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## €5.8m new library programme announced

On 19 July, Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government announced €5.8 million new Capital Programme for libraries (list below).

The new Capital Programme will provide a range of facilities for the Local Library service including new and refurbished premises as well as mobile libraries and envisages up to €4.8 million being spent on the development of libraries in 2011. This is in addition to the €1 million being distributed for the purchase of new stock for libraries this year.

The Minister expressed his delight at being able to announce the new programme: ‘Investment in libraries is money well spent that will yield a huge dividend in the years to come in terms of personal and community development for people of all ages and backgrounds’. The Minister noted that visitors to libraries throughout the country are attending in ever increasing numbers. In the last couple of years we have seen much evidence of very significant increases in library usage, with upwards of 16 million visits in 2010.

Local Authority Project Grant Aid Allocation		
Carlow	Muine Bheag refurbishment	276,000.00
Cavan	Mobile	240,000.00
Clare	Delivery vehicle	40,000.00
Comhairle Leabharlanna	AboutIreland.ie	60,000.00
Cork City	Holyhill	1,500,000.00
Cork County	Cobh	200,000.00
Cork County	Mobile	190,000.00
Donegal	Gweedore (balance)	37,500.00
Dublin City	Ballyfermot (balance)	367,631.25
Dublin City	Kevin St. refurbishment	2,000,000.00
Fingal	Mobile	190,000.00
Kilkenny	Central library	1,800,000.00
Limerick County	Replacement delivery van	37,000.00
Longford	Ballymahon (balance)	73,600.00
Mayo	Swinford (balance)	273,282.62
Meath	Navan	100,000.00
Offaly	Tullamore	1,000,000.00
Roscommon	County library refurbishment	260,000.00
Sligo	Mobile	240,000.00
South Dublin	Ballyroan	3,224,000.00
South Dublin	School mobile	190,000.00
Waterford County	Mobile	240,000.00
Wexford	Central library	1,821,993.86

*“Libraries contain a wide variety of training facilities, specifically ICT and language training. These are particularly beneficial for people in the jobs market. The availability of internet access and wifi are also very useful tools for library users,”* added the Minister.

In conclusion, the Minister thanked all those who had contributed to the new Library Capital Programme. He particularly wished to thank the staff of every local library for their professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm which, he noted, greatly enhanced 'the quality of civic life in communities all across the country'.

## Carlow County Library News

### First Birthday for Borris Library

There was a huge turnout for a celebration to mark the first birthday of [Borris Library](#) on Wednesday 6th July. To mark the event local children were invited to participate in a painting competition entitled "Summer Holiday Fun" with various prizes available. Cathaoirleach Thomas Kinsella assisted Acting County Librarian Carmel Flahavan in the prize-giving ceremony for the painting and fancy dress competitions before cutting the birthday cake and continuing festivities into the evening.



[The winning competition entries](#) can be viewed on [www.carlowlibraries.ie](http://www.carlowlibraries.ie)

### Muinebheag Library Refurbishment Project



Work has begun on the [Muinebheag Library Refurbishment Project](#). The project represents a total investment of €400,000 for the library service in Muinebheag. The people of the town and area can look forward to the most up to date service supported by the latest technologies including RFID and a wide range of books and audio visual materials for all age groups.

While the works are in progress, library services are operating from a temporary premise in High Street.

### The Big Read

*The Big Read*, a new library initiative for boys and girls aged 8 – 12 years will run in Carlow libraries during the months of July and August. In early September the initiative will close with a party for all participants. There will also be a certificate of participation for each child and additional spot prizes for children from the four library locations.



### The Pod @ Carlow Central Library

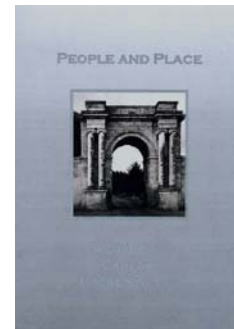
A new chill-out zone has been provided for teenagers in Carlow Central Library. An extension of this area is the technology space where e-books, mp4, tablet and rugged laptops will soon be available. Other developments include computer



games, audio books for mp3 and even more magazines. It is also planned to develop a loyalty card scheme called "Friends of The Pod" and this will be marketed to all second level schools in the area and to the Regional Youth Service. A series of teen interest courses to include film making, animation workshops, fashion and beauty, sport and fitness and author readings will soon become part of the fare also.

### People & Place

*People & Place - a Guide to Carlow Local Studies* was launched in March 2011. Staff in Local Studies had noticed that people frequently sought guidance in choosing local topics of study and in the planning of their essays, reports or theses. This guide is available free of charge online or in hard copy in any of Carlow public libraries. The guide encourages people to "think outside the box" and to plan different approaches to local topics. It enables the person to brainstorm effectively in the preparatory stages of research. The guide includes a number of topic based pages, study or interest based pages or research pages.



### Online Services

Carlow County Library continues to develop and improve ICT and online. The new website [www.carlowlibraries.ie](http://www.carlowlibraries.ie) was officially launched this year. Whilst providing information and news, it also acts as a portal to all online services. As well as the Online Catalogue and Encyclopaedia Britannica Online, recent additions include:

- [World Book Online](#)
- [Byki Language Learning Online](#)
- [Naxos Music Library Online](#)

**LibAnywhere App:** The Carlow County library catalogue is now available for your mobile phone! Search, discover, and interact with our libraries, anywhere you are, right away. Download the free App for iPhones, Androids and Smart Phones; find Carlow County Library and discover a new type of mobile library! With Library Anywhere you can search the catalogue, view your account details, renew, request and save items. Opening hours, events and the locations of all of Carlow public libraries are available at the touch of a button. To download the App, visit iTunes or the App Store on your phone.

## 'The Jacks Are Back – The Dubs In The 1970s'

The Digital Projects Section of Dublin City Public Libraries has just launched an online exhibition on the great Dublin team of the 1970s. *The Jacks are back – the Dubs in the 1970s* consists of previously unseen photos of civic receptions held for the Dublin team that contested six All-Ireland Finals in a row from 1974 to 1979.



Their success made Gaelic Football the most popular sport in the city and 'The Dubs' and 'Hill 16' have become as emblematic of the capital city as Molly Malone, James Joyce, and the Ha'Penny Bridge. The exhibition includes information on the players and matches from that era. The images can be downloaded/printed free of charge for personal use. The exhibition can be viewed at: <http://dublincitypubliclibraries.com/story/Dubs-1970s>

## Dublin Public Libraries' Business Information Centre

For June 2011 the Business Information Centre in the Central Library in Dublin's ILAC centre created a book display around the subject of well known Dublin businesses and business people, intended to support Dublin City's designation as a UNESCO City of Literature.



Bill Cullen presents a signed copy of his bestselling memoir *It's A Long Way From Penny Apples* to Phil Moynihan in the ILAC Library

To highlight the focus on the writers' personal experiences it was felt that it would be interesting to approach one of the authors and ask them what inspired them to write their book. Bill Cullen was an obvious choice as he is "a local boy made good" having grown up in nearby Summerhill.

Mr. Cullen gave two reasons for writing his memoir. Firstly he wanted to acknowledge the achievements of his mother, Mary Darcy, whom he describes as "a great parent and a great person". Secondly, having read Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes* he could not accept Frank's dictum "the only thing worse than a miserable childhood is a miserable Irish childhood". Like Frank

McCourt he was born and raised in tenement slums, but rather than moan and complain he was brought up to take responsibility for his own future.

Mr. Cullen not only wrote a piece about his reasons for writing his best-selling memoir *It's a Long Way from Penny Apples*, but came in person to present it to the Central Library along with a signed copy of his book.

The visit was informal and Mr. Cullen chatted about his long association with the area. He talked about selling merchandise on nearby Digges Lane as a boy.

Dublin City Libraries in association with Dublin City Enterprise Board are pleased to announce a series of six business lectures aimed at those contemplating self employment.

The 2011 theme is [Innovation for Start-ups](#). The lectures will include novel ways to overcome some of the challenges of starting a business in these difficult times.

Again we are including a lecture element on Ethnic Entrepreneurship to cater for the City's diverse population.

Dublin City Public Libraries in association with the [Dublin City Enterprise Board](#).

Admission is free, booking is essential.

### Dublin UNESCO City of Literature

Poets and plants featured strongly at 'River Run', the [Dublin UNESCO City of Literature](#) show garden created by Dublin City Council's Parks and Landscapes Services, which won a Silver Medal and Best in Category at BLOOM 2011 - Ireland's biggest garden festival in June. Poets Gabriel Rosenstock, Enda Wyley, Tony Curtis, Anne Leahy and Máighréad Medbh recited their work to appreciative audiences, and Joycean actors promoted Bloomsday from the garden. Storytelling for children continued the literary theme. The garden which uses recycled material and features quotes from *Finnegan's Wake* will be re-located shortly to the front of Phibsborough Library.

Dublin's UNESCO designation was honoured at the Worlds international writers' event in Norwich in June. Dublin writers John Boyne and Joseph O'Connor read from their books and Jane Alger joined them for a discussion about the designation. Organised by the Writers' Centre in Norwich, a meeting of representatives from the UNESCO Cities of Literature also took place to discuss matters of mutual interest as well as Norwich's bid to achieve designation as a UNESCO City of Literature.



There were smiles all round when, on 15<sup>th</sup> June, Dubliner Colum McCann won the International IMPAC DUBLIN Literary Award 2011 for his novel *Let the Great World Spin* - only the second Irishman to win in the 16 year history of the award. Libraries in 126 cities in 43 countries took part in the nomination process. In his speech Colum talked about how literature allows us 'to become the other we never dreamed we could be'.

The Sugar Club on 11th May was the setting for *Murder in the City* - Dublin's version of Literature Night when cities across Europe celebrate each other's writing. Crime writers from France, Scotland, the Czech Republic and Italy were introduced by Dublin crime writer Niamh O'Connor. Musicians from DIT School of Music added to the atmosphere with appropriate music. Organised by UNESCO City of Literature staff the event was in association with Alliance Francaise, British Council, Czech Embassy and the Italian Cultural Institute.



*The Jekyll and Hyde Inheritance* was the intriguing title of an event at Dublin Writers' Festival in May when Dublin's three sister cities of literature – [Iowa City](#), [Melbourne](#) and [Edinburgh](#) were celebrated. Speakers from Edinburgh debated Robert Louis Stevenson's concept of our dual nature; the craft of writing was discussed by John Boyne (Dublin) and Paul Harding from Iowa City and publishers from Melbourne UNESCO City of Literature discussed the importance of independent publishing houses with their Irish colleagues.

As Dublin is now a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, international contacts are important. Prague, Norwich, Krakow and Reykjavik are in the process of applying for designation as Cities of Literature. The advice and assistance of Dublin UNESCO City of Literature staff has been sought and given.

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### Irish Innovative User Group Conference

The Institute of Technology Tralee hosted this year's Irish Innovative User Group Conference on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July in the Solas Building, North Campus.

The theme for this year's conference was: *Optimizing library services through co-operation and innovation.*

The first keynote Speaker, Dr. Philip Cohen (Head of Library Services at Dublin Institute of Technology) looked at the possibilities of shared services and other developments in libraries within the current financial and political constraints. He stressed the need to be proactive and receptive to change.

The second keynote Speaker, John Naughton, is Professor of the Public Understanding of Technology at the Open University as well as the London Observer's Internet Correspondent. He drew on research for his forthcoming book *From Gutenberg to Zuckerberg: what you really need to know about the Internet*, to deliver a fascinating overview of how the Internet has developed over the last 20 years and its huge capacity to continue to change the media and information industries.

Terry Kendrick, who is MBA Programme Director in the University of East Anglia, focused on the importance of marketing in maximising use of library resources, particularly in a world



Left to right: Aidin O'Sullivan (IIUG Committee and Librarian, IT Blanchardstown) Dr. Philip Cohen (Vice President of LAI and Head of Library Services, Dublin Institute of Technology) Patrick Doherty (IIUG Committee and Librarian, IT Tralee) John Naughton (Professor of the Public Understanding of Technology, Open University and The Observer's Internet Correspondent) Terry Kendrick (MBA Programme Director, the University of East Anglia)

where Google and other Internet providers offer students access to a wide range of free online information sources.

Cathal Mc Cauley, (Librarian, NUI Maynooth) drew on his research interests for his address. These include the harnessing of new technologies and new service models to enhance the library experience for staff and readers. In particular he looked at how some libraries have developed areas such as blogs, Twitter and Facebook to promote their services.

Other topics covered ranged from detailed computer applications, to an overview of e-book software and readers, to the results of a partnership approach to promoting ebrary software in IT Tralee. Speakers included Terry O'Brien and David Kane, Waterford IT; Dr Tom Farrelly, Tony Murphy and Catherine Murray, IT Tralee; Charles Montague and Christoph Schmidt-Supprian, Trinity College Dublin; Graham Woodruff, Innovative Interfaces Inc.

### A Shelf of Book Clubs

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July saw a gathering of over 40 readers from around the county in Loughboy library for the first *Gathering of book clubs* to be hosted by Kilkenny Library Service. Lots of solo readers also came. The evening started with a welcoming glass of wine or juice and all settled down to a talk by author Mary Stanley. Mary spoke about her life and the crooked path it has taken. It



*Library staff and book club members with Mary Stanley.*

was only after a life changing crisis that Mary started writing and has continued for the past 10 years. Her honest, humorous and positive talk was appreciated by all present and this was followed by many questions and a general chat among the audience.

For a little extra fun, the audience made suggestions for an appropriate collective name for this gathering of book clubs and some of the suggestions were a “nattering”, a “chapter” and an “argument” of book clubs. Suggestions from the audience for an appropriate name for a book club included “Chapter and Verse” and “Novel Voices”. Three book tokens were awarded to lucky winners of these suggestions. Novels by Mary Stanley are available in all Kilkenny libraries.

If you have ever wondered about collective nouns, check out the illustrated children’s books *A Drove of Bullocks*, and *A Filth of Starlings* both compiled by Patrick George.

### An Taoiseach visits Killarney Library

An Taoiseach, Edna Kenny, T.D. visited Killarney Library on Saturday, 2 July to open an exhibition marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Fitzgerald Stadium. Over 100 people attended, including the Mayor of Killarney, Cllr. Seán Counihan, Munster Council G.A.A. Chairman, Seán Walsh and Kerry County G.A.A. Chairman, Jerome Conway.

An Taoiseach walked through the library and met some library users before going on to speak to the audience and officially open the exhibition. Presentations were made to him on behalf of the Fitzgerald Stadium Committee and Kerry Library. The library presentation was a framed newspaper page taken from the Kerry Library archives of a report on the first match played in the Stadium in 1936 and where An Taoiseach's father played a star role for Mayo. The exhibition was in place at Killarney Library during the full month of July

### Fiat Lux: Bibles in Marsh's Library

In commemoration of the printing of the King James Bible in 1611, an exhibition of Bibles was opened by the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd. Michael Jackson, on the 28th of June 2011. The exhibition shows the wealth and variety of Bibles in Marsh's Library. From the great Polyglots and Latin and Greek versions to the various English language translations, there are Bibles in Irish, and in many European and oriental languages. A large number of these Bibles belonged to Archbishop Marsh himself and bear his Greek motto 'Truth Everywhere' on the title-page.



Archbishop Michael Jackson with the Keeper  
Dr Muriel McCarthy at the opening.

### Hidden Heritage of Monaghan

Monaghan County Libraries & Monaghan County Museum secured funding under Peace III to run a project called *Hidden Heritage of Monaghan*. The project commenced in September 2009, with an open call to communities in the county to take part. The project was about uncovering a forgotten or hidden aspect of a community's heritage. The aims of the project were:

- To bring people together under a common theme 'heritage'
- To form new groups of people, who might not have known each other previously.
- To research and find out about their local area.
- For the group to exchange ideas and learning.
- For each group to take ownership of their learning/research.

Following a period of public consultation four groups/areas were identified and over the next 18 months the groups met on a regular basis to discuss and research local history and heritage about their area.



The groups carried out extensive research on topics such as WWI; archaeological survey of an area, landed estates, big houses, geology, noted persons from the county and the history of townlands. Almost 100 hours of oral histories were recorded of the older generation living in the county and approximately 1,000 photographs were collected and digitized. The participants took part in courses on genealogy, archaeology, digital photography, oral history recording, creative writing and research techniques. A series of visits by authors, storytelling



*Groups outside Monaghan County Museum on launch night 13th April*

sessions and lectures were held throughout the county in conjunction with the project. These ranged from topics relating to WWI, the Easter Rising, marching bands, life in Ireland in 1940's, living and growing up in a border county and the Famine in County Monaghan. The groups paid visits to the National

Museum and National Library in Dublin, the Ulster Museum and toured the wall murals in Belfast.

While the adults were busy researching over the summer months, the library and museum took the opportunity to run a series of summer-camps for children within the four areas. 100 children participated in a range of activities including archery, sword fighting, book-binding, African drumming and walks around blanket bogs, ring forts, round towers and a stately home. An exhibition of their work was then launched as part of Heritage Week.

The culmination of almost two year's hard work by all the project participants, library and museum staff was then produced as an audio visual exhibition. Launches were held during February/March 2011 in each of the four local areas. These four exhibitions were then brought together into one final exhibition which was launched on the 13<sup>th</sup> April in the County Museum, with over 230 people attending. This exhibition will run until the end of 2011. In conjunction with the exhibition a colourful and informative book was produced, which contains just a small representation of the true volume of research that was carried out.

This project is being used as an example of good practice, of bringing people together to learn, share and appreciate their shared history and heritage. Participants are more familiar with their local heritage, of the library and museum services on offer to them. The participants have gained new skills through the various workshops/courses which they can continue to use. For many of the groups, 'Hidden Heritage of Monaghan' is only the start of a historical journey into their respective projects and an on-going look at their community history and heritage.

Even though the funding has finished, the Museum and Library Staff will continue to support the groups as they continue to carry out research of their 'hidden' heritage of their area.

***For further information on this project, you can contact the Project team:***

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## Maynooth Library staff poster exhibition

Library staff at NUIM Maynooth exhibited a range of posters at the Irish National and University Library Staff (INULS) Conference in Trinity College in June 2011.



Elaine Bean and Barbara McCormack with their winning poster

First prize in the poster competition was awarded to Elaine Bean and Barbara McCormack for their poster *Using QR codes to enhance mobile learning at NUI Maynooth (NUIM)* which explored new and innovative ways to facilitate access to information using QR (Quick Response) codes. Third prize was awarded to Susan Durack and Eileen Quinn for their poster *Web 2.0 made easy* which looked at the implementation of web tools and technologies in a library environment. Other NUI Maynooth Library posters which were highly commended included *Resourceful through Recession: Keeping your library in the spotlight* by Fiona Tuohy and *Driving NUIM Research* by Suzanne Redmond Maloco.

## Offaly Libraries join in 3 Rivers Storytelling Festival 2011

Offaly County Library Service's first dip into the *3 Rivers Storytelling Festival* took place in June. This month long celebration of the traditional art of storytelling marked its fourth year in 2011. More than 300 children from nine local primary schools in six towns in the county visited selected libraries where they were entertained by five storytellers of national and international renown - Aideen McBride, Liz Warren, Danielle Allison, Liz Weir and Pat Speight.



Liz Warren in Tullamore library

Liz Weir in Clara library

Pat Speight in Ferbane library

The storytelling sessions proved to be a great hit with pupils (many of who were still talking about the event a week later), teachers and library staff and enabled the festival to succeed spectacularly in its goal of highlighting one of Ireland's greatest treasures – its stories – while strengthening bonds among the communities in the Midlands. We look forward with anticipation to next year's festival!

### TEDx Tallaght

On a sunny Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, a sizeable audience gathered in the dark of the seminar room at County Library Tallaght to watch the live digital feed from the TED Global 2011 conference in Edinburgh. TED is an organization dedicated to 'Ideas Worth Spreading' and holds conferences and events with presenters drawn from academia, the arts, entertainment and science.

Interesting talks heard by the Tallaght audience included historian Niall Ferguson on history and civilization, journalist Misha Glenny on cybercrime, and Josette Sheeran, head of the UN's Food Programme, talking about famine in Africa. Entertainment came from sand artist Joe Castillo and singer Eddi Reader.



South Dublin Libraries will be running their second TEDxTallaght event on 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the Victory Centre, Firhouse. More information from: <http://www.tedxallaght.com/>

### Launch of *Allegiances Compromised*

*Allegiances Compromised: Faith, Honour and Allegiance, Ex-British Soldiers in the Irish Army 1913-1924*, a new book by Michael Whelan, published by South Dublin Libraries, was launched at the County Library by Mayor Marie Corr on 21st June.

A big crowd turned out for the launch, among them many of Michael's colleagues from the Defence Forces, including Brigadier General Paul Fry, General Officer in Command of the Irish Air Corps, and Flight Sergeant James Perkins. Local politicians Brian Hayes TD, and Councillor John Hannon were also in attendance.

During the years of the First World War, two hundred thousand Irishmen from all religions and backgrounds went to war in Europe and beyond. Tens of thousands of them did not return home. Those who did were not only mentally and physically scarred, but they came home to an Ireland which was changed utterly.



L-R: Author Michael Whelan, Brian Hayes TD, Mayor Marie Corr, and Brigadier General Paul Fry.

*Allegiances Compromised* explores the stories of these Irish men who fought in the British Army in World War I, and then returned home and joined the effort to fight for Ireland's independence. Their military expertise and war experience were invaluable to the Volunteers and the Irish Army, yet they were treated with suspicion and, in some cases, contempt for their perceived disloyalty. The book details the immense challenges

they faced, and the massive sacrifices and contribution they made for the sake of Ireland's freedom.

Author Michael Whelan has been a serving member of the Irish Air Corps for twenty-one years. He was served with the United Nations Peacekeeping forces in Lebanon and with the Peace Enforcement forces in Kosovo. He works at Casement Aerodrome where he is the curator of the Air Corps Museum and Heritage Project. He is also the author of *The Battle of Jadotville: Irish Soldiers in Combat in the Congo, 1961* published by South Dublin Libraries in 2006.

*Allegiances Compromised* is available to purchase from all branches of South Dublin Libraries priced €5, or by contacting Síle Coleman or Colette Carpenter at +353 (0)1 4620073 or [localstudies@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:localstudies@sdublincoco.ie). It is also available to borrow from our branches and will shortly be available in ebook format from the South Dublin Libraries' Download Zone.

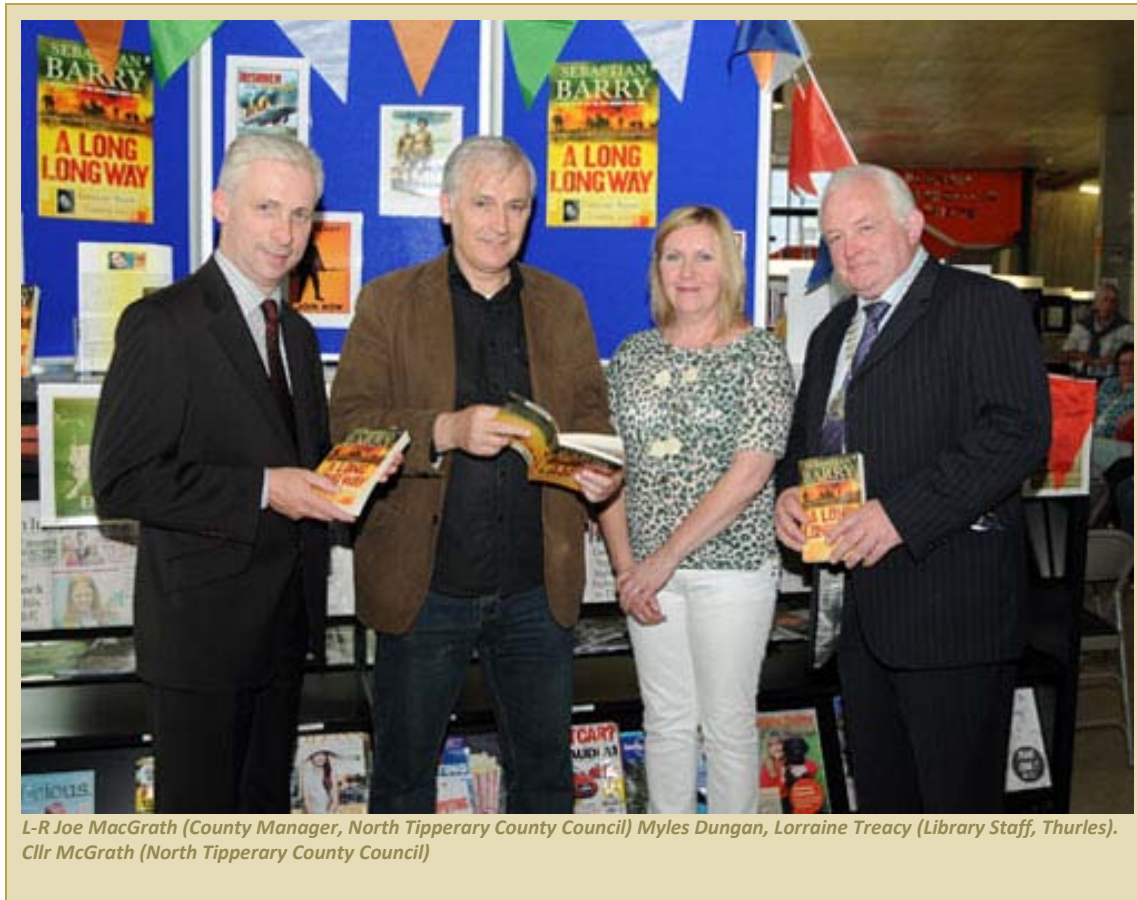
South Dublin County Council through its library service is delighted to support the study and promotion of our history and heritage through the publication of this book.

### **Myles Dungan launches Tipperary Reads Festival 2011**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, well known radio and television personality Myles Dungan launched the fourth *Tipperary Reads Festival*. A large crowd listened as Myles spoke about the focus novel of this year's festival *A Long Long Way* by Sebastian Barry. The novel's central character is Willie Dunne a young Dublin man who goes to fight for his country in World War 1. Myles has written several books on the history of that period. He praised the way Sebastian Barry dealt with the subject and the wonderfully poetic language of the novel and recommended that anyone who has not already read the novel should do so.



For anyone interested on finding out more about Willie Dunne's regiment, Tom Burke from the Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association will give a lecture on Saturday 10th September at 3pm, The Source, Thurles Library.



L-R Joe MacGrath (County Manager, North Tipperary County Council) Myles Dungan, Lorraine Treacy (Library Staff, Thurles). Cllr McGrath (North Tipperary County Council)

Last but certainly not least, On November 18th & 19th, Sebastian Barry himself will visit Thurles, Nenagh and Clonmel Libraries to read and discuss his book with members of the public.

### **The Constantine Curran Collection, UCD**

The James Joyce material in UCD Library Special Collection is part of the Constantine Curran Collection. Constantine Curran was a friend of James Joyce and had attended UCD with him, graduating in 1902. They remained in contact throughout Joyce's life. The collection contains letters from Joyce to Curran, as well as the correspondence of Curran with relatives and friends of Joyce. The collection also contains Curran's correspondence with scholars who had an interest in Joyce's life and writing. There are 18 letters or postcards from Joyce to Curran. All of these letters were published in *Letters of James Joyce*, edited by Stuart Gilbert.



*UCD BA degree class of 1902 with its professors. In the back row, leaning against the tree on the left John Marcus O'Sullivan, and on the right Robert J. Kenahan ('Moynihan' in Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man). Standing in 3rd row on left Rev. Prof. J. O' Neill S.J. and James Joyce, and on the right Seumas Clandillon and Prof. P. Semple. Seated in the 2nd row on the left George Clancy ('Davin' in Portrait) and Rev. Prof. E. Hogan S.J. and on right Prof. Cadric and Rev. Prof. J. Darlington, S.J. Seated in the front row from left to right Felix Hackett, Seumas O'Kelly, J. Lennon and Constantine Curran.*

In one of the letters Joyce talks about his writing and his difficult financial circumstances. Many of the letters he wrote to Curran related to the Joyce family; in one letter Curran is thanked for his kindness to Joyce's daughter Lucia. These letters span the years 1904-1940.

The collection also contains letters from Paul Léon to Curran. Léon was Joyce's business advisor and during the 1930s wrote to Curran, often on Joyce's behalf. Some of these letters again relate to family issues.

Rather interestingly, Joyce seems to have relied on Curran for general information relating to Ireland. In a 1937 letter Léon relates Joyce's request for the lyrics of certain Irish songs to Curran. In 1939, Joyce requested, through Leon, a list of all books prohibited in Ireland.

The letter that most illustrates the importance of Curran's friendship to Joyce is one sent by Joyce's brother Stanislaus in 1955. In it he says that Curran was one of the few people in Dublin 'that Joyce could rely on'.

Letters to Curran from Joyce's benefactor Harriet Shaw



*This photograph of Joyce, sometimes known as the glasshouse photograph, was taken by Constantine Curran in the Curran family's back garden in 1904.*

Weaver and his publisher Sylvia Beech also form part of the collection. In addition the collection contains photographs of Joyce taken by Curran and 1st editions, some signed, of Joyce's published works.

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As the Joyce material is of an archival nature we request that users make an appointment before consultation. To make an appointment please telephone 01 7167149 or email [special.collections@ucd.ie](mailto:special.collections@ucd.ie) Special Collections is open 10-1 and 2-5 Monday-Friday, throughout the year.

For more information please see [www.ucd.ie/library/special](http://www.ucd.ie/library/special)

### Out of the comfort zone

The DREaM project launch conference *Out of the comfort zone* took place at the British Library Conference Centre, London on Tuesday 19th July 2011.

The LIS research community was invited to the event to join the debate and learn about how to extend LIS research practice beyond its traditional boundaries, and to contribute to the building of the DREaM project researcher community.

Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC; <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/>) and managed by the LIS Research Coalition (<http://lisresearch.org/>), the DREaM project (*Developing Research Excellence and Methods*) aims to develop a formal UK-wide network of Library and Information Science (LIS) researchers. The project started in January 2011 and runs until August 2012.

According to the 46 conference evaluation forms returned, amongst the most popular sessions was Hazel Hall's introduction, rated by the majority of evaluations as "excellent". Hazel Hall brought delegates up to date on the progress of the DREaM project with news of the forthcoming workshops, including the full programme for workshop 1 on Tuesday 25th October 2011 in Edinburgh. She also announced the Practitioner Research Excellence Award (details can be found on the Media releases page) to be presented by the LIS Research Coalition at the final DREaM project event on Monday 9th July 2012. She encouraged delegates to take a look at the new online community space that has been set up to encourage electronic networking amongst delegates between events.

[Blaise Cronin's opening keynote](#) and [Dylan Evans' closing keynote](#) were also rated by the majority of evaluations as "excellent". Delegates appreciated [Cronin's](#) main message to look outside the immediate field for opportunities to develop research ideas, to collaborate, research and to influence. They were able to observe such an approach in action in the career trajectory of [Evans](#), who has taken advantage of a number of links and serendipity to build a varied and interesting, if unconventional, career path.



*Stephanie Kenna and Jenny Gebel at the registration desk*



*DREaMI project launch conference delegate folders, pens and data sticks*



*DREaMI delegates chat beside the publishers' stands*



*Badges for the data geeks and data queens at the DREaM launch conference*

It seemed entirely appropriate that, further to a request made to Hazel Hall by a student from outside the field of LIS, at the end of the day that delegates were invited to contribute to a research project on interactivity in research meeting design. (If you would like to contribute to this project, please complete the [survey](#)).

COLICO representative Linda Houston attended the conference and found it extremely interesting, highlighting Cronin's keynote on the impact of research on library practice and the useful workshops on research methods and techniques.

For more information on the DREAM project and documentation on their conference please check the LIS Coalition site <http://lisresearch.org/>.



## Publications

The Irish Traditional Music Archive has published the following new titles:

- *All the days of his life: Eddie Butcher in his own words: songs, stories and memories of Magilligan, Co Derry.* Book with 3 Cds. <http://www.itma.ie/news/article/butcher/>
- *The Westmeath Hunt: William Mullaly: The First Irish Concertina Player on Record,* a CD and booklet of the historic 1926 & 1927 New York concertina recordings of William Mullaly from Westmeath. <http://www.itma.ie/news/article/mullaly/>

For more detailed information please see the attached press releases. The books are available for purchase from the [ITMA online shop](#).

## People

Dr. Brid McGrath has been awarded a research fellowship in the [Worth Library](#) for October 2011. She will be using the library's resources to further her researches into Irish Parliamentary procedures in the early 17th Century.

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