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## Tánaiste launches Taobh Tíre report on library services to rural and isolated communities

Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, Mary Coughlan T.D., launched the final report on the Taobh Tíre library research project at the Pettigo & Tullyhommon Resource Centre recently.

Taobh Tíre is a project of the Public Library Research Programme, a national initiative funded jointly by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Local Authorities and managed by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna. Taobh Tíre was proposed by Donegal County Council in response to a call for research into rural library service provision by the Public Library Research Committee in 2001. The research addressed a theme common to many Irish authorities, that of serving small and remote communities which are too small to sustain a large scale branch library.

The project has investigated and implemented new and innovative ways to serve rural and isolated communities. The project team worked in partnership with local stakeholders – Community Development groups, Family Resource Centres, commercial companies, a Rural Transport Initiative, Údarás na Gaeltachta and others.



Members of The Pettigo Family Resource Centre with An Tánaiste Mary Coughlan, Mayor Brendan Byrne, Eileen Burgess County Librarian, Donna Quinn Senior Executive Librarian and Project Co-ordinator.

This partnership approach is both innovative and very successful to date. While Donegal was the location for the pilot the results are applicable to isolated communities throughout Ireland.

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Each service point includes a taster collection of books, access to the library catalogue and facilities to reserve and request books from this catalogue, PCs linked to the Internet, and access to library services such as reference, business information and inter-library loan. The public can join the library at their nearest Taobh Tíre point and use the books on site or order book, DVDs, CDs etc from any of the 16 branch libraries and have them delivered directly to that Taobh Tíre point. Service points are typically sited in community centres, community co-operatives and other public spaces, and staffed from the local community.

Communities from Downings to Pettigo and from Oileán Thoraigh to St Johnston can access library services through Taobh Tíre outreach centres, set up by Donegal County Council Library Service and local partner organisations. Taobh Tíre sites are also located in Fanavolt, Baile na Finne, Falcarragh, Meenaneary, Kilcar, Arranmore and Letterkenny (2 sites).

Internet access to the library catalogue with a weekly delivery service for requested items is available, along with hundreds of dictionaries, encyclopedias and other reference works online for members at [www.donegallibrary.ie](http://www.donegallibrary.ie). As communities are distant from an actual library, enquiries can be made to a virtual librarian through the Ask-A-Librarian section of the website.



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Partner organisations, typically Family Resource Centres and Co-Operatives, form the important link between the Library Service and the community, and Taobh Tíre could not succeed without these partnerships.

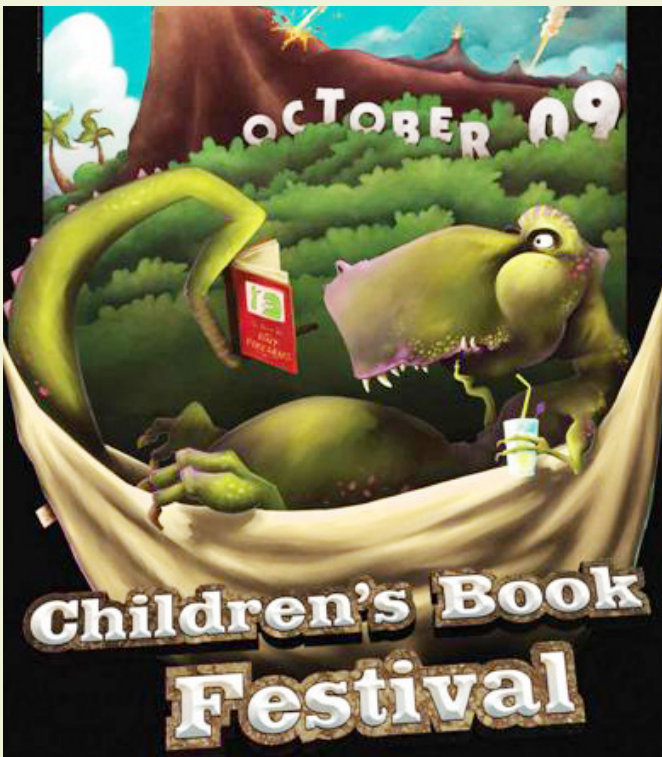
The report recommends Donegal County Council works to consolidate and mainstream Taobh Tíre in Donegal. Local authorities might consider Taobh Tíre as a model that could be replicated in other parts of the country. South Dublin County Library Service is considering the Taobh Tíre model at present.

The full report is available online at <http://www.librarycouncil.ie/policies/documents/TaobhTirefinalprintedreport.pdf>. [ILN](#)

↑ TÁNAISTE LAUNCHES TAOBH TÍRE

↓ CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL 2009

## Children's Book Festival 2009



CBF poster

Demons, dinosaurs, bearded authors and other beasts will be at large during October with the Children's Book Festival! Throw in some comic-book craziness, seven regional writer residency schemes and a national touring roster featuring both famous names and exciting new talent, and you have what promises to be a vintage year.

The festival will run for the full month of October offering young audiences across the island of Ireland a host of opportunities to engage in a wide range of books-focused activities – from readings and poetry performances, to creative writing and Manga workshops.

Philip Ardagh will be launching the festival on October 1st in Cork City Library, before he moves on to the Mermaid Arts Centre in Bray on October 2nd. The festival website, part of the main Children's Books Ireland's website [www.childrensbooksireland.ie](http://www.childrensbooksireland.ie), will be going live in September, offering a searchable Event Guide listing all events nationwide, programme updates, details of exciting new competitions and much more besides!

The 64-page BookFest Recommended Reading Guide will again be available for free from mid-September, featuring up-to-the minute reviews of the very best books for babies through to older teens published in 2009.

Schools, libraries and bookshops can order Festival Promotion Packs, bursting with copies of BookFest, posters, bookmarks and other quality promotional materials. Order enquiries to Jenny Murray T: 01 872 7475; E: [jenny@childrensbooksireland.ie](mailto:jenny@childrensbooksireland.ie). [ILN](#)

# Irish College illuminated manuscripts now online

Following a three year restoration campaign, the Old Library collections and the Historical Archives of the Centre Culturel Irlandais / Irish College in Paris are accessible for research purposes. To date, three fellowships have been awarded to scholars to study various aspects of the collections; thus promoting awareness of the library and archives to the wider research community and general public.

To make the collections even more visible, as well as easily accessible to all, the three illuminated manuscripts forming the core of the collection have been digitized. They can now be consulted online: [www.centreculturelirlandais.com/manuscripts](http://www.centreculturelirlandais.com/manuscripts).

Each individual folio is featured, allowing the manuscripts to be viewed in their entirety online, with a zoom facility to show every detail of these splendid works. An index of illustrations, as well as a diaporama function, allows both amateurs and professionals to navigate easily into the manuscripts.

The most impressive manuscript is a Flemish Psalter produced in Bruges circa 1500. It is written in Latin, on vellum, with a nineteenth century binding.



↑ ↓ IRISH COLLEGE ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS NOW ONLINE



The second manuscript, produced in London circa 1500, traces the genealogy of the kings of England, from Adam and Eve to Richard III. It was produced in the manner of William Claxton, the first printer in England. Written in English, on vellum, it retains its original brown calfskin binding. Finally, the Book of Hours of Notre-Dame, which was created in Bruges circa 1470, is the oldest volume of the Library's collection. The cover dates from the early eighteenth century and is of English origin. Unfortunately, the book is incomplete, as some 26 pages have been removed over time.

The project was realized thanks to the financial support of the Government of Ireland and the French Ministry of Culture. The Centre Culturel hopes that these digitized manuscripts will be the first of a long series, and that this Franco-Irish collaboration will continue with similar success in the future.

The original manuscripts will be exhibited during the Journées du Patrimoine in September and for public visits of the Old Library on the 15th October and 2nd December 2009. These visits will offer rare opportunities to see the manuscripts on exhibition.

For more information, please visit: [www.centreculturelirlandais.com](http://www.centreculturelirlandais.com) [ILLN](#)



# Digital nomads

EuropeanaTravel is a new EU-funded project that will channel digital content from Europe's national and university libraries into Europeana.eu. Starting on May 1st and running for 2 years, EuropeanaTravel will digitise over a million resources, including maps, manuscripts, photos, films, books and postcards on the themes of travel, tourism, trade routes and exploration.

EuropeanaTravel will digitise rich collections from many well known national and research libraries in Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Poland, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK.

Trinity College Library at Trinity College Dublin is contributing two distinct collections of material. A collection of travel journals dating from the late-eighteenth to the mid-nineteenth centuries, documents the tours of individuals and families to Europe and sometimes further afield. They discuss art collections and attitudes to literature; transport; architecture; accommodation; cuisine; farming practice and religious attitudes. The journals represent an untapped resource for European and Irish history. By uniting them, digitally, with their counterparts in other European libraries, the social and cultural atlas of nineteenth century Europe will be greatly augmented.



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From TCD MS 10805

The second collection is that of the papers of Major Richard William George Hingston (1887-1966). Educated at University College Cork, Hingston was a surgeon and an author, a naturalist, a geographer and an adventurer. He served in France, Africa and the Middle East during World War I and in 1920 he published a book detailing his 1914 and 1916 travels in the Himalayan valley of Hazara, in what is now Pakistan, entitled *A Naturalist in Himalaya*. He went on to publish two further books, *A Naturalist in Hindustan* (1923), and *A Naturalist in the Guiana forest* (1932).

His hitherto unexploited personal papers contain information on the ill-fated 1924 Everest expedition. As a naturalist he collected 10,000 animal samples and 500 plant specimens during that expedition. Among his finds was a species of Black Attid spider he discovered living at 22,000 feet, the highest known habitat for any animal. He also kept records of his scientific trips to Greenland and Pamir; his trips to Africa for the preservation of African fauna, and a record of the natural history and archaeology of the countries he visited.

As pressure grows on the world's wildernesses, and air travel and mass tourism threaten the environment and the ecology of unspoilt places, the origins and impacts of travel and tourism become a focus of study and a unique record of places before the modern world intruded. EuropeanaTravel also shows that economic migration is not a new phenomenon – ancient trade routes and population movements will all be tracked in the project.

Welcoming the launch of the new project, Dr. Jill Cousins, director of the Europeana office in the Royal Library in the Netherlands, said, 'this resource will be of value to school teachers and students, to travellers and holidaymakers. Many people nowadays travel many miles in their lifetimes; most of our forefathers hardly left their village. EuropeanaTravel will allow us to document how this great change took place'.

EuropeanaTravel is coordinated by the National Library of Estonia. <http://www.europeanatransel.eu/> [ILN](#)

## MS READATHON 2009



At the Readathon

The sign up period for MS READaTHON 2009 starts this month, with the reading period running from the 16th October until the 16th November.

Children can sign up individually to take part, and/or schoolteachers can sign their classes up. Schools can sign up by filling out the entry forms that they will all receive in September. Individuals can pick up entry forms from their local library or bookshop.

For more information visit [www.msreadathon.ie](http://www.msreadathon.ie) or phone (01) 678 1600.

CLARE COUNTY LIBRARY  
CELEBRATES ROALD  
DAHL DAY

September 13th is officially Roald Dahl Day across the world – a fantastic opportunity to invite children to visit the local library. Activity and quiz sheets based on the well-loved characters created by Roald Dahl will be distributed in all branches of Clare County Library. His book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* presents the perfect excuse to link the celebrations to chocolate and some lucky children may be surprised to find chocolate hidden amongst the book shelves – it is Roald Dahl Day, after all. Continuing the chocolate theme, a special “Invent a Chocolate Bar” competition is running, generously sponsored by Clare-based Wilde Irish Chocolates. Entrants are asked to invent a chocolate bar for Willy Wonka to be in with a chance to win hampers full of goodies. Wilde Irish Chocolates will also create a limited edition chocolate bar inspired by the winning entry. A scrumptious, luscious and delicious day at Clare Libraries is promised!

MOUNTAINS TO SEA DLR  
BOOK FESTIVAL

The *Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival* (September 10-13 2009) aspires to honour one of the world's most unique literary landscapes with a festival worthy of that distinction. Mountains to Sea will feature a glittering array of writers both local and international including Paul Auster, Sadie Jones, Declan Kiberd, John Carey, Douglas Kennedy, Siri Hustvedt, Patrick Gale, Anne Enright, Hugo Hamilton, Diarmaid Ferriter, Julie Parsons, Ross O'Carroll Kelly and Maeve Binchy. Special theatre productions will celebrate the area's close association with

Samuel Beckett, James Joyce and Flann O'Brien. Author readings, theatre productions, political cabaret, grand literary tour, panel discussions and children's events will entertain, challenge and inspire. During the festival DLR Libraries proudly present Library Voices with Sebastian Faulks, who will read from his new novel *A Week in December*, as well as an afternoon of readings with authors Patrick Gale and John Boyne. DLR Libraries also bring the ever-popular *Books in the Park* to the People's Park, Dún Laoghaire over two afternoons during the festival weekend.

Further information is available on [www.mountaintosea.ie](http://www.mountaintosea.ie)



At the Readathon

## ↑ MS READATHON 2009

## ↓ IMAGINE IT

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## ↓ PLR SCHEME UPDATE

PUBLIC LENDING  
REMUNERATION SCHEME  
UPDATE: AUGUST 2009**Background**

Public Lending Remuneration (PLR) is the mechanism for authors to receive payment under PLR legislation for the loans of their books by public libraries. Under the scheme, eligible authors (editors, illustrators, photographers, etc.) are required to register their personal details and the details (title, date of publication, etc.) of each book they wish to claim PLR for.

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna is responsible for the setting up and management of the PLR Scheme.

Funding for the operation of the scheme and for payments to authors is being provided by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

An Chomhairle would like to thank the public library authorities for their co-operation in the establishment and ongoing operation of the PLR scheme.

**Registration**

The PLR Office is now accepting applications from eligible authors (and editors, illustrators, photographers, etc) who wish to register their books for Irish PLR. Authors have been registering their books with the Library Council since February 2009.

To register for the Irish PLR scheme you must submit a completed application form and supporting documentation. The form may be downloaded from the PLR website at [www.plr.ie](http://www.plr.ie). Alternatively you may contact the PLR Office and request an Application Form and Information Leaflet to be posted to you.

**Public Library Borrowing Patterns**

The new PLR system has provided an

opportunity to analyse public library borrowing patterns nationwide. The PLR Office has compiled the 'Top 10' list of most borrowed authors and titles for each month since January 2009. Please visit the PLR website at [www.plr.ie](http://www.plr.ie) for further information.

Contact Details: Public Lending Remuneration Office, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (The Library Council), 53/54 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2. T: 353 1 676 1167/676 1963; E: [plr@librarycouncil.ie](mailto:plr@librarycouncil.ie); W: [www.plr.ie](http://www.plr.ie)

## IMAGINE IT

Age Action is seeking librarians' help in identifying Ireland's most enthusiastic silver surfers. The first Irish Silver Surfer Awards takes place on Monday September 28th in Croke Park – part of Age Action's IMAGINE IT! A Celebration of Older People and Information Technology conference.

Many older learners have taken their first steps with computers and the internet in libraries, and Age Action is hoping that libraries will publicise the awards and encourage people to nominate a library member who is a

regular computer user, or a volunteer tutor, for one of the awards.

The Silver Surfer Awards will celebrate the breadth of older people's IT activities and achievements and challenge stereotypes about older people and new technology. Age Action is looking for older people with interesting stories about their computer and internet use – older people who embrace IT with a sense of adventure, a sense of fun, and a new opportunity for learning.

Nominations are now open for the following awards:

- Silver surfer of the Year
- Most dedicated IT learner
- Passionate hobbyist
- Group communicator
- IT volunteer(s) of the year

Closing date for nominations is 18th September.

The IMAGINE IT A Celebration of Older People and Information Technology conference also features an IT expo and a panel of speakers from some of the best IT programmes for older people in Ireland and the UK. Details of the Silver Surfer Awards and the Conference are available on the Age Action website [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie).



Luach Saothair ó Iasachtaí leis an bPobal  
Public Lending Remuneration



### C.B. OLDMAN PRIZE

The Oldman Prize Committee invites suggestions for nominations for the C.B. Oldman Prize. The prize is an annual award of £200 for an outstanding work of music bibliography, music reference or music librarianship by an author resident in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland. Nominations are invited for works published in 2007 and 2008.

More information is available on <http://www.iaml.info/iaml-uk-irl/awards/oldman.html>.

### KILKENNY'S SIX BOOK CHALLENGE

Kilkenny County Library Service ran The Six Book Challenge 2009 from January to June. This initiative challenges adult beginners, and those less confident in reading, to read 6 books over six months. Participants were free to choose any type of book from their local library, recording details in a reading diary. Kilkenny County Library service is the first in Ireland to participate in this reading initiative and it has proved very successful. Over 100 people registered initially with 90 taking up the challenge and 68 completing their 6 books. All participants were presented with a certificate recording their achievement by writer and director Peter Sheridan at a celebratory evening in Loughboy Library. Mick Hanly provided musical entertainment and a prize draw was held to which local businesses contributed generously. Those who completed the challenge were also entered into a national draw by the Reading Agency in the UK for a weekend in London.



Mick Hanly



Presentation night

### ↑ CB OLDMAN PRIZE

### ↓ KILKENNY'S CHALLENGE

### ↓ SUMMER ARTS



Nico Brown music workshop, Skibbereen Library



Participants at the Mallow mask making workshop with facilitator Bernie O Riordan

### SUMMER ARTS & SUMMER FUN

The drip, drip, of the rain and the recession didn't do much for a lot of family plans this summer. But Cork County Library and Arts Service's Summer Arts programme did its best to clear the gloom throughout its 28 branches. The aim of the programme was to offer children an opportunity to taste a broad variety of artistic activities. The children are exposed to a range of artistic experiences that they might not otherwise encounter, and the programme has the added bonus of making the library a focal point and a meeting place for local children and holidaymakers.

The response from parents and indeed grandparents of visiting children to the programme was very positive. Workshops included a varied selection of artistic fields: music, fabric art, ceramics, clay modelling and jewellery making.

Absorbed faces and children proudly bearing home their recently crafted pieces are proof of the value of participative library activities.

Puppet shows and traditional storytelling attracted large audiences. Audiences were delighted with the antics of Basher Bacon and became engrossed in the environmental stories of Tin Can Annie, - the puppet with the green message. Story tellers enthralled a new generation of children with stories from around the world. Even in these technological times a good story, well-told always proves to be a winner. The Summer Arts programme and the core business of promoting the enjoyment of reading dovetail very well in the libraries of Cork County. Many branches ran special summer reading initiatives such as Bandon Library's *Wild about Reading*, Mallow's *Let the Sun Shine*, Carrigaline's *Reading Challenge*, and the *Great Reading Adventure* in Fermoy. These initiatives enhance the Summer Arts programme while promoting the love of a good read.

The Arts programme attracted thousands of children to almost 100 events in Cork County Library branches through July and August. Children got a broader artistic experience, a better view of what the library can offer and some very positive fun-filled memories of good times in their local library.

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### Safe Evacuation for All

The National Disability Authority and the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) (Fire Risk Management Section) are hosting a one-day conference on "Safe Evacuation for All" at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood, Santry on 23rd September, 2009. This event will provide practical advice on planning for the safe evacuation of all building users, including people with disabilities. The conference fee (including lunch) will be €50 per person, with a concession rate of €40 for people with disabilities, staff of disability representative organisations and IOSH members.

Further details can be seen at: <http://tinyurl.com/safeevac>

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### Culture Night

See: <http://www.culturenight.ie/detail.asp?ID=192>

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### European Day of Languages

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### IMAGINE IT!

A Celebration of Older People and Information Technology, Croke Park Conference Centre, 10.00 – 4.00. Further details available on [www.ageaction.ie](http://www.ageaction.ie)

## October 2009

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### Children's Book Festival

The festival website, part of the main Children's Books Ireland's website [www.childrensbooksireland.ie](http://www.childrensbooksireland.ie), will be going live in September, offering a searchable Event Guide listing all events nationwide, programme updates, details of exciting new competitions and much more besides!

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### All Ireland Poetry Day

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**Impact, Inclusion, Information: the value of libraries in their communities** Public Library Authorities Conference, Bristol. Details: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/plg/pla2009/>

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### Internet Librarian International

Novotel London West, London, UK. Details: <http://www.internet-librarian.com/2009/>

## November 2009

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**Print and legitimisation in 1916: the activities of Joseph Mary Plunkett** by Professor W.J. McCormack, Keeper, Edward Worth Library: the 21st Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lecture in Legal Bibliography to be held in the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Dublin. Further details are available from Hugh M. Fitzpatrick, 9 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2. T: 01 269 2202; F: 661 9239; E: [hmfitzpa@tcd.ie](mailto:hmfitzpa@tcd.ie)

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### LAI Public Libraries' Section annual conference

This year's conference is on the theme of partnership, and will take place in the Marriott Hotel, Ashbourne, County Meath. For further information contact Mary Murphy at [mmurphy@meathcoco.ie](mailto:mmurphy@meathcoco.ie)

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### Science Week

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### RFID Libraries 2009

King's Place, King's Cross, London. Details: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/interests/rfid/rfid2009/programme.html>

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### SLARI presents Nicola Morgan

author of *Blame my brain: the amazing teenage brain revealed*, and many other titles. Further details will be available on the SLARI website soon: <http://www.slari.ie> or contact [secretary@slari.ie](mailto:secretary@slari.ie)

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**Cost-effective Communications: making the best use of social media** An Chomhairle Leabharlanna presents a new one-day intensive workshop on using social media in a creative, professional, organised and cost effective way. Places are limited. See <http://www.librarycouncil.ie/training> for further information.

## December 2009

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### Supporting Teenagers through Public Libraries

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna presents a new interactive training day for public library staff to examine strategies to improve and enhance library services to teenagers. Places are limited. See [www.librarycouncil.ie/training](http://www.librarycouncil.ie/training) for further information.

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## South Dublin Healthy Reading Scheme

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.

South Dublin County Libraries and Tallaght Adult Mental Health Service have worked together to produce the South Dublin Healthy Reading Scheme – *Helping you to help yourself to better mental health and well-being*. The Reading Scheme is available in two leaflets concerned with general mental health issues for adults and families.

One leaflet addresses issues for *Adults* including depression, anxiety, stress, anger, low self-esteem, eating disorders, obsessional-compulsive problems, social anxiety, bereavement, addiction, abuse as well as parenting difficulties and much more.

The second leaflet addresses issues for *Families and Children*. Topics addressed by the books in this scheme include bullying, self-esteem, parenting issues, eating disorders, bereavement, feelings and much more.

Both leaflets are available from all South Dublin County Libraries and from the website [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie). The leaflets have also been sent to South Dublin County GP surgeries, pharmacies and health centres.

The South Dublin Healthy Reading Scheme complements the national bibliotherapy programme launched by the Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP), the HSE, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and public library authorities around the country. *Bibliotherapy: The Power of Words* is a list of 30 books which were selected by a group of HSE psychologists. This list has been incorporated into the South Dublin Healthy Reading Scheme comprehensive list of 60 titles for adults, families, teens and children.

## Next Issue

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