

IRISH | LIBRARY | NEWS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2008 · #278

THE OLD LIBRARY, PARIS ↓

MALAHIDE LIBRARY RENOVATION 2

SCHOOL LIBRARY FUNDING 2

The Old Library, Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris

The austere beautiful Old Library, built between 1772 and 1775, is located in a vaulted room above the Chapelle de St. Patrick in the Collège des Irlandais, now home to the Centre Culturel Irlandais in Paris.

The original library collection was lost during the French Revolution. The current holding of 8,000 items, of which almost half date from the 15th to the 18th centuries, consists of books and manuscripts from suppressed religious establishments, including Scottish and English, which were presented to the Collège by Napoleon when it was re-opened by consular decree in 1805. Works of Irish interest were added during the following centuries, creating a library of books on theology, history, geography, philosophy and music. The Library was entirely restored at the same time as the Centre Culturel but only now has the work of conservation of this unique collection reached completion. Books have been cleaned and repaired and leather bindings, with their gilded lettering, restored to their original beauty. An on-line catalogue provides detailed information for the scholars and



The Old Library, Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris

researchers who will no doubt be fascinated by this newly-accessible collection of books.

Pride of place goes to three special volumes which, after many years in a bank deposit box in Dublin, now move to the specially-commissioned display cases which form a new centre-piece in the Old Library. The jewel in the crown is a manuscript dating from c.1500 which is an important and, in some ways, unique example of the final flowering of English Gothic illumination. It is a world chronicle of the descent of the kings of England from Adam and Eve to Richard III.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 3 | →

Malahide Library extends its welcome

Malahide Library re-opened on December 19 2007. The existing Carnegie library, built in 1911, has been renovated and extended to include an extension at the rear of the building which covers three floors. The total available space of the new, state-of-the-art library is now 1,177 sq. metres.



Malahide library prior to renovation



The new reference library

The library will be open 56 hours a week including lunchtimes – which, along with Balbriggan, Baldoye and Blanchardstown libraries, are the longest opening hours in the country.

Facilities include a large adult library, a reference library with a study area and a junior library. Seventeen new public PCs with free internet access have been installed.

The first floor also has a lecture room which can seat 80 people, and this will provide a dedicated space for a variety of library events.

Over 47,000 items are available for Malahide Library users to borrow, including books, CDs, DVDs, foreign language books, adult literacy material and language learning sets, magazines, newspapers, local history material and a new print collection.

The library will also provide a free programme of events and activities for both adults and children in 2008. Fingal County Libraries held 1,250 free events in 2007. Events planned for Malahide library include author visits, arts and crafts for children, music events, art workshops and lectures on various, varied topics. ILN

↓ LIBRARY FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS

↑ MALAHIDE

Capital funding of over €5 million for school library enhancement projects



The library of St. Paul's Community College, Waterford

The Government has allocated over €5 million in funding from the Dormant Accounts Fund and RAPID Leverage Fund for 147 projects to enhance school library facilities at schools participating in the DEIS programme (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools), schools in or serving RAPID areas and Special Schools in disadvantaged areas.

The Minister for Education & Science, Mary Hanafin, T.D., said “this funding is provided as part of this Government’s ongoing commitment to counteract educational disadvantage. Thousands of students and many communities will benefit greatly from new and improved library facilities where they can learn and develop a love for books.” The Minister welcomed the fact that a number of the schools approved for funding have indicated that they intend to open the school library to siblings and parents to help improve adult literacy as she has always encouraged schools to share

their facilities with the wider community to the greatest extent possible, after the school day has ended.

Approved projects include funding for the following:

- Upgrading of existing library facilities
- Conversion of existing non-core teaching rooms for use as school library
- Provision of library stock
- Provision of relevant ICT equipment

These 147 projects represent the second phase of approvals under the Dormant Accounts Educational Disadvantage / RAPID Leverage Small Scale Capital Scheme for Schools in Disadvantaged Areas which was announced in January 2007. €20.5 million has been allocated to the scheme to provide facilities such as outdoor play areas, parent rooms, dining areas as well as library facilities. The Government has previously announced allocations of €6.25m to improve outdoor play facilities. ILN

Financial Regulator announces free access to online cost comparisons in local libraries

The Financial Regulator and An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (The Library Council), in cooperation with the library authorities, announced the availability of free internet access to the itsyourmoney.ie site in all local libraries which will help consumers make informed personal finance decisions and shop around for financial products. The Financial Regulator's cost comparisons, which are available at www.itsyourmoney.ie show the cost and benefits of a range of insurance and banking products and help consumers find out where they can get the product that suits them best.

Head of Consumer Information, Sharon Donnery said, 'We launched our new website in September this year and our cost comparisons for financial products are now available online. We want to make sure that people can access our website, regardless of whether they have internet access at home, or in work, and this free internet service at their local libraries means that they can'.

The Financial Regulator's personal finance website, www.itsyourmoney.ie, also includes independent information in plain

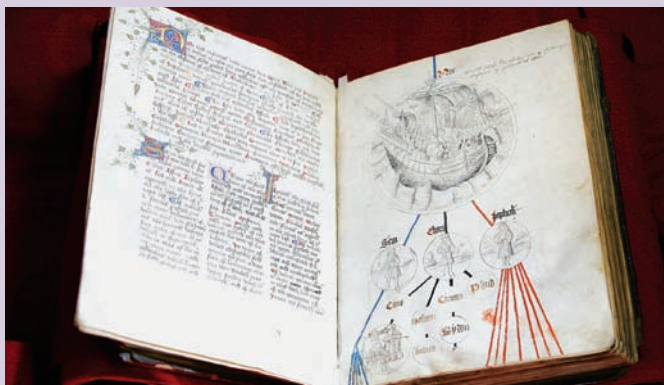
English on banking, mortgages, loans, savings and investments, insurance, your rights, pensions and budgeting. There is also a quick reference section for information depending on your life stage. You can also use the website calculators to work out the cost of mortgages and loans and sign up for the Financial Regulator's e-newsletters and competitions. [ILN](#)



Showing the website are Norma McDermott (Director – An Chomhairle Leabharlanna), Mary O'Dea (Consumer Director – Financial Regulator) and Deirdre Ellis-King (Dublin City Librarian)

↓ THE OLD LIBRARY, CONTD

↑ FINANCIAL REGULATOR



Manuscript dating from c. 1500

The Old Library, Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris (Ctd.)

→ FROM COVER

The second illuminated manuscript is a Flemish Psalter of imposing size, also dating from around 1500. The smallest of the three is a 1460 Book of Hours of Notre Dame, also very beautifully illustrated.

The restoration of the Old Library has been made possible by the generosity of the Irish and French governments, with expert advice from specialists in both countries, and is thus the latest manifestation of a relationship which goes back to 1578, when Fr. John Lee came from Waterford to found the first Irish collegiate community in the University of Paris. [ILN](#)



A Flemish Psalter



The Book of Hours of Notre Dame

THE GREAT BOOK OF KERRY

Tralee Library was the venue, on Thursday, December 6 2007, for the launch of *The Great Book of Kerry - Leabhar Mór Chiarraí*, the first volume of a planned three part series of works dealing with the history and heritage of County Kerry. This superbly illustrated book was written by Seán Quinlan,

a founder member of the Rattoo Heritage Society, with the editorial guidance of Monsignor Pádraig Ó Fiannachta.

The book was officially launched by the Mayor of Kerry, Cllr. Michael Healy-Rae. ILN

||||| The publishers are Cló na Ríochta, and further details are available at www.greatbookofkerry.com



At Tralee Library Tommy O'Connor (County Librarian), Cllr. Michael Healy-Rae (Mayor of Kerry) and Seán Quinlan (author)

UCD SCHOOL OF INFORMATION AND LIBRARY STUDIES

The UCD School of Information and Library Studies starts 2008 with some important staff changes. Professor Mary Burke returns to the School after a year on research leave. She will be teaching a module on Digital Libraries in the current semester. Professor Burke is now working part-time and has permanently relinquished the position of Head of School which she previously held until 2006. Mary Burke led the School and the previous Department of Library and Information Studies in UCD since 1993, with only one short break, and guided the School over all those years with distinction. Her commitment to the School, to librarianship and information science and to the library profession in Ireland, and to the students and staff of the School are very well known. Mary Burke has provided deft academic leadership for library education in Ireland, and has given the School strong

international representation. The school happily records its debt to her, and looks forward to working with her over the coming years.

Ian Cornelius continues as Head of School until September 2008. Dr. Lee Komito continues as Deputy Head of School. The School hopes to recruit a new full-time Professor of Library and Information Studies in the current year.

A departure to note is Dr. Heiko Haubitz, who held a lectureship in the School to cover Professor Burke's research supervision and teaching while she was on sabbatical. Dr. Haubitz had previously held a position as post-doctoral researcher in the School.

More importantly the School will be seeking a replacement for Professor Michael Casey, who is retiring after 30 years service in UCD, the School, and its predecessor the Department of Library and Information Studies. Professor Casey's distinguished career is even more extensive, covering also a period working in the IIRS in the 1970s. He will also be remembered for his

↑ TRALEE

↓ MEATH

↑ UCD

LARKIN BOOK LAUNCH IN MEATH COUNTY LIBRARY

A large audience of history and geography enthusiasts attended the launch of *Mapping Meath in the Early Nineteenth Century*, at Meath County Library Headquarters, in late 2007. The book describes the geography and early mapping of the county with particular reference to the very large map of Meath made by the surveyor and engineer, William Larkin, in, approximately, 1812. This map is an important item in the local studies collection, and was on display for the launch. It is a major source for understanding the history and environment of pre-famine Meath. It is now reproduced on 28 atlas pages in the book, which makes it widely available to researchers for the first time.

The book places the map within its wider cartographic, historical and geographical contexts and includes a selection of images from other relevant map records, among them those of the Down Survey, some

little-known estate plans, early maps of Athboy, Navan, Oldcastle, Ratoath and Slane and a section from Daniel Augustus Beaufort's map of the diocese of Meath, 1797. The present publication aims to make all of these key resources more widely known and more accessible. The commentary by Dr Arnold Horner is an expert and highly accessible analysis of Larkin's work, of nineteenth-century map making in the county and of Meath in pre-Famine times.

Dr Horner lectures in Geography at University College Dublin and has many publications on the geography of Ireland to his name.

This publication was grant aided by The Heritage Council and published by Wordwell in association with Meath County Council Library Service. ILN

||||| Mapping Meath in the early nineteenth century with an atlas of William Larkin's map of County Meath, 1812, by Arnold Horner. Published by Wordwell in association with Meath County Council Library Service. 61pp text & illustrations + 28pp Atlas. Bray, 2007. ISBN: 978 1 905569 175.



At the Larkin Book launch from left to right Tom Dowling, County Manager; Dr. Arnold Horner, Dept. of Geography, U.C.D.; Cllr Nick Killian, Cathaoirleach Meath County Council; Cllr Nick Killian, Cathaoirleach Meath County Council; and Frances Tallon, Senior Executive Librarian

work on Europe and its information markets, his work on the Information Society Commission, and his activities as Associate Dean of Arts with responsibilities for post-graduate study in UCD in the 1990s. Generations of librarians have learnt about information sources and information management from Professor Casey's classes, and his departure will mark the end of an era in the School. The School will be seeking a new lecturer as a replacement for Michael Casey.

Meanwhile, the annual round continues, and recently successful students will shortly be graduating from UCD with the MLIS (Master of Library and Information Studies) degree, joining their colleagues who successfully completed the Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies and who graduated at a conferring ceremony in December 2007. These are the first Diploma students to be included in a UCD Conferring and with them we also remember 30 years or more of other Diploma students who have similarly completed the Diploma and have gone on to

distinguished careers in library and information work. The recruitment of the next generation of MLIS and GDLIS students begins now with an advertisement in this issue of Irish Library News inviting applications for entry into these programmes in September 2008.

The UCD School of Information and Library Studies (SILS) invites applications for entry into the following programmes for the academic year beginning in September 2008.

A. Programmes leading to professional qualifications in Librarianship and Information Work:

1. Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) (13 month programme)
2. Graduate Diploma in Library and Information Studies (GDLIS) (8 month programme)

Candidates may apply for admission even if they do not at present meet all entry requirements, but all candidates must meet all requirements by the time the programme starts in September 2008.

Applications should be received by SILS in UCD by March 14th 2008.

B. Other Postgraduate Academic Programmes:

1. Master of Arts in Information Studies (MA) (13 month programme)
2. Master of Letters (MLitt) (21 month research programme)
3. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (3 or 4 year research programme)

Applications should be received by UCD by May 1st. 2008.

C. Occasional Students.

Qualified librarians wishing to enroll in one or two modules in the SILS rather than a complete programme should make application to the School by September 1st.

Note: Entry requirements, programme structures, and application forms are all on the School website, www.ucd.ie/sils/postgraduate.htm.

Information about fees can be found on the UCD website. It is likely that fees will increase by about 10% for 2008-9. It is possible to study for all these programmes part-time: please tick the appropriate box on the application form. Candidates whose first language is not English are required to provide evidence of competence in written and spoken English. ILN

||||| All applications should be sent to: The Administrator, UCD School of Information and Library Studies Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland. (E: sils@ucd.ie or Claire.Nolan@ucd.ie) T: 01 71601 716 7055)

↓ COLICO

↓ SCHOOL LIBRARY

↓ MONAGHAN

COLICO ANNUAL REPORT 2006



The Annual Report for COLICO (Committee on Library Co-operation in Ireland) can now be downloaded at www.librarycouncil.ie/colico/documents/COLICOAR06.pdf. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the report please contact Marie Flynn at mflynn@librarycouncil.ie.

Inter-Library Lending and Document Supply Statistics

For many years COLICO, with the assistance of library staff, has collected and published inter-library lending and document supply statistics for the island of Ireland. These statistics provide a valuable source of information on the level of inter-library loan activity in Ireland and of the ability of Irish libraries to meet the needs of library users from resources within Ireland. The most recent statistics are included in the COLICO Annual Report 2006.

COLICO is now collecting the annual statistics for 2007. Library staff are invited to make these returns electronically by using the COLICO annual statistical forms which can now be downloaded from the COLICO web site at: www.librarycouncil.ie/colico/COLICOStatistics.shtml or by hard copy as in previous years. ILN

||||| For further information on COLICO and its activities you can contact Domitilla Fagan, COLICO Secretary, at dfagan@librarycouncil.ie.

(SLARI) SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

The School Library Association in the Republic of Ireland (SLARI) held its annual conference (*Self-Directed Learning: School Libraries supporting the Curriculum*) on November 23-24 2007 at the Church of Ireland College of Education in Rathmines, Dublin. The SLARI website was officially launched on the Friday evening and Gervase Phinn, author and

President of the School Library Association gave a very amusing and informative talk on his experiences as a school librarian and inspector.

Valerie Coghlan, Librarian of CICE, editor of *Bookbird*, and President of IBBY Ireland, led the opening session on Saturday morning with her presentation on "Information Literacy: Primary Practice", where she addressed issues of information literacy at primary and post-primary levels. This was followed by Ellen Breen, Librarian at DCU, who brought us through how they implement the teaching of Information Literacy skills at third level. The afternoon session was presented by Hal O'Neill of NCCA. All these speakers have very kindly agreed to make their presentations available through SLARI's website.

SLARI's next event will be at the AGM in March. Details will be announced on the website as soon as they are available at www.slari.ie. ILN

XMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Monaghan County Library once again helped to organise and collect shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. ILN



Monaghan Library staff members Catriona Lennon, Deirdriu McQuaid and Philomena Lambe.

February 2008

12-13

Management Issues in Public Libraries A course on management issues in public libraries, as arranged by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna in consultation with the Standing Committee on Public Library Staff Training and Development.
E: mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

18

Music for the terrified: an introduction to music for library staff An Chomhairle Leabharlanna presents a new course, designed for library staff working with printed and recorded music. The emphasis will be on dealing with and understanding 'classical' music, but there will be the opportunity to carry out exercises in all kinds of music enquiry. The course is facilitated by: The International Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centres, United Kingdom and Ireland Branch (IAML UK & Irl). Venue: Berkeley Library, Trinity College Dublin. Contact
E: mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

20-21

Quality and Innovation – Creating Opportunities Health Sciences Libraries Group annual conference, Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. Further details are available from
www.hslg.ie/conference

28

Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lectures in Legal Bibliography Ronan Keane, former Chief Justice of Ireland, will give the eighteenth lecture in this series entitled From Home Rule to Brussels: Irish Constitutions and their Commentators. The venue is Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse 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;
E: hmfitzpa@tcd.ie

29-2

2nd annual Ennis Book Club Festival. Further details are available from:
E: frances.ogorman@clarellibrary.ie
and www.ennisbookclubfestival.com
T: 087 226 2259.

March 2008

3-8

Library Ireland Week
www.libraryirelandweek.ie

3-17

SnaG 2008 Seachtain na Gaeilge.
www.snag.ie

6

AGM of the Library Association of Ireland 10.30pm, Dublin City Public Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

19-20

Management Issues in Public Libraries A course on management issues in public libraries, as arranged by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna in consultation with the Standing Committee on Public Library Staff Training and Development. Contact
E: mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

30-1

Beyond Discovery EUSIDIC / CLSIG, 30 March - 1 April 2008. The 2008 eusidic Conference is a joint event of eusidic and clsig (Commercial, Legal and Scientific Information Group of cilip). www.eusidic.net

April 2008

11-14

MLT Bursary Scheme Information IAML (UK & IRL) Annual Study Week-end. University of Kent, Canterbury The Annual Study Weekend is organised by the International Association of Music Libraries IAML (UK & IRL). As a training and professional development event for music librarians it remains the only one of its type in the UK. Each year, The Music Libraries Trust offers bursaries to talented librarians and students who would benefit from this opportunity, but who would be unable to attend without financial assistance. For an application form and/or further information, please contact: Robert Foster, Bursary Secretary, The Music Libraries Trust, T: 020 7848 2132;
E: robert.foster@kcl.ac.uk)

↑ CALENDER OF EVENTS

↓ DOWNLOAD ZONE

↓ CONTACT DETAILS

Download Zone

Digital Books – “A Dream Come True” for South Dublin Library customers. Demand for South Dublin Libraries digital book collection available through the Download Zone on www.southdublinlibraries.ie has exceeded all expectations. The collection which comprises audio, e-book, video and music titles is heavily used with audio being the most popular format closely followed by music and e-books. Five Local Studies titles, previously published in hard copy, will be added to the digital collection early in 2008 as South Dublin Libraries enters the world of e-publishing for the first time. Three of the titles will be in audio format, read by well known Irish authors and two will be published as e-books.

The top ten digital titles from South Dublin Libraries during 2007 were:

- **To All he ever wanted**
by Anita Shreve
- **Around the world in 80 days**
by Michael Palin

— **Eyewitness Guide to New York**

— **Learn Spanish in Your Car**

— **36 Yalta Boulevard**
by Olen Steinhauer

— **50 Favourite Nursery Rhymes**

— **1st to Die**
by James Patterson

— **The secret Life of Bees**
by Sue Kidd Monk

— **Blood Diamonds**
by Greg Campbell

— **Atonement**
by Ian McEwan.

Staff of South Dublin Libraries have begun working closely with VICs – the Visually Impaired Computer Society of Ireland, a special interest sub group of the Irish Computer Society, to promote the service. The response to the service from this interest group has been excellent with one member stating in an email to the ICT and Services section of South Dublin Libraries, that the digital book collection represented “a dream come true for the visually

impaired”. Library staff have also been working closely with audio book clubs for blind and visually impaired customers, promoting and explaining how the digital collection works. To streamline access to the site by visually impaired customers, ‘hot keys’ and ‘screen reader enhancements’ have been added to the console which manages digital loans for library customers.

The reporting facility linked to the digital collection allows for forensic monitoring of activity on the website. Reservation activity by customers can be closely tracked by library staff and reserved titles can be ordered in real time with delivery to customers within minutes of the reservation being placed.

Spring 2008 sees South Dublin Libraries targeting 5th and 6th class students and students in first year at post primary schools to alert them to the Download Zone and the range of digital books of interest to this age level.

Next Issue

Copy date for next issue is February 20th 2008

Contributions should be sent to:
Alun Bevan, Editor - ILN
An Chomhairle Leabharlanna,
53-54 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2.
abevan@librarycouncil.ie
T +353 (0)1-678 4905
F +353 (0)1-676 6721

If you would like ILN e-mailed to you, please contact the Editor, and please don't forget to tell us if you change your email address.

ISSN: 0332-0049