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Pathways to Learning – Music PAL Training Day



Under its Pathways to Learning (PAL) programme, the Committee on Library Co-operation in Ireland (COLICO) is currently developing a co-operative scheme – Music PAL – to make it easier for members of the public to gain access to music resources available in a wide range of libraries and archives throughout Ireland.

The scheme is due to begin on a pilot basis in June 2009, with a formal launch during Library Ireland Week in 2010. Almost 30 institutions have already registered for the scheme, encompassing public, higher education and special libraries from Belfast and Derry to Dublin, Cork and Limerick (and other places in between). Full details are available at www.library.ie/pathways.

On behalf of COLICO, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna organized a training day for the 'Music PAL Co-ordinators' from participating institutions who met on 27th April, at Dublin City Public Library & Archive in Pearse Street. This event provided a good opportunity for the participants to meet each other and to discuss details of the project.

Speakers included Robin Adams and Roy Stanley (Trinity College Dublin) on the scope of Music PAL; Elaine Urquhart (University of Ulster) on the role of the co-ordinator; Ann Wrigley (Dublin Institute of Technology) introducing support materials for the scheme (also available on the website); and Deirdre Wildy (Queens' University Belfast) on RASCAL (www.rascal.ie), the database which will act as a finding aid for relevant materials and collections. In the afternoon smaller discussion groups focused on practical details of the scheme, and the day ended with a fascinating exhibition of music materials in Dublin City Libraries' Dublin and Irish Collections, presented by Dr. Máire Kennedy.

Further details on the Pathways to Learning Programme and its initiatives are available from Domitilla Fagan at An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (dfagan@librarycouncil.ie). ILN

South Dublin County Libraries makes the Connection

South Dublin County Council's **CONNECT** School project has been working with teachers and staff at St Aidan's Community School Tallaght to develop a student-centred technology culture in the school. The aim of the project is to improve the educational outcomes of the students through investment in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in education.

The **CONNECT** school project is now moving to new levels. In a pilot project organised by South Dublin County Council and publishers Gill & Macmillan to further develop the use of technology in the school, students in a second year class in St Aidan's Community School had history and geography e-books installed on their laptops on Friday April 24 in the County Library, Tallaght.

Having e-books will lighten the load for students as they will not have to carry books and will be able to access their textbooks in a new and exciting way. The pilot project will also allow teachers and students to use Gill & Macmillan's new eTest facility [<http://etest.ie/>]- a new fun way to learn and provide instant feedback to students.

"The students of St Michael's class are looking forward to this new development" said Frank Moran, Principal of St Aidan's.



County Librarian Georgina Byrne pictured with some of the students and staff of St Aidan's Community School.

"The Connect project is in its third year and the move to e-books is a natural progression. We are delighted to be a part of this project – St Aidan's is at the leading edge of the use of ICT in the classroom and we are very proud of that".

CONNECT School is delivered with the support of Dublin West Education Centre, Institute of Technology Tallaght, National Centre for Technology in Education & the Department of Education. **ILN**

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Cork City Libraries Teen Day



At the 3rd Annual Teen Day are Stéphane Heuet, French graphic artist, Breda Hassett and Patricia Looney, Executive Librarians Children's and Young People, and some of the teenagers who were involved in the graphic novel project.



Killian Feehely who designed the cover of Hey, Listen to This! The audio book was produced by teenagers in association with the National Council for the Blind.



Ciaran Kavanagh winner of the Teenage writer of the Year competition with Kevin Doyle who judged the competition.

The third annual Teen Day was held in Cork City Library on Friday April 24. Over 100 teenagers in all attended the event which celebrated the culmination of a number of projects and various workshops which had taken place from January to March.

Stéphane Heuet, a master of *bandes dessinées* (French graphic novels) launched **REDSHIFT**, a graphic novel which was written and illustrated by teenage library users citywide. The creative writing workshops were led by John W. Sexton, and the graphic art workshops were facilitated by Alan Barrett. Copies of the graphic novel are available from Cork City Library.

Jewellery designed by teenagers in Tory Top Library was also exhibited on the day. **WIRED** was inspired by the Thomas McCarthy poem *The Phenomenology of Stones* and was facilitated by West Cork based artist Marie Brett and Nancy Falvey of the local art and craft initiative in the area. The talking book *Hey Listen to this!* was also launched on the day. Teenagers from The National Council for the Blind and others attended creative writing workshops with Cork based writer Kevin Doyle to produce the CD which will be available in May.

The winners of Cork City Libraries Teenage Writer of the Year competition were also announced on the day. Ciaran Kavanagh from Coláiste an Spioraid Naomh, Bishopstown won the €200 first prize while the runner up Niamh Stockhill from Regina Mundi, Douglas received €100. Over 150 entries were submitted. A vox pop presentation *Interview with a teenager* outlining what teenagers want from the public library was presented by Nagle Community College and SORCHA O'BRIEN. **ILN**

New Library opens in Carrigaline

Carrigaline Library opened its doors to the public with an official opening ceremony on the morning of April 27th, 2009. The 4,000 sq foot library with its central location and free, easy parking is much larger, brighter and spacious than its predecessor and will provide an expanded and enhanced service to a town and district with a population of well over 20,000 people. The new library is fully accessible and has a stock of 23,000 items including books, DVDs, books on tape and CD, books on local history, newspapers and magazines. It also includes designated areas for children and teenagers as well as a study and exhibition area, five Public Internet Access computers, one of which also offers assistive technology, and lots of comfortable space for casual browsing and reading providing a truly inclusive service to all.

In the first 3 weeks over 900 people have joined or renewed their membership, over 8,000 items have been issued and approximately 5,500 people have called to the library. The local photographic society hosted their latest exhibition in the library for the month of May and it is intended to continue the library's long standing relationship with this Society and many others in the community.

Thursday May 7th saw the start of this year's programme for the Bealtaine Festival with the Gramophone group enjoying a morning of beautiful music in their new surroundings. Also very pleased with their new location were the Adult and Children's Book clubs who held their respective meetings in the library during the first week of May. Storytime for the younger ones will commence in the library at the end of the month and staff in the library are working on plans to introduce the new library to classes from local schools.

The new library provides a welcoming, non-commercial public space in the heart of the Carrigaline community and represents a significant investment in this community on the part of Cork County Council. It also represents a further step in Cork County Library and Arts Service mission to place libraries at the heart of their communities.



At the opening of the new Carrigaline Library (From L-R) Cork County Mayor Noel Harrington, Cork County Librarian Ruth Flanagan, and Cork County Manager Martin Riordan. Picture: Pascal Ungerer



Carrigaline library



Entrance area

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↓ HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR VISITS ST. KEVIN'S CC

Holocaust Survivor visits St. Kevin's CC



Holocaust survivor Zoltan Zinn-Collis speaking at St. Kevin's CC

On Monday 11th May last, the library at St Kevin's Community College welcomed Mr. Zoltan Zinn-Collis, a Holocaust survivor, to the school to speak to a class of second year English students.

Zoltan is one of only five living survivors of the Holocaust in Ireland. At the age of five he was sent to a Nazi concentration camp. In Bergen-Belsen he survived the inhuman brutality of the SS guards, the ravages of near starvation, disease, and squalor. Zoltan's mother died on the very day the British finally marched into the camp. His brother and baby sister also died there. He never saw his father again after they were separated while boarding the train. Discovered by a Red Cross nurse who described him as 'an enchanting scrap of humanity', Zoltan was brought to Ireland and adopted by one of the liberators, Dr Bob Collis, who raised him and his only other surviving family member, his sister Edit, on Ireland's east coast.

Zoltan's clear, direct and at times humorous way of narrating his story kept everyone in the room silent and interested for a full hour and a half. The students involved had just finished reading *The boy in the striped pyjamas* and had completed a project about the Holocaust, which heightened their interest and fascination with Zoltan's story. He also made some interesting comments about how the film's depiction of life in concentration camps and the reality differed from one another. St. Kevin's Community College is one of the schools currently benefiting from taking part in the Junior Certificate School Programme Demonstration Library Project. This initiative was set up in 2001 to provide JCSP students with modern, professionally staffed libraries in their schools. The libraries are designed specifically to meet the needs of JCSP students and the JCSP programme while working within a whole-school approach to literacy. [ILN](#)

LOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY

Louth County Library and Age Action Ireland have come together to share their resources to provide basic ICT and mobile phone training for people aged 55 plus under the **Getting Started** programme. Classes are free, run for five weeks and each session lasts two hours.



Organic gardening demonstration

Meanwhile, Louth County libraries are celebrating the Bealtaine Festival with a host of events organised for older people. These include Cookery Demonstration, Table Quiz, Zumba Dancing, Organic Gardening Demonstration, Beauty Workshop, Card Making, Promoting Healthy Living, Physiotherapy Session, MABS Advice, Life Coaching, Local History Presentation, Art Collection and Talk with Photographic Exhibition.

CLARE COUNTY LIBRARY

Clare County Library was delighted to again be part of the annual Bealtaine festival celebrating creativity in older age. For those harbouring ambitions of writing their life story the opportunity was made available at the DeValera Library, Ennis where a workshop on Memoir Writing took place. The event, conducted by Irene Graham, provided a platform for individuals to write and share their life stories. Each participant was provided with a free *Memoir Writing Workbook* and Irene guided people from all walks of life to write their stories, either through memoir or fiction writing and using life experiences as their base material. The event was hugely popular and a lot of fun.

In a further celebration, Clare County Library took a small section of the Local Studies Library on tour during the month of May when library staff visited Day Care and Community Centres around the county. *Clare Champion* newspapers from times past were transported to numerous venues, along with books and a photographic slide show. Extracts from newspapers were read and discussed, evoking memories of times past and creating lots of opportunity for debate. Readings and music, provided by actors and musicians from the Clare Arts Service, brought the sessions to life and went down a treat.

Finally, the library outreach service moved to West Clare for an interesting "Living History" event. This session was run in association with Kilrush Family Resource Centre and the venue was Moveen Primary School. In this inter-generational project the children and the library, using newspapers and other archival material, examined themes such as "life on a farm in times past" and "what games were played" etc.

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KERRY COUNTY LIBRARY

As part of the *Speaking for Scéine* Poetry Festival held during May, Kerry County Library's Kenmare Branch ran six poetry workshops under the tutelage and guidance of local poet, John W. Sexton.

Three local schools attended the workshops - Bonane, Lauragh and Pobal Scoil Inbhear Scéine. Students were encouraged to explore the potential of poetry to heal by finding their own poetic voice in writing their own poetry.

Bonane National School attended with, fourth fifth and sixth classes and their teacher, Ms Cáit Ní Néill was delighted with the manner in which John kept the children enthralled. She felt the experience was so inspiring that 'poetry writing has become hip and cool in the leafy lanes of Bonane! Many of the children felt so inspired and empowered by John's workshop that they went home and dug out old poems they liked and re-read them. Some even began to write their own poems.' says Cáit.

These workshops were run to inspire and make poetry accessible to all and to encourage as many children as possible to make contact with 'their inner poet'. An anthology of local poets will be compiled and their work will be published in booklet and CD format during the summer and many of John's budding poets will be presented with awards at the launch event.

Kerry County Library sponsored the workshops to give a platform for teaching the inspirational power of poetry. Kenmare Library plays a very important part in providing supplementary reading material as a follow up and the initiative is greatly supported by the librarians there, Carmel Moriarty and Mary O'Grady.

As part of the *Speaking for Scéine* festival there were further poetry readings by such eminent poets as Derek Mahon, Eileen Sheehan and Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill in the Carnegie Arts Centre, which is attached to Kenmare Library. These events generated a great deal of interest in the locality and have proven to be a resounding success.



John Sexton

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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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Proclamations, Posters, Politics and Power: 400 Years of Word on the Street

A lecture by curator Mary Broderick on political material in the Ephemera Collection of the National Library of Ireland. 1pm, Thursday 18 June. National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Admission free. More details: <http://www.nli.ie/en/list/current-events.aspx>

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Focus on the Future

British Business Schools Librarians' Group Conference 2009, Irish Management Institute, Dublin.

Established in 1975, the BBSLG represents head librarians and information professionals from the leading business schools across the UK and Ireland. This is the first time the annual conference has been held in Ireland and the group will be voting on a name change to incorporate its Irish membership at the event.

To find out more about the conference or membership of the BBSLG please go to <http://www.bbslg.org/>

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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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West Cork Literary Festival

Details: www.westcorkliteraryfestival.ie.

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Making connections: the power of people, partnerships and services Umbrella 2009 at the University of Hatfield.

Details: <http://www.umbrellazoo9.org.uk/> or umbrella@cilip.org.uk

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SLARI

The SLARI AGM and Spring conference took place on April 25 at St. Andrew's College in Dublin. Sharon Markless, renowned academic and lecturer at King's College, London, presented the seminar on teaching skills. The morning session covered aspects for consideration when preparing for information literacy classes in the school library. The afternoon session was practical and involved groups working on specific lesson plans - from library induction classes to Senior Level, subject specific classes, e.g. history special topic. Ms Markless's presentation can be viewed on the SLARI website: - <http://www.slari.ie/EventsConferences.htm>.

Nicola Morgan, author of *Blame my brain: the amazing teenage brain revealed*, and many other titles, will be the guest speaker at SLARI's next event on November 14 2009. Further details on the conference will be available on the website soon - <http://www.slari.ie>, or contact secretary@slari.ie.

Citizens Information Board



This is a new microsite from the Citizens Information Board. Based on content from citizensinformation.ie, it aims to address the information needs of people who are unemployed, facing redundancy or coping with reduced hours or pay at work.

Questions that losingyourjob.ie looks to answer include:

- what options do I have if my employer asks me to work reduced hours?
- can I get social welfare if I am working three days a week?
- is everyone entitled to a redundancy payment?
- how do I apply for social welfare?
- will I be able to get a tax refund?
- what will happen to my pension?
- how can I get help with rent or mortgage payments?
- how can I find out about training courses?

- can I transfer my social welfare payment abroad?

- how do I go about starting my own business?

A key feature of losingyourjob.ie - and of all the Citizens Information services - is integrated information covering the full range of public services. Information is available in English and Irish with overview documents available in Polish. [Losingyourjob.ie](http://losingyourjob.ie) also contains a handy reference leaflet outlining the steps to take to access benefits and supports.

Citizens Information is available from the dedicated helpline 1890 777 121 (9am to 9pm, Monday to Friday) or by dropping into any of the Citizens Information Centres. Further details can be found on www.losingyourjob.ie or on www.citizensinformation.ie.

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