

# IRISH LIBRARY NEWS

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## BALDOYLE LIBRARY



The newly redesigned and extended Baldoye library was officially reopened on 3rd June by Fingal County Council Cathoirléach, Sean Dolphin. Also officiating was William Soffe, County Manager and Paul Harris, County Librarian. Invited guests included Tom Corcoran from the Department of the Environment, local elected

representatives as well as local groups. Michael Hurley, a local historian and author contributed photos, postcards, books and paintings for an exhibition to celebrate the launch. Musicians, Carmel Whelan and Aine Bruton from nearby St. Mary's Secondary serenaded the audience throughout the event.

Designed by FKL Architects and with all the work carried out by Fingal firms, the building has already won two Architectural Awards – The AAI 2003 and The RIAI 2004 for its “concise detailing and clarity in planning”. The redesigned library situated on Strand Road, Baldoye with its captivating sea views includes lecture rooms and exhibition space with floor to ceiling windows as well as offices for local Councillors. The L-shaped library (a former RIC barracks) is located on the ground floor with a courtyard beside the junior section. Library opening hours have been extended to 56 hours a week, the longest in the country along with Blanchardstown library. This brings to seven the number of full time branch libraries in operation by Fingal County Libraries throughout Fingal.

Internet access is available via eight public access Internet points, with two designated for children's use. The newly stocked library includes local history, reference material, magazines, local newspapers, prints, CDs and DVDs. The new library means that over the coming years the community of Baldoye, one of the oldest parishes in Fingal can look forward to a busy programme of events including exhibitions, lectures, children's activities and author workshops.

## DUBLIN CASTLE HOSTS INTERNATIONAL DIGITISATION CONFERENCE

The sixth meeting of the National Representatives Group (NRG) was held on 28 June in Dublin Castle under the chairmanship of the Irish Presidency of the European Union. The International Digitisation Conference, *Access all areas: serving the user*, took place on the following day. Both events were hosted by the Irish Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism in co-operation with An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and the National Museum of Ireland and supported by the MINERVA Project for the co-ordination of digitisation activities across Member States.

The NRG is made up of officially nominated experts from each of the 25 EU Member States and was established jointly by the Member States and by the European Commission within the framework of the eEurope Action Plan, supported by the MINERVA Project. The NRG is established to monitor, implement and coordinate actions concerning digitisation programmes and policies in Europe. Also in attendance were representatives from the Council of Europe, Norway, Russia and Israel.

The International Digitisation Conference was attended by the delegates from the NRG meeting, as well as local, national and international representatives from the cultural heritage areas of libraries, museums and archives.

Cultural Heritage Project team members presented a preview of the new version of Ireland's portal website *AskAboutIreland* [[www.askaboutireland.ie](http://www.askaboutireland.ie)]. This portal focuses on the public library sector and will serve as both a gateway to the local public libraries and a showcase of digitised cultural content created by the local libraries, museums and archives and the National Museum. The portal site was demonstrated to the delegates in advance of the launch of the live new version of the site by the Minister scheduled for late September.

Delegates also heard presentations from Pat Manson of the European Commission, from Dr. Paul Miller of the U.K. Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC), Gregory O'Hare of University College Dublin on the future of portals and technology and on a Canadian portal from Vladimir Skok, Director of the Canadian Cultural Observatory. Papers will be available from the MINERVA website: <http://www.minervaeurope.org>. The conference, which was judged by all to be very successful and informative, was followed by a tour and a reception in the National Museum.

## AN INVITATION TO SUBSCRIBE

A Festschrift will shortly be published to honour **Dr. Mary 'Paul' Pollard**, the most distinguished historian of the book in Ireland. Her two volumes, *Dublin's trade in books, 1550-1800*, Oxford, 1989 and *Dictionary of members of the Dublin booktrade 1550-1800*, London, 2000, received international acclaim and are regarded as the standard works in the field.

The Festschrift is being published by the Library Association of Ireland Rare Books Group and the Lilliput Press. It will contain contributions by distinguished scholars on topics in Irish historical bibliography and children's literature.

You can honour Paul Pollard by subscribing for a copy/copies of the Festschrift at the special pre-publication price of €40, including post and packing. The names of all subscribers will be printed in the volume. To obtain a subscription form contact either of the editors, Siobhán Fitzpatrick ([s.fitzpatrick@ria.ie](mailto:s.fitzpatrick@ria.ie)) or Charles Benson ([charles.benson@tcd.ie](mailto:charles.benson@tcd.ie))

## news and events

**Bloomsday in DkIT:** On Tuesday last a group of Joyce enthusiasts met to celebrate James Joyce's *Ulysses*. The core of this group was made up of individuals who have read *Ulysses* over the past few months. This group met weekly in the library at Dundalk IT to discuss their reading of the novel. Two local artists also brought along their visual responses to Joyce's work. Paula Catizone, a locally based artist has offered her painting Ana Livia on loan to DkIT Library. This work was created while the artist was reading *Ulysses*. The painting is on view in the Library, which is on the top floors of the T. K. Whitaker building. The Library is open 9.00 am – 5.00 pm most days during the summer. There are also works on view here by Michelle Rodgers, Constance Short, Eamon Kane and David Farrell.

While there are no definite plans it is likely that the Reading Group will continue next week. Watch out for notices in the local papers in October.



▲ Photo shows guests at the *Ulysses* Event and artist Paula Catizone with her painting *Ana Livia* in the background.

**Donegal County Library's** rolling programme of providing library and information services to some of the county's more remote areas through the Taobh Tíre project reached St. Johnston and Carrigans in May. John Hume, MEP officially launched the virtual library terminal in the Family Resource Centre on 10th May. This facility provides free access to the Donegal County Library Web-Opac. Material ordered online is delivered to the centre for collection. Later in the year, the community will be amongst those visited by the first cross-border mobile library service being provided by the Western Education and Library Board and Donegal County Council.

The next phase sees the official launch of Taobh Tíre on Arranmore on 14th July.



▲ John Hume at the launch of Taobh Tíre in St. Johnston and Carrigans

**Dublin City Library and Archive:** The Rt. Hon. Mr. Justice Flood signed and presented copies of the Second and Third Interim Reports of the Tribunal of Inquiry into Certain Planning Matters and Payments Tribunal to Deirdre Ellis-King, Dublin City Librarian in the Reading Room, Dublin City Libraries on Monday 28th June.



▲ The Rt.Hon. Mr.Justice Flood and Deirdre Ellis-King

**Leitrim County Library** put together a photographic exhibition on the history of Scór in Leitrim. It was launched on February 19th and is will be touring the branch libraries throughout Leitrim during the summer months.



▲ Pictured at the launch of the Scór Exhibition are Tommy Moran, Cathaoirleach Chomhairle Chonnacht, Mary Bohan, Leitrim County Library, Charlie McGettigan, Eurovision song Contest Winner 1994 who launched the exhibition and Seán Ó Súilleabháin, Leabharlannaí Contae.

**"What is the stars?":** an exhibition of early printed books on astronomy and astrology in Marsh's Library. This exhibition which was opened by Seamus Heaney on 16th June contains the



▲ Muriel McCarthy, Keeper of Marsh's Library with Seamus Heaney at the opening of 'What is the stars?'

most spectacular sixteenth and seventeenth century books on astronomy and astrology, illustrated with splendid woodcuts and engravings. There are pictures of early telescopes and observatories, comets and planets, star maps and moon maps. The first description of the transit of Venus, made by the young English astronomer Jeremiah Horrocks, and published by the much more famous Polish astronomer Hevelius, is in this exhibition. Works by Ptolemy, Tycho Brahe, Newton, Halley, Kepler, Galileo and Descartes are all here. A fourteenth century astronomical manuscript in Irish is also on display, and a letter from Archbishop Marsh describing a comet that appeared over Dublin in December 1680/81. There are intriguing books on astrology. Here we have John Dee the astrologer of Queen Elizabeth I who named an appropriate day for her coronation, and the writer of almanacs, John Partridge who was the victim of an elaborate hoax by Jonathan Swift. There is also a book by Richard Saunders with illustrations of the lines of the face, which he thought were governed by the planets and even allowed one to spot 'the character of a murderer'. The exhibition is open to the public on Mondays Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00p.m. and Saturdays 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. (Closed Tuesdays & Sundays) and runs until early next year. An illustrated catalogue of the exhibition has been produced in a limited edition of 500. Copies can be purchased for €10.00 from Archbishop Marsh's Library, St.Patrick's Close, Dublin 8. t: 01-454 3511; e: keeper@marshlibrary.ie.

**Wicklow County Council Library Service** celebrated the centenary of Bloomsday with an outdoor event in the garden of Bray Library, Eglinton Road. Peter Donnelly, "The Racker", Champion Poet of London 2003 and well-known writer and performer, delivered a series of humorous vignettes in his show "A Tribute to Ulysses". On a beautiful sunny afternoon a large crowd of mixed ages gathered in the garden of Bray Library to listen to Peter as he performed prose and poetry pieces, dubbed 'racks,' involving imaginary conversations between Oliver St. John Gogarty and W. B. Yeats, surmising on what happened to Leopold and Molly Bloom after the events of Ulysses and a rousing tribute to Joyce himself. The appreciative audience and a large crowd of passers-by who stopped to listen clearly enjoyed the opportunity of enjoying Joyce brought so vividly to life.

Dear Colleagues

Following from the recommendation of the *Organisational Review of the Library Association of Ireland Report and Development Plan* published in 2003, I am pleased to announce that the Executive Board of the Library Association of Ireland has approved the appointment of Antoinette Robinson, B.Sc., M.A., M.L.I.S. as the Development Manager for the L.A.I.

Antoinette has worked in both Academic and Public libraries in Ireland and has experience of P.R. and marketing. The Development Manager will implement the policies of the Executive Board and will report directly to them.

Her main role is outlined in the Development Plan and will involve the promotion and marketing of the Association, raising the profile of the LAI and generating income for the Association. Under the direction of the President and the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Association, she will produce a range of information leaflets outlining the policies and aims of the LAI. She will also undertake the preparation of position and policy papers and present them to the Executive Board for approval. The initial appointment is for one year.

I would like to wish Antoinette every success in her role and look forward to the progress in the future development of the Library Association of Ireland. The e-mail address for the Development Manager is [manager@libraryassociation.ie](mailto:manager@libraryassociation.ie)

Gobnait O'Riordan  
President

Dr. Roy Johnston writes: I am in the process of finding homes for a collection of books mostly published between 1900s and 1940s, some earlier, covering more or less critically various domains of history, philosophy, psychology, religion, science, literature and politics. Their owner was Dr Arpad Hollander (1885-1954), a Hungarian intellectual; he was a political refugee from the early 1920s period, who spent most of his life in England. They were in the possession of his daughter Gwen, who is married to my ex-colleague Gordon Foster, the retired TCD Professor of Statistics. There are some 125 books in the collection, and I have made a classified listing, in chronological order. Some of the books are being taken up by the TCD Library, and some others by the Royal Irish Academy. I can supply the list, on request by e-mail, as an attached file, saved as RTF, with an indication of which books have been taken up, the remainder being available on a donation basis, unless I receive competing requests, in which case I will take bids. Contact Dr Roy Johnston at [rjtechne@iol.ie](mailto:rjtechne@iol.ie).

## ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

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## CENTRAL BANK AND FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY OF IRELAND

The Library provides information services for the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland.

### The Position

The CBFSAI has a vacancy for an Assistant Librarian. The successful candidate will assist the Librarian in the running of the Library service. The duties include:

- Maintenance of the Library system (Libero)
- Handling orders, accessions, etc.
- Cataloguing
- Developing online access to material
- Journal Management
- Inter-Library Loans
- Handling enquiries
- Supervision of Library staff
- Related administrative tasks

### Requirements

- Professional qualification in Librarianship and/or Information Science or equivalent
- Previous Library experience essential (experience in a specialised Library environment would be highly desirable)
- Excellent organisational and communication skills
- Ability to work on own initiative as well as part of a team
- Commitment to the longer-term development of Library services

Applicants should submit a letter of application, quoting reference **ALIB04**, enclosing current curriculum vitae to:

Head of Human Resources and Planning,  
Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland,  
P.O. Box 559,  
Dame Street,  
Dublin 2.

Or email [recruitment@centralbank.ie](mailto:recruitment@centralbank.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](http://www.ifla.org/IV/index.htm)

## september 2004

2nd *Effective press releases for libraries* - a half-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Gilbert Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

6-8th *Variety is the spice of life*: CILIP Health Libraries Group conference, Belfast. Details: [www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/](http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/)

16th International literacy day

16th *Recruitment for librarians* - a half-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Gilbert Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

17th *Negotiation skills for librarians* - a half-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Gilbert Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

20-26th National Literacy Awareness Week's theme for this year is *Financial literacy*. Contact: Tommy Byrne at NALA - t: 01-809 9190; e: tbyrne@nala.ie

23rd *Effective report writing for librarians* - a half-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Gilbert Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

30th *Finance & budgeting for librarians* - a half-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Gilbert Library, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

## october 2004

11-12th *Internet Librarian International 2004* - Millennium Gloucester Hotel, London. Details: Information Today Ltd., Woodside, Hinksey Hill, Oxford OX1 5BE, UK. t: 00 44 1865 327813; f: 00 44 1865 730232; w: [www.internet-librarian.com](http://www.internet-librarian.com)

12-14th Public Library Authorities Conference, Newcastle. Details [www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/conf.html](http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/hlg/conf.html)

14th. *Customer care in libraries* - a one-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Dublin Writers' Museum. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

25th. *The proactive user: encouraging users to make the most of your resources* - a one-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the Dublin Writers' Museum. To register, or for further details, please contact: Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

## november 2004

1st NALA and the County Clare Family Learning Project are organising a joint *National Conference on Family Literacy* to be held in The Glor Arts Centre, Ennis, Co Clare. Key note speakers: Professor Lyn Tett, Head of the Department of Community Education and Lifelong Learning at the University of Edinburgh; Professor Aine Hyland, Vice President and Professor of Education, University College, Cork; Chair of the National Committee on Educational Disadvantage. Details: Tommy Byrne at NALA: t: 01-809 9190; e: tbyrne@nala.ie

23rd *Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lectures in Legal Bibliography*. A.W. Brian Simpson, Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne, Professor of Law, The University of Michigan Law School, will give the eleventh lecture in this series entitled *Bills of human rights: the forgotten proposals of H.G. Wells and the Alexandre Marc Committee*. The venue is Dublin City Library and Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact: Hugh M. Fitzpatrick, Library and Information Consultant, Newmount House, 22-24 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2. t: 01 269 2202, f: 01 661 0664.

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