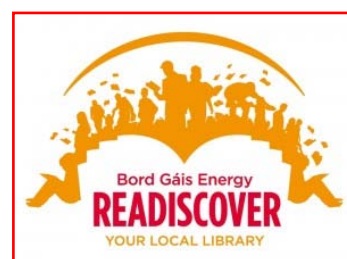


Join in! Rediscover Your Local Library with Ireland's Bestselling Authors

Bord Gáis Energy *REDISCOVER Your Local Library Month* runs from March 1st – 31st 2011.

Many of Ireland's favourite authors have given generously of their time to invite people to **REDISCOVER** just how great their local library is. Paul Howard, John Boyne, Sinead Moriarty, Roddy Doyle and Benji Bennett join Donal Óg Cusack, Karl Henry and Brent Pope during the **Bord Gáis Energy REDISCOVER Your Local Library** campaign which this year takes place for the month of March.



Run in association with the public library service, the Bord Gáis Energy **REDISCOVER** your local library initiative encourages people to think about all their library has to offer and the services they provide to all members of the community, whatever their age!

REDISCOVER Your Local Library Month was launched in Rush Library on Thursday February 24.



Irene Gowing (Bord Gáis Energy), Derek Landy, Laura Ryan (Bord Gáis Energy), Brendan Teeling (An Chomhairle Leabharlanna)



Derek Landy with local children

The fun starts in Ballincollig Library, Cork on March 1st with Donal Óg Cusack and will culminate on a high as Miriam O'Callaghan meets bestselling author Roddy Doyle in the South Dublin County Library, Tallaght on 24th March.

Libraries around the country are celebrating the campaign with a wide range of activities including cookery demonstrations, author readings, book signings, writing workshops, opera workshops and much more. To find out what's happening in your library, log onto www.readiscover.ie.

Irene Gowing, sponsorship manager for Bord Gáis Energy said, "We are thrilled to work alongside the public library service on this great initiative. The libraries provide fantastic facilities to the local community and this campaign really is a celebration of the work that librarians all over Ireland do on a daily basis."

"Our thanks go to the authors who have given so generously of their time to attend library events throughout March, in part because of the affection they hold for the library service and the contribution they made to their careers," she concluded.

Speaking about the initiative, Senator Mark Dearey, Chairman of the Library Council said, *"We are delighted to work with Bord Gáis Energy again this year on this fantastic programme. Libraries all around the country are busier than ever, and the READISCOVER month will celebrate all the great things they do throughout the year."*

He continued, *"I want to congratulate all the library services for their participation in the READISCOVER Your Local Library month, and like them I hope the month will encourage even more people to visit their local library"*.

To rediscover all that your local public library has to offer and find out what's happening around the country, see www.readiscover.ie

Library Ireland Week, 2011

From March 7 – 13, 2011, smart library staff from all kinds of libraries all over the country will be working together to let everyone know what's in their libraries.

This year [Library Ireland Week](http://www.libraryirelandweek.ie) will be about how ***"Smart People Use Smart Libraries"***

By taking part, you have the chance not only to show how your library is "SMART" but you could also win a very smart Apple IPOD Touch.



Take part by:

- Clicking on Library Ireland Week Facebook page www.facebook.com/libraryirelandweek and click **LIKE** to enter our draw for an **APPLE IPOD TOUCH**
- Going to the Library Ireland Week website www.libraryirelandweek.ie and enter details of all the events going on in your library during Library Ireland Week or by contacting jcantwell@waterfordcity.ie
- Displaying posters and bookmarks in your library – available from www.libraryirelandweek.ie or by contacting gbyrne@sdublincoco.ie
- Letting everyone know about Library Ireland Week!
- Following us on facebook and twitter and watch out for information on the Library Ireland Week Super Video during Library Ireland Week 2011

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Clare County Library is presented with CIGO Award for Excellence in Genealogy

On Thursday, 10th February 2011, Clare County Library was officially presented with the CIGO (Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations) 2010 Award for Excellence in Genealogy in the De Valera Public Library, Ennis. The award, which was announced in November 2010, recognises the facilities provided in the Local Studies Centre at Ennis (which includes a magnificent collection of Clare newspapers and the recently acquired microfilmed parish registers) and particularly the online genealogy section of the Library's website. Presenting the award Steven Smyrl of CIGO said, *"where would we be without such people willing to undertake work on a voluntary basis and then to disseminate it through the wonder of the Internet? Where would we be without such far thinking staff as those who run the Clare County Library? Well, I can tell you where...in a place devoid of philanthropy, selflessness, generosity of spirit and an overriding wish to assist others. It is perfectly obvious that the website of Clare County Library provides a forum for the demonstration of these important values and long may it last!"*

Deputy Mayor of Ennis, Councillor Brian Meaney, who introduced the presentation, commented that



left to right: Deputy Mayor of Ennis, Cllr. Brian Meaney, Helen Walsh, Clare County Librarian, Steven Smyrl, Executive Liaison Officer with CIGO and Peter Beirne, Executive Librarian (Local Studies Centre, Ennis)

the facilities at the library often go largely unrecognized but there can be no doubt as to what an invaluable resource it is.

Clare County Librarian, Helen Walsh, said it was an honour to receive the award and credit was due to all the staff involved.

Also in attendance on the night were members of The Clare Roots Society, whose contribution of material to the website was gratefully recognized by the library and by CIGO. Previous recipients of this award include The National Archives, *The Irish Times* and Dublin Public Libraries and Archive.

The Book on the Wall Project

The *Book on the Wall* project is an exciting co-operative event with Douglas Library and the Douglas Village Shopping Centre.

The first book chosen for the corridor wall is by an award winning children's author, Marie Louise Fitzpatrick who lives in Dublin. The book is entitled *You, Me and the Big Blue Sea* published by Gullane Children's Books, London.

The book is a thrilling and humorous "I spy" sailing adventure with sailors falling overboard, whales roaming in the ocean and stowaways hiding in lifeboats. Observant children will love to join the book's young hero and witness what happens on this extraordinary voyage.



Marie Louise signs her Book on the Wall



Marie Louise, Cherie O'Sullivan, Douglas Library and Bartosz Mieszala, Shopping Centre Manager

The project also features on the [blog](#) of Marie Louise's husband, author and illustrator, Michael Emberley.

Dublin City Public Libraries launches new online image galleries.

Dublin City Public Libraries (DCPL) has launched a new online resource for digitised images. This includes images from the Dublin City Council Photographic Collection; the collection consists of over 300,000 images taken by Dublin Corporation/City Council photographers from the 1950s to the present day. The rarely seen images document all aspects of Dublin civic life in the second half of the twentieth century including buildings, sports, culture, and community events.

A selection of images have been presented to the public in the form of themed galleries. To date, four galleries have been published online: *The 1974 Dublin Bombings*, *Dublin's Sporting Heritage*, *Vanishing Dublin*, and *Dublin Pubs*. The images have formed the basis of an exhibition entitled *Working for the City – Images of Dublin City Council* that is also available for viewing online.



Gulliver's Travels – 1894

In addition to the photographic collection, the new website hosts the *Treasures from the Collections Image Galleries*. These images highlight material from the special collections of Dublin City Public Libraries.

The Special Collections contain a wealth of rare and beautiful material spanning centuries of Dublin history. They encompass a wide range of material; from the first Dublin newspapers to hand-tinted maps, from 18th century manuscripts to early editions of the works of Jonathan Swift, from propaganda leaflets of the Civil War period to exquisite examples of the craft of Dublin bookbinders.

Current on-line image galleries include *Little Treasures*, containing some examples from the Children's Literature Collection, *Capital Letters*, in which the rich literary heritage of Dublin is explored, and *Rich and Rare*, which highlights some of the rare, beautiful and in some cases unique items held in the Collections. The project is an ongoing one and future Image Galleries will be added throughout 2011.

To access the website, see www.dublincitypubliclibraries.com/image-galleries. For further information, you can also contact the Digital Projects Team at digital.library@dublincity.ie.



Know Your Rights public information project



The [ICCL](#) *Know Your Rights* public information project is designed to inform people in clear and accessible language about their rights under various key areas of the law in Ireland. The *Know Your Rights* booklets have been awarded the *Plain English* mark by the [National Adult Literacy Agency](#) (NALA) for their use of clear and accessible language. The packs will be updated on a regular basis as the law changes, providing up-to-date and accurate information. Each pack also contains a glossary of key words as well as signposts to other bodies and sources of additional information.

Topics covered in the opening three *Know Your Rights* booklets are [Criminal Justice and Garda Powers](#), [Privacy](#) and the [European Convention on Human Rights \(ECHR\)](#).

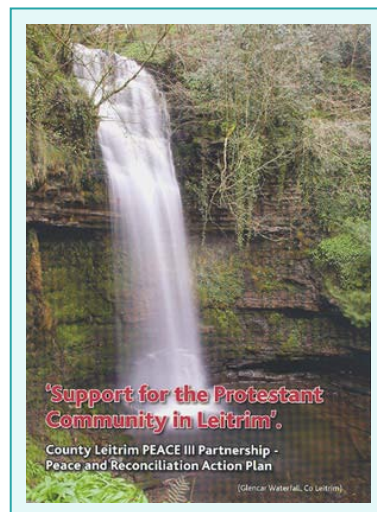
Public libraries will all receive these packs, in addition they can be downloaded from www.knowyourrights.ie

A Sense of Place Exhibition

An exhibition titled *A Sense of Place* has been exhibited in Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Branch Libraries, County Leitrim over a number of weeks. The Exhibition, was the result of a creative storytelling project which presents a glimpse of personal, family and community history of minority faith, capturing colourful characters, important events and both the individual and collective 'sense of place' in the County.

The storytelling project focused on the minority faith and was produced by the 'Support for the Protestant Community Programme'. The project was part financed by the European Regional Development Fund through the EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation managed by the Special EU Programmes Body and a part of the County Leitrim Peace III Partnership Phase 1 Action Plan (Priority 1.1).

Prior to the exhibition being displayed in both Ballinamore and Manorhamilton Libraries, it was launched at a Cultural Evening in the Ramada Hotel Drumshanbo. The Cultural Evening included a number of musical performances by local groups as well as the band 'Session Beat', which performed traditional Scottish and Irish music.



Creative Writing Workshop for Teenagers at Birr Library

In September 2010 a partnership initiative between Offaly Library and the Offaly County Council, Arts Office and funded by the Art's Council of Ireland was launched in Birr Library to promote teenage creative writing. Promoting reader development and creative writing is a stated objective in Offaly Library Development Plan 2010-2014.

The creative writing workshops were facilitated by Caroline Barry, local author of two novels for teenagers, *The Rocket Girl* and *Isadora Elzbeth*.

15 teenagers participated in the workshops and some students travelled from as far a field as Ballinasloe in Co. Galway. A large local audience also attended, with each secondary school in the area represented. Instead of creating a book of the teenagers' work, it was decided to host an open mic session, for students to read their work in public. This was filmed and uploaded to [youtube](#) and made available through the [library website](#). Funding for this new technology came from the Public Libraries Access and Services Support Grant through the Library Council.



The enthusiasm of the students and the quality of work they produced was fantastic. The energy of the group, the ideas they came up with and their willingness to experiment and explore style meant that by the end of the three months I had forty thousand words to edit! That is remarkable. In all my time teaching I have never had that quantity of work to edit in so short a period. It was very encouraging for me as a teacher to meet with such dedication

I am particularly pleased that the work is published on line, for many reasons, not least that this is a wonderful showcase of all the young writers styles, but in the past the projects would have been geared towards producing a book and that brings with it its own complications. The writers particularly enjoyed the fact that their work was up on an official website, and while they said they were nervous about the Open Mike, they did very well on the day. It was a wonderful project to run. – Caroline Barry

Biodiversity projects in Roscommon

In celebration of 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, the Heritage Office of Roscommon County Council, in collaboration with John J. Earley MSc, has produced a further two posters celebrating nature and wildlife in Co. Roscommon – 'Bogs of County Roscommon and Turloughs of County Roscommon'. Funded by the Heritage Council, the posters are an action of the draft County Roscommon Biodiversity Action Plan.

To mark the launch of these posters the Roscommon County Council Heritage Office, in conjunction with the Heritage Council, has hosted a countywide schools Biodiversity Awareness Project. This project is also an action of the County Roscommon Heritage Plan. The initiative aims to explore and celebrate local nature and wildlife under the theme of Biodiversity is Life – Biodiversity is Our Life. Over 30 primary schools countywide have enjoyed a visit from 'Heritage in Schools Scheme' expert, Michael Bell or Martina Butler, who have spent a half day in each school with pupils learning about biodiversity adjacent to their school.



Cllr. Jimmy Kenny, Senator Terry Leyden, Cllr. Tony Ward, John Earley (Photographer/writer for the new posters launched by the Heritage Council), Mary Dillon (Temporary Heritage Officer), Richie Farrell (Co. Roscommon Librarian), Mayor Luke Flanagan, Cllr. Orla Leyden at the launch of the Biodiversity Posters by Roscommon Heritage board at Roscommon Library.
Pic: www.hursonphotography.com

'I would like to thank John Early who has been so generous with his botanical knowledge of the county and his wonderful photographs, without him the posters would not have been produced', said Nollaig Feeney, Heritage Officer, 'I am delighted with the schools enthusiasm for the Heritage in Schools Scheme and the posters'.

Sure to brighten up any wall, the two posters were officially launched in the County Library, Abbey Street on Wednesday 9th Feb 2011 by the Mayor of Roscommon County Council, Cllr. Luke Flanagan. Copies are available from the Customer Service Desk, Roscommon County Council, Courthouse, Roscommon, phone 090 6632500 or email customerservice@roscommoncoco.ie and from libraries around the county. They can also be down loaded from the Heritage section of www.roscommoncoco.ie.

Appovation @ South Dublin Libraries

During Innovation Dublin 2010 staff at South Dublin Libraries developed a programme aimed at second level students called App-ovation. The programme was designed to maximise usage of the digital training suite in the County Library Tallaght and to target students aged sixteen to eighteen years who have an interest in mobile phone technology and App design.

Vodafone and the ITT Dublin partnered with South Dublin Libraries to create a competition which promises to unleash the innovative potential of second level students in the South Dublin area.

The programme which was launched in November with a call for expressions of interest from local schools commenced in the County Library on January 26 2011. Phase one of the project comprises workshops which take students through the components of developing a successful mobile phone app - from the basic idea through to identifying audiences, designing the app and creating a business plan. All sessions will take place in the County Library and the Digital Lab in the institute. Workshops will be supplemented with talks from leading figures from Vodafone, IT Tallaght and South Dublin's Enterprise support team. Ireland is at the centre of a cluster of expertise in this rapidly changing area and Vodafone Ireland and IT Tallaght are recognised leaders in the development and application of mobile technology.

The project is bringing young people into the library who are not traditional users and it also sees them engaging within a third level environment with which many are not familiar. The inter agency approach is working well and the students are being supported by fourth year computing students from the ITT. The project will end in May with the successful App going to market through Vodafone's online store.



South Dublin Libraries are winners at LAMA awards, 2011

South Dublin County Council was the winner of the *Best Use of External Communication Project* for Connecting the Past: Mapping South Dublin County in Time at this year's [LAMA awards](#).

This mapping project makes the paper-based map collection of the Local Studies Section of the County Library in Tallaght available 24/7, interactively in layers to the citizens of South Dublin County, to customers of South Dublin County Council and of South Dublin Libraries, to the public in general and to staff of South Dublin County Council via the internet using GIS technology at http://gis.sdublincoco.ie/historical_mapping/. This provides access to series of maps dating from 1760



South Dublin Libraries celebrates the Year of Craft 2011

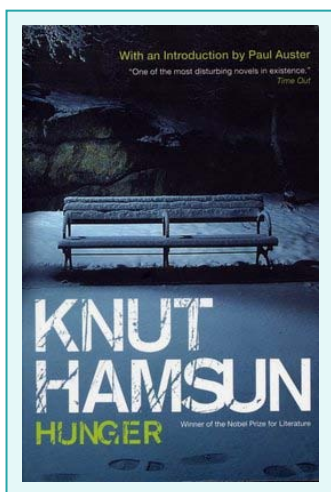
The County Library Tallaght celebrates the Year of Craft 2011 with a wonderful programme of events. Classes and events cover every aspect of Craft with a different theme each month. The programme got off to a great start on Friday 18th February with Learn to Crochet – a beginners class with all materials provided, which proved very popular. Knitting is the next activity, while March introduces sewing for adults and Fun with FIMO clay for children.

Every craft activity is catered for throughout the year – jewellery making, felt making, card making, paper crafting, handbag making, dress making and cooking. An interesting workshop takes place in May with Alexa, owner of A.Rubanesque, Powerscourt Townhouse, as she demonstrates handy little secrets to customise your clothes and reinvent your wardrobe.

Highlights of the programme include September's weaving on a "Giant Loom" with artist Lian Callaghan, an activity which reintroduces the craft of weaving in a relaxed, fun environment for individuals, families, school and community groups; and a magnificent exhibition marking the centenary celebration of the Irish Country Women's Association 1910 – 2010 which goes on display in October.

For more information about this programme, please contact Emma Perry at the County Library, Tallaght 01-4620073, or email eperry@talib@sdublincoco.ie.

Thurles Library Bookclub on Moncrieff Show



Members of Thurles book club featured on Sean Moncrieff's show on Newstalk 106-108fm. Lorraine Treacy and Olive Harris were on the afternoon radio show on Tuesday February 22 discussing *Hunger* by Norwegian author Knut Hamsun. *Hunger* was published in 1890 and was hailed as an outstanding example of modern, psychology-driven literature. The title features at number 27 in the show's [Top 100 Books to Read Before You Die](#). The list was compiled by The Moncrieff show after listeners emailed, texted and posted in suggestions for books to be included.



The show will choose a book from the list every month to review with members of book clubs around the country...it will take 8 years and 4 months to complete the task!

To view the full list, visit the Newstalk [website](#).

IAML Conference at Trinity College Dublin, 24th-29th July 2011

Booking has now opened for the 60th annual conference of the International Association of Music Libraries (IAML), which will be held at Trinity College Dublin from Sunday 24th to Friday 29th July 2011. This will be the first visit of the conference to Ireland, and so it presents a unique opportunity for all who work with music in Irish libraries to meet colleagues from throughout Europe, North America and other parts of the world, and to learn more about current issues and trends in music librarianship.

Full details of the conference are available at www.iamldublin2011.info. The preliminary programme (available for download) outlines a wide variety of presentations scheduled throughout the week, and there is plenty to interest delegates from all library sectors. While many of the sessions have a distinct Irish flavour, those who attend will also have ample opportunity to gain international perspectives on many library issues. In addition to the



conference sessions there will be an exciting social and cultural programme, including receptions, concerts and excursions.

The conference is open to all: non-members of IAML will be very welcome. A range of attendance options is available. Delegates may register for the full conference, for a half week (Sunday to Tuesday or Wednesday to Friday), or for a single day or selected days. Bookings can be made through the secure online system linked from the Registration page of the conference website. Alternatively, a printed booking form can be obtained from the Bookings Secretary: Catherine Ferris, DIT Music & Drama Library, Rathmines, Dublin 6; phone (01) 402 3461; email catherine.ferris@dit.ie.

The conference comes at a time when there is considerable focus on music services in Irish libraries, partly due to co-operative initiatives such as the Music PAL (Pathways to Learning) access scheme launched in 2010. We therefore hope that the Irish library community will be well represented during what promises to be an inspiring week!

For further information please contact Roy Stanley, Trinity College Library, College Street, Dublin 2; phone (01) 896 1156; email rstanley@tcd.ie

NUI Maynooth Library hosts Publications Festival

The Library at the National University of Ireland Maynooth hosted its 4th annual Publications Festival from the 25th to 28th January. A highlight of the academic year, the 2011 festival celebrated the publications of the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy and St. Patrick's College Maynooth. The opening event included the local launch of two databases which NUI Maynooth was very involved in developing: *The Irish in Europe* <http://www.irishineurope.com> which promotes research on Irish migration to Continental Europe in the 17th and 18th and RIAN www.rian.ie a database which makes publicly-funded research in Irish universities available world wide free of charge. The festival was open to the public and the highly successful programme of events included lectures, tours of the Russell Library and a tour of the OPW-NUI Maynooth Archive and Research Centre at Castletown House. Photos from the event are available at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/22668824@N07/sets/>



New Library Building

The buildings work on the new library at NUI Maynooth is currently underway and on completion will provide a world class library that can embrace new technologies to facilitate all users.

NUI Maynooth Library hosts seminar on publishing

The Librarian as Academic Writer: A Seminar on Getting Published was hosted by NUI Maynooth Library on the 24th February. The seminar, part of the ANLTC suite of courses, was open to staff from all libraries, and 24 library staff from higher education, health science and public libraries attended. Details of the programme are available from the ANLTC website www.anltc.ie

The seminar also included a poster exhibition with Emerald Publishing Group sponsoring an award for best poster. Alan Carbery and Nora Hegarty of Waterford Institute of Technology Library, submitted the winning poster *Learning by Doing: Redesigning the First Year Information Literacy Programme*.



Delegates at ANLTC writing seminar



Emerald/ANLTC poster competition entrants



Sylvia Huntley-Moore, Director of Staff Education and Development in the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin and Elizabeth Scott, Publisher with Emerald Group Publishing present Alan Carbery with award for best poster.



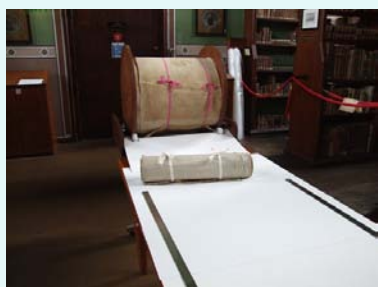
Alan Carbery with the award-winning poster

Maynooth Library features on TG4

An exciting historical project involving the Russell Library and the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates (CSHIHE) at NUI Maynooth, Castle Howard in Yorkshire and [Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) was recently featured on Irish language TV channel TG4. The Morpeth Testimonial Roll project is analysing a gigantic scroll, measuring 412 metres in length and containing around 250,000 signatures gathered from across the whole of Ireland. Created in 1841 at the instigation of the Duke of Leinster, Daniel O'Connell and others, this remarkable document marks the occasion of Lord Morpeth departing from political office in Ireland. It has been variously described as a kind of pre-famine census or even the 19th century equivalent of a social network such as Facebook.

To learn more about this project see <http://nuimlibraryrussell.blogspot.com/>

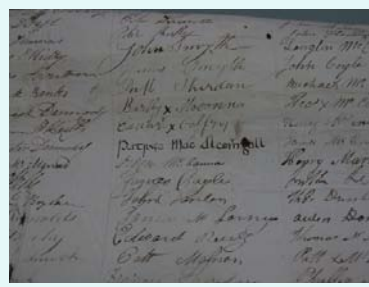
A YouTube clip from the TG4 programme is available on the NUI Maynooth library website at <http://library.nuim.ie/>



Sylvia Roll with the cloth backed address



Roll unwound



One of the three Irish signatures found in front

Offers

After 3 years of our 'Tipperary Reads' festival, Tipperary Libraries have multiple copies of Frank Delaney's *Tipperary*, John Banville's books *The sea* and *Christine falls* and also Joseph O'Connor's *Star of the sea* in our stock.

If your library is interested in using any of the above titles for their book clubs, we would happily sell them on to you at a large discount. Please contact Mairead Lyons on 0504 21555 or mlyons@tipperaryllibraries.ie for further details.

People



Dr. Bríd McGrath has been awarded a 4 week [research fellowship](#) in the [College des Irlandais](#) in Paris to compare Irish and French representative institutions in the early 17th Century.

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