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LONG ROOM ELECTRONIC CATALOGUE PROJECT

Trinity College Library, Dublin has received a grant of \$750,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to create an electronic catalogue of the contents of the Long Room and its other collections of early printed materials. The grant, which will be matched by library and college funding, will enable the records of 400,000 titles printed from the sixteenth century to the nineteenth century to be added to the library's online catalogue of 2 million books. The catalogue will replace the nineteenth and early twentieth century printed catalogues of these collections.

The early printed books collection is the largest collection of its kind in Ireland and is the product of acquisitions over four centuries. Within 20 years of its foundation in 1592 the library owned 4,000 books, being second only to the Bodleian in the British Isles. The largest single accession of the seventeenth century was the 10,000 volumes of the library of Archbishop James Ussher, which arrived in 1661. During the eighteenth century there were significant bequests from Archbishop William Palliser and Claudius Gilbert, and the gift of 4,000 pamphlets by Bishop John Stearne. Towards the end of the century the *Bibliotheca Butleriana* was donated, comprising 1,100 items from the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. The Library's status as a legal deposit library, established in 1801, formed the basis of the expansion of the library in the nineteenth century. In 1802 the library acquired the Fagel collection of 20,000 volumes, representing the bibliographic interests of a high-ranking Dutch family dating back to the mid-seventeenth century.

The strengths of the collections are in British and Irish publications from the sixteenth century onwards, in sixteenth-century German works, in seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Dutch and French books and texts written in Latin, the *lingua franca* of early modern Europe. The subject coverage is comprehensive, with particular emphasis on law, theology, philosophy, cartography, on ecclesiastical, social, and cultural history, and on the history of science, medicine and ideas.

The project will take four years to complete and will involve a team of six, including professional librarians and support staff.

On completion of the project, the library plans to take the work forward in a second stage, which will add full scholarly information on earlier books, including provenance, historical background and notes on marginalia and illustrations.



The catalogue will form a central element in the establishment of the Long Room Centre for Humanities Research, which will take forward the college's future research strategy in the arts and humanities. The library will be working with academic colleagues in a number of partnerships on the scholarly potential of Trinity's historic collections. This will involve the establishment of postgraduate, postdoctoral and visiting fellowships; the organisation of international symposia, seminars and workshops; and the conservation and the digitisation of collections.

OPEN, FLEXIBLE AND INNOVATIVE: THE 21st CENTURY LIBRARY

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna is delighted to announce the conference *Open, flexible and innovative: the 21st Century Library*, to take place in Cork in October. The conference is part of the celebrations of the 1855 Act, and will look at various aspects of modern public library design.

Starting at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 13th October, the programme will include presentations from local authority managers, county and city librarians, and award-winning architects, with a keynote address from Geraldine Tallon, Assistant Secretary at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The conference will close with lunch on Friday 14th October.

As we review the *Branching Out* programme, the conference will provide an ideal opportunity to examine and discuss the design of public library buildings and services.

Full programme and registration details will be posted on An Chomhairle's website – www.librarycouncil.ie: further information is available from conference@librarycouncil.ie

IRISH AWARD WINNERS LISTED IN LIBRARY BUILDING DATABASE OF BEST PRACTICE

At a time when public library services are undergoing unprecedented change the whole concept of the public library building must also change. The Designing Libraries website (www.designinglibraries.org.uk) – launched earlier this year – is a vital resource for anyone involved in the planning, construction or use of public library buildings.

The website gives libraries, local authorities, planners, architects, builders and interior designers an insight into the best new, extended and refurbished public library buildings.

As well as ongoing projects, all entries in the UK Public Library Building Awards from 1995 – 2003 are listed in the database, providing a valuable wealth of knowledge on which libraries can draw. Irish libraries have in recent years excelled in these awards and the details of all entries from Ireland are listed – 27 libraries in total – from Dunshaughlin (Co. Meath) and Nenagh (Co. Tipperary) Libraries, runners-up in 1997, through Holywood Arches (Belfast), a winner in 1999, Buncrana Community Library (Co. Donegal), a winner in 2001 to Ardkeen (Waterford City) and Cootehill (Co. Cavan) both of which were winners in 2003.

It is hoped that librarians in Ireland will find the site a useful tool in their work with library buildings, that they will contribute information about their own projects, large and small, new build or refurbishment, and offer feedback about the database and its contents.

In the long-term it is hoped that www.DesigningLibraries.org.uk will become not just a national but an international professional tool for all those involved in library building projects.

The project is being led by The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) as part of *Framework for the Future*, the government's 10-year vision for public libraries, and is financed by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA). The Designing Libraries project team is based in the Thomas Parry Library at the University of Wales Aberystwyth and can be contacted at: info@designinglibraries.org.uk

CLÉ – Irish Book Publishers' Association have recently established an Industry Book Awards where publishers have submitted books for consideration in the categories of Illustration, Cover Design, Production and Publicity Campaign. The awards have been created to acknowledge excellence in skills associated with the craft of publishing. The CLÉ Industry Book Awards will see publishers acknowledged by their peers and generally awards will go to the employee/s responsible for the specific area of work as well as the publishing house itself.

CLÉ is asking libraries to participate in the voting process and to vote on the short-list in each category. The short-list was created by a selection committee: Maria Dickenson, Easons; Niall McMonagle, Editor and Author; Colm Ennis, Hughes & Hughes; Tony Farmer, CLÉ; John Spain, *Irish Independent*. Libraries can vote online at www.publishingireland.com from 1 September 2005.

IFLA 2005



▲ Ann Cleary (Vice-president, LAI) and Ruth Flanagan (President, LAI) pictured with Kay Raseroka (IFLA President 2004-2005) at the recent IFLA Conference in Oslo.

The format of the **ISBN** is to change from 10 to 13 digits on 1st January 2007. The resulting number will be identical with the EAN-13 number that is currently encoded in the bar code of books. The main reason for the change is to increase the numbering capacity of the ISBN system. As a result of electronic publishing and other changes in the publishing industry, the numbering capacity of the ISBN system is being consumed at a much faster rate than was originally anticipated when the ISBN system was designed for printed books in the late 1960's.

To make existing 10 digit ISBNs compatible with the new format they will be given the prefix 978 and when that stock of numbers is exhausted the prefix will be changed to 979.

Bar codes will carry the 13-digit ISBN with hyphenation above the barcode and the EAN-13, the identical number without hyphens or spaces, below the bar code.

Libraries will need to review, among other functions:

- acquisitions systems including transaction messages with trading partners;
- cataloguing and other bibliographic data entry systems;
- Inter-library Loan (ILL) systems;
- system routines for importing bibliographic records, including matching algorithms;
- barcode scanners;
- local catalogues/OPACs;
- information portal / metasearch systems;
- interoperability and system links with remote information sources and clients.

For further information, including a downloadable set of guidelines, see: <http://www.isbn-international.org/en/revision.html>

Monaghan County Library and Monaghan County Museum have recently secured funding from the Programme for Peace and Reconciliation, Peace II to for a project which is aimed at increasing the number of visitors to the two services. A series of workshops have been organised on various topics about life in Monaghan over the past 40 years. These include reminiscence workshops where the participants will be encouraged to relay their experiences through storytelling, written records and interviews. The results will be incorporated into an audiovisual exhibition as well as print publications. People will also be invited to submit photographs. The overall aim of the project is to involve local people and at the same time, create an awareness of the value of the library and museum service in the county. The project will also promote models of good practice in relation to social inclusion.

Source: *Northern Standard* 28/07/2005.

Two groups of **South Dublin Libraries** staff, totalling 52 members of staff, took part in local studies familiarisation training on Tuesday 19th July and on Wednesday 20th July by visiting The Pearse Museum and St. Enda's Park in Rathfarnham.

St. Enda's is famous as the home of Patrick Pearse and of his school, St. Enda's. It was from here that Patrick Pearse cycled to the G.P.O. on Easter Sunday morning 1916. When Pearse leased the house and grounds it was known as Hermitage and had been occupied in the eighteenth century by Edward Hudson, an eminent dentist. He had a passion for Irish antiquities which he demonstrated in an unusual way by the erection of a number of romantic ruins around the estate.

Staff were treated to a guided tour of the Pearse Museum by tour guide Andy Halpin who lead the groups through the various rooms and exhibits and outlined Pearse family history, Patrick Pearse's educational ideas, the history of St. Enda's School, Pearse's involvement in revolutionary activities and the subsequent history and development of St Enda's. The groups were then treated to a twenty minute video on the subject of Pearse and St. Enda's. After a break for refreshments, staff were free to stroll through the extensive and well-maintained grounds.



TUNE – Training of Library Users in a New Europe – aims to promote the development of abilities in information acquisition and management among the citizens of Europe. The main objective of the project is to develop a model for user training that can be used in any European library in order to give citizens all over Europe the same possibilities and advantages in the information and knowledge society, irrespective of the status of the libraries. By offering library user training programmes, librarians can provide them with skills to read and understand non-traditional sources, using the new information techniques, based on their specific user needs.

The *TUNE model for library users' training* offers a set of guidelines for establishing such programmes and is available, along with further details of the project, at <http://www.tune.eu.com>

vacancies



LIBRARY ASSISTANT (PART-TIME)

The Institute wishes to recruit a library assistant to assist with the routine housekeeping tasks in the provision of day-to-day services to Library users. This position will be a permanent part-time position (working mornings) and is located at our Library in Lansdowne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

The successful candidate will be expected to have:

- Good standard of education
- Moderate IT skills
- High level of organisational skills

Conditions of Service:

The Institute has a policy of providing training and development for all of its staff. We operate a flexible working time system with the option of Term-time working.

The salary scale for this part-time position ranges from €8,720 p.a. to €15,527 p.a. rising, by long service increments, to €16,365 p.a. Entry point will be determined by qualifications and experience.

Please write, enclosing a full CV before Friday, 23 September 2005 to: Tom Ward, Head of Human Resources, Institute of Public Administration, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4.

Telephone +353 1 2403600, fax +353 1 6689135, email Liza Digan (ldigan@ipa.ie)

HEAD OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The Irish Taxation Institute (ITI) represents Ireland's tax professionals. One of its core activities is tax research and representation at political and executive level on taxation policy and administration issues. The ITI is highly respected for its work in this area domestically and internationally.

We are devoting significant additional resources to this area and in light of this we have developed a new role – Head of Library and Information Services.

The successful candidate will be expected to plan for and manage the establishment of dedicated information services in the area of taxation, to support this research activity.

Applicants should have:

- ❖ A recognised honours degree or equivalent qualification
- ❖ A proven track record in the development and management of library, information or research services
- ❖ In particular, experience in information retrieval, information management, cataloguing, indexing and ideally experience in researching and analysing the material collated. This will include electronic as well as printed information.
- ❖ Excellent inter-personal and communication skills
- ❖ Excellent motivation and initiative to develop the information services centre

A taxation qualification is not required for this position but an appreciation of tax and/or business information would be an advantage. The position is a full time appointment and carries an attractive remuneration package, commensurate with experience.

Please write, in strictest confidence, to: Mark Redmond, Chief Executive, Irish Taxation Institute, 19 Sandymount Avenue, Dublin 4

Tel: 01 663 1700 Email: mredmond@taxireland.ie

Closing date: 23 September 2005

publications

IFLA's Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) has published the IFLA/FAIFE world report 2005 on intellectual freedom and libraries. ***Libraries, national security, freedom of information laws and social responsibilities*** contains reports from IFLA members in 84 countries. The main findings are that the state of intellectual freedom in many parts of the world remains fragile, and that libraries are striving to do their best to provide access to information to their users, even if this is extremely problematic in some countries. In particular the report found that:

- while Internet access across the international library community is slowly increasing, many parts of the world, especially Africa and Asia are still struggling with the problems of the digital divide
- the use and acceptance of Internet filtering software in libraries is increasing, fuelled by the problems of providing safe Internet access for children
- although anti-terror legislation is not currently a problem for libraries in the countries of many IFLA members, the consequences of the war against terror are affecting library users in places such as the USA, the Netherlands and Syria. Librarians in other countries are concerned about the possible future affects of such legislation
- violations of intellectual freedom that affect library users continue to occur around the world. Censorship, restrictions of press freedom and governmental restriction and surveillance of Internet use were reported in many countries
- libraries in many parts of the world are making laudable efforts to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS and women's access to information, although in many countries the library service is yet to engage in these important areas.

The IFLA/FAIFE world report for 2005 is available from the FAIFE Office (faife@ifla.org) or from IFLA HQ (ifla@ifla.org) for €27, including p+p.

people



Jessie Kurtz has been appointed Deputy Librarian at Trinity College Dublin. Jessie was born and raised in Belfast, Northern Ireland, but in her late teens, along with her family emigrated to Canada. She attended the University of Western Ontario in London, Canada, gaining the following degrees: B.A. (Hons) in History; B.Ed. (Secondary School History & School Librarianship); M.L.S.

She has a variety of experience in school, public, special and academic libraries across Canada including: the University of Saskatchewan Library and the University of Victoria Library in Victoria, British Columbia. Most recently, she spent seven years as Head of Public Services at The John Rylands University Library, The University of Manchester, England.

Jessie says she is excited about her new role of Deputy Librarian at Trinity College Library which she started in July 2005. She comes back to Ireland with husband Gordon, and their children, Erich who is 18 years old and Heidi who is 16 years old.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

June 6th saw Northern Ireland's first ever mobile library and post office service take to the road at Monea in County Fermanagh. The special delivery at Monea represents the first tangible results of a partnership between the Northern Ireland Post Office and the Western Education and Library Board's Library Service.

Post Office manager Raymond Creagh said: "This is an exciting initiative ensuring that the needs of the people of Monea are met while their local branch is temporarily closed."

Using a dedicated telephone connection affixed to the nearest telegraph pole Post Office staff are able to provide a full range of computerised services including motor vehicle licence renewal, personal banking, television licensing, passport authentication and insurance services. All these are provided whilst the mobile driver continues to offer full library facilities to customers.

Giving customers the opportunity to carry out their banking whilst also browsing the library's selection of books has proven popular. Feedback from users of both services has been positive. Most mornings the post office provides a service to about 45 customers, which compares favourably with the business carried on previously by the permanent sub office.

From the library perspective this project provides a unique opportunity to bring books and information to rural customers, many of whom are not traditional mobile library users. In the first six mornings of operation 29 new members joined the library and between them borrowed about 250 books. Much of the credit for initiating and delivering this service must go to mobile driver Ken Newman whose detailed local knowledge and enthusiasm have been key to the projects early success.

Once the new post office in Monea opens for business in 2006 the pilot project will come to an end. However, there are other communities in rural Fermanagh which could benefit from this joint approach and library staff will be having further discussions with the post office to explore the options.

Mobile libraries provide a unique conduit for delivering information to rural areas and this pilot project demonstrates clearly their ability to support and sustain community activities. Already this year mobile library staff have used laptop computers to demonstrate electronic resources to farmers at local livestock markets and are about to embark on a project to provide information from The Health and Safety Executive on farm safety. Each of these initiatives demonstrates the central role which mobile libraries play in the life of the communities they serve and brings closer the day when they will truly become one stop community information shops.

suppliers update

Interleaf Technology introduced the *Liberty3* library management system to Ireland in January 2004. Since its launch five libraries have installed the system:

- Bord Iascaigh Mhara
- St Patrick's Marymount Hospice, Cork
- The Health Protection Surveillance Centre (formerly The National Disease Surveillance Centre)
- Temple Street Children's University Hospital
- St John's Central College, Cork

St. John's Central College and Sandford Park are using a version of *Liberty* specially tailored to the educational market called *Oliver*. A further four libraries have since selected the system:

- St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar
- The Economic and Social Research Institute
- Sandford Park School, Dublin
- The Mercy Hospital, Cork

These libraries will be implementing the system over the next few months. For further information on the client base see Interleaf Technology's website at <http://www.interleaf.ie/libertyusers.htm> or contact Charles Quain (csq@interleaf.ie) for more details on *Liberty3* or *Oliver*.

COLICO – THAT INSPIRED RASCAL

The Committee on Library Co-operation in Ireland (COLICO) promotes the ideal of an interdependent co-ordinated library and information network on the island of Ireland and encourages co-operation between all types of libraries. COLICO is the formal advisory body on library co-operation to both An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and the Library and Information Services Council, Northern Ireland (LISC). An Chomhairle Leabharlanna provides the secretariat to the Committee.

The recently published *2003 COLICO Annual Report* outlines the strategic work of the Committee in monitoring and encouraging co-operative projects and its practical work of providing and enhancing shared resources for library staff and users. The report also includes inter-lending and document supply statistics from libraries in Northern Ireland and the Republic.

Although the British Library Document Supply Centre continued to be the largest supplier of interlibrary loans and documents to Irish libraries in 2003, the report notes that usage of the Centre was down by 24% on the 2002 figure. This decrease could be as a result of the price increases introduced by the British Library in mid-2002. The Report also contains details of the NEWSPLAN project in Ireland which was initiated by COLICO in 1986. Since then the project has been very successful in its aim to preserve newspapers through an ongoing microfilming programme. The NEWSPLAN database on the website of the National Library of Ireland provides a listing of all the extant files of Irish newspapers held in the NLI, the British Library, public libraries, universities, archives and newspaper offices. A grant of £5 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund to the NEWSPLAN 2000 Project, has ensured the preservation of many newspaper titles in Northern Ireland and other parts of the United Kingdom. The Newspaper Library at Belfast Central Library which was officially opened in July 2003 holds an extensive collection of Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland newspapers.

In 2003, the Report notes that the COLICO secretariat continued to maintain and update both the training database and the placement database for the benefit of library managers and staff. Details of the COLICO disaster control directory and a disaster planning guide are also available in the report.

During 2003 the Committee received regular updates on collaborative projects within Ireland and the UK. Details of these projects such as INSPIRE, RASCAL – Research and Special Collections Available Locally, the Cultural Heritage Project and Taobh Tíre are outlined in the report.

Copies of the COLICO Annual Report 2003 are available from the Secretariat at An Chomhairle Leabharlanna or by emailing bboardman@librarycouncil.ie or rmaclochlainn@librarycouncil.ie. Copies may also be downloaded from the COLICO website: www.colico.ie

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive has chosen **Unicorn** to provide an Integrated Library Management System to replace their existing Bookshelf system.

The Unicorn system will be installed on a Windows 2003 server and will provide access via a Graphical User Interface (WorkFlows) to Cataloguing, Authority Control, Circulation, Acquisitions, together with a Knowledge Portal to external services over the Internet. Their Cataloguers will use SmartPort to capture data from Z39.50 sources worldwide. Access to the OPAC will also be available through the World Wide Web via the iLink electronic library.

The Housing Executive is the Regional Strategic Housing Authority for Northern Ireland. The library service plays a vital role in meeting the information needs of almost 3,500 geographically dispersed employees. It has a stock of about 12,000 books, pamphlets and over 200 current periodicals, which represents one of the most authoritative collections on housing in the UK, and is a unique specialised collection within Northern Ireland.

LEITRIM LIBRARIES ON THE MOVE

Leitrim's *Library Development Programme* has resulted in three new service points opening in the county within the last 12 months. All are open on Saturdays and each has two late openings per week until 8pm.

- **Kiltyclogher branch** opened in June 2004. It comprises 60m² and houses around 9,500 books. The project cost €140,000 and was funded by the Programme for Peace and Reconciliation.
- **Manorhamilton library** opened to the public in December 2004. Manorhamilton is the largest town in North Leitrim and the new branch library is located on a junction in the middle of Main Street. It has a floor area of 250 m², carries a stock of 14,000 items and is open to the public for 43 hours per week. The library has a number of special services such as an optical scanner for use by those with vision impairment. There is also a special arts collection. The project cost €700,000 and was part funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.
- The new county library headquarters and branch library in **Ballinamore** was officially opened on 17 June 2005 by Dick Roche, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

The library area consists of ca.250m², has a stock of ca.16,000 items and is open for 49.5 hours per week. The library is fully accessible with automatic main doors and a passenger lift. The exhibition/lecture area has an integrated audio/visual system, there is a PA system at the desk and the children's area has a sensory panel to keep young users usefully occupied. It also has an exhibition/lecture area. Apart from the usual fiction and non-fiction collections the library has video, DVD and CD collections, audio books, books "as Gaeilge" as well as in a variety of other languages reflecting the level of cultural diversity within the county. The architects were MurrayÓLaoire, Dublin. The project cost €2.9m and was part funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The building also houses the local studies section. The section has its own staff and is open the same hours as the branch library. The local studies collection contains:

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| • books and journals | • audio recordings |
| • newspapers | • files |
| • maps | • microfilm |
| • photographs | • pamphlets and posters |
| • archives | • videos and DVDs |

There are special collections such as the *Fr. Dan Gallogly Local History Collection*, the *Joe McInerney GAA Collection* and *Flood's Ballad Collection*.

Two major projects now being undertaken by the Local Studies Library are:

- digitising of the *Leitrim Observer* newspaper
- digitising of the entire audio and video collection

The digitising of the audio/video collection is a major first for Leitrim and will make the collection more available to users. Currently there are interviews from the early 1980s on the old reel-to-reel tape system as well as audio cassettes, videos and DVDs, and various formats of video cassettes. The fear was that as old systems become obsolete it might be hard to access such material in the future. When the collection is digitised, all formats will be accessible on computer.

Another new branch of 60 m² opened in Carrigallen in October 2002, making four new branches in two and a half years. Leitrim now has a network of nine branch libraries in:

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| • Ballinamore | • Kiltyclogher |
| • Carrick on Shannon | • Kinlough |
| • Carrigallen | • Manorhamilton |
| • Dromahair | • Mohill |
| • Drumshanbo | |

All of Leitrim's branch libraries have been computerised since early in 2004.



▲ *Manorhamilton Library.*



▲ *Ballinamore Library.*



▲ *Leitrim Co. Library has just celebrated 75 years of service. In that time three Co. Librarians have worked there. In this historic picture taken at the opening of the new Co. Library in Ballinamore are: L to R - Sean Ó Suilleabháin, present Co. Librarian; Vera McCarthy, Leitrim Co. Librarian 1936-1974; Dick Roche, Minister for Environment; Fr. Denis Delaney (Dublin). His mother Kathleen (Nee White) was Leitrim's first Co. Librarian and served from 1931-1936.*

Coincidental with this development, Leitrim has been celebrating 75 years of library service. The service was first provided in March 1931 and County Librarian, Seán Ó Suilleabháin has written a history of the service (*Leabharlann Chontae Liatroma: 75 Bliain ar an Saoi*) which is available from Leitrim County Library by calling 071-9645582.

Tá foireann na Leabharlainne ana bhróidiúil as an méid oibre atá déanta acu le cupla bliain anuas agus fáiltíonn siad roimh éinne a thagann ar chuairt dhóibh. Gan dabht, is fiú chuairt a thabhairt ar Leabharlann Chontae Liatroma, mar tá éacht déanta ag an gContae ó thaobh leabharlanna de.



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- 15th *Copyright for corporate libraries and information centres* – seminar organised by the Academic and Special Libraries Section of the LAI, National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. €50 LAI members (€60 non-members). Further details available from Áine O'Connor at aine.oconnor@arup.com.
- 16-18th *Pushing the boundaries: cross cultural and cross sectoral working* – CILIP Youth Libraries Group Annual Conference, Loughborough University. See the Youth Libraries Group section of the CILIP website: www.cilip.org.uk.
- 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 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/>
- 26th- National Adult Literacy Awareness Week (NALAW) 2005 *Active citizenship and literacy*. Further information is available from Tommy Byrne, PRO, National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA), 76 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin 1. t:01 809 9195 (direct).
- 30th-8th Oct. *Positive Ageing Week*. Details: Age Action Ireland, 30/31 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. t: 01-4756989; f: 475 6011; e: business@ageaction.ie

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- 10-11th *Transcending boundaries: information technologies and strategies for the 21st Century* – 7th Internet Librarian International Conference, Copthorne Tara Hotel, London. For further information see: www.internet-librarian.com
- 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; w: www.keyevents.ie

- 13-14th Conference on public library buildings – part of the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the *Public Libraries (Ireland) Act*. Venue: Imperial Hotel, Cork. For further information please contact: Brendan Teeling, Assistant Director, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Tel. 01-676 1167; e-mail: bteeling@librarycouncil.ie
- 15th Sixth Literature of Exile Autumn School, Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh. For further information please contact Christine.Johnston@ni-libraries.net or telephone 028 8225 6315.
- 19th-21st *Knowledge, Innovation, Understanding ... the Emerging Public Library* – Public Libraries Authority Conference 2005, Chesford Grange, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. For details see: www.cilip.org.uk/pla2005
- 20th Helen Cooper: author & illustrator of *Pumpkin Soup* & *Bear Under the Stairs* will give a talk and presentation on her work to teachers, librarians and illustrators at Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse St. at 6.30 p.m. Booking is essential. Tel: 01-674 4888

november 2005

- 2nd-4th *Innovation in Public Libraries* – a joint initiative of the Public Libraries Section and the County & City Librarian's Section of the Library Association of Ireland. Venue: Ennis, Co. Clare. Details: Brenda Frawley at bffrawley@limerickcoco.ie
- 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
- 26th *School libraries – a dynamic learning space* – SLARI annual conference, Dublin. Details: Eileen Holian t: 01-874 7701; e: larkinlibrary@eircom.net
- 29-1/12 *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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