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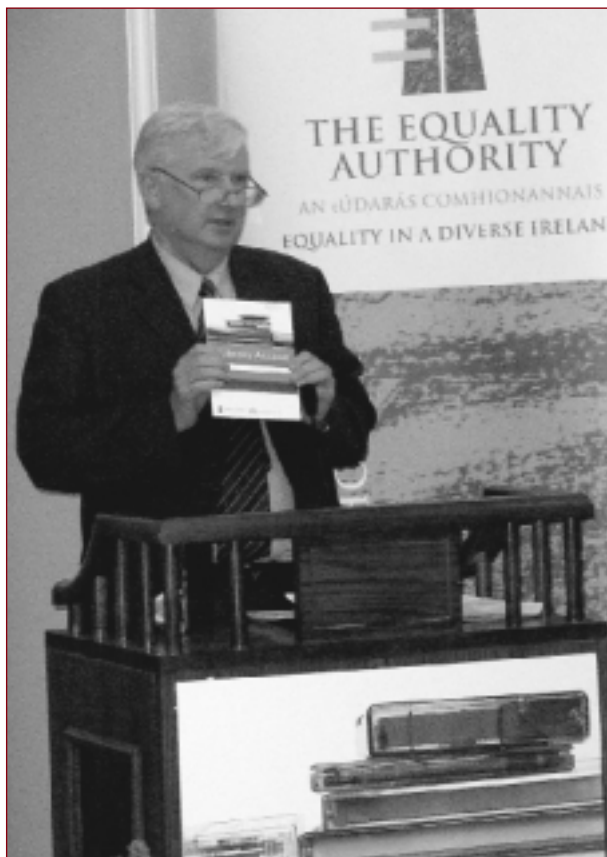
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SOUNDS REASONABLE

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and The Equality Authority have published *Making Access Happen*, the second publication dealing with the reasonable accommodation of people with disabilities. *Making Access Happen* was launched by Kildare County Manager, Niall Bradley (below) at the National Library, on 23rd September.



Other speakers at the launch were Josephine Brady (County Librarian, Cavan County Council), Karen Erwin (Chairperson of the Equality Authority), Niall Crowley (CEO, Equality Authority) and Norma McDermott (Director, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna). *Making Access Happen* explores practical initiatives to reasonably accommodate library users with disabilities. It is based on four pilot projects in Cavan, Dublin City, Kildare and Mayo public library services. These projects tested out new approaches to ensuring the library service is relevant and accessible to people with disabilities. It is hoped that these approaches can now be taken up across the library sector and within the local authorities where they are located.

The booklet is the second element in a joint project between An Chomhairle and the Equality Authority: *Library Access*, published in 2003, provided guidelines on reasonable accommodation for public libraries.

Copies of both publications are available free of charge from An Chomhairle Leabharlanna or The Equality Authority or it may be downloaded in either PDF or RTF format from our website at www.librarycouncil.ie

For further information please contact Alun Bevan in An Chomhairle Leabharlanna.

NEW LEARNING CENTRE FOR LOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY

On Friday 23rd April Mr Dermot Ahern, T.D., then Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, officially opened a new Learning Centre, in the County Library, Dundalk. The idea for a Learning Centre stemmed from a visit undertaken by the former County Manager, John Quinlivan, to a similar model in Middlesbrough. The project of setting up the Learning Centre was a joint initiative between the library service and the Social Inclusion Unit of Louth Local Authorities.

The Social Inclusion Unit is one of eight pilot units established in various local authorities around the country as a result of the government's commitment to tackle poverty, inequality and social exclusion in Irish society. The main objectives of the unit are as follows:

- To build on, and develop current social inclusion related activities in the local authority;
- To pilot new projects aimed at addressing social exclusion and disadvantage in each section of the local authority;
- To carry out research into the causes and effects of social exclusion and disadvantage;
- To mainstream social inclusion in the local authority corporate planning process.

The Learning Centre is targeted at people who have experienced a disadvantage in accessing education and training in the past. The project was unique in that the local agencies and education providers were involved in the setting up of the Centre, from the start, and had a major input into all aspects of its development.

The Learning Centre consists of 10 thin client computers, LCD projector and screen, network printer, tutorial space for 10 persons and a resource area. Groups are accompanied by a tutor from their own agency, while individual users follow the self directed computer learning programmes, with backup support, when needed, from library staff.



▲ Back row standing (from left to right): Mr John Quinlivan (Former Louth County Manager), Mr Seamus Byrne (chairman, Dundalk Town Council), Mr Ger Murphy (Social Inclusion Officer), Ms Mary Capplis (Assistant Librarian) Mr Michael Curran (Director of Services, Community & Enterprise).

Seated: Mr Dermot Ahern, Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources and Ms Martina Moloney (Louth County Manager).

Q: What does Helsinki City Library have in common with libraries in some of the poorest areas of Bogotá (Columbia) and Cape Town (South Africa), a network of libraries and technology centres in rural Guatemala and the Biblioteca del Congreso in Argentina?

A: They are all past recipients of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's **Access to Learning** award. The award is open to public libraries, or similar organisations, outside of the United States which offer free access to digital information to the public. Preference is given to organisations that reach out to underserved populations, such as poor or disabled patrons, or those from minority groups. This year, the award of US\$1 million was shared by Aarhus Public Libraries and China's Evergreen Rural Library Service.

Aarhus Public Libraries was awarded the 2004 *Access to Learning Award* for its extensive training and technology programs, and commitment to delivering innovative library services to disadvantaged refugee and immigrant communities in Denmark.



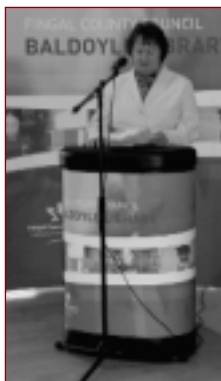
Applications for the 2005 award are invited. Completed applications must be with the Council on Library & Information Resources by February 28th, 2005. Application forms can be obtained from Access to Information Award, CLIR, 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036, USA. t: (+1) 202-939-4765; e: abishop@clir.org. From November 1st, the application forms will also be available to download from: www.clir.org/fellowships/gates/gates.html

Fingal County Library: An *Introduction to Local History and Genealogy* with Ruth Lawler and Graeme Igoe was officially launched in Baldoyle Library on Tuesday 7th September by the Australian Ambassador to Ireland, The Hon. Dr. John Herron.

This twenty-week course which is funded jointly by Fingal County Libraries and the Heritage Office, Fingal County Council, is designed to introduce beginners to local history and genealogy and to give an insight into how to begin to trace ancestors and undertake local history research. Participants will also be introduced to the main repositories and collections – most notably their own public library – which will assist them in carrying out research. Lectures will be presented by renowned genealogists: Ruth Lawler, Graeme Igoe and guest speaker, Dymphna Kelliedy. Also officiating on the night were Fingal County Council Cathaoirleach Peter Coyle and Fingal Heritage Officer Gerry Clabby. When launching the course, Dr. Herron spoke of how his own research has revealed that one of his ancestors was executed for his involvement in the 1798 rebellion.



▲ Dr. John Herron



▲ Ruth Lawler



▲ Gerry Clabby

This course was officially launched to mark National Heritage Week (5th-12th September). Other events organised in Fingal County Libraries included: *Dublin 15 and Beyond* – a talk and exhibition of sketches by local author Cecil Coyne in and *Exploring the Unique Landscape of the Liffey Valley* by Professor J V Rice.

Galway County Library: The former UK Secretary of State for International Development, Claire Short MP, was a recent visitor to the public library in Spiddal, County Galway.



▲ Photographed, left to right, are Constance Short, artist and cousin of the MP, Claire Short, MP, Maire Breathneach, Branch Librarian, Spiddal Library and Paddy Breathneach.

Irish Hospice Foundation Launches New Website: In 2003, the Irish Hospice Foundation moved premises and undertook a broader range of activities than before. Initiatives included new education and training programmes, such as the *Higher Diploma in Bereavement Studies* and the *Care for People Dying in Hospitals Project*. Their website (www.hospice-foundation.ie) was redesigned to reflect these developments. The funding for the new site was provided by the Department of Health and Children, as part of a capital grant.

The full range of the Foundation's activities is included on the site which is structured in an attractive and user-friendly manner. Some of the new features of the website include:

- A direct link to the library catalogue.
- The on-line shop.
- An on-line donation system.
- News and updates on current activities and projects.
- Information about hospice care and bereavement in general.
- On-line booking forms for workshops and courses.
- Downloadable versions of Irish Hospice Foundation publications.

For the visually impaired, the text of the website can be broadcast and listened to, providing the user's computer has special software (details available from the IHF).

Mayo County Library has received approval as a partner in an EU funded project entitled EMILE. The aim of the project will be to promote cultural dialogue and mutual knowledge of the European emigration to North America, by sharing our common cultural heritage. The project, which will run for one year, has a budget of €26,504 which will be used to collect emigrants' letters and memorabilia and make them available as an exhibition, a web site and a book. The other partners in the project are museums and libraries in Sweden, Italy, the Czech Republic and Poland. An international conference on the topic of emigration to the US will be held at the end of the project. If any libraries hold emigrant letters, travel tickets, posters or any other memorabilia, Mayo County Library would like to scan them and utilise them as part of this international exhibition and publication. Please contact Austin Vaughan, Mayo County Library HQ, Mountain View, Castlebar.



Office of the Civil Service and
Local Appointments Commissioners

COUNTY LIBRARIAN Donegal County Council

Candidates must (on the latest date for receipt of application forms):

- hold the Diploma in Library and Information Studies of the National University of Ireland or have satisfied the examination and thesis requirements leading to the Fellowship of the Library Association of Ireland, or possess an equivalent qualification (this requirement will not apply in the case of an existing holder in a permanent capacity of an office of librarian of a county, county borough, borough or urban district);
- have satisfactory experience of library work;
- have satisfactory knowledge or experience of administration work;
- possess sufficient knowledge of Irish and English to enable him/her to perform the duties of the office in both languages.

Salary : €56,146 - €73,891

Closing date: **Thursday 21st October 2004**

For more detailed information on the post and to make an application log on to our website at www.publicjobs.ie

The Commissioners are committed to a policy of equal opportunity.



**THE HERITAGE COUNCIL
An Chomhairle Oidhreachta**

Conservation Plan for the Bolton Library, Cashel, Co. Tipperary

The Heritage Council in partnership with the Bolton Library, Cashel (the Cashel Diocesan Library), wishes to appoint suitably qualified consultants to prepare a Conservation Plan for the Bolton Library, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

The Conservation Plan is intended to assist in understanding the significance of the Library and inform policies and priorities for its future care and conservation.

The successful applicants will demonstrate an understanding of historic buildings, monuments, librarianship and archival management, and the conservation and management of early printed material. They will be familiar with national and international conservation policies and philosophies for buildings and collections, and have the skills to develop the policies emerging from this plan if required, to design, planning and implementation stages.

Please write, fax or email for the brief to: The Heritage Council, Rothe House, Parliament Street, Kilkenny. Fax 00 353 (0) 56 7770788; Email mail@heritagecouncil.com

The brief can also be downloaded from our website www.heritagecouncil.ie

The closing date for receipt of submissions is **5 pm on Friday 22nd October 2004.**

LIBRARIAN

Waterford Regional Hospital (Temporary position)

Applications are invited for the post of Librarian (temporary) at Waterford Regional Hospital (WRH). The library at WRH provides access for staff to a comprehensive range of evidence-based, up-to-date information for professional, educational, research and management purposes. The library is centrally located in the 500 bed acute hospital. It is the South Eastern Health Board's (SEHB) principal clinical library and has a staff complement of 3.6 FTE.

Candidates should hold a primary degree, and a professional qualification in library and information studies. Experience in a health library setting would be an advantage, as would knowledge of the Unicorn library management system. It is essential that the person appointed have good organisational and management skills, and be able to work as part of a team as well as on their own initiative.

The librarian appointed will, under the direction of the Regional Librarian, have responsibility for the day-to-day running of the hospital's library and information service and will play a key part in the ongoing development of the service to all potential users.

This post is being filled on a temporary basis to provide maternity leave cover for the present incumbent.

Salary: €35,178 by 4 annual increments to €39,730. Long Service Increment: €41,082-€42,430

Informal enquiries to Emma Quinn, Librarian, Waterford Regional Hospital. Tel. (051) 842434

Further particulars may be obtained from the Recruitment Department, Waterford Regional Hospital, Dunmore Road, Waterford. Tel. (051) 848000. Closing date for applications (3 unbound copies of Curriculum Vitae) is Tuesday 26th October 2004 at 5pm.

SCHOOL LIBRARY CONFERENCE

The **School Library Association** in the Republic of Ireland will hold a conference on the theme *The School Library in the 21st Century: An Agenda for Change* on Saturday 13th of November. This event will take place in the JCSP Demonstration Library in Larkin Community College, Cathal Brugha St, Dublin. Speakers will include Dr. Deirdre Haslett of Nua Research Services and professional storyteller Niall De Burca. Deirdre Haslett is the founder of Nua Research Services, an independent research consultancy specialising in education and social policy. In the education area, Nua Research Services has carried out projects in association with the Department of Education and Science, Department of Education (NI), Library Association of Ireland and Children's Books Ireland. Recent reports include the first comprehensive review of library provision for primary schools in Ireland (*The Borrowers at School*) and a major study of the reading choices of young people in Ireland (*What's the Story?*). The conference will begin with registration at 9.30-10.00 and will conclude at 3pm. Parking in the school is available.

This event is being timed to coincide with the official launch of SLARI's policy document, which will be calling for the establishment of a comprehensive system of school libraries throughout the country.

If you would like more information on the conference please contact Eileen Holian, (SLARI Secretary), Librarian, JCSP Demonstration Library Project, Larkin Community College, Champions Avenue, Cathal Brugha Street, t: 01 874 7701; e: larkinlibrary@eircom.net



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- 12-14th *Public library impact – changed priorities... or shared priorities?* The Public Library Authorities Conference at the Marriott Hotel, Gosforth Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Details: www.cilip.org.uk/placonference
- 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: Brid McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net. This course will be repeated on 8th November.
- 14th *Telling lies to the children is wrong – does Irish historical fiction tell the truth?* A lecture by Celia Keenan of the English Department, St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra. 6.30pm, Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse St. Dublin 2. **Booking essential.** For further information telephone (01)674 4873 / 4806.
- 14-16th *C'mon everybody – libraries and interculturalism* – annual conference of the Public Libraries' Section (formerly Assistant Librarians' Section) of the Library Association of Ireland. The venue will be the Radisson SAS Hotel in Sligo. Details: Brenda Frawley, Dooradoyle Library, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick. Phone: 061 – 301101; Fax: 061 – 301144.
- 16th *Fifth Literature of Exile* Autumn School to be held in The Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park. To register or for further details contact Christine.johnston@ni-libraries.net Telephone 028 8225 6315; Fax 028 8224 2241.

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- 1st NALA and the County Clare Family Learning Project are organising a joint *National Conference on Family Literacy* to be held in The Glór 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
- 3-4th *ANLTC Continuing Professional Development Colloquium*, Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick. This two-day colloquium is an opportunity for library staff from all sectors and grades to reflect on developments and trends in continuing professional development. Themes include: envisioning the future roles of libraries, core skills, current CPD activities in Ireland, cooperation and self-development. Irish and international speakers will contribute to the programme which is open to all. Contact: e: helena.feighan@ul.ie; www.anltc.ie
- 5-6th *Reading Lives/Writing Lives* – a weekend conference organised by The Reading Centre at the Church of Ireland College of Education, Rathmines, Dublin. The event will focus on some of the ways in which, as readers, we derive an understanding of how writers create lives – whether their own or other people's – in their work – whether in biography, autobiography, memoir, poetry or novel. Speakers will be Polly Devlin, Aubrey Flegg, Dennis O'Driscoll and Morgan Llywelyn. Subscription, to include conference fee, reception, tea/coffee and lunch, will be €60. Bookings details from The Reading Centre at CICE, 96 Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6; phone: 01-4970033; e-mail: readingcentre@cice.ie

- 8th *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: Brid McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net
- 11th *An Introduction to Acquisitions* – An Acquisition Group of Ireland seminar for library assistants and librarians newly appointed to acquisitions. Venue: Green Room, Mercer Hotel, Mercer Street Lower, Dublin 2. Fee: €70.00 including lunch. Numbers limited to 25. To book a place contact: Carol Creavin, Mercer Library, RCSI, Mercer Street Lower, Dublin 2. e: ccreavin@rcsi.ie; t: 00 353 1 402 2404; f: 00 353 1 402 2457.
- 11th *Enhancing Learning Skills at University* (critical thinking skills, study skills and information literacy skills) in the O'Reilly Hall, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4. Further details from <http://www.ucd.ie/lisu> or email lsu@ucd.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.
- 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: Brid McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Assocs., 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; e: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net. This course will be repeated on 2nd December

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- 19-21st Joint Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland & CILIP-Ireland, City Hotel in Derry City.

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- 11-12th *The physical library and beyond: library as place and the library in cyberspace* – IFLA 2005 satellite meeting organised by the Library Building and Equipment Section in co-operation with the Reference Work Section. Venue: Järvenpää, Finland. Conference language is English. For information and registration see: www.flai.fi/PHYSICALvsVIRTUAL05/
- 14-18th *Libraries: a voyage of discovery* – 71st IFLA General Conference and Council, Oslo. Details: e: ifla2005@norskbiotekforening.no w: www.ifla2005oslo.no

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