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KILLORGLIN LIBRARY OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE MINISTER FOR ARTS, SPORTS AND TOURISM

The new library at Killorglin, County Kerry was officially opened on May 4 2007 by Minister John O'Donoghue, T.D.



Among the other speakers were Ted Fitzgerald (Mayor of Kerry), Tom Curran (Kerry County Manager), Brian McCarthy (Fexco, Killorglin) and Pauline Bewick. Charlie O'Sullivan, S.E.O., Kerry County Council acted as M.C., while the building was blessed by Rev. Michael Fleming, P.P., Killorglin and Rev. Robert Warren, Tralee.

The library is included within a Kerry County Council Area Service building, part of a €34m town centre project. This is a partnership project developed by Kerry County Council and Laune Properties. The Library and Area Service Centre is a quality public building with a sense of space, utilising natural light, sun and warmth of earth via the use of a geothermal heating system.



The area of the new library is 324 m². and is open 35 hours per week, including Saturday and lunchtime opening. It has a bookstock of 16,000 volumes, covering adult, children's and reference requirements. Among the services available are 6 public access internet computers (including 1 express & 1 for children), wireless internet and a laptop for public use. Situated at the newly and aptly named Library Place, the library is ideally situated in a central location within Killorglin town. It replaces a stand alone building which was originally opened in 1976.

The foyer of the building hosts paintings from the very prestigious Pauline Bewick *Seven Ages* collection. Pauline Bewick is one of Ireland's leading contemporary artists. Based in Kerry, she enjoys international acclaim for her unique style and vibrant work.

EBLIDA: Mr. Gerald Leitner, Secretary General of the Austrian Library Association, has been elected as EBLIDA's new president, succeeding Jan-Ewout van der Putten, for the period 2007-2009. Gerald Leitner graduated from the University of Vienna in German language, literature and history and also holds a degree in library and information science.

Mr. Leitner has previously served on EBLIDA's executive committee from 2005-2007 and has been involved in a number of pan-European projects such as PUBLICA and PULMAN and brings nearly 10 years of experience with the Austrian Library Association to EBLIDA. Addressing the EBLIDA Council in Reykjavik Mr. Leitner said that he hoped that EBLIDA could continue to act as the united voice of libraries in Europe, seeking influence on European Community decisions and initiatives which affect libraries, archives and information providers at all levels. To achieve this aim it is important to harness the full potential of EBLIDA's membership to create a "real team" and use the expertise and experience of the national associations and institutions to further the cause of libraries.

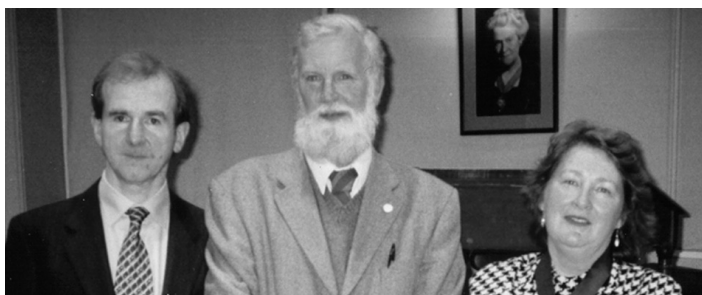
For further information on the EBLIDA annual Council meeting and elections 2007-2009 please contact the EBLIDA Secretariat at ebilda@debibliotheken.nl.

The European Parliament's Legal Affairs (JURI) committee adopted on March 20 the draft Intellectual Property Enforcement Directive (IPRED) directive (A6-0073/2007) following the opinions presented by MEP Nicola Zingaretti, with some important amendments.

The very controversial definition of "commercial scale infringement", that previously included the IPRs (Intellectual Property Rights) infringements by private users for personal use, was detailed and now the text refers to a criminal infringement as "a deliberate and conscious infringement of the intellectual property right for the purpose of obtaining commercial advantage." The patents and utility models have been excluded from the scope of the directive. From the unexamined IPRs, design rights, database rights, and possibly rights related to semiconductor topographies are still in.

The definitions however are kept vague, as the JURI Committee considers that the European Court of Justice should interpret them. The recommendations made by Max Planck Institute and Chartered Institute of Patent Agents regarding the necessary definitions in order to clearly limit the directive to piracy cases, were not included in the adopted report.

Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lectures in Legal Bibliography: The sixteenth lecture in the series was held on April 26 in the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland (RSAI). The lecture, entitled *Evidence in Early Irish Law: What do the Documents Tell Us* was given by Professor Fergus Kelly of the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies. The seventeenth lecture will take place on November 22 2007, in The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. The lecture *History of the Poor Law in Ireland: A Bibliographic Survey* will be given by Dr. Laurence M. Geary, Department of History, University College, Cork – see *Calendar of Events* for full details.



Pictured (l-r) at the 16th Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lecture in Legal Bibliography are Hugh M. Fitzpatrick, Solicitor, Library & Information Consultant and Series Founder; Professor Fergus Kelly and Aileen Ireland, President RSAI (Chair)

Kildare County Library: A new library service was introduced for the patients of Naas hospital in 2006. Provided and funded by Kildare County Council, and managed by a professional librarian, books and multi-media are delivered to hospital wards by "friends of Naas hospital". This is a key element of Kildare Library & Arts Service's social inclusion programme.

An *Arts – in – Health* specialist will shortly be recruited to the Arts staff team to assist the development and implementation of policy and programmes in health and well-being. This cross sectional initiative by Kildare Library & Arts service is supported by the Arts Council, the Health Service Executive and Naas Hospital.

Kilkenny County Library and Kilkenny Heritage Officer launched the Irish Life and Lore Series: Kilkenny Collection on Wednesday the May 16 2007 at the Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle. Guest Speaker for the evening was Micheál O Muircheartaigh.



Pictured at the launch of Irish Life and Lore: Kilkenny Collection are guest speaker, Micheal O' Muircheartaigh, Mayor Martin Brett, Morris O'Keeffe (Irish Life and Lore) and participants.

This collection of 51 oral history recordings compiled by Maurice O'Keeffe, Irish Life & Lore, and funded by Kilkenny County Library and Kilkenny Heritage Officer, was an opportunity to collect and preserve for posterity, stories of the people of Kilkenny.

Eyewitness accounts and oral histories capture the mood and atmosphere of a time, often overlooked in history books.

Subjects discussed & recorded include local and national history, customs, beliefs, archaeology, religious orders, trade routes, farming traditions, matchmaking, weddings and wakes, place names, myths and legends, old local ballads and verses, the famine, fishing and Celtic spirituality.

Much of the material was collected from older people, whose memories and stories were in danger of being lost forever.

This collection is now a permanent archive and also a resource for future study for all, and is available in the City Library, John's Quay for borrowing, and in our Local Studies Dept., 6 Rose Inn Street for reference.

To find out more information about this project, view the catalogue & hear snippets of the recordings, log on to www.kilkennylibrary.ie.

Marsh's Library: the exhibition, *Land of Silk and Sages: an exhibition of early printed books on China* was opened in the library by the Chinese Ambassador, H.E Mr Zhang Xinsen, on Thursday May 17 2007, and will continue until Spring 2008. The books on display represent some of the earliest accounts of China by Western travellers.

The exhibition begins with a magnificent atlas open at a map of the province of Peking (now Beijing). The cartouche shows the emperor and empress seated on either side with servants carrying parasols. Visitors can also see Marco Polo's observations on the geography, government and culture of China.

The famous Chinese sage and philosopher Confucius is regarded as the most important thinker in Chinese history and there is a case devoted to him and his famous maxims. There are books with illustrations of magnificent and spectacular Chinese

processions. One procession shows the emperor and his retinue when he appears in public. He is accompanied by men playing twenty-four trumpets, other men carrying lances, and four hundred great lanterns. Also included in this majestic procession are princes, foot soldiers, elephants, and chariots.



The Chinese Ambassador, H.E Mr Zhang Xinsen with Archbishop Neill and the Keeper, Muriel McCarthy

This exhibition contains accounts of the customs, houses, animals, flora and fauna of the China. There are sections on The Great Wall and on Chinese medicine and illustrations of the silkworm and the making of silk. Another case is devoted to the Jesuit Mission and the famous Rites Controversy.

The Exhibition is open to the public during the library's opening hours - Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10-1 & 2-5; Sat 10.30-1 (closed Tues & Sun).

On Thursday May 15 An Bord Pleanála sanctioned the building of a new €50 million wing for the **National Library of Ireland**. The new wing will be used as a storage space for millions of books and manuscripts held by the library. Present storage facilities are not up to international standards, and the new space will greatly enhance the ability to store and preserve the library's holdings. The building will be 6,180 m² in area, with seven storeys, two of which will be underground. The main library and the new wing will be linked by a bridge. The new building will also free up space currently used for storage, presenting the library with a number of options, including the possibility of expanding the reading room. (Source: Independent.ie, Friday May 18)

The **UCD School of Information and Library Studies (SILS)** has a new administrator, Claire Nolan, who joined the school in February this year. Noreen Hayes, who will be known to generations of UCD Library Programme students, has retired from UCD after more than a quarter of a century of service. Claire will be running the School office and will be the main contact for enquiries. Ian Cornelius has taken over from Mary Burke as Head of School for this calendar year. Mary Burke is on sabbatical and will be resuming her duties in January 2008.

The School is now able to offer a limited number of places on many of its modules (courses) to qualified librarians who wish to extend or update their expertise. Places will be limited and the application process will be similar to that for the MLIS and GDLIS. An application form can be downloaded from the School Website (www.ucd.ie/sils/) after June 1, where there will also be a list of available modules. Applications should be made before September 1. The cost for each 5-credit module is expected to be about €700. Successful candidates will be admitted to UCD as Occasional Students and will participate in the modules just like other students on graduate courses. They will also have access to normal UCD facilities. If you are interested or have any queries, please email Claire Nolan at sils@ucd.ie

In April 2007, at the UCD Conferring Ceremony, fourteen new MLIS graduates were conferred with their degrees, and the School congratulates them on their success and wishes them well in their new careers. The research these graduates completed for their degrees includes some outstanding work that improves our knowledge of a wide range of topics of interest to the Irish library and information profession.

In connexion with their success, and that of students on our other programmes, the School wishes to thank those members of the profession who have kindly contributed, through lectures, tutorial work, or in giving complete modules, to the achievements of the students. The contact with professional practice that comes through the involvement of practitioners in the SILS programmes is an important part of the educational process, and one that we value.

SILS will shortly be advertising some research posts, and we are also always interested to hear from graduates who might like to come back for further study or, if they are recent graduates, to work as tutors. Please contact Claire Nolan at sils@ucd.ie, or on 01-716-7055, or through our website.

From July 1 2007, **Wexford County Council's Library Management Services** will move to 6A, Ardcavan Business Park, Ardcavan, Co Wexford. Phone, fax and email addresses are unchanged. The new facility, at 1,600 m², doubles previous accommodation. A Wexford local authority staff library shares an IT suite with the Children's and School's service. The building also provides a joint local studies / archives and Wexford local authority documentation and records store.

Gorey library centre has moved to The Market House, Main Street, Gorey, County Wexford. Tel: 053 94 21481. Email address is unchanged. The new facility doubles previous opening hours.

webwise

Boole Library, UCC: a new website, www.frankoconnor.ie, commissioned by the Boole Library in UCC, has been launched. The website, commissioned at the request of Frank O'Connor's wife, Harriet O'Donovan, is designed to celebrate the life and work of the Irish writer, who also served as a librarian in Sligo, Wicklow, Cork and Dublin.

The site contains contributions from various academics as well as samples of rare photographs, manuscripts and audio/visual material. In his introduction to Michael/Frank1 his English publisher, Harold Macmillan, described him as 'the eccentric librarian'. Dermot Foley's affectionate portrait of him in the same book does little to contradict this view of a man who confessed that he became a librarian because, '...never in my life had I enough books to read and this was my opportunity'². Ah, the good old days...

The **London Libraries Development Agency** and **The Network** announce the launch of the www.welcometoyourlibrary.org.uk website, whose aim is to support public librarians in engaging effectively with refugees and asylum seekers.

The web site is part of the *Welcome to Your Library* project which aims to increase opportunities for active participation by refugee communities in public library service planning and delivery and, in so doing, to improve access to and quality of services for all. The project is funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation and co-ordinated through the London Libraries Development Agency.

Website users can navigate the site to find practical advice, good practice examples and search information resources produced by the project and from other relevant sources. Registering on the site enables users to sign up to a weekly digest and to post relevant events and training opportunities on the web site. A message board, which will go live in the second phase of development, will provide more opportunities for the community of interest to share ideas and experience.

June 2007

14th – 15th

IIUG 6: annual Irish Innovative Users Group conference will be held in Sligo Institute of Technology on June 14/15 2007. Topics include Millennium library systems and issues in higher education in Ireland. Non members welcome. Further details available soon at <http://www.millennium-users.org/> Initial enquiries to: info@millennium-users.org

18th

Advanced internet searching for information workers - a one-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates in the I.P.A., Lansdowne Road. Dublin 4. To register, or for further details, please contact: Dr. Bríd McGrath, McGrath Barrett & Associates, 2 Richmond Hill, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Phone/fax: 01-4977043; mobile: 087-2476424; email: mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net

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28-30th

Umbrella 2007 – Catalysts for change – making a difference, De Havilland Campus, The University of Hertfordshire. Details: www.umbrella2007.org.uk

July 2007

3-6th

European integration: conditions and challenges for libraries – LIBER 36th Annual General Conference, National Library of Poland, Warsaw. Conference programme, etc. <http://liber2007.buw.uw.edu.pl/>

September 2007

12-15th

Pathways to new roles: the education, training and continuing development of the Health Library & Information Workforce. European Association for Health Information & Libraries (EAHIL) Workshop 2007. Krakow, Poland. Registration starts 2 April. See following for further details: <http://www.bm.cm-uj.krakow.pl/eahil/index.php>

October 2007

10th -12th

PLA Conference 2007: Inform Educate Entertain - Whose role is it anyway? For more information see <http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/plg/pla2007/>

18th – 20th

Marsh's Library - A Mirror on the World: conference to commemorate the 1707 Act of Parliament establishing the library. Day two of this conference is entirely devoted to the subject of "Collectors and Collections". Conference fee: €60 (Students €30). For information and booking form contact Ann Simmons, Marsh's Library, St. Patrick's Close, Dublin 8. Email: keeper@marshlibrary.ie Tel: 01-4543511. Accommodation is limited, early booking is essential.

November 2007

22nd

Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lectures in Legal Bibliography: Dr. Laurence M. Geary, Department of History, University College, Cork, will give the seventeenth lecture in this series entitled *A history of the poor law in Ireland: a bibliographic survey*. The venue is The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact: Hugh M. Fitzpatrick, Library and Information Consultant, 9 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2. t: 01-269 2202; f: 01-661 9239.



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