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## OFFICIAL OPENING OF ATHLONE CIVIC CENTRE & LIBRARY

Athlone Civic Centre and Library was officially opened by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Mr Dick Roche on the 13th May 2005.

Special guest of honour at the opening was Athlone born philanthropist Aidan Heavey and his wife Maureen. Aidan has donated his valuable book collection to the library which is now named in his honour.



▲ Ann McGuinness Co. Manager, Cllr. Frank McDermott, Cathaoirleach W.C.C., Mr. Donie Cassidy TD, Minister Dick Roche, Cllr. Austin Berry Mayor of Athlone, Senator Camillus Glynn.

The Minister in his speech praised the courage, wisdom and foresight of the members of Westmeath County Council, Athlone Town Council and the Council executive in undertaking the construction of such an ultra modern dynamic building. In speaking about the public library service the Minister stated: "The public library continues to be one of the most popular of public services, according to a market survey of library users and non-users... and despite fears to the contrary, people continue to have a huge appetite for reading. What is perhaps not widely known by non-users is the range of services provided by the public library in addition to the traditional service of lending books. Today's public library offers opportunities for information and learning, for culture and imagination, for young and old. As those closely associated with our public libraries will tell you the development of Information Communications Technology has opened up a myriad of opportunities for the further development of the public library service. We cannot discuss delivery of service today without reference to information technology and the relatively new role of the library in facilitating access to the Internet.

As more public services become available online we will seek to make information and assistance available to library customers."

To date the Civic Centre has won two awards for its Architects, Keith Williams Associates. It was the winning project in the prestigious *Lighting Design Awards 2005: Exterior Category* for its "perfect balance of interior and exterior lighting" and the *Best Sustainability Award* at the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) 16th annual awards (see below).



▲ Cllr. Kieran Molloy, Minister Dick Roche, Keith Williams (Architect) & Deputy Donie Cassidy.



▲ Aidan Heavey & Mayor Austin Berry.

Since it opened to the public at the end of September 2004 the library has attracted high levels of usage among the people of Athlone and its environs. 4,971 new members have joined and the library has issued 92,907 items of stock. A total of 5,950 sessions have also been booked on the public access computers and a wide range of cultural events have also taken place in the library.

## caught in the web – correction

The website address published in the June issue of *Irish Library News* for Designing Libraries is incorrect: it should read [www.designinglibraries.org.uk](http://www.designinglibraries.org.uk) rather than [www.designinglibraries.co.uk](http://www.designinglibraries.co.uk)

## wanted

One set of Kardex drawers, or the name of the supplier of Kardex drawers. Please contact: Patricia Quigley, Librarian, The Jesuit Library, Milltown Park, Dublin 6, Ireland. email [jeslib@eircom.net](mailto:jeslib@eircom.net)

**Cavan County Library** staff members took to the hills on Saturday 25th June and reached 1,119 feet above sea level at the top of Lough an Lea mountain situated between Kingscourt and Bailieborough. This unusual occurrence was the result of Cavan Library Service annual Heritage Training Day which has been running successfully each year since 2002. This year the area of interest was Cootehill, Maudabawn, Bailieborough and its environs and the first stop the tour on route to Bailieborough was at Cohaw megalithic tomb where staff viewed the unique double court cairn and mused on its origins and history. The tour followed on through Cootehill and its environs where local tour guide Rosanna Clarke imparted a fund of knowledge and graciously provided refreshments when the group stopped off at Maudabawn Cultural Centre. Moving on, the tour bus safely negotiated the steep incline to the top of Lough an Lea before staff climbed the final few steps to view the magnificent vista from the top of the mountain. The Mountains of Mourne were just about visible and the vantage point offered a panoramic view of Cavan and neighbouring counties. All the climbing and walking meant it was time for lunch, which was enjoyed in Bailieborough town before the afternoon schedule kicked off with a visit to the ancient church ruins and graveyard at Moybolge. The origin of this sacred place can be placed many years before the Christian era and for some it proved the highlight of the day. The final stop on the tour was made at Lakeview Gardens in Mullagh where the Shackleton family continue the major contribution that their family has made to horticulture over six generations. The beauty of the gardens was appreciated by all, before staff joined an audience who were gathered to hear Fintan O'Toole, writer with the *Irish Times* newspaper, give a lecture on the history of Richard Brinsley Sheridan and his family connection with Cavan. O'Toole gave a very interesting lecture and a copy of his book, *A Traitors Kiss: The Life and Times of Richard Brinsley Sheridan* was presented by Rhonda Tidy to Josephine Brady, County Librarian to enable the public to access the book at Cavan County Library. The tour ended with the journey back to Cavan and staff agreed that the day was most informative, enjoyed by all and the only question left to wonder was where the Heritage Training Day will take staff in 2006?



The **Central Catholic Library** opened on 25th June 1922 in Westmoreland Street, Dublin, just as the city was about to be embroiled in the Civil War and almost one hundred years after the need for such a library was first highlighted in 1834 when *The Catholic Penny Magazine* made the case for a facility which would provide access to important church documents or reference literature. The library survived its baptism of fire and today, more than eighty years later, it still serves readers from all walks of life and is open to people of all denominations.

The pioneer for the establishment of the Central Catholic Library was a Jesuit priest – Fr. Stephen Brown, who was the director of UCD post-graduate School of Librarianship. With his direction and the support of a team of business people it continued to expand. As the demand for the services of the library increased, the library moved to Hawkin's Street, and later to its permanent home in Merrion Square.

It is managed by one professional librarian and a team of volunteers and is open Monday to Friday from 11a.m. to 6.00p.m. and Saturday 11.00a.m. to 5.30p.m. All are welcome and study facilities amid peaceful surroundings are available to students from all walks of life.

For the third year in succession the library celebrated World Book Day on March 3rd when an audience of 30 heard Dr. Eamon Maher speak about *Irish Catholicism through the lens of Kate O'Brien and John McGahern*.

Central Catholic Library, 76 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 676 1264, [www.catholiclibrary.ie](http://www.catholiclibrary.ie)

*Gone but not forgotten: local women of the last century who made history* is the title of an exhibition curated by author and historian, Sinéad McCoolle for **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Library**. Using previously unseen images from private collections this exhibition brings out the human story of Irish history last century. In a time when news is on a global stage and there is information overload, this is the story of the people in the neighbourhood of one of the most densely populated regions of the country. Taking women who lived in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area, and are buried in Deansgrange cemetery – this exhibition sets out to tell their stories and their role in the history of their time.

The exhibition tells the story of the people who fought for Irish independence from the area of south Dublin, which today is known as Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The women profiled were judges, educators, writers, social activists, freedom fighters, spies, county council officials and politicians – Kathleen Clarke, May Reamsbottom, Áine Ceannt, Lily O'Brien, Moya Llewelyn Davies, Gretta Coffey, Fiona Connolly, Dr. Kathleen Lynn, Mary Coyle Andrews.



▲ *Seamus Connolly, Sinéad McCoolle, An Cathaoirleach Councillor Niamh Bhreathnach and Roderic Wilson at the launch of Gone But Not Forgotten. Seamus and Roderic are related to James Connolly – Seamus was a nephew of Fiona Connolly and grandson of James and Roderic was the son of Fiona Connolly (daughter of James) who was featured in the exhibition.*

The exhibition tells for the first time of James Connolly's youngest daughter Fiona, who wrote years later: *A young child's memories reviewed from maturity seem to me to be a series of photographs ...* This panel-based exhibition tries to capture that idea with a selection of photographs and related images. The exhibition also tells the story of how Moya Llewelyn Davies' mother and her 4 siblings died on the 30 June 1890 in Blackrock. Nine year old Moya was with them and was too young to save them. She went on to be a trusted spy of Michael Collins – some say she was his lover. The stories of the rank and file, 21 young women who were imprisoned during the Civil War are profiled here, providing addresses and details of their imprisonment, it will provide new sources for both scholars and local historians alike. There is also a unique virtual tour of the exhibition, which can be accessed at [www.gonebutnotforgotten.ie](http://www.gonebutnotforgotten.ie) from 18 May, which makes this exhibition at once local, national and international.



*Images of Ireland: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown*, written by librarian Pat Walsh, was launched in Dún Laoghaire library on midsummer's night. Published by Nonesuch Press it has over 200 archive images of the area's heritage, history and people with pictures that recall the transport, leisure and entertainment history of the county. This event was part of the READISCOVER events held in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Two public libraries and one archive were mentioned in the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland's **Irish Architectural Awards for 2005**. These consist of a number of special awards, five regional and one overseas award. The regional awards do not attempt to identify the building of the year or to single out any one building as being the most significant in the year; such judgements are for the RIAI Medal Awards which are awarded for the design of a building of exceptional merit completed within a three year period. The purpose of the Award is to encourage the development of architecture in Ireland and to give recognition to Architects of distinction.

The **Athlone Civic Centre and Library** (see above and ILN 248 March 2005) is the recipient of the *Special Award for Best Sustainable Project*. This award is sponsored by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. The Award citation says:

*There is a grace, beauty and sophistication about the building and the fact that it does not shout sustainability demonstrates how environmentally sustainable design considerations can, with skill, be integrated with good architecture to the benefit of both. This project is worthy of a sustainability award as it demonstrates that a finely crafted building can also have good environmental credentials.*

(Architect: Keith Williams Architects)

The Dublin regional winner is the **Irish Architectural Archive** (see ILN 248 March 2005), in its new location at 45 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. The Archive was established in 1976 by Dr. Edward McParland and Nicholas Robinson to collect the records of Ireland's architecture, preserve those records and make them accessible. Following an assessment in 1995 of the suitability of the Archive's then home, 73 Merrion Square, the Government assigned 44-45 Merrion Square to the Archive. (Architect: OPW Architectural Services)

**Waterford City's Central Library** (see ILN 239 April/May 2004) is the Eastern regional winner. The citation for this award reads:

*This contemporary addition to an existing library adds new interest to the streetscape, sitting happily with its historic neighbours. The public library has been detailed in a careful way which values the older buildings and presents the new library with a brave confidence.* Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mary Roche and City Librarian, Jane Cantwell attended the ceremony in the Office of Public Works in Dublin on the 2nd June to receive a 2005 award. Architects Valerie Mulvin and Ruth O'Herlihy, who were responsible for the careful restoration and expansion of the Carnegie Library, were also present to receive their award from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Dick Roche. This is the second award received by Waterford City Council Central Library, having received an Opus Building Award in 2004.

**Library Ireland Week 2006** will be celebrated from 6th-11th March 2006. This week of celebration and promotion of the work of librarians and information managers in Ireland is co-ordinated by the Library Association of Ireland.

In March 2005 organisations from all sectors including public, academic, special, medical and government libraries organised hundreds of events and promotions for the first ever Library Ireland Week. Speaking at the AGM of the Library Association of Ireland in March the LAI President Ruth Flanagan said: "this annual celebration of libraries and librarians will enhance the profile of the Association and libraries in general."

Details of all events will be posted on the LAI website at [www.libraryassociation.ie](http://www.libraryassociation.ie). For more information, please e-mail: [manager@libraryassociation.ie](mailto:manager@libraryassociation.ie)

The **Friends of the National Collection** (FNC) have donated a Jonathan Wade painting to South Dublin County Council. A reception to mark the occasion of the presentation of the painting took place in Clondalkin Library on Monastery Rd., Clondalkin, on Tuesday 17th May.



In attendance were South Dublin County Librarian Teresa Walsh, pictured with Senior Librarian Vincent Allen, the Mayor Councillor Robert Dowds, Mrs. Doreen Mellon, widow of Jonathan Wade and Dr. John Gilmartin, president of the FNC. The painting is entitled *Bridge over the Liffey*, Dublin and will be on permanent display in Clondalkin Library. Jonathan Wade was a talented and emerging Clondalkin artist about whom the art critic Anthony Butler wrote 'he does for the urban landscape what Francis Bacon has achieved in terms of the human figure'.

After almost 20 years, it's out with the old and in with the new at **Monaghan County Library** Service. Monaghan County Library Service has provided a mobile library service for the people of the county since 1956. Several vehicles later, we are pleased to introduce our latest addition to the library service. Using wireless technology and mobile communications, the mobile library is also going online, adopting the new Unicorn Library Management System, which has recently been introduced to the branch libraries of the county. The new library van was 100% funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. It will visit 45 rural communities throughout County Monaghan on a fortnightly rota. So it is *Out With The Old And In With The New @ Monaghan County Library*.



▲ **Monaghan County councillors and staff with the new mobile library.**

The Bealtaine Festival takes place nationally during the month of May and is in its tenth year in 2005. The festival promotes meaningful participation in all areas of the arts by older people giving people a taste of different art forms. **Wicklow County Council Library Service**, in collaboration with the Arts Office, organises an arts-based programme with a number of short-term residence projects, workshops and events celebrating creativity in older age throughout County Wicklow.

The Cleary sisters, Annette (cello) and Maria (harp) both internationally renowned musicians, gave a stunning performance to an enthralled audience in Greystones Library. As part of the festival the sisters also performed in Rathdrum and Baltinglass Hospital Day Care Centres.

Mary Markham of Delgany Horticultural Society demonstrated some flamboyant flower-arranging in Greystones Library. Joanne Wyer also gave a flower-arranging workshop to a large and enthusiastic audience in Ballywaltrim Library. The arrangements of both workshops were raffled off to the delighted participants. Bray Library hosted a two hour acrylic painting workshop with a facilitator from the National Gallery which was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants, some of whom came from local nursing homes. Longer programmes run as part of the festival include artist Terry Corcoran in residence in Arklow Library for a series of workshops over a two-month period in charcoal drawing. Baltinglass Library hosts storyteller Susie Minto in residence facilitating her *Life Stories* workshops, taking participants on a journey through storytelling and story making to release living stories and life journeys from the memory and the imagination.

Building on achievement to date in the computerisation of library resources, information literacy, e-learning and public library practice is the subject of research by **Wexford County Council Public Library Service**. The work is grant-aided by the Information Society Commission (ISC) and facilitated by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Information literacy is defined as user learning in library usage, effective searching for information in library catalogues and on the internet, database introductions, document & data delivery.

The project's Objectives are:

- To develop a generic series of workshops on i-literacy with a focus on adult learners needs and public library resources;
- To pilot the workshop series with a variety of markets e.g. community development groups, single parent support groups, active retirement groups;
- To provide training in workshop delivery to selected community activists, including library staff;
- To seek accreditation, e.g. FETAC, for elements within the series as appropriate;
- To investigate collaborative opportunities with other community ICT service suppliers;
- To capture the pedagogy associated with the public library and informal community learning environment.

In relation to e-learning, objectives are:

- to develop a database of e-learning opportunities in the Republic of Ireland and elsewhere and to list them on the WWW;
- to identify the role of public libraries in support of e-learning.

Research will be completed by the end of 2005. Course content and databases will be carried on the Wexford County Council website. A written report will be available. More information from Executive Librarian, Angie Parle. e: [Angie.parle@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:Angie.parle@wexfordcoco.ie) t: 053 24922.

## suppliers update

Sirsi Corporation and Dynix Corporation – the second largest and largest ILS vendors – announced that they are to merge. The new **SirsiDynix** will continue full development and support of both Sirsi's *Unicorn* and Dynix's *Horizon 8.x/Corinthian*. Planning is underway to integrate worldwide operations between the two companies.

Sean Kelly, Managing Director of Interleaf Technology, welcomed the merger, saying, 'We will have access to a bigger product set and expect to have new products to share with our customers in the coming years. The merged organisation will become an even stronger company, able to create and deliver more for the library community than before.'

From an Irish customer point of view there will be no change in the day to day support. Interleaf Technology will continue to be your point of contact to the new organisation and will continue to market and support the products that have been installed in many Irish libraries.

The upgrade path for Irish *Horizon* customers does not change in any way and we plan to roll out the new *Horizon 7.3* next year as scheduled.

### POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN INFORMATION AND LIBRARY STUDIES

Applications are invited for a post-doctoral research fellowship (scholarship bursary) in Library and Information Studies. The fellowship is valued at €31,745 per annum for the academic year 2005-2006. The fellowship will be awarded initially for one year, but subject to the availability of funding and stated terms and conditions, it may be renewable for up to two additional years. Applicants must have been awarded their doctoral degree within the ten-year period before 1st July 2005, or be certified as having fulfilled all the requirements for the award of a doctoral degree, including a *viva*, where such is required, by 1st July 2005.

The successful fellow will be based at the School of Information and Library Studies (SILS) in University College Dublin (UCD) during the academic year 2005/2006. He / she will carry out research on a topic within the primary research interests of the School, which are:

- Information Society and Individuals
- Information Collections and Management
- Information Policy and Institutions.

Potential applicants should convey an initial expression of interest as soon as possible to Professor Mary Burke, Head of School, School of Information and Library Studies, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland. Tel. +353 1 716 7799 or +353 1 716 7055; Fax +353 1 716 1161; Email: [Mary.Burke@ucd.ie](mailto:Mary.Burke@ucd.ie).

Full applications, as described in the application procedure document, should be received by The Secretary, School of Information and Library Studies, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland, by 5 p.m. on **Thursday 11th August 2005** at the latest. They should be clearly labelled "Post Doctoral Research Fellowship".

### H W WILSON FOUNDATION POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

Applications are invited for a post-graduate scholarship in Library and Information Studies that has been funded by the H W Wilson Foundation. The scholarship is valued at €12,700 per annum with an additional contribution towards fees and conference travel. The scholarship will be awarded initially for one year, but subject to terms and conditions, is renewable for up to two additional years.

Applicants must have a first or upper second class honours primary degree, or the equivalent. They will be registered as full-time post-graduate research students pursuing degrees by major thesis (MLitt or PhD) in the School of Information and Library Studies (SILS) in University College Dublin (UCD) during the academic year 2005/2006. Further details of the School are available at <http://www.ucd.ie/lis> (web-site is currently undergoing redesign).

Potential applicants should convey an initial expression of interest as soon as possible to Professor Mary Burke, Head, School of Information and Library Studies, University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland. Tel. +353 1 716 7799 or +353 1 716 7055; Fax +353 1 716 1161; Email: [Mary.Burke@ucd.ie](mailto:Mary.Burke@ucd.ie)

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UCD acknowledges the generosity of the H W Wilson Foundation in funding this scholarship.

While this advertisement relates directly to the H W Wilson Foundation Scholarship, it is intended to form a panel of applicants to whom other research scholarships may be offered.



## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER: CREATING THE INFORMATION LITERATE SCHOOL

SLARI Committee member, Joan Kelly, attended the School Library Association's Annual Weekend Course in June and sent this report to *ILN*:

The SLA conference was held on a very hot campus of the University of Surrey in Guildford this year. The programme was pretty hot too – with talks and workshops on its topic *Knowledge is Power: Creating the Information Literate School*. The Irish were well represented at the conference – about seven of us – including some of the JCSP Demonstration Library Project librarians, buzzing with the news of the expansion of their programme to include 40 new schools.

Valerie Coghlan ran an inspiring workshop on engaging with pictures: *In the picture: getting visual with picture books*. Anne Harding (who will also be at SLARI's annual conference in Dublin next November) ran a very informative workshop on *Widening search horizons*, i.e. getting students to look beyond the Internet. The keynote speaker, Dr. Ross Todd, from Rutgers University in New Jersey, is like the Alex Ferguson for school librarians – a great motivator. He kicked off (sorry!) the weekend by inviting librarians to approach their work with a rascal attitude and to make our libraries into learning centres where mischief is evident. He is known for the big Ohio study which surveyed thousands of students about their school libraries and had some very interesting and amusing results. He urged school librarians to “celebrate the understood, not the found”. His talk and all the speakers' notes from the conference will be put up on the website: [www.sla.org.uk](http://www.sla.org.uk). Ross Todd also urged librarians to use EBP (evidence based practice) for demonstrating the tangible impacts and outcomes of the information literacy initiatives being used in their libraries. Evaluation and accountability were central to the conference theme. The workshop lead by David Streatfield and Sharon Markless entitled *Improve your library: self-evaluation in 60 minutes* informed us of ways and means to provide feedback on the work done in the library. There are two documents relating to this which have been circulated to all schools in England. These are available from their Department of Education: [dfes@prolog.uk.com](mailto:dfes@prolog.uk.com) or to download from: <http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/resourcematerials/>

On the Information Literacy front itself. Workshops that were very useful were *Developing reading – helping students engage with text* run by Ingrid Hopson. She suggested a website that had some useful tips:

<http://ga.digitalbrain.com/ga/web/learning%20modules/trainingschool/training/>

And speaking of the Internet ... one of the great experts in the area of Internet searching divulged some of his open secrets in the field: Phil Bradley, of <http://www.philb.com> fame. His website speaks for itself and is very navigable. For example, he suggested [www.soople.com](http://www.soople.com) as being an easier and less cumbersome search engine and good for teaching Google. Of course, he mentioned [www.lii.org](http://www.lii.org) (librarians index) and [www.kidsclick.org](http://www.kidsclick.org). His favourite site at the moment is Google maps. His country based search engines are very good for project based work. Check it out!

We all came back laden with ideas to try out, and, of course, catalogues, posters, promo material of books and – even string tops for the girlie books. The importance of attending these events is not just the talks and workshops but the information and tips you pick up from meeting other working librarians. Speaking of which, don't forget that we have our annual national conference on the 26th of November in Dublin. The title this year is: *School Libraries: – a Dynamic Learning Space*. Also, if you, or anyone you know, would like to sponsor this event in any way please contact Eileen Holian at [larkinlibrary@eircom.net](mailto:larkinlibrary@eircom.net) or by phone: 01 8747701.

The above are the highlights, other items were covered which you will see on the SLA website but I can't write any more – I'm off to make mischief ...

Joan Kelly

## DELIVERING EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY IN SCHOOLS

The Minister for Education and Science, Mary Hanafin, T.D. recently launched an Action Plan for Educational Inclusion<sup>1</sup>. This is the first integrated strategy for promoting equality of opportunity that has been developed for 3 – 18 year olds in this country.

The Action Plan will build on the success of existing measures while tackling the issues that have undermined their overall effectiveness. One of the proven successes which will be expanded upon is the JCSP Library Project and the report promises to enhance school library facilities at second level whilst also seeking to develop, through partnership, services provided by the local authority public library service.

In relation to the role of local authority libraries and school libraries themselves, the Action Plan states that:

*...targeted measures will be implemented to tackle problems of literacy and numeracy, with particular reference to family literacy, early education, primary and second-level education and the role of the local authority library system. School library and librarian support will be extended, on a phased basis, to the 50 second-level schools with the highest concentrations of disadvantage (p.11).*

*On the basis of positive evaluation findings, the JCSP Demonstration Library Project will be extended on a phased basis to additional second-level schools participating in the SSP and will support the implementation of whole-school literacy and numeracy strategies in the schools concerned. The implementation of mobile library and shared librarian support options will be considered, where these may be most appropriate to needs and circumstances at local level (p.39).*

The role of local authority libraries in providing services to primary school pupils and older children through the branch network is described in some detail:

*The local authority library system provides the largest cultural and information infrastructure in the state through a network of 340 branch libraries and 30 mobile libraries. The Department's existing National School Library Scheme is administered through the local authority library system and the Minister for Education and Science made increased funding available for the scheme in 2004 to provide additional books for primary schools with a concentrated level of disadvantage. The books purchased through the library system as a result of this initiative are being used in conjunction with parents to promote a culture of reading in the home. Further co-operation on educational inclusion issues between the library system and the education sector will be actively pursued in implementing this action plan.*

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government strategy document, *Branching Out: A New Public Library Service*, identifies a range of opportunities in this regard. Examples of areas in which the local authority library system is already supporting schools and school-based communities and that can provide a basis for further development include:

- assisting schools in selecting and procuring reading material appropriate to different age groups;
- supporting homework clubs at local level;
- promoting and supporting reading groups and hosting discussions with authors;
- advising on the stocking and running of school-based libraries (p.39).

The Department of Education & Science will seek to develop a partnership approach:

*working with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the Library Association of Ireland and the Library Council, with particular reference to further developing partnership approaches between the local authority library system and schools and school clusters/communities participating in the SSP on literacy issue (p.66).*

<sup>1</sup>*Deis: an action plan for educational inclusion. (Dublin: Department of Education & Science, 2005).* The full and/or summary report may be downloaded from: [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)



**july 2005**

13-15th

*ARCLIB 2005: Articulating Architecture.* ARCLIB is the Architecture Librarians Group (Ireland/UK). It will be holding its Annual Conference in University College Dublin on July 13th-15th. Various themes will be explored including information skills; marketing; digitising and imaging projects; Googling ... and MUCH MORE! The full Programme is available on ARCLIB's Website at: [www.arclib.org.uk](http://www.arclib.org.uk) Further details are available from Julia Barrett, Architecture/Planning Librarian, UCD. Tel: 01-716 2741; email: [julia.barrett@ucd.ie](mailto:julia.barrett@ucd.ie)

**august 2005**

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.ifla.fi/PHYSICALvsVIRTUAL05/](http://www.ifla.fi/PHYSICALvsVIRTUAL05/)

13-17th

*Expectations and experiences: children, childhood and children's literature.* The 17th biennial conference of the IRSCL (International Research Society for Children's Literature) will take place in Trinity College, Dublin from 13th to 17th August 2005. Keynote speakers are Declan Kiberd, Anne Higonnet, Michael Rosen and Paul Muldoon. Other speakers include Morag Styles, P.J. Lynch, Niamh Sharkey, Kimberley Reynolds, Gillian Cross, Siobhán Parkinson, Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick and many others from America, Asia, Australia and Europe. Further information is available from [www.irscl.ac.uk](http://www.irscl.ac.uk) or from [vcoghlan@cice.ie](mailto:vcoghlan@cice.ie)

14-18th

*Libraries: a voyage of discovery* – 71st IFLA General Conference and Council, Oslo. Details: e: [ifla2005@norskbiotekforening.no](mailto:ifla2005@norskbiotekforening.no) w: [www.ifla2005oslo.no](http://www.ifla2005oslo.no)

21-26th

*Digital libraries à la carte: choices for the culture* – modular, international digital library course. The International Ticer School offers this brand new, modular course for librarians and publishers: The course will be held at Tilburg University, the Netherlands. From its 'menu' of five one-day modules, you can pick your choice: • trends and strategic issues • technological developments, relevant to libraries • consortia and licensing • Open Access and institutional repositories • the role of libraries in teaching and learning. The course

website can be found at [www.ticer.nl/05carte/](http://www.ticer.nl/05carte/). On the website you can find the full programme, the complete list of 20 lecturers with short bios, abstracts of most presentations and practical information about course fee and registration.

**september 2005**

16-20th

*Libraries without walls 6: Evaluating the distributed delivery of library services* – an international conference organised by CERLIM – The Centre for Research in Library and Information Management to be held in Lesvos. The total cost is £450 sterling, which includes registration and attendance at the Conference, accommodation for four nights with breakfast, lunches and refreshments during the three conference days, and two evening dinners. For full details of the conference, including the programme, venue details, and FAQs, visit the Conference website at: <http://www.cerlim.ac.uk/conf/lww6/> All enquiries should be addressed to the organisers: Email: [LWW-6@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:LWW-6@mmu.ac.uk) Tel: ++44 (0)161 247 6142 Fax: ++44 (0) 161 247 6979 For details of previous conferences visit the CERLIM website at <http://www.cerlim.ac.uk/conf/>

**october 2005**

11-12th

*Library Ireland 2005* – **the** library, education and cultural resources exhibition will take place at the RDS, Dublin. Organisations interested in exhibiting should contact Key Events Ltd, 24 Terenure Road East, Rathgar, Dublin 6. t: 01-4901790; f: 4901792; e: [info@keyevents.ie](mailto:info@keyevents.ie) w: [www.keyevents.ie](http://www.keyevents.ie)

**november 2005**

11-12th

*Past and Present: what children and young adults read* is the title of a conference at the Church of Ireland College of Education, Rathmines, Dublin organised by The Reading Centre @ CICE. The speakers are Susan Parkes, John Coolahan, Alan Titley and Kimberley Reynolds, and the conference will include a tour of The Plunkett Museum of Irish Education on the College campus. Further details and booking form from [info@cice.ie](mailto:info@cice.ie) .

26th

*School libraries – a dynamic learning space* – SLARI annual conference, Dublin. Details: Eileen Holian t: 01-874 7701; e:

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*Online Information 2005.* Tuesday 29th November – Thursday 1st December 2005, Grand Hall Olympia, London, England. Details: <http://www.online-information.co.uk/>

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