available. Best-selling authors Cathy Kelly, Lesley Pearce (who came over from the UK), Marita Conlon-McKenna, Tina Reilly, Martina Devlin, Julie Parsons, Denise Deegan, Clare Dowling and many more mingled with their readers and had 'the best Valentine's Day ever' according to one of the attendees. Themes covered included a session where authors shared their favourite books, another with advice on how to get published, a collection of travel stories and an interview with Cathy Kelly and Lesley Pearce hosted by Michael Scott from RTÉ's *Open House*.



▲ Lesley Pearce, Anita Notara & Cathy Kelly at 'Romancing the Book'.

With generous sponsorship of free books from publishers Poolbeg, Gill and Macmillan, Macmillan, Penguin and Townhouse, perfume from Lancôme and chocolates from Lily O'Briens and Lir, all those attending received excellent goody bags to complete the perfect day!

MUSIC STUDENTS SPOTTED AT COUNTY LIBRARY ... WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Louth County Libraries and Dundalk Institute of Technology Library have announced a new co-operative project to facilitate off-campus students.

Under the project, Louth County Libraries are offering access free of charge to students on DKIT's new music technology course. This course is based in downtown Dundalk, some 2 Kilometres from the main campus and 5 minutes from the county library at Roden Place. DKIT Library is lending 20 titles relevant to students for circulation and use in the county library. For twenty-four students the project means easy access to a library with relevant texts.

Library services at Roden Place include access to music CDs, listening stations, video viewing facilities and the new Learning Centre. The Learning Centre provides a learning facility for the DKIT students to develop their PC and internet skills, complete courses and type up assignments.

This is an innovative project for both libraries to be involved in. While the music students' campus is located away from the main DKIT campus, their information and library needs are being met in a unique way by the public library service co-operating with DKIT Library. It further strengthens the agreement between the two organisations and more linkages are planned to provide joint services and ventures between the libraries.

TAOBH TÍRE TAKES OFF IN STYLE

Donegal County Library's *Taobh Tíre* project was officially launched in Baile na Finne (Fintown) on Friday 13th February by Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Pat The Cope Gallagher, T.D.

Taobh Tíre seeks to improve library services to rural and isolated communities and will be implemented in the target areas of south-west Donegal, Arranmore Island, Tory Islands, the peninsulas of Fanad and Rosguill, east Donegal and An Ghaeltacht Lár.

Internet access points are being installed in a range of community and public buildings, including resource centres, co-ops, community halls, day centres and a factory. Specific target groups include the elderly, teenagers and island dwellers. A group of Lithuanian workers in the area have also been included in the project.

Taster collections of library stock will be made available in each *Taobh Tíre* point. The Internet access point will link users to the county library website and requested items chosen from the Web Opac will be delivered to the relevant venue. Information needs are being addressed through the introduction of an 'Ask the Librarian' facility. In south west Donegal, the local rural transport scheme (SITT) will deliver material to housebound readers. Elsewhere in the county, a range of innovative approaches, such as SMS text messaging and satellite technology, will seek to reduce the effects of geographical isolation.

At the launch the Minister referred to the importance of the Public Library Research Programme, which funds *Taobh Tíre*, in the development of a research culture within the public library service. Baile na Finne had been identified by Údarás na Gaeltachta as the location for industrial, social and cultural facilities to serve the Gaeltacht Lár area. *Taobh Tíre* has been working with Coiste Éigse Sheáin Bháin to establish a rural library and information point. Other projects relating to digitisation and e-consultation for community groups will be incorporated.

As a direct result of the *Taobh Tíre* project, Donegal County Council, in partnership with the Western Education and Library Board (WELB) has received an allocation of €465,702 towards the provision of a mobile library service in east Donegal. The service will operate jointly in the two neighbouring areas of east Donegal and west Tyrone. The mobile will provide an opportunity for the two communities to come together and develop lasting contacts through joint initiatives such as reader development and local history. Events will be organised during Local History Week, Bealtaine, Wainfest and other occasions/festivals as appropriate. Further information is available from Donegal County Librarian, Liam Ronayne [lronayne@donegalcoco.ie] or Project Co-ordinator, Eileen Burgess [eburgess@donegalcoco.ie]

caught in the web

Most libraries keep their users informed of forthcoming events by posting details on the 'What's On' section of the library web site.

EventKeeper is a web based, dynamic events calendar which allows you to simply maintain and display a calendar of events. It's 'event feed' feature allows you to configure a section of your home page to automatically display an abbreviated listing of events, each of which is linked to the full event description. Other standard features include:

- o Kiosk mode – details of events scroll across the screen of any web enabled PC or kiosk
- o Event conflict checking
- o 'Tell-a-Friend' e-mail facility

For more information and a look at sample client calendars, see

www.eventkeeper.com

The basic EventKeeper package costs US\$195 for one year.

library access matters

Seeing better Ireland 2004 is an exhibition of information technology, resources, equipment and services for people with sight loss in Ireland. The exhibition is being organised jointly by the Blind Centre for Northern Ireland and St. Joseph's School for the Visually Impaired.

It will take place on:

- o **1st and 2nd June** – St. Joseph's School for the Visually Impaired, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.
- o **3rd and 4th June** – Grosvenor House Training & Conference Centre, 5 Glengall Street, Belfast BT12 5AD.

Further information is available on: www.seeingbetterireland.org

Wicklow County Library: technology for the visually impaired has been installed at Bray, Greystones, Wicklow, Arklow and Baltinglass libraries. This followed consultation with the National Council for the Blind and an open day at Ballywaltrim library, where people with a visual impairment were invited to attend and test equipment from a number of suppliers. The technology selected enables web pages to be read aloud, text to be scanned and read or printed, plus text to be magnified. Funding for this technology was grant aided by the DOEHLG.

Ever wanted to know:

- o What's available in Braille about a subject?
- o What's available in alternative formats by your favourite author?
- o Is a certain title available in Talking Books?
- o If a particular title in Braille is available to buy?

These are just a few of the questions that can be answered using Revealweb. Check it out at www.revealweb.org.uk

What is Revealweb? It's a database that brings together information about materials produced in alternative formats that are available from organisations such as National Library for the Blind (NLB), Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB), Calibre and a host of other agencies. Revealweb signposts users to organisations that can supply material. The complementary Register of Suppliers gives information on the terms and conditions under which resources are made available and how to get hold of them.

The web site went live on 16th September 2003 and was officially launched at the Public Libraries Conference.

publications

LISC Northern Ireland has published a second revised edition of **Library Guidelines for Primary, Nursery & Special Schools** and **Library Guidelines for Post Primary & Special Schools**. Each title is available from Mairead Gilheany, Executive Officer, LISC (NI) PO Box 1231, Belfast BT8 6AL at an individual cost of £10stg.

Public librarians know that the wolf never strays far from the door, but here is a chance to bring him in to entertain library users - and it's all in aid of a good cause.

Gavin Friday and his long-time musical collaborator, Maurice Seezer, have recorded a modern take of the classic Prokofiev children's tale, **Peter and the Wolf**, in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation. The concept for this unique project goes back to 2002, when Gavin Friday and the Irish Hospice Foundation came together to produce a reworking of this much-loved classic in order to raise funds to aid hospice care both in Ireland and abroad. A not-for-profit organisation, the Irish Hospice Foundation promotes the hospice philosophy and supports the development of hospice and palliative care for the seriously ill. Peter and the Wolf may be purchased directly from the Irish Hospice Foundation or via: www.peterandthewolf.org. For further information please contact the Irish Hospice Foundation at 01 679 3188 or email: info@hospice-foundation.ie



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- 17-19th *The Renaissance of the Library: Adaptable Library Buildings* – 12th Seminar of the LIBER Architecture Group. Venue: Bozen-Belzano, South Tyrol. Details: <http://www.zhbluzern.ch/LIBER-LAG/lagensb.htm>
A pre-seminar tour organised by Ca' Foscari University Library, Venice, will take place from 15-16th March in Venice. See detailed programme at: <http://www.biblio.unive.it/sba/novita/040317lagVE.asp>
- 21st *International Poetry Day*
- 22-26th *Migrations in Society: Culture and the Library*. Venue: Paris.
For more details about the programme see: <http://www.library.jhu.edu/rsd/other/wess2004/wess2004.html>
You may register online from the website. For questions about registration, please contact Margot Sutton at: msutton@ala.org
- 25th AGM of the Library Association of Ireland, 10.30 a.m., The Georgian House, 2 Pery Square, Limerick.

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- 1st-5th *The Fifth International Edible Book Festival* will occur throughout the world on any day from April 1 to April 5.
See: <http://colophon.com/ediblebooks/books2eat2004.html>
- 2nd *International Children's Book Day*
See: http://www.ibby.org/Seiten/04_child.htm
- 20-23rd *Libraries beyond the digital* – Library Association Ireland / Cilip Ireland Annual Joint Conference. This theme incorporates the effect of new technologies on the delivery of traditional and non-traditional services while maintaining the place of the user at the centre of provision. Venue: Druid's Glen Hotel Co. Wicklow. Conference secretary Carmel Moore email: cmoore@wicklowcoco.ie
- 21-22nd *Library + Information Show*, Excel, London.
Details: www.lishow.co.uk
Pre-register now and you could win £500 worth of prizes for your library!
- 23rd *World Book & Copyright Day*

may 2004

- 13-16th *Preserving and maintaining availability of print material: the role of repository libraries* – 2nd International Conference on Repository Libraries, Kuopio, Finland. See more information and the registration form at: <http://www.nrl.fi/kuopio2/conference.htm>

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- 1st-2nd *Seeing Better Ireland exhibition*. St. Joseph's School for the Visually Impaired, Grace Park Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.
Details: www.seingbetterireland.org
- 3rd - 4th *Seeing Better Ireland exhibition*. Grosvenor House Training & Conference Centre, 5 Glengall Street, Belfast BT12 5AD.
Details: www.seeingbetterireland.org
- 11-13th *Changing times, new challenges: the role of the legal information professional in times of economic and technological change*: British & Irish Association of Law Librarians 35th Annual Study Conference, Edinburgh.
Details: www.biall.org/
- 24-25th *The Irish Innovative Users Conference (IIUG)* will be held at the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology. For further information, contact Gillian Kerins at +353 1 4042201 or email: gillian.kerins@it-tallaght.ie
- 29th *Access all areas: serving the user* – International Digitisation Conference, St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, Dublin.
For details please contact Domitilla Fagan at dfagan@librarycouncil.ie

august 2004

- 22-27th *Libraries: tools for Education and Development*. 70th IFLA General Conference & Council, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
www.ifla.org/IV/index.htm

september 2004

- 6-8th *Variety is the spice of life*: CILIP Health Libraries Group conference, Belfast.
Details: www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/
- 8th *International Literacy Day / International Adult Learners Week*

october 2004

- 12-14th *Public Library Authorities Conference*, Newcastle.
Details: www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/conf.html

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