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Public Libraries Capital Programme, 2009-2010

Former Minister of State at the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Michael Kitt, T.D., announced his approval for a two year Capital Programme for Public Libraries 2009-2010, amounting to €8.5 million in 2009, which will contribute towards the development and refurbishment of a range of public libraries throughout the country.

The Minister said that he was delighted to be in a position to deliver on the important commitment of *Branching Out – Future Directions*, the Government's policy document on public library provision in Ireland which was launched in June 2008. With more than 14 million visits in 2008, public libraries are attracting visitors in ever increasing numbers, not just to borrow books, but to avail of a range of services.

In 2009, the provision of funding will contribute to library projects in Borris, Co Carlow; Ballymote, Co Sligo; Kilmallock, Co Limerick; Tuam, Co Galway; a mobile library for Galway County Library Service; Mullingar, Co Westmeath and Carrickpherish, Waterford City. Ballyfermot Branch Library in Dublin City will receive funding towards refurbishment. In addition, a number of projects underway will get funding towards completion including Greystones, Co Wicklow; Mountmellick, Co Laois; Clara, Co Offaly and Kildare Town.

Subject to public finances being available in 2010, library projects in Carlingford, Co Louth; Wexford Town; Bettystown, Co Meath; Roscommon Town; Ballymahon, Co Longford; Mhuinebeag, Co Carlow and Swinford, Co Mayo will receive grant aid.

The Minister noted that the Programme will further the aims of *Building Ireland's Smart Economy – A Framework for Sustainable Economic Renewal* launched by An Taoiseach in December 2008. It is estimated that the building and refurbishment of these local libraries will create over 100 local employment jobs in construction, fit out and ICT.

'Taken together' Minister Kitt said 'this level of projects in many parts of the country demonstrates continuing commitment by the Government to the public library service despite the current challenges being faced by the public finances. The Minister stated 'This shows the Government's appreciation of, and commitment to the valuable educational and social service provided by our public libraries.'

In conclusion, the Minister thanked all those who had contributed to the Programme, including An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and each of the Library Authorities. He particularly wished to thank the staff of each local library for their professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm which 'makes every visit to your local library a rewarding one' and for their continuing commitment to providing a valuable and very worthwhile service to all sections of the community at local level. ILN

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Howdy, pards!

Gone with the Wind

Almost one hundred fans of *Gone with the Wind* went to Bishopstown Library on Wednesday April 15 to explore the real story behind this famous book and film. Kate Kirwan teamed up with The Pardes, a Civil War re-enactment group, to bring the audience a flavour of the era behind the story of the lives and loves of this plantation and its' never to be forgotten inhabitants.

The evening started with a short documentary film with unique 1940's footage of plantation life, an insight into the author, Margaret Mitchell, followed by an appraisal by Kate Kirwan, who is currently studying American literature, and concluded with an open session with the Pardes who were in full Confederate and Union uniform for the occasion.

The evening was part of the Year of The Constant Reader initiative of Cork City Libraries, a year-long celebration with a focus on reading in all its variety [see: www.yearoftheconstantreader.ie].

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The Ice Man cometh

When local Home School Liaison teachers asked St Mary's Road Library in Cork City to be involved in their 'One Book One Shandon' initiative staff jumped at the chance. The family literacy project was based around the reading of *Ice Man* by Michael Smith, a biography of polar explorer Tom Crean for younger readers. Copies of the book were given to children in 4th, 5th & 6th class and 1st year in 24 schools on Cork's Northside.

The initiative gave the library an opportunity to collaborate with Cork Community Art Link as they explored ways to bring the book to life for the community. It was decided to construct an igloo, which was inspired by Tom Crean's dogloo, and Art Link took on the challenge of helping children to turn washed out milk cartons into a truly unusual space, over the course of 24 workshops.

The artists also introduced children and staff to the technique of celotape wrapping, creating penguins, utensils and Crean himself from rolls of celotape. The igloo began life in the basement of St Mary's Road Library and was completed in a public space outside the library which proved to be a traffic stopping sight. The project brought the reading experience to life for those involved and created an excitement around reading and the library. The Igloo is currently on display in St Mary's Road Library and will visit other libraries in the City Libraries network later this year. **ILN**



Finished Igloo, and friendly penguin

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In mid-January 2009, speaking on radio to Ryan Tubridy, author Gerard Stembridge flippantly expressed a wish to visit a book club and eat nice cake. Since Midleton Library Bookclub has a voracious appetite for nice authors they decided to contact Gerry who immediately agreed to come to one of their meetings.

Counting Down, his most recent novel, was chosen as the March book. Copies were purchased and distributed to book club members and the author was invited to Midleton Library on April 3rd for the next meeting.

The event was advertised in city and county newspapers and news letters and Midleton Writers Group was invited along. The audience consisted of the book club members who had read and analysed the novel, the writers group who were interested in the mechanics of writing and interested members of the public.

As some of the audience were not familiar with the text the author began by reading a chapter which typified the book. Hearing a book read by the author is always enlightening, Gerry's acting background enhanced the experience for a very appreciative audience. The reading was followed by a lively discussion and question and answer session. Set in Celtic Tiger Dublin, *Counting Down* had all the elements for an interesting discussion, marital breakdown, violence, tragedy and the ubiquitous clock counting down the seconds. The protagonist, Joe Power, a thoroughly unpleasant character, hailed from Cork. To complete the formal session the author read a chapter of an earlier novel, with a political theme, *According To Luke*.



Gerard Stembridge (3rd from left) with members of the Midleton Library Bookclub

Refreshments including "nice cake" were then provided facilitating further informal, wide ranging and good humoured discussion. Gerard Stembridge gave generously of his time and his talents and was happy to discuss writing, publishing, marketing and life after Scrap Saturday. He is currently working on a new book and has promised to come back to Midleton Bookclub when this is published. Feedback from book club members was very positive. Meeting the author was an interesting and enjoyable experience. Members who initially had reservations about the book agreed that hearing it read aloud altered their interpretation of the characters. The Bookclub has had several enquiries from potential new members and two people have joined the book club since the visit. Midleton Library Bookclub meets in Midleton Library on the first Friday of each month at 11.00am for one hour. **ILN**

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Library Association of Ireland



Members of the LAI Executive Board 2009/10

At the AGM on March 5 2009 at the Royal Irish Academy, Siobhán Fitzpatrick, Librarian to the RIA and Vice-President of the LAI, was elected as President for the coming year. The new president acknowledged the honour bestowed upon her and reflected upon the difficulties facing libraries given the uncertain economic outlook. She adverted to the fact that this year we are commemorating the bicentenary of Darwin's birth and suggested that Darwin's theories re the capacity of species to adapt to change in times of stress and crisis are pertinent for these times of economic chaos and environmental change when adaptability may be the key to survival. She advocated continuing the strong cooperation between libraries across the sectors as a means of guaranteeing the provision of efficient and cost-effective services to our user bases.

The officers of the Executive Board 2009-10 are:

Siobhán Fitzpatrick, President
Fionnuala Hanrahan, Vice-President
Jane Cantwell, Vice-President
Hazel Percival, Hon. Treasurer
Kieran Swords, Hon. Secretary

On completion of the AGM, the Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland was conferred on Mr Bernard Barrett, Information Scientist/ Research Officer within the National Office for Mental Health. The Association encourages all members to consider working towards Associateship. For further details visit the Association's website [www.libraryassociation.ie].

The first meeting of the Executive Board took place on April 2 2009 and Task Forces have been put in place to address issues prompted by the AGM motions inter al. The President will shortly be contacting the chairs of groups and sections to discuss matters of concern and to take the business of the association forward.

The Association's recently appointed Development Manager is Ms Jane Clavin, formerly Knowledge Centre Manager at A & L Goodbody. Jane may be contacted at jclavin@libraryassociation.ie. **ILN**

ENNIS BOOK CLUB FESTIVAL 2009

Clare County Library would like to say a huge thank you to all who attended and supported the recent Ennis Book Club Festival.

The number of events, and the number of visitors, was up on last year and feedback has once again been extremely positive.



The "Giant Book Club Gathering" on the festival opening night. Author John Connolly was on hand as book clubs from all around the country discussed his *Book of Lost Things*.

BIBLIOTHERAPY PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

In recent years there has been a growing interest in prescribing books for people with different conditions. Called 'bibliotherapy', the prescribing of books to people for therapeutic reasons is based on the concept that reading is a healing experience.

Bibliotherapy often involves a health professional recommending specific books about particular conditions to particular patients.

The success of the Dublin City Libraries/HSE Book Prescription Scheme in Dublin's North Inner City, which started in 2007 led to several other schemes being launched in Ireland.

The Power of Words is a national bibliotherapy programme launched by the Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP), the HSE, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, and public library authorities around the country. A list of has been selected by a group of HSE psychologists, and will be available in public libraries.

Fourteen library authorities have received grants towards the purchase of the recommended books from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government under the National Disability Strategy.

Every GP in the country has received a copy of the list from the ICGP: patients with psychological issues can then be 'prescribed' a relevant text by doctors and psychologists.

Read about bibliotherapy in The Irish Times [www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/health/2009/04/14/1224244619169.html] and The Guardian [www.guardian.co.uk/books/2008/jan/05/fiction.scienceandnature]

HUGH M. FITZPATRICK LECTURE IN LEGAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

The 20th Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lecture in Legal Bibliography was given by Susan M. Parkes, former Senior Lecturer in Education, Trinity College Dublin on the subject of *Helen Blackburn: the social and political library of a nineteenth-century feminist reformer*. The lecture was held at Dublin City Library and Archive in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Eibhlín Byrne and the Hon. Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness, President of the Law Reform Commission who acted as Chairperson.

The next lecture in the series will be on November 5 2009 (see Calendar for details).



At the lecture Hugh M. Fitzpatrick; the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cllr. Eibhlín Byrne; Susan M. Parkes, Speaker; Hon. Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness, President Law Reform Commission (Chair); Deirdre Ellis-King, Dublin City Librarian.

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JUNIOR CERTIFICATE SCHOOL PROGRAMME DEMONSTRATION LIBRARY PROJECT

The official launch of Jobstown Community College library as part of the Junior Certificate School Programme Demonstration Library Project took place on April 3 last. This Programme is part of the DEIS Action Plan (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools). The library was officially opened by Mayor Councillor Marie Corr, South Dublin County and the launch was also attended by local T.D.s Charlie O'Connor and Brian Hayes, South Dublin County Council's County Librarian, Georgina Byrne and Laura Joyce, Senior Librarian of South Dublin County Schools Library Service. The Junior Certificate Schools Programme was represented by Kathleen Moran, Senior Project Librarian, Aideen Cassidy, National Co-ordinator and former teacher at Jobstown Community College, Martina Flynn, Library Development Officer and Denise O'Flanagan, Regional Development Officer. There were also representatives from the Home School Liaison services, the local Community Gardaí, the Department of Education, County Dublin Vocational Education Committee and the Curriculum Development Unit, CDVEC.

The library in Jobstown Community College is one in 30 participating schools across the country in the JCSP initiative. It aims to provide literacy and numeracy support to junior cycle student. The Jobstown library is run by Michelle Touhey, JCSP Librarian. The Junior Certificate School Programme was introduced in 1996 as an early intervention programme aimed at Junior Certificate students (often in economically disadvantaged areas) encountering difficulties at school and at risk of leaving school early. The Programme is based on the concept that all students are capable of real success in school and they can have a positive experience of school if the conditions are favourable.

An important part of the Programme, the Demonstration Library Project ensures that the participating schools have a well-resourced, high quality library staffed by a professional librarian. It aims to change attitudes which students and their peers often have to learning and school. This is achieved by creating a lively, dynamic atmosphere in the libraries, where students are encouraged to participate in a range of activities which help not just to improve literacy and numeracy skills, but to boost their self-confidence and build skills for life. The library in



At the launch Ms Michelle Touhey, Jobstown Community College Librarian, Ms Statia Somers, JCSP Coordinator, Ms Deborah Keogh JCSP Research Officer and Ms Martina Flynn, Library Development Officer, JCSP.



Mr Ronan Connolly, Principal, Jobstown Community College with Niall de Burca storyteller who performed at the library launch.

Jobstown Community College is the centre point of the school, providing a variety of books, computers and other sources for its students, but also hosts a variety of activities and events, such as Christmas celebrations, school clubs, students prizegivings, outside guests

such as Animal Magic, storytellers such as Pat Speight and Niall de Burca and will be hosting an Intercultural week in early May and the end of year award ceremonies for JCSP students in late May.

MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARY SERVICE

Meath County Council Library Service hosted the launch of 'Sunflower and Other Poems' by William Hodgins on Thursday April 23 at 7.30pm.

The poems collected in the book deal with subjects as diverse as the birth of snow twins during the hard winter of 1947, Faughan Hill, Ardbracon House, and the rivers Boyne and Blackwater.

William is a long-time member of Meath Writers Circle and the book was launched by Tommy Murray. The book is selling at the special price of €10 in aid of Cystic Fibrosis.



Dr. Eoin Grogan speaking at the launch in Navan Library

NEWSPLAN: THE WAY AHEAD

On behalf of COLICO the all-Ireland Committee on Library Co-operation in Ireland, and the NEWSPLAN Joint Liaison Committee, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna is organizing the seminar *NEWSPLAN: the way ahead*, in conjunction with the National Library of Ireland.

The event will be hosted by the National Library of Ireland (Kildare Street, Dublin) on 12th May. The seminar will focus on the future of the NEWSPLAN preservation programme for newspapers held in libraries and other repositories in the island of Ireland.

Details on NEWSPLAN and its activities are available from the COLICO web site (<http://www.librarycouncil.ie/colico/index.shtml>) and from the National Library web site which includes the database of all Irish newspapers published since 17th century (<http://www.nli.ie/en/catalogues-and-databases-printed-newspapers.aspx>)

The seminar is open to stakeholders and interested parties. Further information is available from Domitilla Fagan at An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (dfagan@librarycouncil.ie; 01 676 1167).

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY

Following the successful launch by Dr Loretta Brennan Glucksman, MRIA, of Treasures of the *Royal Irish Academy library* (Dublin, RIA, 2009) on February 10, the library commenced a series of lunchtime lectures which focus on items or collections featured in the book.

Details of forthcoming lectures are given in the Calendar section below. The major 'Treasures of the RIA library' exhibition will continue until May 15 and again from 2 to 19 June, 2009. The exhibition is open to the public and has been featured on RTÉ's *Arts Show* and on *Capital D*. The display includes the 6th-century Cathach of St Columba, the 14th-century Book of Ballymote, and the Mia Cranwill casket made to house the roll of signatures of the first

senators of the Irish Free State (these include historian Alice Stopford Green, poet W.B. Yeats, surgeon and writer Oliver St John Gogarty, earls, lords and local politicians – the great and good of 1920s Ireland). Group tours are available – contact library@ria.ie or phone 01-609 0620.

Compiled by the Academy's Irish Historical Towns Atlas group, the Library is also currently showing a display, 'Mapping Dublin: 1610 to 1756', based on Dublin maps for this period.

Work on the preparation of the Doegen recordings of Irish speakers (1928-31) for uploading to the web continues apace. The Academy expect to make the recordings available over the next few months. This will be followed by transcripts of the recordings and by translations, biographical data on the speakers, and other contextual information. The project is funded under PRTL 4. Contact Dr Eoghan Ó Raghallaigh for further information (e.orphallaigh@ria.ie).

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ROSCOMMON COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

The 3rd SiarScéal Festival was launched in Strokestown Park House, Roscommon on Friday April 3 2009 in the presence of the Canadian Ambassador, His Excellency, Mr Patrick Binns.

The festival was established to create a space where each community living in and around the region could celebrate their townland and environs through the mediums of poetry, art, music, exhibitions, readings, recitals, photography and social history. It seeks to bring together a range of cultural, heritage and historical activities in a performance related manner into a comprehensive programme over a number of days.

The Festival was initiated in 2007 by the staff of Roscommon County Library Services, who were looking at ways to provide a balance in its range of commitments, looking at opportunities to broaden its cultural profile and the need for the service to continuously engage with people beyond its' core functions.

This year's setting explored the

Famine experiences and connections abroad. The programme emanated this year from Strokestown Park House and Grose Île Irish Memorial National Heritage site in Canada and included such examples as the dramatisation of the story of Denis Mahon, *The History House* reading by Kieran Furey, Marthe MacLeod mixed media collection, "Painting Stories" by local children, bilingual poetry musical recitals, Hanna Greally Poetry Competition, guest poet readings, Moon River Cruiser, Charlie McGettigan, Mary Bramley and much much more.



SiarScéal Festival Launch, Strokestown Park House



Guest poets and writers at the SiarScéal Festival photographed with Caroilín Callery (Strokestown House) and Gwen Bond (Host and Director of SiarScéal Festival 09) Hazel McEntyre, Michael O Dea, Collette Nic Aodha and Kieran Furey. (Photos: Glynn's Photography, Castlereagh).

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY LIBRARIES

South Dublin County Libraries Go Green!

South Dublin County Libraries collaborated with South Dublin County Council Environmental Services to celebrate Eco Week 2009, from Monday March 30 to Saturday April 4. The aim of the Eco Week Festival is to raise awareness of environmental issues and provide some solutions in an engaging, enjoyable and practical way. All events highlighted the fact that everyone can play a role in reducing their impact on the environment.



Eco-Easter Creations at County Library Tallaght

This year there was something for everyone, from Eco Legends, Eco-Easter Arts & Crafts Sessions, Naturalists Dale Treadwell, Don Conroy and Eric Dempsey, to Composting Workshops and movies with an environmental theme such as *The Simpsons Movie* and *March of the Penguins*. *The Simpsons Movie* has as its theme the threatened environment with environmental issues magnified to Simpsonsque proportions, while *March of the Penguins* takes the viewer on a journey like no other on the planet.

A series of lunchtime lectures took place at the County Library Tallaght, including a Balcony Gardening Workshop and From Spin-Cycle to Recycle - a talk on the afterlife of common household appliances.

Exhibitions supported by ENFO were displayed in South Dublin County Library branches during the week. Topics included Ecological Footprints, Garden Birds and Our Heritage – A Shared Inheritance.

The annual Eco Week is a great festival to keep South Dublin County “green” in a fun way!

Story of Africa Exhibition

Mayor Marie Corr, South Dublin County Council, officially launched *The Story of Africa* exhibition on Tuesday April 21, at the County Library Tallaght, in the presence of the Ethiopian Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Zerihun Retta Shumye. *The Story of Africa* exhibition was compiled by the African Cultural Project, which is the foremost organisation for African cultural activity in Ireland. Their main objective is to Tell Africa's Story, through African voices.

The Story of Africa exhibition is made up of selected images from the African continent. It begins from pre-history and focuses mainly on the area of North-east Africa (and Ethiopia in particular), otherwise known as the *Cradle of Humankind*.

This exhibition provided an introduction for anyone interested in Africa, or who would like an entry point into further knowledge of the place and its inhabitants.



Frances Somers Cocks

Religion, art, literature (including materials for children and young people) & Coffee Culture are all featured.

Following the official launch, author and storyteller Frances Somers Cocks entertained children from local schools with her fascinating Ethiopian tales. Frances has recently retold, in books for adults and children, the story of Abraham Hannibal, the only African slave (apart from Othello) to reach the rank of general in a white nation's army.

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STAR STUDDED LINE-UP ANNOUNCED FOR WEST CORK LITERARY FESTIVAL

Annie Proulx, Roger McGough, Francesca Simon and Louis de Bernières are just four of the writers appearing at this year's West Cork Literary Festival which features some of the finest writers, poets and illustrators from Ireland and abroad. Details of this year's event, which runs from July 5th to 11th, have been announced and it also sees the debut of a new Artistic Director, Sinéad Collins.

The Festival, supported by RTÉ lyric fm, will open with the Official Festival Launch in Bantry, paving the way for the following exciting days of readings, seminars, workshops, children's events, exhibitions, music and legendary West Cork hospitality.

Highlights of the festival include An Evening with Annie Proulx where the Pulitzer Prize winning author of *The Shipping News* and *Brokeback Mountain* will read from her latest work. There will be opportunity to hear one of Ireland's most venerable writers, Jennifer Johnston, read from her latest work. Novelist, historian, political campaigner, Tariq Ali,

will present a seminar on “History as Fiction/ Fiction as History”. Featured interviews will include Nell McCafferty and Martina Cole in conversation with Aidan Stanley and there are numerous workshops, including Billy Roche on Writing for the Stage, John McKenna on Food Writing, and Jack L on Song Writing.

Festival Director Sinéad Collins said, “It is a pleasure to be part of a festival which continues to thrive and develop. Not alone are there larger numbers of people participating but the range and depth of events on offer is growing to meet the demand. Reading and the enjoyment of literature begins at a young age and continues into adulthood. Reflecting this, our programme features events appealing to the literary imagination and wonder of young and old. The practice and craft of writing is at the centre of our festival and we have assembled a workshop programme for aspiring writers that is second to none.”

Booking for the West Cork Literary Festival is on 027 55987. For more information visit www.westcorkliteraryfestival.ie.



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Seminar on the future of the preservation programme for newspapers in Irish libraries – National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin; For further details contact Domitilla Fagan at An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (dfagan@librarycouncil.ie; 01 676 1167)

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NALA are hosting a Family Literacy event

Wednesday May 20 in the National College of Ireland, Mayor Street, Dublin 1. Details: Margaret Maher at mmaher@nala.ie

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AGI (Acquisitions Group of Ireland)

one day seminar on acquisitions on Wednesday 27th May, 2009 in the Mercer Hotel in Dublin. The seminar is aimed at people who are new to acquisitions and would like an overview of the job from different perspectives. Details of the event including the programme are available from www.lagi.ie/training.htm or from Claire Moran E: claire.moran@ucd.ie

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Treasures of the Royal Irish Academy Library – a lunchtime lecture series

The first President of the RIA: Lord Charlemont and his manuscripts by James Kelly, MRIA. 1-2 pm, Meeting Room, Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2. Admission free.

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The Library Show, NEC Birmingham.

Details: www.lishow.co.uk/page.cfm/link=1/SubscriberID=21892/trackLogID=119155_3CB8E542EB

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The 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Academic & Special Libraries Section of the Library Association of Ireland

The 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Academic & Special Libraries Section of the Library Association of Ireland will begin at 6.00pm on Wednesday June 17 2009 in the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street, Dublin 2. The Guest Speaker is Cathal McCauley, University Librarian, NUI Maynooth.

Details: Erin O'Mahony; E: erin.omahony@oireachtas.ie;

T: 01 618 4703.

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International Association of Music Libraries

Archives and Documentation Centres (IAML) annual conference, Amsterdam. Details: <http://www.iaml.info/en/activities/conferences>

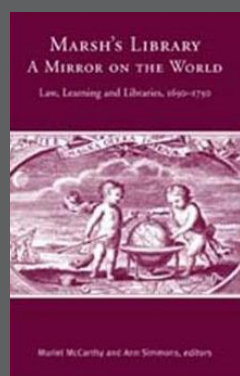
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Marsh's Library – a mirror on the world: Law, learning and libraries, 1650–1750 / edited by Muriel McCarthy & Ann Simmons. (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-184682-152-3; €55.00)

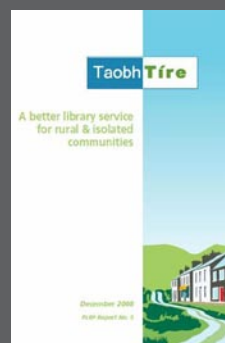
In 1707 an act of parliament established Marsh's Library as 'a public library for ever'. This volume contains the papers presented at a conference to commemorate the 1707 act which took place in the library in October 2007.

The topics covered were 'Parliament and Legislation', 'Enlightenment and Counter-Enlightenment' and 'Collectors and Collections'.

Further details: www.fourcourtspress.ie

The final report of the Public Library Research Programme project *Taobh Tíre: a better library service for rural and isolated communities* is now available to download from the publications section of www.librarycouncil.ie.

Taobh Tíre: a better library service for rural and isolated communities. Dublin: An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, 2008. – (Public Library Research Programme report; no. 3) ISBN: 978-1-873512-37-1



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