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Library Ireland Week 2008

Library Ireland Week was launched on Thursday February 28 in the National Library of Ireland.

Speakers included Aongus Ó hAonghusa, Director of the National Library and Deirdre Ellis-King, Dublin City Librarian and President of the Library Association of Ireland. Joseph O'Connor gave a passionate and intensely moving talk about the importance of libraries and librarians in his father's life in Dublin's inner city. The speeches from the launch can be listened to on www.libraryirelandweek.ie.

Library Ireland Week saw almost 400 events take place, in all kinds of libraries, throughout Ireland. The Library Ireland Week website at www.libraryirelandweek.ie will remain live until the end of April. One of the highlights of this year's festivities was the screenings of the film *The Hollywood Librarian*, in Macroom in the Briery Gap Cultural Centre on February 27 and the Irish Film Institute in Dublin on Saturday March 1. The film contains hundreds of examples of librarians and libraries on screen. The director, Ann Seidl, was at both venues taking Q&A and you can view a trailer on YouTube, accessible via www.libraryirelandweek.ie. Copies of the DVD are available for loan from mkeyes@libraryassociation.ie until June 2008.



At the launch of LIW 2008 are Aongus Ó hAongusa, Ann Seidl, Joseph O'Connor and Deirdre Ellis-King

The virtual world also marked Library Ireland week, with an introductory tour of Cybrary City on Monday March 3 in the company of Cathal McCauley of University College Dublin. Professor Mary Burke of the School of Information and Library Studies also gave UCD's first virtual lecture to her students during Library Ireland Week.

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna ran its fourth annual reader promotion, READISCOVER, as part of Library Ireland week and this year's featured artistes included Ardal O'Hanlon, Fergus Finlay, and Emma and Soky. The campaign was supported by radio and public transport advertisements.

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Library Ireland Week 2008 (CONT'D)

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Athlone Institute of Technology ran a successful **One Book, One Institute** event, during Library Ireland Week 2008. The title chosen was *Kicking & Screaming: Dragging Ireland in to the 21st Century* by Ivana Bacik.

The author visited the Goldsmith library at the Institute on Tuesday March 4 and spoke to students and staff about the legal framework for social change in Ireland and women's rights. The theme of social change in Ireland was also the subject of an event on the April 3, in the Goldsmith library. Historian and author, Roy Foster, gave a talk on the content of his book *Luck and the Irish: A Brief History of Change from 1970*. [ILN](#)



At Goldsmith Library are Fiona Morrissey (Assistant Librarian), Rosarii Dunne (Assistant Librarian), Ivana Bacik (Author) and Jo Corkery (Institute Librarian).



↑ LIBRARY IRELAND WEEK 2008 (CONT'D)

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CCI MÉDIATHÈQUE

It has been a busy time at the **Centre Culturel Irlandais** in Paris. Not only has extensive conservation work been undertaken in the Old Library (see the article in *Irish Library News* 278) but its Médiathèque has just reopened after five months of renovation.

The Médiathèque, which opened in 2002 at the same time as the Centre Culturel Irlandais, was entirely renovated at the end of 2007. This multimedia library now

offers a newly expanded collection of over 5000 books, newspapers, magazines, music CDs, audiobook CDs, films, documentaries and CD ROMs on Ireland, its history and culture. The collection, in English and French, is still expanding, to reach a target total of 9000 items over the coming years.

On-site access to the collection is free and open to everyone. In response to regular requests from users, the Médiathèque now offers membership and a lending service. The entire audiovisual database is accessible in just a few clicks and

six computers provide access to the online catalogue, plus a wide selection of useful links about Ireland.

For more information about the Médiathèque, visit the Resources section of the Centre Culturel Irlandais website: www.centreculturelirlandais.com. [ILN](#)

LOVE IS...

Kildare County Library Service demonstrated the public library service's romantic side on Valentine's Day, by bringing love to the early morning commute. In the hope of attracting new members, Leixlip library staff distributed special packs, which included a free copy of *A Lovely Love Story*, by Edward Monkton, and a ticket to a concert, performed in Leixlip library by the Astral String Quartet, to passengers at Confey and Louisa Bridge stations, as well as at bus stops and on Main Street. Packs also contained information about the library's services. (Source – *Liffey Champion*, Feb. 16 2008)

Meath County Library held a county-wide, Valentine's story competition, judged by the author Oisín McGann, for 10-15 year olds. A variety of other romantically themed events and competitions took place in branches throughout the county. (Source: *Weekender*, Feb. 16 2008) **Westmeath County Library** also marked the occasion, with exhibitions, stories and colouring competitions in Mullingar library. (Source: *Westmeath Examiner*, Mar 3 2008)

In February **Cork City Libraries** celebrated *Love and Literature* with a series of lectures on popular fiction. Speakers during the month included popular fiction writers Denise Deegan, Kate Thompson, Mairéad O'Driscoll and Evelyn Cosgrave, and Dr Eibhear Walshe who spoke on banned writers.

■ **Cork City Libraries** also produced a leaflet, *Scarlet Letters*, of recommended reading of popular and romantic fiction. Copies are available for download at the Cork City Libraries website at www.corkcitylibraries.ie. [ILN](#)



The new multimedia library

BEALTAINÉ FESTIVAL

Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival celebrating creativity in older age. Once again, libraries will be at the very heart of the Bealtaine celebrations. The theme for 2008 is "You've listened long enough. Now Strike Your Note" and will be used to focus on arts events celebrating:

How shadowing works:

- The voices and experiences of older people and a diversity of ways of growing older

- The idea that you are never too old to try something new
- Individuals who found art later in life, or who continue creating into older age

Libraries will be running storytelling workshops, digital photography classes, recitals and artist in residence events. **ILN**

||||| Copies of the *Bealtaine Bulletin* for 2008 will be available in libraries soon. Bealtaine posters are also available. Contact Age & Opportunity for further details, T: 01-805 7709 or www.bealtaine.com



Appearing in Hollyhill Library is Dervla Murphy, Cork for Bealtaine (photo: Ken Lynch)

DUBLIN CITY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Creative writing was one of the main themes of Dublin City Libraries' early spring activities. A collaboration with the Verbal Arts Centre in Derry, resulted in two very successful sessions – on crime writing and writing for children – held in January & February.

Literary agent Jane Grigson and Macmillan crime specialist Maria Reijt spoke to a capacity audience of 100 would-be crime novelists in Dublin City Library & Archive in Pearse Street in January.

Creative writing for children, held in February, attracted considerable attention mainly due to the presence of Barry Cunningham, the man who discovered JK Rowling. Barry, now head of children's publishing house, The Chicken House, and Mary Byrne, a literary publicist, gave the benefit of their wide experience in publishing for children.

Ireland's new communities provided the participants for a creative

writing workshop held on March 8. *Creative Writing for Migrant Writers* was aimed at people whose first language is not English and attracted people from Brazil, China, Poland, Slovakia, Germany, France, Poland and Italy. Attendees of the session have formed a support group to meet on a regular basis, to discuss each other's work. **ILN**

CLARE COUNTY LIBRARY

The Ennis Book Club Festival committee, in association with Clare County Library, would like to extend their gratitude to all who supported and attended the recent Festival. It was deemed a resounding success by the participating authors and festival goers alike. Attending authors included Roddy Doyle, Dermot Bolger, Joanne Harris, Brian Keenan, Fintan O'Toole, Nuala O'Faolain and many more. Most events were packed to capacity and the support and involvement of library staff nationwide was greatly appreciated. The 2009 Ennis Book Club Festival will take place from March 6 – 8. **ILN**

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CORK CITY LIBRARIES

Local heroes from Cork City Football Club, current holders of the FAI Cup, visited Hollyhill Library recently and brought the FAI Cup with them. Over 120 children turned out to meet the players, get autographs and have their photograph taken with the FAI Cup.

This was the second time in less than a year that Cork City FC visited the library – Neal Horgan and Sean Kelly visited as part of a

Soccer Crazy Week in the library last August.

As I see it ... is a major photographic exhibition now on display in Cork City Libraries. It is the outcome of a project that focuses on promoting cultural integration through the medium of photography.

The exhibition is in three parts, the first, *Around Cork*, consists of work by photographers from Poland who invited people of different nationalities to give their



Standing with FAI Cup are Catherine Forde with Cork City FC striker John O'Flynn.



At the opening of the exhibition is Fergal Dennehy deputising for the Lord Mayor of Cork, Beata Molendowska, Cork City Libraries and the Polish Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Tadeusz Szumowski

views on Irish life and culture from a newcomer's point of view. The second segment, *Pictiúrf in Éireann*, displays images from all over Ireland via the fotoirlandia.com, a portal that is dedicated to store the images taken in Ireland. The third part, called *The Changing Face of Ireland*, features images by native Irish photographers. The aim of the third part of the exhibition is to reflect changes taking place in Ireland and provide an illustration

of how immigrants are integrating into Irish society. The exhibition rotates in its three parts between Cork City Libraries at Bishopstown, Mayfield and Grand Parade

The exhibition was launched by the Cllr. Fergal Dennehy deputising for the Lord Mayor of Cork, in the presence of the Polish Ambassador, Mr. Tadeusz Szumowski. **ILN**

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Advanced Internet 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. T/F: : 01-497 7043; M: 087-247 6424; E: info@mcgrathbarrett.ie or mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net www.mcgrathbarrett.ie

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The book in the internet era: copyright & the future for authors publishers and libraries

International Copyright Symposium, Amsterdam (Unesco World Book Capital, 2008/2009). Details: www.amsterdamworldbookcapital.com/index.cfm?page=Copyright%20symposium

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The future of public libraries: working with partners and engaging communities conference, NEC Birmingham. Details: www.lishow.co.uk/conference. Cost £350 + VAT, includes entrance to LiS 2008.

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LiS 2008 The library + information show, NEC, Birmingham. Details: www.lishow.co.uk

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Advanced Internet for Information Workers a one-day course presented by McGrath Barrett & Associates - see entry under April 18 for details.

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World Book Fest 4th great year of this celebration of books and reading in Grand Parade, Cork on Saturday 26. Highlights: Book & food stalls, music, readings in the City Library & in Triskel featuring African-American poet and activist, Amiri Baraka, Bernard O'Donoghue, David Marcus, Gina Moxley, Dermot Bolger, Douglas Kennedy... more names to be announced soon...

Full programme is available on www.corkcitylibraries.ie and www.triskelart.com and at local libraries in the city. All events are free.

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Academic & Special Libraries Section Annual Seminar 2008

will take place in the Clarion IFSC Hotel, Dublin. The title of this year's seminar is: Digital Natives? Current practices and future trends in information skills training

The theme of the seminar is information literacy/information skills training, with the focus on how librarians support: CPD activities of professionals in practice, researchers in fourth level education, and evidence-based practice. The programme will also explore the impact of Google and the web on information-seeking habits, and address how librarians can meet the skills needs of their users and researchers.

Full programme and online booking form will be available shortly: <http://www2.libraryassociation.ie/sections->

and-groups/academic-and-special-libraries-section/
Contact: Erin O'Mahony at omahonyerin@gmail.com

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Advocacy and libraries

Conference jointly organised by the Netherlands Public Library Association, FOBID, the Netherlands Library Forum and EBLIDA. The conference takes place in the Theatre of the Word in the Amsterdam Public Library. The conference official language will be English. Details: www.debibliothek-en.nl/content.jsp?objectId=15762

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Getting to the right answer: answering users' queries

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. T/F: 01-497 7043; M: 087-247 6424; E: info@mcgrathbarrett.ie or mcgrathbarrett@eircom.net. www.mcgrathbarrett.ie

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Publications

Publishing for Success:

a Practical Guide This manual was launched in Belfast on March 6 by Michael Longley, is written by Anne Tannahill – Northern Ireland's foremost authority on publishing – and features illustrations by award-winning designer Wendy Dunbar. The guide contains practical advice on how to transform a manuscript into a finished and saleable book whilst avoiding the many pitfalls encountered by first time publishers.

The book is published by the Northern Ireland Publications Resource (NIPR), a project jointly lead by the Linen Hall Library and Belfast Central Library. By virtue of the generous sponsorship from W & G Baird and Awards for All, the guide will be available free of charge to all interested parties (subject to availability). If you would like further information or a copy, please contact Monica McErlane on (028-9032 1707 or email m.mcerlane@linenhall.com.

Waterford City Council Library Service, in association with Waterford County Council Library Service, celebrated the launch of a new edition of Charles Smith's



With 1786 first edition of Smith's History of Waterford is Tom Fewer, Author and Historian, Cllr. Mary O'Halloran, Mayor, Donal Brady, County Librarian and Jane Cantwell, Waterford City Librarian. Photograph courtesy of John Power.

The Ancient and Present State of the County and City of Waterford in Central Library, Lady Lane on Thursday March 6. The new edition was launched by the Mayor of Waterford City, Cllr. Mary O'Halloran. The original book, has been substantially edited by Donald Brady, Waterford County Librarian. Copies of the original book, written in 1746, are rare and difficult to source. The new edition features amended footnotes as well as high quality maps and illustrations.

Copies of the book are available from Central Library, Lady Lane and from the Book Centre. For further information, please contact Central Library at 051-849 975.

A new report: In the Frame or Out of the Picture A Statistical Analysis

of Public Involvement in the Arts, commissioned from The Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) by the National Economic and Social Forum, was launched on February 25, by The Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, Mr. Seamus Brennan T.D. The report – using data from The Public and the Arts, an Arts Council publication, and analysed by Dr. Eilish Kelly and Dr. Peter Lunn of the ESRI – outlines the factors which influence public participation in the arts. The report reveals that people from less well-off backgrounds are many times less likely to attend arts events.

The report can be downloaded from the publications section of the ESRI website: www.esri.ie. ILN

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