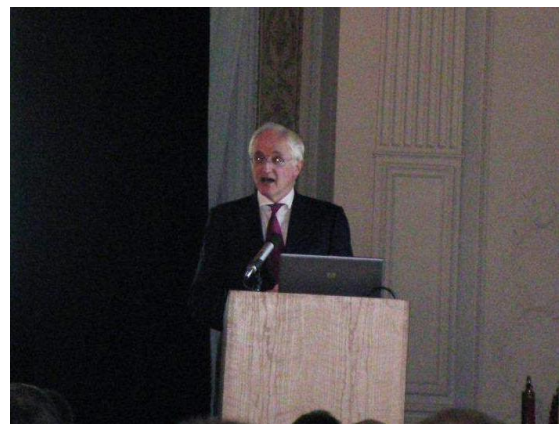


Images and Ideas: Ireland's Contribution to Europeana Seminar opened by Minister at Farmleigh

The Images and Ideas: Ireland's Contribution to Europeana Seminar was held by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, together with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, on the 14th of September at Farmleigh House. The seminar was opened by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley, T.D. and Jill Cousins, Director of The European Library and the Europeana Foundation gave the keynote speech. The theme of the seminar, Ireland's contribution to Europeana, refers to the current and future contribution of content by Irish cultural institutions to Europeana (www.europeana.eu), the European Commission's online digital library for cultural heritage. Other speakers included Christophe Dessaux, Head of Department, Directorate for Development and International Affairs, Ministry of Culture and Communication, France, Lizzy Komen, Project Coordinator, Europeana and Runar Bergheim, technical implementation support partner for EuropeanaLocal. A showcase of the collections of national cultural institutions, north and south, was held in conjunction with the seminar.



Invitations to attend the seminar were extended to national and local cultural and educational institutions across Ireland and Northern Ireland. The level of interest countrywide resulted in a very significant attendance drawn from across the cultural sector and representative of all key components, institutions and policy making bodies. Copies of the presentations are being made available on www.europeanalocal.eu.

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna is a partner in the EuropeanaLocal project for the contribution of content from local libraries, museums and archives to Europeana. As such, it is one of two national aggregators of content in Ireland, together with the Irish Manuscripts Commission, which has the remit for national institutions. For further information or to discuss content contribution to Europeana, please contact Annette Kelly or Joan Ward, An Chomhairle Leabharlanna at akelly@librarycouncil.ie or jward@librarycouncil.ie or on 01 6761167.

Fleadh 2010 @ Cavan County Library

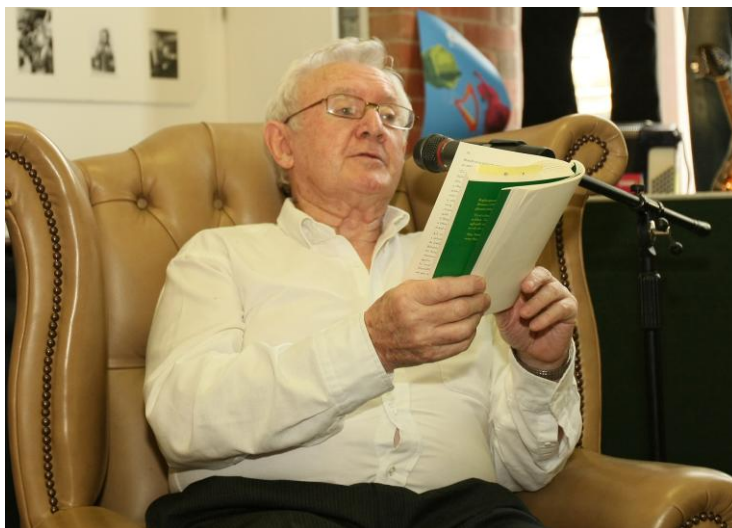
The revival of the Irish language took centre stage at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2010 in Cavan, courtesy of Cavan County Library Service, working in partnership with Glór Bhreifne and local Irish language enthusiasts.

A varied programme saw the library open all seven days of Fleadh week. It also resulted in their highest ever visitor levels. Demand for Irish language events was so high that all available seats were filled throughout the week. Delighted audiences of locals and visitors alike enjoyed Fr. Micheál Mac Gréil, Niall Toibín, Ré Ó Laighléis, Anna Heussaff, Púca Puppets and Dr. Seosamh Mac Muirí. Club na nÓg, a daily session for national school children, saw children from all over Ireland taking part as well as many from overseas.

The exhibition of photographs and memorabilia "Let Cavan surprise you" proved to be the most successful exhibition ever

mounted in the Johnston Central Library. The local knowledge and expertise of Brian Connolly, Local Studies Librarian, and the quality of the County Library photographic collection proved a winning combination.

The commitment of Carmel Cusack Smith to putting together a great programme for Fleadh 2010 with the support of the library staff team resulted in a resounding success for the library service. Planning for Fleadh 2011 is already underway. **Ar aghaidh linn le cheile.**



Niall Toibín reads in Johnston Central Library during Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, photo courtesy of Adrian Donohoe

Reading Initiatives @ Cork City Libraries

Start Reading

This September over 57 primary schools in Cork city have been invited to take part in Cork City Libraries *Start Reading* initiative.



LEFT: Children from Maria Assumpta Junior School leaving Tory Top Library, Ballypheane with their Start Reading packs. RIGHT: Junior Infants from Gaelscoil Peig Sayers, Blackpool, enjoying their Start Reading packs in Blackpool Library at the launch of the initiative.

The project will see every child starting school in September 2010 receive a *Start Reading* pack from their local library. All junior infant classes in the city are invited to visit their local library where they will be presented with a specially designed *Start Reading* bag, containing three books for them to keep, a membership card and guidelines for parents on reading with their children.

The aim of the initiative is to encourage children to read and by doing so enhance their imagination, life experiences and literacy skills, and hopefully becoming lifelong members of the public library. The initiative was launched in Tory Top Library, Ballypheane by the Lord Mayor Michael O'Connell and in the Northside of the city in Blackpool Library by the Deputy Lord Mayor, John Kelleher. Anne Marie McCarthy author of *Fungie The Dingle Dolphin* read to the children and entertained them with an illustration workshop.

...Stay Reading

Cork City Libraries' *Stick with Reading* programme caught the imagination of hundreds of children throughout the city during July and August.

Children were encouraged to continue reading when school was out by collecting specially designed stickers for every book they read. Whether they read 4 books or 44 all children were presented with an Excellence in Reading Certificate at the end of the summer, and 7 lucky children representing each branch in the city are entered into a draw for a trip to the home of Hans Christian Andersen in Copenhagen which is kindly sponsored by International Education Services. The draw will take place on October 1 at the launch of Children's Book Festival.



Cork Rose Laura Mitchell presented the Excellence in Reading Certificates in Bishopstown Library.

DLR Library Voices presents...



Booker Night with Mia Gallagher, Christine Dwyer Hickey and Nadine O'Regan

**Tuesday 12th October at 7.30pm – County Hall, Dún Laoghaire
Tickets €5 from Pavilion Box Office – Tel: 231 2929**

Join us for an evening of lively debate on the Man Booker shortlist with three Irish novelists/ journalists, Mia Gallagher, Christine Dwyer Hickey and Nadine O'Regan. Irish interest remains alive with two contenders, Paul Murray and Emma Donoghue, on the Booker dozen longlist. Who will scoop the most prestigious prize in literary fiction? Come along and find out.

John Boyne

**Saturday 16th October at 2.30pm – Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire
Tickets €5 from Pavilion Box Office – Tel: 231 2929**

John Boyne's *Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* was among the most successful books written by an Irish author in decades. John's second book for young adults concerns an eight-year-old who embarks upon an extraordinary journey that will change his life forever. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this wonderful storyteller – a reading event for all the family.

DLR Library Voices are presented by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Library Service.



New service from the ITMA

ITMA have now added a new service to its website – *Recent Publications and Acquisitions in Irish Traditional Music.*

This bi-monthly, multi-media service lists recent publications, donations and other acquisitions that have been added to the collections of the Irish Traditional Music Archive. Details on print publications (including serials and serial articles), CDs and DVDs are shown.

They also highlight interesting donations and acquisitions. This, they hope, will be of use to the general public and to librarians who would like to keep abreast of new material. They provide hyperlinks to publishers if available. You can receive regular notice of the listings by subscribing to their email updates on the ITMA homepage www.itma.ie.



Ready to Read at Kerry Library

Kerry Library welcomes preschool children with the gift of a book.

Kerry Library is promoting a new initiative "Ready to Read" to encourage greater usage by pre-school children. As part of an ongoing drive encourage local pre-schools and Montessori schools to use their local library, each child in the county between the ages of 0 and 4 years will receive a gift of a Nursery Rhyme book, a brochure for parents outlining details of library services and a library application form.



There are over 160 pre-school facilities throughout Kerry and distribution will be through the library network, including the mobile libraries.

"Ready to Read" was launched by the Mayor of Kerry, Councillor Pat Leahy, at Listowel Library on 21 September.

Kilkenny offers the Naxos online music library

Kilkenny County Library Service is the first public library service in Ireland to offer the Naxos Music Library online.



Local classical musician, Maria Ryan, took time out in between rehearsals today, to help The Kilkenny County Library announce the launch of its brand new online service, The Naxos Music Library.

The Naxos Music Library is an online resource that allows library members to listen to a broad range of music tracks from over 40,000 disks. Works can be selected by composer, artist, year of composition, solo instrument or genre and you can browse CD inserts, notes and biographical information while listening. Personalised playlists can also be easily compiled.

"We feel that this is an invaluable resource for those interested in classical, jazz, folk and new age music, providing a wider range of access to materials than previously possible. The fact that the resource can be accessed from the comfort of home, at any time of the day, is a huge advantage to our borrowers" says Trish Nolan, project co-ordinator for the library service. This resource will also include study guides for the Leaving and Junior Certificate music courses. Currently under development, these will be available in the autumn.

"I am delighted to learn that our Naxos Music Library is now available in Ireland and I congratulate Kilkenny Library on being the first public library to make this service available to its members" say Naxos CEO and Founder, Klaus Heymann.

Library users can access Naxos Music Library can be accessed online by logging on to www.kilkennylibrary.ie either in the library or from home.

As an added bonus, 10 users of the site during its first month will be selected at random to receive the Naxos A-Z of Classical Music – a double CD and booklet set.

Carnegie Library 100 Celebrations

[Kilkenny Carnegie Library](#) celebrates 100 years of providing community access to reading, cultural and learning resources. To mark this special birthday Kilkenny Library Service is hosting a programme of events in September/October culminating in a day of celebrations on the 3rd November – the date the library was officially opened 100 years ago.



The Carnegie Library is the central library of County Kilkenny. It represents many things to many people and has served the citizens from its original function as a traditional book lending service to its modern function as a community resource and a space for all with a variety of services available.

This centenary provides an opportunity to celebrate and highlight the importance of the library as an educational, information and recreational resource for all.

The Kilkenny Carnegie Library 100 celebrations will incorporate a series of Centenary talks including the following speakers: Joseph O'Connor, Peter Sheridan, Anne Enright (Man Booker Prize winner), Thomas Kilroy, Dermot Bolger, Brendan Grimes (the History of Carnegie Libraries), Dr Kevin Whelan (the History of Hurling in Kilkenny before the GAA) and Paul Howard of Ross O'Carroll-Kelly fame.

The action packed programme includes the Gospel singing, exhibitions, storytelling, competitions and children's activities – visits by Eanna Ni Lamhna, Niall de Burca (storyteller) and Melissa Baker with her storytelling caravan. A booklet on the social and historical importance of the Library Service over the last 100 years will also be published. See www.kilkennylibrary.ie for more details.

New support for research announced at LISC AGM

The LISC AGM was held on September 29th 2010 at the new Antrim Library when among the attendees were representatives from Higher and Further Education Libraries, School Libraries, Government Agencies and Departments and Archives.

The theme for the meeting was "The Research Landscape" and LISC Chair Kirby Porter was able to announce the establishment of two new LISC initiatives to support local research through the University of Ulster Master programme in Library and Information Management.



The first is the creation of a bursary worth £650 to support one student studying at Masters level on the course. This amounts to 50% of the full fee for the Masters modules. Full details of the criteria and application process will be announced shortly.

Secondly a prize of £150 will be awarded for one excellent dissertation per year.

Speakers at the AGM addressed both the local and wider context. The local context was covered by presentations from four Masters students from the University of Ulster course, currently completing their dissertations in time for the submission deadline in December. Their research topics included:

- Teenagers' use and non use of the public library and an exploration of the public libraries links with secondary schools in South Donegal.
- A case study on School Library and Personal Development
- Using emotional intelligence leadership skills when managing during organisational change
- Developing Library Services for older people with special emphasis on the baby boomer generation

Dr Hazel Hall, Executive Secretary of the [LIS Research Coalition](#), then spoke about the wider context and the LIS Coalition response. ([Download her presentation.](#))

The open discussion which followed threw up several ideas for dissemination of the local research as well as suggestions for further CPD events. The [LISC Annual Report for 2009-10](#) was also adopted and after lunch there was an opportunity to look around the library which opened early in 2010.

Book Launched in Clondalkin Library

On Tuesday 31st August, Mayor Eamonn Maloney of South Dublin launched a new book by Joe Williams telling the history of the Monastery of Mount St. Joseph in Clondalkin. The launch took place in Clondalkin Library before a capacity attendance. Joe is a member of Clondalkin History Society and many of the Society's members also attended.

At the launch, Joe revealed that the monks from Mount St. Joseph had donated the land for the [Carnegie Library](#) in which they were standing and which was opened in 1911.



Author Joe Williams, Mayor of South Dublin County Cllr. Eamonn Maloney, Catherine Gallagher, Senior Librarian, Clondalkin Library

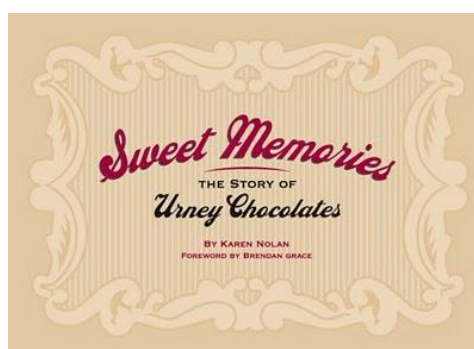
The book tells of the growth of the Carmelite Third Order and of the many roles served by the Monastery over the years. It is illustrated with many images drawn from Joe's

collection. One person mentioned in the book is Br. Luke Cullen, who taught at the Monastery. Before joining the Third Order, Br. Luke travelled throughout Wicklow and Wexford collecting the memoirs of the survivors of the 1798 Rebellion, a task he seems to have continued after he joined the Carmelite community.

The book is published by South Dublin Libraries. Priced at €5, and is available from any branches of South Dublin Libraries. If you experience difficulty obtaining a copy, please contact Síle Coleman, Local Studies Section, County Library, Tallaght, phone 01 4620073 or e-mail localstudies@sdublincoco.ie.

Sweet Memories: The Story of Urney Chocolates

On Thursday 26th August the book and exhibition *Sweet Memories: The Story of Urney Chocolates* by Karen Nolan was launched by Mayor of South Dublin County Eamonn Maloney at the County Library in Tallaght.



A huge crowd turned out for the launch, many of them former Urney employees. The company may have started life in a remote village in County Tyrone but the name Urney will forever be associated with Tallaght and generations of Tallaght people will always remember with affection the Gallagher family from Urney.

The second Irish Life and Lore South Dublin County collection of oral history recordings was also launched on the night. Many of the recordings relate to Urney and were used by Karen in her research for the book. We extend a special thank you to all those who were interviewed as part of the project: Peter and Maureen Lawless; Willie and Bernie Roche; Maurice Kelly; Margaret Williams and her daughters Bernie, Emily, Carmel and Mary; Helen Keogh; Willie and Lily Murphy; Mairín Gallagher; Rory and Ita Doyle; Margaret Lennox; Paddy Rochford; Sister Cora Ferriter; Patrick Lambert; Kate Little; Mary Kelly; and Maisie Williams.

Thanks are due also to those who donated photos and articles for the exhibition: Margaret Williams, Willie Roche, Willie Murphy, Dominic Finnegan, Tony Clery, Ann O'Clery, Mary Conlon and Mary McGrath.

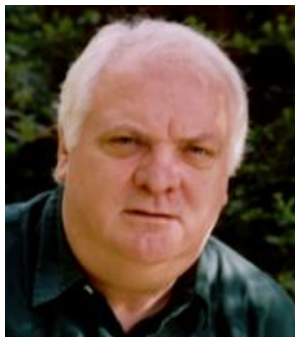
South Dublin County Council through its library service is delighted to promote the study of our history and heritage by supporting this book and exhibition. The exhibition will run at Clondalkin Library where it will be on display for the month of October. Copies of the book, priced €15 are available at the County Library, Tallaght, or contact Síle Coleman or Colette Carpenter on 01 4620073 or localstudies@sdublincoco.ie.

Exciting CBF ahead for Tipperary Libraries

Tipperary Libraries have an exciting line up of authors in place for this years' Children's Book Festival.



Jeremy Strong



Michael Smith



Sean O'Laoghaire

Hugely popular children's author, Jeremy Strong will be visiting Tipperary Libraries from the 12th – 15th October. There is great excitement around the county because Jeremy's books have been very popular for years. *The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog* and other titles of his are constantly in the top issues lists.

Michael Smith, author of *Iceman*, makes a welcome return visit with his story of Antarctic explorer, Tom Crean. Michael's knowledge, passion and presentation of the story really engages children and has turned the *Iceman* books into one of the most popular children's books and class novels for schools. Michael will be Thurles, Templemore, Roscrea and Nenagh libraries on the 5th and 6th October.

Storyteller, Sean O'Laoghaire, will be visiting Carrick on Suir, Cashel, Clonmel, Cahir, Thurles and Tipperary Town Libraries on the 19th – 21st October. He has been storytelling, performing and working as a puppeteer for more than ten years in schools, libraries, community projects and TV.

Skullduggery in the library as writers-in-libraries scheme launched

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Welcoming the scheme, Senator Mark Dearey, Chairman of the Library Council, said that the Council was pleased to co-operate with the Arts Council and Poetry Ireland in the Scheme:

As the number of people visiting public libraries continues to grow, initiatives like this will help library staff deliver a high quality service to all library users. We look forward to seeing some great new ideas from library staff all around the country.



(l-r) Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Librarian; Geraldine Bollard, Librarian at Rush Library; Derek Landy, Jane O'Hanlon, Poetry Ireland; Norma McDermott, The Library Council with children from Rush National School.

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Full information on the Scheme, closing dates and application forms will be available from Poetry Ireland from Thursday, 30 September.

2010 has been designated the European Year of Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. For more information please visit: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=637>

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