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IMPAC AWARD 2007

Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson won the 2007 International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. Per Petterson was present in City Hall on June 14, when the Lord Mayor, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Patron of the Award made the announcement to an audience which included many members of Dublin City Libraries' reading groups, diplomats, people from the literary world and the judges. Anne Born, who translated *Out Stealing Horses* from the original Norwegian, was also present.

Per was presented with his cheque for €75,000 and the Waterford Crystal Trophy at a dinner in City Hall, on the evening of June 14. In his acceptance speech, made to an audience of 250 guests including previous winners Colm Toibin and Alastair MacLeod, he spoke about childhood memories of his mother, a voracious reader. He said that as the Petterson's did not have money to buy books, everything his mother read came from the library in Oslo. Later Per trained as a librarian and worked as a bookseller, before turning to writing full time.

Anne Born, the translator, was presented with a cheque for €25,000 and a Waterford Crystal Bowl. Presentations were also made to Harvill Secker, publishers of the English edition of *Out Stealing Horses*, and to Jef van Gool of the Libraries of The Hague, representing participating libraries world-wide.

Out Stealing Horses was nominated by two libraries in Norway, Oslo and Stavanger. Norwegian libraries have been enthusiastic participants in the award over the years and have been particularly successful in picking the winners. All three of Oslo's nominations for the 2007 award appeared on the 2007 shortlist.



Cllr. Vincent Jackson, Lord Mayor and Patron of the award, Deirdre Ellis-King, Dublin City Librarian, Jef van Gool, representing the Libraries of the Hague and Miro Palas, Chairman, IMPAC Europe

In their comments the judges said: It is an intensely lyrical and evocative novel that handles with a deft and seemingly effortless prose style the transition of the past into memory, and its shifting, unpredictable persistence. Alongside the solitary self searching of (the narrator) Trond, we encounter a man who, having tragically lost those dear to him, has also 'lost interest in talking to people', only to discover that, quite literally on his doorstep, the past reappears and speaks directly back to him.

It is a masterful achievement by one of Europe's finest novelists."

Per took a question and answer session in the Project Theatre as part of the Dublin Writers Festival on Friday June 15.

SERVICE INDICATORS IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR 2006 PUBLISHED

The annual *Service Indicators in Local Authorities* for 2006 have been published by the Local Government Management Services Board (LGMSB). The 60 indicators across 42 headings were first published in 2004. The 4 indicators which are applied to the public library service are:

Opening hours: the average opening hours per week for full-time libraries appears to have fallen slightly, from an average of 38.7 to 38 between 2004 and 2006 although this is, at least partially, due to a change in definition. Average weekly opening hours for part-time libraries rose slightly from 15 to 16.7 over the same period;

Registered members: according to the data collated by the LGMSB, the number of registered members of public libraries has risen as a proportion of the local resident population from an average of 17.3% in 2004 to 21% in 2006;

Items issued: the number of books issued per head of population rose slightly from 3.1 to 3.4. Other issues remain constant at 0.2 items per head;

Availability and use of public Internet access points in libraries: overall this has not changed significantly since 2004 as continued investment in library services means that the vast majority of libraries now provide internet access for public use; usage, however shows a significant increase. Based on figures supplied, the libraries facilitated over 1.7 million internet sessions in 2006, an increase of over 18% on similar figures for 2004.

The Minister of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. John Gormley, T.D. commented upon the improvement in a number of indicators compared to 2005, in particular he was satisfied to note that there was: "An increase in the use of library services both in number of registered members and a significant increased availability and usage of internet, now available in virtually all libraries."

Service indicators in local authorities 2006: report to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government by the Local Government Management Services Board. – Dublin: LGMSB, 2007.

The report can be downloaded from:

<http://www.lgmsb.ie/upload/documents/Service%20Indicators%20in%20Local%20Authorities%202006.pdf>

POTTERMANIA

Librarians everywhere polished up their cauldrons and practised their crowd control spells as they prepared to greet hordes of fans of the Harry Potter series celebrating the publication of the seventh and final (?) title, *Harry Potter and the Deadly Hallows* on July 20.

There were quizzes and colouring competitions, raffles and readings. The midnight streets around libraries in towns and villages across the country were full of children, dressed as their favourite character from the books, as they made their way towards launch parties.

In South Dublin's Ballyroan library, actor Joe McKinney read the last chapter of the previous title, *Harry Potter and the Half Blood*. On the morning of publication, Longford poet Mary Melvin Geoghegan read the first chapter of the new book to her audience in Castlepollard library, Westmeath.

Hogwarts was recreated in the entrance to Cork City's central library. Bishopstown held a day of colouring, puzzles and fancy dress. Singer and model, Jean Elliott, read the winning entry in a Harry Potter themed short story competition. The City branch also held a grand Tri-Wizard Tournament – a table quiz for teenage wizards as well as hosting an exhibition of Harry Potter book jackets from all over Europe plus some from America, Japan and Israel.

Monaghan County Library organised a number of midnight parties. In Carrickmacross, a hundred children appeared, as if

from nowhere. The first five were given a copy of the book and the remainder were each given a loan copy.

In Kilkenny the owls were given a holiday and the Harry Potter quiz was published on the library's website.

Rathbeale and Killaloe libraries held rap workshops and the children improvised scenes based on the characters with actress and singer Ciara McPartland.

In Clonmel, the library pre-launch party kicked off at 11.00pm on Friday night, with an audience of 220 very excited boys and girls, parents and grandparents, dressed up in brilliant costumes. There were several Harry Potter's, Dumbledore, Luna, Mad Eye Moody, Hermione and Ginney. The library's very own Sorting Hat was used to sort all the families into the four houses - Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin. Each house was then put to the test with quizzes on the Harry Potter series. Local actor Trevor Somers stepped in as 'proviseur' for the night. Trevor had the unenviable task of choosing 5 prize winning costumes. Mike from Uncle Mike's Pet Shop in Clonmel added greatly to the excitement of the night by allowing the children and adults to touch and hold a selection of his pets including owls, rats, snakes and a little baby owl. In Thurles Library, street entertainers from Cork were on hand to entertain the crowd with their fire juggling and stilt-walking abilities. When the library doors opened at 10.00 p.m. the waiting crowd of over 300 poured into the library, which had become an Aladdin's cave of all things Potter! The scene was set with thumping music, a fantastic light show and atmospheric smoke. Before the book was officially launched by the County Librarian, Martin Maher, the fancy dress parade took place. In Clonmel 10 lucky prize winners on the night were presented with copies of the book by the Mayor of Clonmel, Councillor Richie Molloy. In Thurles, Martin Maher presided over a raffle for both free and lending copies.



The training programme for library staff prepared by **An Chomhairle Leabharlanna** for 2007/08 includes the following topics:

- Emergency planning and management
- Introduction to children's books in libraries
- Frontline: interactive on-line learning programme for frontline staff on reading development
- Music and librarians
- Local studies courses
- Homeless users
- MARC 21 Cataloguing metadata
- NALA adult literacy

Full details on each course will be listed shortly on our website at: <http://www.librarycouncil.ie/training> where bookings can also be made.

Management Issues in Public Libraries Course

A course on management issues in public libraries, as arranged by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna in consultation with the Standing Committee on Public Library Staff Training and Development, was launched on August 17. This two-day induction training is addressed to newly appointed grade 7 library staff (Senior Executive Librarians and Divisional Librarians) and will focus on library and related management issues. Based on demand, a follow-up session or further courses on other specific management topics, will be provided in 2008/09.

The IPA will facilitate the course with Dr Pauline Connolly, Leadership and Management Specialist, as course leader. The course will be delivered twice in Dublin during October (11-12 and 24-25). The IPA will look after the administrative arrangements. Contact: Emer McManus at the IPA (email: emcmanus@ipa.ie tel. 01 2403661).

Please note that places on these courses are strictly limited and early booking is advisable.

In 2008 *Management Issues in Public Libraries* will be run on three further occasions, on January 28-29, February 12-13 and March 19-20. Based on demand, possible locations for the 2008 sessions will be Cavan, Castlebar, Waterford, or Dublin. If interested, please contact Marie Flynn at mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

Combining modern technology with meticulous, century-old research, **Clare County Library** has announced a major expansion of its online genealogical database.

The surnames database allows members of the public to find information on the frequency and spread of surnames in County Clare over a period of more than one hundred years. The three genealogical sources used on the website are the *Census of Population of 1901*, *Griffith's Valuation of 1855*, and the *Tithe Applotment Books* compiled between 1823 and 1837.

"This addition to the Clare Library website puts a wealth of information on surnames in County Clare at the disposal of anyone with an interest in family history, statistical research, or simply with a curiosity about their own name or locality", explained Noel Crowley, County Librarian.

Source: www.SiliconRepublic.ie

The **Children's Book Festival 2007** will run from October 3 – 26, with over 1,000 events taking place nationwide to celebrate children's books and encourage reading amongst young people. Last year the festival involved some 55,000 participants, making it by far the largest cultural event of its kind in Ireland.

Libraries, schools, bookshops, community centres and arts centres will be hosting the widest range of book-related activities the festival has ever seen, all designed to spread the message that reading is fun and stimulating, accessible and inclusive. With events ranging from author visits to illustration workshops, puppet theatre, storytelling sessions, competitions and even rap workshops, there's certainly something for everyone!

The vast majority of events are free, though pre-booking is recommended. Further details on these appearances, as well as other authors and illustrators yet to be confirmed, will be available closer to the time.

To kick-start the Festival in Dublin, a Gala Launch will take place at 11 am, Wednesday October 3, in the Pearse Street Library. Media will be invited to attend this fun-filled event. A host of well-known children's writers will be in attendance, some of whom will be giving readings from their books. Children from three schools will be invited to attend the launch dressed as their favourite book characters, with a prize for the best dressed.

The festival website, part of Children's Books Ireland (www.childrensbooksireland.ie), will be going live in September, offering a searchable Event Guide listing all events nationwide, Festival news, details of Festival competitions, and downloadable order forms for exciting Festival school packs.

Cork County Library: The 2007 *West Cork Literary Festival* took place at various venues around Bantry town from July 8-13. A rich diet of talks, readings, interviews and workshops from experts in

all sorts of writing proved a big success with locals and visitors from afar. Bantry Library remains the focal point of the festival, with lunchtime and evening readings each day. Audiences significantly increased for all events this year, with the overall number for the week in the library alone being over 1,200.



L-R: Tim Severin, Rita Ann Higgins and Kevin Myers

The festival was officially launched by Frank Delaney, the well-known author and broadcaster, at Bantry Library on Sunday, July 8, at 7pm. The most popular events this year were provided by Jeanette Winterson, Eleanor McEvoy and Tim Severin, with controversial columnist Kevin Myers and novelist Carlo Gebler nipping at their heels.

Winterson, whose best known work is *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, spellbound a packed 'congregation' at St Brendan's Church, with a verbal meditation on some of the events in that book, and from her subsequent life. In her only Irish appearance this year, she talked of her extraordinary upbringing by a fanatically religious woman in Accrington, in northern England, and also read from some of her books. Eleanor McEvoy, who also ran a songwriting workshop for the festival, gave a one-woman concert, also in St Brendan's, to a rapturous audience.

Tim Severin had an audience of 210 people hanging from the rafters in Bantry Library as he discussed with Carlo Gebler his intrepid life and adventures, including sailing the Atlantic in a leather boat such as used by the original St Brendan. In a packed library, Kevin Myers read from his book, *Watching the Door: a Memoir 1971-1978*, which fuses personal and political observations of his time in Northern Ireland. The daily short story reading in Bantry Bookshop also proved to be a popular event, with authors and visitors alike.

The Festival also catered for a younger audience, with Susan O'Toole conducting poetry workshops for 12-14 year olds each day. This was Susan's sixth year having these popular workshops at Bantry Library. The library also hosted an interesting exhibition by Hammond Journeaux during the Festival. Over the past two decades, Hammond has specialised in drawings of writers. Her work has been published in literary magazines and used for covers of poetry collections. The exhibition featured sketches of writers from previous literary festivals.

The full schedule ended in a night of jubilation and jokes at the new Maritime Hotel. This hosted the final festival 'Slam', in which all-comers can get up on stage to strut their poetic, dramatic or musical stuff, in a four-minute slot. *The West Cork Literary Festival* is sponsored by Cork County Council Library and Arts Services, and also receives support from the Arts Council.



Noel O'Mahony, Bantry Librarian, Frank Delaney, author and broadcaster who launched the Festival and local celebrity Hazel Vickery enjoying a joke at the launch of the Festival at Bantry Library

Galway County Library: Ballybane Library was a scene of happiness and joy on the May 10 as more than 60 pre-school children from the local community playgroups gathered to play with the toys provided by a initiative between Galway County Libraries and Galway City and County Childcare Committee. The Toy Resource project was launched by Mr. Frank Fahey, Minister of State at the Department of the Justice and Law Reform. The Minister's opening remarks reflected the scene "If one wanted a definition of happiness then this is it."

Galway County Libraries and Galway City and County Childcare Committee have been working together for the last five years to create Toy Resource Libraries. Two pilot projects were set up in Carraroe Library and Loughrea Library. An application under the Dormant Account Fund allowed the project to be extended to all 30 Libraries in the system. Toy corners have been set up in the libraries and toys are also lent to Community and Disadvantaged Playgroups.

It is a wonderful project and has created nothing but joy and happiness. Children are delighted to sit and play with the toys, adults are known to sit and play as well and library staff have welcomed the project with enthusiasm, despite the extra work. There is an increase in the number of preschools, mother and toddler groups etc visiting libraries also becoming members and borrowing books. The toys have added a new and welcome dimension to Galway's children's libraries.

Kerry County Library: September 2007 marks the 90th anniversary of the death of the patriot and Kerry native Tomás Ághas (Thomas Ashe). To commemorate this occasion, a display of archives and other material related to Thomas Ashe is on exhibition at Dingle Library throughout the month of September. This material will be in addition to the permanent Thomas Ashe memorabilia that is on display at Dingle Library. The permanent material includes photographs, printed works, a bust of Thomas Ashe and personal memorabilia.

The September display will include letters and other manuscripts written by Ashe during his time in prison, his family genealogy, his mortuary card and the report on his inquest. In addition, Kerry County Library has received funding from the Heritage Council for conservation of the Thomas Ashe textile collection and the display will include photographs and descriptions of work being undertaken on the collection at the National Museum Conservation Laboratory at Collins Barracks, Dublin. The Mayor of Kerry, Cllr. Michael Healy-Rae has welcomed this exhibition and said that he was glad that Kerry County Council is

commemorating Thomas Ashe and that this important part of our history is being preserved for future generations.

This event is just one aspect of the Kerry Library contribution to Heritage Week and the Archive Awareness Campaign for 2007. Among the other highlights is the hosting of an exhibition at Tralee Library of recently acquired archive collections, including (among others) estate papers of the MacGillycuddy family, a collection of Rattoo/Ballyduff-related property deeds and issues of *Pictorial Times* from 1846 related to the tenantry of the Daniel O'Connell estate. This display will be in place for the whole of the month of September.

'Hang out and Read' at **Kilkenny County Libraries:** this year's summer reading scheme challenged children to read 10 books by the end of the summer holidays. On returning a book, children were given a paper t-shirt or dress, which they had to design, write their name and the title of the book read. The colourful clothes were then pegged on a special library clothes line in each branch, which resulted in a very visual display for all library users to enjoy. A large number of children participated in all branches, and were often spotted proudly pointing out their designs to friends and family on library visits!

Leitrim - A New Life Expo was held in Croke Park on June 21 2007. The aim of this exhibition was to highlight what Leitrim County had to offer as a place to live, or a place to set up, or continue to run, a business. **Leitrim County Library** hosted a stand at this exhibition. Brochures for each library within the county were handed out on the day. There were also library staff members in attendance at the Manorhamilton Agricultural Show, held on July 28, to promote the library service.



MS READaTHON 2007 - The Need To Read!!! MS Ireland's reading superhero RED is asking children to sign up for this year's MS READaTHON campaign. 2007 is the chance to be part of the 20th birthday of this annual sponsored read!

Last year, more than 30,000 school children from 6 – 16 years old read a staggering 500,000 books and raised €1.2 million for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland...an outstanding achievement! The organisers hope this year will be the biggest and best ever for the MS READaTHON, in celebration of Ireland's 20th year taking part in this global initiative!

Since the MS READaTHON started in Ireland in 1988, an average of 25,000 children and 710 schools have taken part each and every year, raising an amazing and much-needed €10 million for people living with MS.

The MS READaTHON is supported by lots of famous authors and sports personalities, like Gordon D'Arcy, Darren Shan, Jacqueline Wilson, Oisín McGann, Laura Woods and Cecelia Ahern.

Children can sign up individually to take part, and/or schoolteachers can sign their classes up. All children participating will receive an exciting thank you gift and Certificate of Appreciation, and will also have the chance to win hundreds of major prizes including a computer, a trip for two to see Manchester United play at Old Trafford, a portable DVD player and a road & track bicycle.

Schools can compete for the Winning Schools Trophies and for thousands of euros worth of books with which to update their school libraries. There are prizes for teachers and librarians too. In addition, ten per cent of the money raised in each school can be kept to buy books or reading aids for the school. A new prize this year is the chance for a school to win a brand new top of the range computer plus a digital camera.

The sign up period begins on September 10. Schools can sign up by filling out the entry forms that they will all receive in September. Individuals can pick up entry forms from their local library or bookshop.

For more information visit www.msreadathon.ie or phone 1850 650 950.

The **National Print Museum** (Beggars Bush, Haddington Road, Dublin 4 t: 01 6603770; f: 01 6673545; e: npmuseum@iol.ie) organises a number of adult workshops and exhibitions which should be of interest to librarians. These include courses on calligraphy, bookbinding, paper and print making, letterpress printing and Japanese woodblock printing. The courses are run over one or two days and cost, on average, €45 per day. Details and date are available from the above address.

University of Ulster launches a new school librarianship course.



Pictured is the first cohort of students to complete the Postgraduate Certificate in School Library Management and who graduated recently at the Waterfront Hall in Belfast. The course was supported by Northern Ireland Department of Education with 15 bursaries. The Education Minister, Catriona Ruane said "The library plays an important part in a school. It supports literacy development, acts as a rich resource for information and, more generally, encourages a love of reading. Staff in school libraries need opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge and the University of Ulster is to be congratulated on making this course available. I am particularly pleased that my Department has been able to support the course, congratulate the participants on achieving their certificates and wish them well in their future careers."

publications

The Irish County Surveyors: a Biographical Dictionary, by Brendan O Donoghue: this book is a comprehensive study of the evolution and achievements of the county surveyor system in Ireland. The introduction in 1834 of these officials – county engineers in modern terminology – to local government was a major innovation, bringing the infrastructural work of the grand juries under the supervision and direction of a corps of professional engineers; and the appointments themselves were the first at local or central level in the United Kingdom which were made on the basis of competitive examinations. In the years that followed, the new county surveyors and their successors went on to play a major role in the construction of roads, bridges and public buildings, many of which are still in use today.

Preliminary essays describe how appointments were made over the period 1834–1944 and how the work of the surveyors contributed to building up local infrastructure. The biographical dictionary which follows, outlines in some detail the careers of the 200 surveyors who served in the thirty-two counties during the period, and describes the major projects for which they were responsible. The book should therefore be of great interest to local historians as well as those interested in family history.

Brendan O Donoghue was formerly Secretary of the Department of the Environment and Director of the National Library and Chief Herald of Ireland. He is the author of *In search of fame and fortune: the Leahy family of engineers, 1780–1888* (Geography Publications, 2006).

The Irish County Surveyors: a biographical dictionary by Brendan O Donoghue will be published in October 2007 by Four Courts Press and will retail for €55.00. To obtain further information on this book or any Four Courts Press publications please go to www.fourcourtspress.ie or contact the press directly on 01-4534668.

conferences

Building for the Future: National and Academic Libraries from around the Globe: October 3-5 2007, Koninklijke Bibliotheek, Prins Willem-Alexanderhof 5, 2595 BE The Hague, The Netherlands. Over the last decade or so, the library world has seen the appearance of many new buildings and refurbishment projects, as the sector attempts to adapt to the digital age. Materials are no longer solely held on endless shelves containing books, journals, newspapers, manuscripts and so forth, but also in digital storage needing, in theory, less space and not only accessible from the library building itself. However, libraries have not become outdated as places of learning and study, but have often consolidated their position in regard to the research and public communities they serve. The conference brings together a number of national library and academic library buildings projects from the last decade showing how these types of libraries have risen to the challenges of new services and new expectations from their users.

With presentations from Europe, Asia, South America and the Caribbean the conference will bring together an exciting array of library buildings from around the world showing how different countries have designed and built libraries for the future. We will hear about the building processes, cooperation with architects and engineers and how librarians and users have reacted to these new buildings. The conference will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of the present building of the Koninklijke Bibliotheek in The Hague, looking back at its history and marking the opening of a new reading room and the presentation of a new publication about the building. We look forward to welcoming you in The Hague and to experience new national and academic libraries from around the globe.

The conference fee is €185 and includes coffee breaks, lunches, the conference dinner and the library visit on Wednesday October 3. The conference fee does not include accommodation. Registration at: www.kb.nl/buildings_conference

For further information contact: Sjoerd Koopman sjoerd.koopman@ifla.org Perry Moree perry.moree@kb.nl or Andrew Cranfield cranfield@debibliotheek.nl

The Information Literacy Landscape October 5 – 7 2007 Belgrade, Serbia. Information literacy is a life-long learning process that incorporates the knowledge and skill required to find information, to evaluate information, and to use information effectively.

The American Library Association/Association of College and Research Libraries has defined the concept of information literacy as incorporating "a set of abilities" in which individuals can "master content and extend their investigations, become more self-directed, and assume greater control over their own learning" (Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education, <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/standards.pdf>)

Proposed Conference Themes/Tracks: Critical thinking/evaluation of information, Bibliographic instruction vs. information literacy, Assessment of information literacy, Influence of technology on information literacy, Teaching of information literacy, Access to information: the "have" vs. the "have not", Economic, legal, ethical, and social aspects of information literacy, Information literacy skills sets: retrieval, use, evaluation, and repackaging, Information beyond Google

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September 2007

- 12-15th *Pathways to new roles: the education, training and continuing development of the Health Library & Information Workforce.* European Association for Health Information & Libraries (EAHIL) Workshop 2007. Krakow, Poland. Registration starts April 2. See following for further details:
<http://www.bm.cm-uj.krakow.pl/eahil/index.php>
- 14-18th *Exploring 'anywhere, anytime' delivery of library services.* Libraries Without Walls 7 Conference. An international conference organised by CERLIM - The Centre for Research in Library and Information Management, MMU, UK. Venue: Molyvos, Lesvos, Greece. Details & booking information:
<http://www.cerlim.ac.uk/conf/lww7/>.
- 19-21st *Librarian@2010 – Educating for the Future:* joint EBLIDA/EUCLID/BAD conference, Lisbon. Conference website: www.apbad.pt
- 24-28th *The benefits of learning - National Adult Literacy Week 2007.* Details: National Adult Literacy Agency, 76 Lower Gardiner Street, Dublin 1. t:01-8099195.
- 28-6th Oct Age Action Ireland's 5th Positive Ageing Week

October 2007

- 3-26th *The Children's Book Festival 2007* will run from October 3rd – 26, with over 1,000 events taking place nationwide to celebrate children's books and encourage reading amongst young people.
- 4-6th *The multicultural library: a necessity in a creative and tolerant society -* International symposium in Mechelen (Belgium), organised by the Low Countries Library Link in association with the Goethe-Institut Amsterdam. For more information see: <http://www.goethe.de/amsterdam>
- 5-7th *The Information Literacy Landscape* October 5 – 7 2007 Belgrade, Serbia.
- 10th -12th *PLA Conference 2007: Inform Educate Entertain - Whose role is it anyway?* For more information see <http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/plg/pla2007/>
- 11-12th *Management Issues in Public Libraries* - Contact mflynn@librarycouncil.ie
- 16-17th *Library Ireland – The Library, Education & Cultural Resources Exhibition.* Venue: RDS Dublin, 11am-5pm. Admission free. For your free visitor's pack please contact Key Events Ltd., 24 Terenure Road East, Rathgar, Dublin 6. Fax: +353-(0)1-4901792 or register online at www.keyevents.ie

- 18th – 20th *Marsh's Library - A Mirror on the World: conference to commemorate the 1707 Act of Parliament establishing the Library.* Day two of this conference is entirely devoted to the subject of 'Collectors & Collections'. Conference fee €60 (students €30). For information and booking form contact Ann Simmons, Marsh's Library, St. Patrick's Close, Dublin 8. Email: keeper@marshlibrary.ie Tel: 01-4543511. Accommodation is limited, early booking is essential.
- 24-25th *Management Issues in Public Libraries* - Contact mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

November 2007

- 22nd *Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lectures in Legal Bibliography:* Dr. Laurence M. Geary, Department of History, University College, Cork, will give the seventeenth lecture in this series entitled *A history of the poor law in Ireland: a bibliographic survey.* The venue is The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact: Hugh M. Fitzpatrick, Library and Information Consultant, 9 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2. t: 01-269 2202; f: 01-661 9239.

January 2008

- 28-29th *Management Issues in Public Libraries* - Contact mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

February 2008

- 4-8th *2nd AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival.* If you would like to organise an event or would like more information, please contact AONTAS on 01-4068220 or e-mail: mail@aontas.com
- 29th-2nd *2nd annual Ennis Book Club Festival.* Further details are available from: frances.ogorman@clarelibrary.ie and www.ennisbookclubfestival.com t: 087 226 2259.

- 12th – 13 *Management Issues in Public Libraries* - Contact mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

March 2008

- 19-20th *Management Issues in Public Libraries* - Contact mflynn@librarycouncil.ie

June 2008

- 25-26th *Forbidden Fruit: The censorship of literature and information for young people,* Southport. The conference will focus on the censorship of print, electronic and other literary and information resources for young people.



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