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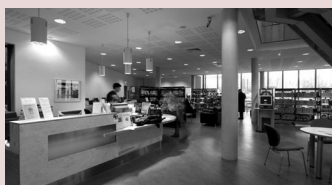
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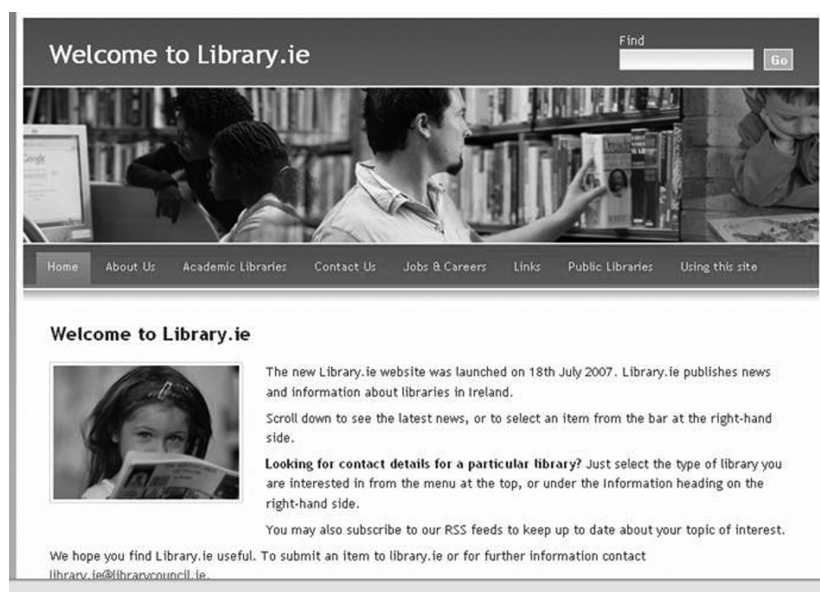
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LIBRARY PORTAL GETS A MAKE OVER

The new style Library.ie website was launched on July 18 2007.



The new format is blog-like, in that the latest posts are at the top of the home page, with previous posts in chronological order below. Posts are tagged according to their subject or the library they relate to.

All posts on a particular subject or about a particular library may be viewed by selecting the relevant tag under the 'News and Events' heading on the right-hand side of the screen. For example selecting Current Vacancies will display a list of all entries relating to Current Vacancies.

There is also an RSS feed for each of the categories or the site as a whole. Library.ie includes contact details for public, academic, and school libraries, as well as other sites.

If you wish to post items, or have any questions about the site, please contact Alun Bevan or Eugene Farrelly at 01-6761167 or library.ie@librarycouncil.ie.

ACCESS INITIATIVES RAISE THE PROFILE OF IRISH RESEARCH

Monday September 17 will see the launch of the **Irish Virtual Research Library and Archive** repository (IVRLA), a key component in humanities research infrastructure for University College Dublin (UCD) and other third level institutions.

The Project was initiated in January 2005 and is currently scheduled to run for five years.

IVRLA is a digital archive containing a number of digitised collections from UCD's holdings, of use and interest to Irish humanities researchers. The IVRLA has developed a sophisticated interface enabling users to browse, search, tag and cite digital objects and view or download them in a variety of file formats. This interface sits on top of an open source repository architecture that functions as the IVRLA's base content store. An elaborate collection model has been developed ensuring all content is viewed within context and structure. This model is particularly suited for organic primary source collections and enables hierarchy and sub-division in how objects are arranged and held within collections.

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The IVRLA will be launched on Monday September 17 at 5.15pm by UCD President Dr. Hugh Brady at a function in Newman House, St. Stephen's Green. It will be preceded at 4pm by the IVRLA Lecture.

The inaugural IVRLA lecture will be given by Anne Gilliland, Professor, Information Studies & Moving Image Archive Studies, and Chair of Department of Information Studies, UCLA. Professor Gilliland's lecture is entitled *The Archive in the Digital Age: Evolution, Engagement, and Empowerment*, and will focus on the technical, political and socio-cultural aspects of the archive, the profession and the record in an increasingly digital society.

People wishing to attend are first asked to contact, John McDonough, IVRLA Project Manager at (01) 716 7531 or john.mcdonough@ucd.ie

2008 and 2009 will see the addition of further collections of material into the IVRLA repository along with enhancements and refinements to the interface. These will include a bi-lingual interface, RSS feeds and other presentation elements. More significantly, the project will develop an annotation interface to allow users annotate content using free or controlled vocabularies. A key driver behind the initiative by organisations to store and ensure access to digital and digitised content has been the development of open source repository systems allowing institutions to quickly and cost effectively set up systems that can be used to manage digital content through their life cycle.

Librarians from the seven universities under the Irish Universities Association are embarking on a three year project to promote and preserve the research output of Irish researchers. **The IUA Libraries' National Research Portal** will disseminate Irish research output freely to the global research community by creating repositories of research papers within each university which will be accessible through the portal.

Robin Adams, librarian of Trinity College Dublin and chair of the IUA Librarians' Group, describes the initiative as "an innovative opportunity for the university libraries to work together to promote the research output of their institutions, so that the international research community can be aware of the important work undertaken by Irish scholars and scientists. It will also ensure that this work is preserved in digital format to international standards".

Source: *Knowledge Ireland*, July 10 2007, p.73.

O₂ ABILITY AWARDS FOR 2007 RECOGNISE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACHIEVEMENTS

The O₂ Ability Awards were first established in 2005, and since then over 100 organisations have been recognised for embracing diversity in terms of employing people with disabilities, or targeting them as customers.

The overall winner for 2007, in the non-private section, was Mayo County Council. The award recognises Mayo County Council's achievements in making Council services, including libraries, accessible to persons with disabilities, and in its employment policies.

Dublin City Public Libraries received the award for the following areas of best practice:

Leadership, Environmental Accessibility and Customer Service.

Receipt of the Award followed three days of judging and four months of in-depth assessment.

The O₂ Ability Awards were created and designed by The Aisling Foundation, in strategic partnership with Access Ability - disability management consultants with title sponsorship from O₂ Ireland and government sponsorship from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and FÁS. Other organisations supporting the awards are *The Irish Times*, NewsTalk 106-108FM and RTÉ.

News & events

The **Adults Continuing Education Awards (ACE)** for 2007 will build on the success of last years' awards and will again focus on good practice. The 2007 awards, however, will be a larger, longer term project. Five short listed nominations will be each awarded €2,000 to carry out research or an evaluation on the project that they submit. The leading research project will then receive a grant of €10,000 to extend and publish their piece of research.

The ACE Award nominations should focus on existing, innovative projects or practice and will facilitate research/evaluation work as a result of the grants.

Possible projects could include innovative tuition methods; literacy integration with other areas; projects targeted at specific groups; student development work; use of quality framework; collaboration with partners; awareness raising, etc. Further information is available from: Emma Ramsey, Communications Officer, NALA at eramsey@nala.ie

The ACE Awards are sponsored by the EBS working in conjunction with the National Adult Literacy Agency.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Libraries had a family Book Day in Cabinteely Park on Saturday, June 23. This was a new initiative for the library service. According to Mairead Owens of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown library service, the library service was keen to reach those families who might not be library members. The family book day provided an ideal opportunity for families to meet many of their favourite authors, in a park environment. About 400 attendees joined members of the library service to listen to Paul Carson, Robert Dunbar, Jacinta McDevitt, Marisa Mackle and Sarah Webb in the Adult Corner. The children had great fun with Don Conroy, Oisín McGann, Joe O'Brien, Derek Landy and Aisling O'Loughlin. Sarah Webb, well-known local author, programmed the talks for the library service. Hughes & Hughes had a book-stall and were busy with people buying books and getting them signed by the authors. Many of the children were thrilled to meet 'real live authors!' There were also some excellent jugglers, fire-eaters, face painters and a henna artist, among others.



Mairead Owens, DLR Libraries and author Derek Landy

The proceedings from the day will be available to download from the library website www.dlrcoco.ie/library towards the end of July. Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Library service will no doubt repeat, what transpired to be a winning formula, in the future.

The **Department of Information Studies of the University of Wales in Aberystwyth** celebrated its 10th study school at UCD in June this year. At the study school, which runs in collaboration with the School of Information and Library Studies at UCD, 17 distance learners started on a 3 to 5 year pathway to gain a BSc degree in Information and Library Studies.



Distance learning students queuing patiently for a piece of the cake...



Ennis Book Club Festival 2008: Award winning novelist Roddy Doyle has confirmed that he will participate in the 2nd annual Ennis Book Club Festival, taking place from the February 29 to the March 2 2008. He will be joined by a number of other internationally renowned writers, including Morgan Llywelyn, Lorna Landvik, and Thomas Lynch. Irish writers taking part will include Fintan O'Toole and Dermot Bolger. The three-day festival, which is supported by Clare County Library, is expected to attract hundreds of book club members and book lovers from all over Europe. The confirmed line-up of participating authors will be added to over the coming months. Further details on the Ennis Book Club Festival are available from frances.ogorman@clarelibrary.ie and www.ennisbookclubfestival.com t: 087 226 2259.

Kilkenny County Library: On Friday 29th June, Graiguenamanagh Library hosted the 'Ireland Newfoundland Festival of the sea'. The festival is an annual event designed to promote cultural, historic and community ties between Southeast Ireland and Newfoundland in Canada. The festival alternates each year between Ireland and Newfoundland and began in 2005. Over 40 Newfoundlanders visited Graiguenamanagh Library. The Conference was chaired by Owen Doyle of Graiguenamanagh Historical Society. The first speaker was Jack Burchall who gave a very informative talk about the connections between Newfoundland and the local area. Martin Nevin of the Old Carlow Society spoke about the History of Graiguenamanagh and Andrea O'Brien from Newfoundland gave a very moving talk about the life experiences of the new settlers in Newfoundland with a particular emphasis on women. In the afternoon there was a round table discussion with local history experts from both regions. The closing address was by Mick Murphy of Graiguenamanagh Historical Society.

Irish International and Reading striker, Shane Long recently visited Urlingford Library to talk to children about life as a soccer player and his career to date.

Over 250 of his fans both young and old gathered to welcome Shane, who was overwhelmed by the huge crowd that awaited him.



Pictured is Kilkenny County Librarian, Jim Fogarty, presenting Shane with a gift in honour of his achievements.

Having patiently signed autographs for over 2 hours for his fans, Shane was presented with a number of gifts from the local community.

Louth County Libraries launched *Big Wild Read*, this summer's reading campaign for children, in July. This year the challenge has an environmental theme - in a bid to increase awareness among children about the positive differences they can make to the world around them.

The challenge offers incentives and rewards to participating children who visit their local library over the summer. Upon completion of the challenge, the children will be presented with certificates to mark their achievement. It is hoped that the children will read a wider variety of material, will share their reading with others, discuss the books read and that their reading confidence and creativity will grow as a result of taking part in the challenge.



The Big Wild Read

Louth County Libraries are also running story time and craft sessions, colouring competitions and a short story competition throughout their branches, ensuring that there will be plenty of activities to keep everyone busy on these rainy days.

Gormanston College transition year students have won the first EU debate competition run by **Meath County Council** Library Service. The college students defeated their challengers from Ashbourne Community School in a very keenly contested debate. Gormanston College successfully opposed the motion that *Irish*

identity has been revitalised by 50 years of European Integration. Meath County Council Library Service organised the debate through their Post Primary Schools Library Service in order to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome. Schools from all over the county were invited to enter the competition which had a school prize of a laptop computer, projector and a screen for the winning team. The winning team also received the EU debate Challenge Cup and all finalists received €40 vouchers as individual prizes.

The final was held at the European Food and Veterinary Centre at Grange on Friday May 11. The judging panel was chaired by Mr Kevin Stewart, Deputy County Manager, Meath County Council. Mr Serge Christiane, Head of Administrative Affairs at Grange and Ms. Marie Killoran, from the European Parliament Office in Dublin, completed the judging panel.

County Librarian Ciaran Mangan said 'It was wonderful to listen to such a well informed debate on Europe by young people in the home of such a prestigious EU Institution based here in County Meath'. All three organisations have committed to the continuation of the competition, with the finals being held again in the Grange chamber next year.

An Taoiseach's Public Service Excellence Awards are held every two years to recognise and reward examples of excellence in the delivery of public services and/or administration, directly by public servants. Applications are invited from projects or initiatives that show one or more of the following:

- improvement to the quality of services delivered to the public
- innovation
- increased effectiveness and efficiency

Application forms can be obtained by writing to Tony Kavanagh, PSM Division, Department of An Taoiseach, Government Buildings, Dublin 2. t: 01-6194483;

e: Awards2008@taoiseach.gov.ie or from the Public Service Modernisation website at www.bettergov.ie

THE SOURCE WINS AT IRISH ARCHITECTURE AWARDS 2007

The Source Arts Centre and Library, Thurles, has won the prestigious Best Public/Cultural Building Award 2007 from the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland. The award ceremony took place in Dublin on June 26 where Valerie Mulvin, of the architects McCullough Mulvin and Ann Marie Brophy, representing the Source, were presented with the award. The Irish Architecture Awards are intended to communicate the range, variety and quality of the architects work in any one year. In assessing the building, the judges commented that:

"Carefully detailed, this building has a strong presence on the River Suir. The transition between the river wall and the building is exceptionally elegant. The distinctive forms identify the structure as a confident landmark. The elegance of the building makes a very positive contribution to this country town."

The Source faced strong competition from other buildings in the category, including The Solstice Arts Centre in Navan.

Overall, nine awards were presented on the day, from Best Educational Building to Best Sustainable Project. There were a number of winners from Munster, including Cork Institute of Technology, Nursing Building in Waterford Institute of Technology and 15 Henry Street, Limerick.

An exhibition of the winning architecture designs can be seen at: Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland, 8 Merrion Square, Dublin 2. The Architecture Centre is open to the public from 9.30 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Publications

Ar ye afeard to open yir mooth? As a child were you ever corrected for saying 'dinny' instead of 'don't' or 'close the dour' instead of 'close the door' or any other colloquial terms heard around so many parts of Donegal. Well that's all set to change in the St Johnston Carrigans area with the help of five young people who have researched their local history and produced a booklet of Ulster Scots terms used in their area.



Ulster Scots is the name given to the speech of people in rural areas of north and east Ulster. It descends from the arrival of settlers from the Scottish lowlands to Ulster in the mid 16th century. These settlers spoke Scots, a Germanic language that is closely related to English. The mixture of this Scots and the native language led to the use of Ulster Scots.

An Ulster Scots booklet, produced in association with Donegal County Council Library Services through the Taobh Tíre Project, was launched in the St Johnston Carrigans Family Resource Centre on Thursday the May 10. County Mayor Enda Bonner, who launched the booklet, congratulated the young people, Evin Devenney, Leanne Gibson, Teresa Browne, Bernard Wray and Natasha Mitchell, for their hard work and commitment to the project. He said that 'They have embraced their cultural identity and now have a better understanding of their local history and of the Ulster Scots heritage in East Donegal.'

During the launch the five teenagers regaled the audience by reciting Reverent Marshal's poem entitled Me an' Me Da. This was followed by a storytelling session in Ulster Scots by storyteller Billy Teare. The Mayor then presented certificates and book tokens to the young people on behalf of the Library Service.

Speaking about the launch of the booklet Taobh Tíre Co-ordinator Donna Quinn said 'In Donegal there is a need to recognise the use of the Ulster Scots language/dialect in order to preserve a very rich and vibrant part of everyday speech in East Donegal'.

For further information please contact Donna Quinn, Donegal County Library on 074 9168743 or dquinn@donegalcoco.ie

Invitation for submissions

The Office of the Minister for Integration in conjunction with the Department of Education and Science has commissioned an independent review to assist in the development of a national English language training policy and framework for legally-resident adult immigrants. Horwath Consulting Ireland has been selected to undertake the above strategic review. Horwath Consulting Ireland invites written submissions from all interested parties on the development of a national English language training policy and framework for legally resident adult immigrants. Please email submissions to the email address below: languagepolicy@hbc.ie. Alternatively, please send submissions by mail to the following address: Horwath Consulting Ireland, Language Policy Review, Marine House, Clanwilliam Court, Dublin 2.

The closing date for submissions is Friday, 17th August, 2007. The provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1997, as amended, applies to all submissions made in connection with this strategic review.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS AWARDS UK AND IRELAND 2007

Four Irish libraries made the cut for the long list of the Public Library Building Awards, 2007. Thirty-three libraries in Ireland and the UK entered the competition; sixteen were long listed with new Irish public libraries making up 25% of the successful entries. The four libraries are Bishopstown and Tory Top Road, both in Cork City, The Johnston Central Library and Farnham Centre in Cavan, and The Source Library and Arts Centre in Thurles.

Eight libraries will be chosen from the long list for the next round of judging and the winners will be announced at the Public Library Authorities conference in October.

The Public Libraries Group (PLG) of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) and An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (The Library Council) launched the Public Library Building Awards in 1995.

The awards, which are jointly sponsored by CILIP, PLG and An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, are recognised throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland as indicators of professional library development and as benchmarks for public library facilities, reflecting the major changes in library provision in the 21st century.

The categories of the individual awards focus on areas of key importance in building design, practice, management and use. In 2007 the categories are:

- Architecture Meets Practicality
- Heart of the Community
- Interior Design
- Partnership

The Delegates Choice award will go to the library receiving the most votes from delegates attending the PLA Conference and electronic votes from members of the group via the group's web site.

Long listed entries will be available to vote for on the PLG website <http://www.cilip.org.uk/specialinterestgroups/bysubject/public/awards/default.htm> by August 15.

The 16 libraries long listed are:

- Handsworth Library, Birmingham – Birmingham City Council
- Kilburn Library Centre, London – London Borough of Camden
- Johnston Central Library and Farnham Centre, Cavan – Cavan Co Council
- Bishopstown Library, Cork – Cork City Council
- Tory Top Library, Cork – Cork City Libraries
- Prestonpans Library – East Lothian - East Lothian Library Services
- Lewes Library and Information Centre, Lewes – East Sussex County Council
- Sighthill Library, Edinburgh – Edinburgh City Library and Information Services
- Library at the Bridge, Glasgow – Glasgow City Council
- The Mitchell Library, Glasgow – Glasgow City Council
- The Hook Library and The Hook Centre, Kingston upon Thames – Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
- North City Library, Harpurhey - Manchester City Council
- East City Library, Openshaw – Manchester City Council
- Felixstowe Library, Felixstowe - Suffolk County Council
- Thurles Library, Thurles – County Tipperary Joint Libraries Committee
- County Library Barry, Vale of Glamorgan – Vale of Glamorgan Council



Johnston Central Library, Cavan



Bishopstown Library, Cork City



Tory Top Road Library, Cork City



The Source Library & Arts Centre, Thurles

August 2007

25-2nd Sept. *Heritage Week* – www.heritageweek.ie

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>

14-18th *Libraries Without Walls 7 Conference: Exploring 'anywhere, anytime' delivery of library services* - An international conference organised by CERLIM - The Centre for Research in Library and Information Management, MMU, UK.
Venue: Molyvos, Lesvos, Greece.
Details & booking information:
<http://www.cerlim.ac.uk/conf/lww7/>.

19-21st *Librarian@2010 – Educating for the Future*: joint EBLIDA/EUCLID/BAD conference, Lisbon. Conference website: www.apbad.pt

24-28th *The benefits of learning* - National Adult Literacy Week 2007. Details: National Adult Literacy Agency, 76 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin 1. t:01-8099195.

October 2007

4-6th *The multicultural library: a necessity in a creative and tolerant society* - International symposium in Mechelen (Belgium), organised by the Low Countries Library Link in association with the Goethe-Institut Amsterdam. For more information see: <http://www.goethe.de/amsterdam>

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/>

16-17th *Library Ireland – The Library, Education & Cultural Resources Exhibition*. Venue: RDS Dublin, 11am-5pm. Admission free. For your free visitor's pack please contact Key Events Ltd., 24 Terenure Road East, Rathgar, Dublin 6.
Fax: +353-(0)1-4901792 or register online at www.keyevents.ie

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 & 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.

February 2008

4-8th *2nd AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival*. If you would like to organise an event or would like more information, please contact AONTAS on 01-4068220 or e-mail: mail@aontas.com

29th-2nd *2nd annual Ennis Book Club Festival*. Further details are available from: frances.ogorman@clarelibrary.ie and www.ennisbookclubfestival.com
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