

Clare County Library celebrated National Carers Week

The 5th annual National Carers Week took place from 13-19 June 2011. Clare County Library partnered with Caring for Carers, the Clare Volunteer Centre, Clare Sports Partnership and the Health Service Executive Health Promotion Services in Clare to host events in library branches especially organised for family carers in Clare. Family carers are typically immediate relatives who provide very high levels of care at home, for children and adults with severe disabilities, frail older people and people who are terminally ill. In total there are 161,000 family carers in Ireland, with over 40,000 classed as full-time carers (Census, 2006). 4,507 of these carers are based in County Clare.

The aim of this week of activities was to recognise and celebrate the invaluable work that family carers do and to provide them with the opportunity to take time for themselves and to concentrate on their own health and wellbeing. The theme of wellbeing ran throughout the week and carers were encouraged to get active and enjoy a programme of fun and recreation. Events at the library included an informative art workshop, which the carer could then in turn apply to those they care for, provided by Alan Shoosmith in Scariff Public Library, a Wellness & Relaxation Session for carers with Geri Quinn in Ennistymon Public Library and Tai Chi for Carers with Margaret O'Connor in De Valera Public Library, Ennis. Sean Lemass Public Library, Shannon also hosted a *Go for Life* session with Deirdre Daly which involved 60-90 minutes of relaxing, fun activities for carers.

Clare County Library was delighted to be involved in such a worthwhile week and to play an active role in recognising the work undertaken by family carers day after day.

Senior & Junior Sit & Knit Together a huge success in Clare Co. Library

During the recent Bealtaine Festival Clare County Library ran a number of sessions entitled *Senior & Junior Sit & Knit Together* in branches throughout the county. The sessions proved to be hugely successful attracting dozens of local children and volunteers in to the library branches. During these sessions senior citizens volunteered to visit their local branch and teach children from local primary schools the basics of needlecrafts such as knitting, crochet and sewing.



The intergenerational Sit & Knit sessions were enjoyed in Dr. Patrick J. Hillery Public Library, Miltown Malbay, Kilrush Public Library, Sean Lemass Public Library, Shannon and De Valera Public Library, Ennis. The volunteers gave excellent instruction and advice while the children showed an unprecedented

enthusiasm for learning. In Miltown Malbay a group of five students from the local Youthreach group also attended on the day to pick up some tips for the sewing and cushion cover making that they are required to do for their Junior Certificate. Their teacher said that they “would love to have some of the senior citizens in to do a demonstration again for them at a later date”. The Youthreach students also provided refreshments for the occasion in the form of freshly made muffins. At the end of the hour one of the senior ladies entertained all in attendance by performing an “old style” hornpipe. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the teachers and students from the local schools expressed their wish that it become a regular event.

The idea was first piloted in Séan Lemass Public Library, Shannon during the 2010 Bealtaine Festival. Its resounding success there was the reason for rolling it out to other branches in 2011. Many thanks and congratulations are due to all who participated, especially the volunteers from the local senior citizens groups. Watch this space for Bealtaine 2012!

Librarians Visit from Åland Islands

A group of 23 Åland Islanders – librarians and spouses – visited Ireland in June 2011, and on 11 June they spent an afternoon in Douglas Library in Cork. City Librarian Liam Ronayne gave the group a brief overview of public libraries in Ireland, and of the library service in Cork. The group were especially interested in services for children and teenagers, and what libraries can do to integrate people from other countries.



The Åland Islands are a special case, linguistically and culturally. The islands are located more or less half way between Sweden and Finland, are politically part of Finland but most of the islanders speak Swedish as their first language. The islands have a large degree of autonomy under the Finish constitution.

Libraries host ‘Cork a Healthy City’ initiative

The World Health Organization European Healthy Cities programme was established in 1986. Cork has applied for *Healthy City* status, with the bid led by Cork City Council, in partnership with HSE South, and University College Cork.

The involvement of local people in decision-making is key to being a *Health City*. When the organizers looked around for suitable venues to engage with the public, they felt that the city’s library network would be the best option. They scheduled eight public sessions between 11 and 24 June – two in the Central Library and one in each of the six local libraries.

The feedback from these public sessions in libraries will be a central plank in the bid for *Healthy City* status.

Gaeltacht Book Club attends the Bisto Children's Book of the Year Awards

This year again, Ballyvourney Library Teen Book club were thrilled to be chosen as one of the 10 junior juries to read, debate and critique the 10 short listed titles for the *Bisto Children's Choice Award*. The Library Teen Book Club is the only book club from a public library to be involved in the scheme this year. During the months of March and April the club met in the library every Friday after school with Kristin Gleeson who has been coordinator of the club since it began in 2005. Kristin steered the discussion on each book as the club members endlessly reviewed and debated storylines, plots, illustrations, characters etc. Although taking their final decision very seriously the group had great fun reading and analysing the 10 books that had been shortlisted and their final vote was sent to the [Children's Books Ireland](#) in early May. They were doubly delighted to learn that their first choice *Taking flight* by Sheena Wilkinson had actually won the Children's Choice award.



Four of the Teen Club accompanied by local librarian Eibhlín Ní Laoghaire and Kristin Gleeson attended the awards ceremony in Dublin.

I mbliana, do'n gcéad uair, iarradh ar gach club leabhar cur i láthair a dhéanamh ar leabhar amháin ar an ngearr-liosta dos na húdair agus do'n lucht éisteachta. Toisc gurbh an t-aon club leabhar ón nGaeltacht iad, iarradh orthu an cur i láthair a dhéanamh ar an leabhar Gaolainne a bhí ar an ngearr-liosta "Mac Rí Éireann" le Cairtríona Hastings & Andrew Whitson. D'úsáideadar an **t-agallamh beirte** (meán fileata ina bhfuil beirt ag sárú a chéile trí aibhéil, searbhas agus greann, atá cotianta i Músraighe, Co. Chorcaí) mar mheán chun an scéal a léiriú. Scríobh Seán Ó Muimhneacháin, cumadóir líofa agallamh beirte áitiúil, agallamh dóibh bunaithe ar a dtuiscint ar an scéal.

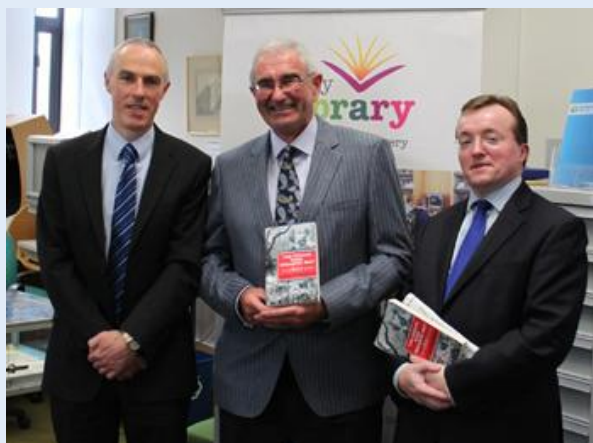
This year for the first time, each bookclub was asked to do a dramatic presentation based on one of the books from the short list. The Ballyvourney Library bookclub members used the **agallamh beirte**, a poetic two-handed conversation, native to Muskerry, which used a sometimes humorous, sometimes biting argument between the two teens to portray the story. The author Cairtríona Hastings was delighted with their unique agallamh beirte, she asked permission to have it on her web-site!

Librarian, Eibhlín Ní Laoghaire, said that the involvement of the club members in this scheme has given them an opportunity to review a wide range of books and apart from enjoying the whole process; they have had the chance to develop their critical thinking and language skills.

Fenians book launch in Kerry

The book *The Fenians were dreadful men* by Ballylongford historian Pádraig Ó Concubhair was launched before a large attendance in the convivial atmosphere of the Kerry Local History section at Kerry Library Headquarters in Tralee recently.

This is the first major book on the Fenians since the 1960's and it details the history of the Fenian Rising of 1867 with an emphasis on activity in Kerry.



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Keynote speaker was Dr. Declan Downey of Tarbert who officially launched the book. Much of the research was done at Kerry Library while the author used the National Archives of Ireland and the U.K., The British Library and Roinn Bhéaloideas Éireann.

Kilkenny Libraries

A Weekend to Write About!

Butler House in Kilkenny recently provided the lovely backdrop for a weekend of writing, poetry and vibrant workshops as part of Kilkenny's *Writers' Weekend*.

Guest poet and Aosdána member, Kerry Hardie read from her works, author and poet Pat Boran facilitated very lively and vibrant workshops and Nuala Ní Chonchúir also provided very useful tips on how to get your writing promoted and tips on writing fiction.



Author Pat Boran and Kilkenny County Council Writer in Residence, Grace Wells.

The *Writers Weekend* was developed and funded by Kilkenny County Library Service, Kilkenny Arts Office and Artlinks, as part of their ongoing commitment to supporting the talents of local writers through their Literary Programme for 2011.



Mental Health Information Day

On May 19 2011 over 20 mental health support groups were represented at a public open information day hosted by Kilkenny Library Service.

This was an open information day where members of the public could meet mental health professionals and support groups who might be able to assist them or family members and friends.



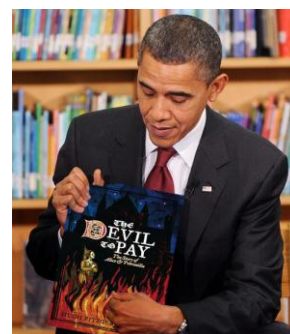
A wide variety of support groups participated on the day and these included Aware, Carer's Association, GROW, Health Promotion Unit and the Samaritans. Each organisation/group took the opportunity to say a few words and provide a brief overview of what their organisation provides.

Kilkenny Library Service also officially launched their bibliotherapy collection on the day which is entitled [No Side Effects! Read Yourself Well](#). There was very positive feedback from the groups/organisations regarding the usefulness of these collections and Kilkenny Library Service hope to extend this service across the branch network in the future.

Kilkenny book and Barack Obama

A special leather-bound version of the book *The Devil to Pay* by Hugh Fitzgerald Ryan was presented to President and Mrs Obama on their recent visit, in view of the President's connection to Kilkenny.

The book is a fictional account of the trial for witchcraft of Alice Kyteler and Petronilla. The author visited Loughboy and Castlecomer libraries last March as part of READiscover.



Leitrim Libraries launch Kurdish Book Collection

On Wednesday 1 June [Leitrim County Library](#) launched a Kurdish Book Collection in Carrick on Shannon Library. The Kurdish community have been living in Carrick on Shannon since 2006. Books in the Kurdish language are difficult to purchase. Through a contact with the local Kurdish community, books were purchased in Kurdistan and posted back to Leitrim. The books were launched on the 1 June and a little Kurdish festival was held on the day, comprising presentations, music and refreshments in the form of Kurdish pastries.





Councillor Sinead Guckian; Donal Fox, County Leitrim partnership; Kathleen Flanagan, Kurdish support group; Halala Ahmadi; Councillor Enda Stenson; Sister Maureen, Kurdish support group, Yousef Ahmadi, Zinat Razai, Fewziye Amiri, Kajal Allakarami



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Check Mate!



Meath County Council Library Service's Summer Programme features chess tournaments in Dunshaughlin and Ashbourne Libraries for 8 to 12 year olds.

Pictured are the participants in the Dunshaughlin Tournament who battled it out on Thursday 21st June during an enjoyable and sporting afternoon.

TeachMeet

The first Irish *TeachMeet* group got together in Limerick on 31 May with library staff from a number of Academic Libraries in Limerick, Tipperary and Kerry participating.

TeachMeet is an informal get-together to share ideas on how best to deliver information literacy programmes to students. The round table discussion saw all libraries facing the same challenges as increasingly library staff take on the role of teaching in a time of rapidly changing technologies and expectations. A great deal of work is being undertaken globally on information literacy but it is recognised that much of this does not filter down to staff who undertake the delivery.

Discussion was lively, and the presentations were both practical and informative. It has been agreed that there will be regular meetings where ideas and resources can be shared and expanded. The next meeting will take place at the Limerick School of Art & Design.

The blog <http://educatorlibrarian.blogspot.com> can be accessed to view items of interest and to continue discussions.

New Mobile Libraries

Kilkenny launches the mobile library on the road

[Kilkenny Library's](#) new mobile library was launched on May 25 live on local radio KCLR with the Sue Nunn show. The two hour show was broadcast from the mobile library on the road in South Kilkenny. The programme, based in Piltown, consisted of music, chat and stories as well as visits from Councillor Cora Long and Cathaoirleach Catherine Connery. There will be three more live programmes from the mobile library over the summer months highlighting the importance of this service to rural communities.



L-r: Sue Nunn and library staff Mary Gaffney, Tom Kirwan, Caitriona Kenneally, Josephine Coyne, Declan Macauley and Ellen O Shea.

The new mobile was built by McCarthy Commercials and Patrick Cahill and is 100% Irish made.

The outside of the vehicle is particularly eye-catching as [Cartoon Saloon](#) allowed the service to use a very distinctive image from their award winning film [The Secret of Kells](#).



The new vehicle has been greatly welcomed by the public and is viewed as an integral part of the public library service. Routes have been adapted to suit borrowers and new routes added

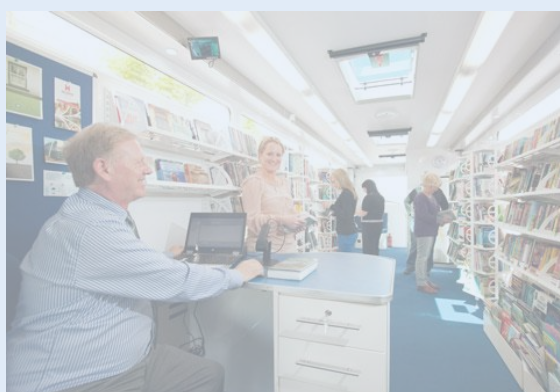
to reflect the changes in population levels across the county. Services include access to a broad range of stock to cater for all age groups in many formats and a public internet access point.

Thoroughly Modern Mobile for Limerick County!

Chairman Richard Butler proudly welcomed the arrival of Limerick County Library's new Mobile Library, which began service this week. The new vehicle which cost €185,000 is the most modern mobile library



Josephine Cotter-Coughlan, Director of Services; Councillor Richard Butler, Chairman Limerick County Council and Damien Brady, County Librarian



Peter Guerin, Limerick County Library, records a busy first day on the New Mobile Library



Niamh O'Rourke, Limerick County Library, checks out first book on New Mobile Library to Chairman, Richard Butler

in the country. It has a bold new exterior design, a purpose-built lift to facilitate disability access and it carries over 3,000 new books.

The mobile is linked in real time to the County Council's central computer system, giving the public at each mobile stop full access to the entire library collection of over 400,000 volumes.

Councillor Butler pointed out that the new Mobile Library forms a key pillar in Limerick County Council's strategy for modernising the County Library Service. It will operate on 8 separate routes throughout the County and serve more than 40 stops.

Josephine Cotter-Coughlan, Director of Services, added that the new Mobile Library demonstrates Limerick County Council's ongoing commitment to providing a range of quality services to the people of County Limerick.

Finally, Councillor Butler acknowledged the 100% Government grant, which facilitated the purchase of this superb new vehicle and congratulated the Library staff on the introduction of this greatly enhanced service.

NUI Maynooth Library receives important donation

The [Library](#) of NUI Maynooth has received an important donation of papers by the Irish dramatist, [Teresa Deevy](#). The collection includes a number of playscripts, some of which have never been published.

In 1935, Lennox Robinson, Director of the Abbey Theatre at the time, called the Waterford-born playwright "the most important dramatist writing for the Irish theatre." With plays like *The King of Spain's Daughter* and *Katie Roche*, all produced within a few years in the mid-1930s, Deevy seemed to be the successor to Sean O'Casey and the Irish playwrights of a preceding generation. Then, in the early 1940s, she fell out of favour with the Abbey, and her star began to be eclipsed.

Recently, however, Teresa Deevy's work has received fresh recognition. In the summer of 2010, New York's [Mint Theatre](#) had an unexpected hit with a Deevy play, *Wife to James Whelan*, winning glowing reviews in the [New York Times](#). The play, unproduced since 1956, was so successful that its original run

had to be extended. Other theatres began to take notice, and the play had its first London run earlier this year. Meanwhile, the Mint Theatre is set to produce her break-through play, *Temporal Powers*, in August, 2011.



Teresa Deevy's niece, Jacqui Deevy presenting the Deevy papers to Professor Chris Morash, Department of English, NUI Maynooth.

This collection will be a major addition to the Library's archive and will prove invaluable in facilitating research into one of Ireland's most original and challenging 20th century playwrights. Originally from Waterford, Teresa Deevy managed to succeed in a ruthless industry despite having to negotiate issues of gender and the onset of Ménière's disease which left her effectively deaf for a large portion of her life.

Among the manuscripts which are likely to be of particular interest to researchers into the development of 20th century Irish drama are selections of Deevy's scripts, many of which comprise the only extant copies. The archive also contains a range of letters, from

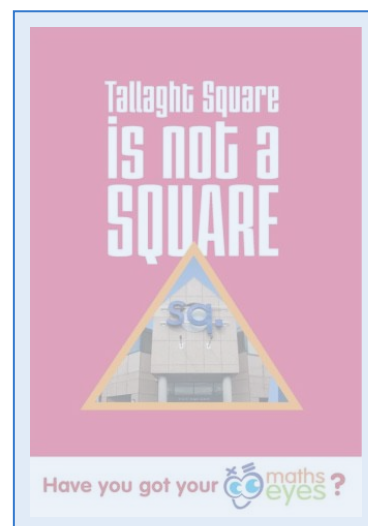
such notables as Jack B. Yeats and Frank O'Connor, copies of reviews, drafts of her fictional work along with a small assortment of theatre ephemera; the collection as a whole painting a vivid picture of Deevy in both her personal and professional lives. Archival work has already commenced and the collection will be available for viewing in the autumn. Commenting on the acquisition, Cathal McCauley remarked "The donation of this important collection to the Library of NUI enhances our growing collection of primary source material which is of enormous interest to researchers locally, nationally and internationally".

Looking at Tallaght through Maths Eyes

Looking at Tallaght through Maths Eyes was a community initiative led by [South Dublin Libraries](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) and Institute of Technology Tallaght, that aimed to show people, through a variety of fun activities, that without realising it they use maths all of the time and are probably much better at maths than they realise.

The initiative aimed to

- Develop the maths eyes of the Tallaght community: (Every member of the community has maths eyes – they just need to be opened).
- Help the Tallaght community to make the link between mathematics and the real world. (A key focus was to encourage the community to use Maths Eyes when they think about their water usage and water conservation)
- Build people's confidence in their use of maths in their life.
- Empower people and build their confidence in own maths knowledge and skills (empowered parents are more confident in supporting their children's learning, more confident citizens can make more informed evaluations of the information that bombards them everyday and have a better understanding of the impact of their actions and decisions in their life, work and leisure),
- Build a positive image of maths.



The programme of activities was tailored to involve all age groups including: pre-school children and their carers, primary school children and their teachers, teenagers, adult learners and their educators, families, everyone.

The full programme of events can be viewed at

http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie/sites/all/libraries/tinymce/jscripts/tiny_mce/plugins/filemanager/files/adult_event_brochures/Maths_Eyes_Brochure.pdf or see the specially designed website www.tallaghtmathseyes.com



Of particular interest was the Primary Schools Showcase which was held in the ITT on Wednesday June 22. **“My School has Maths Eyes”** was co-ordinated by the Children Services team in South Dublin Libraries. All of the primary schools in Tallaght were invited to take part in the initiative which sought to expose children and their parents to maths in the world around them. Many of the participating schools organised projects developing children's awareness of how we use maths in the real world. On June 22 they showcased their work in the IT, Tallaght with almost 600 children from 11 local schools in attendance at the event which was launched by John Murray.

Also of interest was the maths based iWalk through the Tallaght area. The iWalk, developed by staff from the ITT, is available as a podcast from www.southdublinlibraries.ie. A mobile App designed for a maths treasure trail around Tallaght was also developed.

Tipperary Libraries

Bulgarian Ambassador visits Thurles

[Europe Direct Thurles](#) proudly welcomed His Excellency Mr. Emil Yalnazov, Ambassador of Bulgaria to Ireland, to The Source Library and Arts Centre on Thursday May 12. Mr Yalnazov was in Thurles to launch the exhibition, *The Power of Civil Society: the fate of Jews in Bulgaria during the Holocaust*, which was in The Source Gallery during May.

At the launch Mr. Yalnazov spoke with eloquence about the exhibition, which was kindly donated by the Embassy of Bulgaria in Ireland to Holocaust Education Trust Ireland. This exhibition tells the story of how the people of Bulgaria saved their Jewish community from the Nazis during World War II - nearly 50,000 Jews were saved from Nazi persecution. Bulgaria was the only country under German influence or control whose Jewish population actually increased during the war years; a fact the Ambassador said of which Bulgarians are justifiably proud.

Following his presentation, Mr. Yalnazov presented prizes for a recent 'design a poster' competition held by Europe Direct Thurles. Europe Direct challenged second level students in Laois, Limerick, Offaly and Tipperary to design a poster to promote awareness of the European Commission initiative, 'Youth on the Move'. Launched in September 2010 the initiative aims to increase young people's chances of finding a job by enhancing student and trainee mobility and improving the quality of education and training in Europe.

- 1st Prize: Aimee Heenan, Borrisokane Community College, Co. Tipperary
- 2nd Prize: Emily Kilkenny Roddy, Heywood Community School, Ballinakill, Co. Laois
- 3rd Prize: Iona Nichol, St. Brendan's Community School, Birr, Co. Offaly

Copies of the winning poster will be sent to all secondary schools and third level colleges in the region.



Pictured at the launch(L-R): Thurles Town Mayor, Cllr John Kenehan; Ann Marie Brophy, Europe Direct; H.E. Mr Emil Yalnazov; Mrs Yalnazov; Lorraine Treacy, Europe Direct; North Tipperary Mayor Cllr John Kennedy; Cllr Seamus Hanafin (Photograph courtesy of Andrew Shakespeare)



Youth on the Move poster competition: (L-R): Martin Maher, County Librarian; Aimee Heenan; H.E. Mr Emil Yalnazov; Emily Kilkenny Roddy; Iona Nichol; Ann Marie Brophy, Europe Direct (Photograph courtesy of Andrew Shakespeare)

Europe Direct Information Centre in Thurles Library is your local link to Europe - contact us at 0504-29720 or eudirect@tipperaryllibraries.ie. This event has received funding from the European Commission.

Children's Summer Book Bus

Following the success of the Children's Summer Book Bus in 2010, it was back on the road again this year. The schools mobile van, not normally in use during the summer months, was once again transformed into the Children's Summer Book Bus. This service brings a wide variety of quality books to



Photo of Children's Summer Book Bus in Clogheen, 2010 (L-R): Emer O'Brien (Senior Executive Librarian), Liam Duggan (Schools Van and Children's Summer Book Bus Driver), Cllr. Marie Murphy (Chairman of Tipperary Joint Libraries Committee).

children in parts of Tipperary that do not have a branch library nearby. Children can borrow four books per visit and can join the Summer Reading Tree.

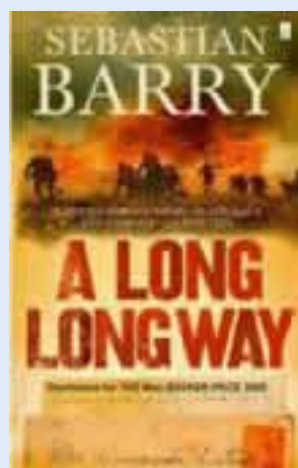
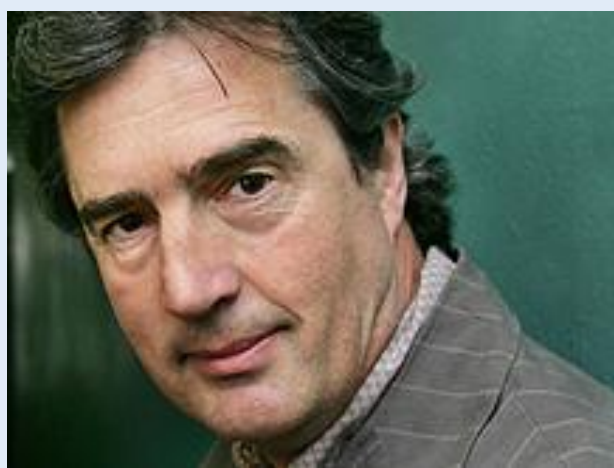
[The Summer Reading Tree](#) programme encourages children to read during the summer months, thus making their transition back to school in September easier. Previously access to the programme was restricted to branch library users.

Children's authors, Oisín McGann and Liam Farrell helped promote the Book Bus in the relevant areas from the June 22 - 27 by visiting many of the local schools.

Tipperary Reads Festival 2011

Sebastian Barry and his novel *A Long Long Way* is [Tipperary Reads 2011](#) focus author and novel.

Tipperary Reads will be launched on Tuesday July 12, 6.30pm at The Source, Library and Arts Centre in Thurles by Myles Dungan. Bookclubs, staff and customers will be encouraged to read and discuss the book from July until November. Tom Burke from the Royal



Dublin Fusiliers Association will give a lecturer on Saturday 10th September at 3pm, The Source, Thurles Library. Sebastian Barry has been shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and is a Costa Book Award winner. On November 18 & 19, Sebastian Barry himself will visit Thurles, Nenagh and Clonmel Libraries to read and discuss his book with members of the public.

This Festival is organised in partnership with The Arts Council of Ireland. In the past few years Joseph O'Connor, John Banville and Frank Delaney have been the focus of the festival.

Globetrotting Library Books...

Summer Reads at South Dublin Libraries

Going Places with Books...Summer Reading Challenge for Children

South Dublin Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge is simple – we've asked our young borrowers to read ten or more library books during their summer holidays. Each child taking part receives a colourful loyalty card which is stamped when they read a book. Completed cards are entered into a draw which takes place at the end of the summer.

The theme of the challenge is Going Places and in line with that we have also designed a postcard which children and teens can send from any interesting location they may visit over the summer – from sun-soaked beaches to the Phoenix Park! We're asking them to tell us what they are reading while on their summer break.

So far there has been a terrific response to the postcard and reading challenge as we attempt to keep kids reading during their summer break!



Seasonal Displays of Summer Reads for Adults

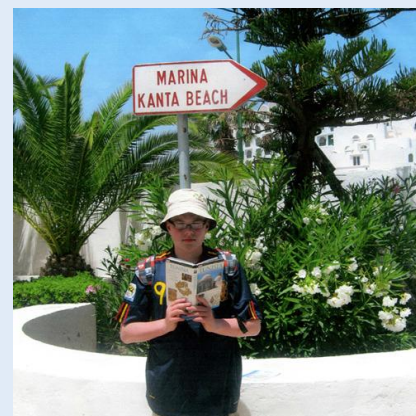
The County Library Tallaght has put together two bright displays of recommended reads for the summer – *Crime in a Warm Climate* and *Summer Reads*. Promotional bookmarks featuring selected authors have been produced. There's plenty here for everyone and co-incidentally the display features many of the titles mentioned in the Irish Times article of Saturday June 25 "Thirty titles to tide you over the summer".

Tipperary Books Go Far...

Following on from the success of last year's campaign, Clonmel Library once again invites borrowers to participate *Our Books Go Far*. Library users can submit holiday snaps from any location, be it the back garden or more exotic places. The idea is that the photo must include a book. The photographs will go on display in Clonmel Library and on Tipperary Libraries. Here are some of last year's books in foreign places:



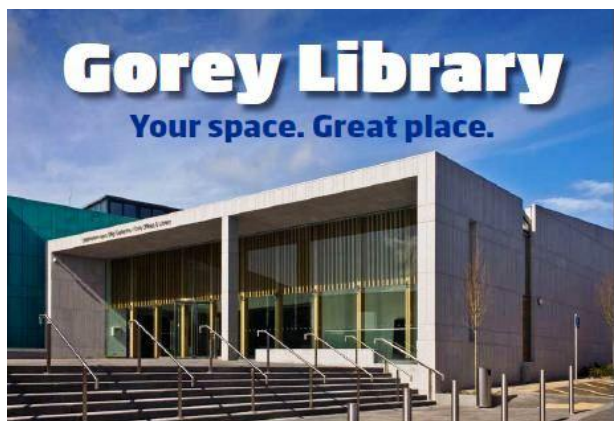
Aine Heffernan in Iceland



Aidan Gallagher in Tunisia

Wexford County Library

Gorey library was launched formally by Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, Phil Hogan TD, at a ceremony in the town on Thursday June 9.



The library is c750m2, 530m2 of which is core: the remainder providing an exhibition area and two meeting rooms that are shared with the adjacent Area Office. Services include free use of 18 pc's, wi-fi and broadband access to the internet. The library has a startup collection of 40,000 items. 2,000 people joined in the first 6 weeks and 20,000+ items were borrowed.

Opening hours are six days per week, Monday to Saturday, including Tuesday and Thursday nights to 9.00 pm. The library is situated in the new Gorey Civic Centre sharing a campus with the VEC, HSE and Courts Service. The adjacent shopping centre provides free parking. Tel: 053 94 21841 & www.wexford.ie/library See Gorey library on Facebook.

More information from Executive Librarian Hazel Percival:
tel: 053 94 21481 or email: Hazel.percival@wexfordcoco.ie

COLICO Sponsors Delegate to International Music Conference

[COLICO](#), the cross-border and cross-sectoral committee on library co-operation in Ireland, provided sponsorship for attending the IAML International Conference and is delighted to announce that the delegate chosen to attend the event is music, and Music PAL, enthusiast [Michael Lee](#).

The [International Association of Music Libraries Archives and Documentation Centres](#) is the international body that encourages and promotes the activities of these institutions to support and facilitate the realization of projects in music bibliography, music documentation and music library and information science at national and international levels. This year, for the first time, they have chosen Dublin as the venue for their [International Conference](#), July 24 – 29 2011.

COLICO greatly values the development opportunity, presented by this conference taking place in Dublin, for the organisations that participate in the Music PAL scheme. The [Music PAL](#) scheme is co-ordinated by COLICO with the purpose of facilitating access to music information and materials available across a broad range of libraries and archives throughout the island of Ireland.



Michael Lee

Organisations participating in Music PAL range from public to academic libraries, special libraries to conservatoires all around the island of Ireland; a total of 33 [institutions](#) in all. Many of these hold broad collections of various sizes, while others (such as the [Irish Traditional Music Archive](#) and the [Contemporary Music Centre](#)) focus on specific musical genres. An overview of some of the collections and services available can be found on their [website](#). Musicians, researchers, composers, or anyone with a specific interest in music can contact any of the participating organisations to get a Music PAL Access card, which will allow them to access music resources and services across the scheme.

COLICO's sponsored delegate, Michael Lee is currently studying for a PhD at the School of Music and Sonic Arts, Queen's University Belfast, funded by a University Studentship, where he is researching a topic in opera studies entitled 'The character of Armida and the processes of operatic adaptation.' He comes from New Zealand, where he completed his Master's degree in English at the University of Canterbury. Since moving to Ireland, he has performed as a singer with the choruses of Opera Ireland and Opera Theatre Company, and has also performed with other ensembles including the choir of Christ Church Cathedral Dublin and New Dublin Voices. As a freelance broadcaster and speaker he has presented feature programmes, opera broadcasts and concerts for RTÉ Lyric FM, and also given courses on opera studies for the UCD Adult Education Centre.

Michael and attendees from around the world look forward to the IAML International Conference which will offer a wonderful opportunity to share and explore new ideas in the provision of access to music resources, and also to showcase music collections and services across the island of Ireland.

The Centre for Effective Services.

The Centre for Effective Service (CES), an independent, not for profit body, was established in 2008 and is part of a new generation of intermediary organisations across the world connecting scientific evidence of what works to policy and practice to improve the lives of children, young people and the families and communities in which they live.

Our aim is to provide technical and organisational expertise to promote and support the application of an evidence-informed approach to policy making and service provision across the island of Ireland. We are part of an emerging generation of organisations concerned internationally with implementation science (putting scientific and technical knowledge into 'real world' policy and practice).



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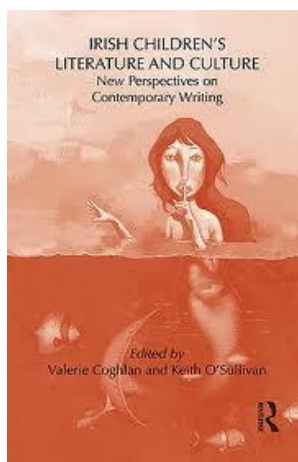
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Contributors: Valerie Coghlan, Keith O'Sullivan, Sandra Beckett, Susan Cahill, Jarlath Killeen, Patricia Kennon, Anne Markey, Ciara Ní Bhrionn, Eilís Ní Dhuibhne, Emer O'Sullivan, Amanda Piesse, Mary Shine Thompson, Pádraic Whyte.

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Dr Peter Hunt, Professor Emeritus in Children's Literature, Cardiff University / Visiting Professor Newcastle University.

Irish Children's Literature and Culture: new Perspectives on Contemporary Writing/ edited by Valerie Coghlan and Keith O'Sullivan. Routledge, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-415-87789-3. £80.00stg.

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