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Forging language links with your local library

Offaly County Library Service and the Modern Languages in Primary Schools Initiative (MLPSI) have won the prestigious *European Award for Languages (EAL)*, also known as the European Language Label for a joint language project which involved the participation of four Offaly primary schools. The award ceremony took place on Friday 25th September in Farmleigh. The keynote address was given by Professor David Crystal, a writer, editor, lecturer and broadcaster.

The European Award for Languages (EAL) is an annual award given to projects where participants have found creative ways to improve the quality of language training, motivate students, and make the best use of available resources. The award, which is co-ordinated by the European Commission, is managed in Ireland by Léargas.

This project was co-ordinated by Martina Needham, Executive Librarian, Offaly County Library and Catherine McAuliffe, Regional Project Leader, MLPSI.



Catherine McAuliffe (MLPSI) & Martina Needham (Offaly County Library): Project co-ordinators in Farmleigh

There was invaluable support provided throughout the process by the County Librarian, Ms. Mary Stuart, her predecessor, Ms. Anne Coughlan and the National Co-ordinator for the MLPSI, Ms. Tanya Flanagan.

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The aims of the project were to:

- use the library as a venue to promote modern language learning and teaching;
- showcase modern language resources in the library to pupils, teachers and parents;
- create fun activities which would test pupils' language and library skills.

On the European Day of Languages – 26th September 2008, a cultural morning was organised. Forty pupils from four different schools participating in the Modern Languages in Primary Schools Initiative gathered in Birr Library and showcased their language skills in French, Spanish and Irish through drama and song.

Teachers and parents manned the ten language and cultural workstations. Teamwork and cooperation were required as one representative from each school made up the ten different teams. The fun activities were designed to heighten the pupils' awareness of language, culture and library skills.

Pupils' skills in the areas of language awareness, cultural/intercultural awareness, library skills such as information retrieval, reference skills and information literacy were all tested in the process. Each activity used a different teaching methodology to appeal to the different types of learners.

Each pupil was presented with a certificate for participating in the event and the winning team received a language prize. All resources used for the cultural morning can be downloaded from www.mlpsi.ie or www.offaly.ie and www.offalycountylibrary.ie

The success of this partnership has acted as a platform to show the possibilities of collaboration between the County Council, local schools (both primary and secondary) and the MLPSI.

↑ FORGING LANGUAGE LINKS WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

↓ CASTLEREA PRISON LIBRARY

Castlerea Prison Library

The new library at Castlerea Prison was officially viewed and opened by Dermot Ahern T.D., Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform as part of the Harristown Division (New 100 Space Accommodation Block) on Tuesday 15th September. The delegation and visitors also included the Director General of the Irish Prison Service, Governor, Dan Scanlon, Mr Brian Purcell, Director General, the Education Co-ordinator, Sadie Ward McDermott and various elected members and local representatives.

The new 120m² library has been fitted out to the highest standard with stock accommodation, office and storage facilities, information communications technology resources, study areas and specialist prison library requirements.

The collection comprises both recreational reading and a range of core subject areas along traditional and modern library service provisions and supplemented by tailored and specialist educational stock, audio visual material, foreign language, literacy, numeracy and study aids.

The facility will provide the opportunities and environment for prisoners to engage with the service to assist them with a range of skills, requirements and personal development. This has been a collaborative effort by the Library Services and the Irish Prison Service and in the future working in close association with the Education Unit in the Prison to develop other programmes.

We also acknowledge the vital support of Roscommon County Council in the development of this service and in particular to Mr Matthew Gammon, Assistant Librarian who has worked on this project over the last number of months.

Richie Farrell, County Librarian



Castlerea Prison Library opening: Mr. Richie Farrell, County Librarian, Roscommon County Council addressing members of the visiting officials (L- R) Sadie Ward McDermott, Education Coordinator, Irish Prison Service; Mr. Michael Finneran T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and T.D. for Roscommon-South Leitrim; Mr. Dermot Ahern T.D., Minister for Justice, Equality & Law Reform; Mr. Brendan Purcell, Director General, Irish Prison Service and Mr. Dan Scannell, Governor, Castlerea Prison.



Castlerea Prison Library

Innovation at South Dublin County Libraries!

Innovation Dublin, a week long series of events to promote and showcase Innovation and Creativity throughout the Dublin region is taking place from 14th to 20th October. South Dublin County Libraries will form an integral part of these celebrations, with a programme of events which reflects a creative and innovative approach to the use of library space and technology to promote social inclusion, entrepreneurship and the history and heritage of South Dublin County.

On Thursday 15th October, the County Library Tallaght becomes a **Living Library**, the first of its kind in Ireland. The *Living Library* is an innovative project designed to promote dialogue and dispel stereotypes, myths and prejudices, offering “borrowers” the chance to talk to someone who might seem different from themselves in some way. The “Books” are living/human beings who are willing to share their expertise and engage in conversation about their life experiences or tell their stories.

Simply Brilliant Ideas, a seminar taking place in the County Library Tallaght on Saturday 17th October, celebrates innovation and enterprise with speakers from the business sector, technology, arts and sport. Speakers include Nicky Brennan, former president of the GAA, Chris Burton, Manager Total Telecoms at Vodafone Ireland, Lars Jerkland from Google Cloud, Preethi Nair an enterprising author from the UK, and Michelle and Carol Lynch, Crannagh & Co., International Trade and Customs advisors and winners of the National Enterprise Award.

Also on 17th October, Ballyroan Library Rathfarnham welcomes **RuBot II**, the world’s fastest Rubik’s cube solving robot, certified by the Guinness World Records. It has appeared internationally on live and televised shows and exhibitions in countries including Japan, Hungary, UK and Ireland. A family event not to be missed.

Innovative techniques have been applied to the History and Heritage collection of South Dublin County in **Connecting the Past – Where was it then?** This project offers, for the first time, access to digitized heritage maps of the county from the 17th century to the present. The service will include an address search where residents of South Dublin County can see the precise location of their house over time on a series of maps back to 1682.

Other events during Innovation Dublin include iWalks, promotion of *Open Source* software, and a live webcast with author Oisín McGann from Lucan Library, as part of *Books to the Sky*, South Dublin Libraries’ Children’s Book Festival programme.

For more information about Innovation Dublin at South Dublin County, please see www.southdublininnovates.ie.

For more information about Books to the Sky, please see www.southdublinlibraries.ie.

↑ INNOVATION AT SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY LIBRARIES

↓ CUAIRT Ó CHOIMISINÉIR

Cuairt ó Choimisinéir an A.E. go dtí Leabharlann na Ceathrún Rua

Thug an Coimisinéir Eorpach Meglena Kuneva cuairt ar Leabharlann na Ceathrún Rua 28ú Lúnasa, 2009, áit a bhfuil Ionad Eolais Choimisiúnaí na hEorpa lonnaithe. Bhi suim faoi leith aici cuairt a thabhairt ar an Ionad, agus í ar cuairt i nGaillimh, mar go bhfuil sé ar an bpointe eolais is faide siar san Eoraip.

Tá Meglena Kuneva ina Coimisinéir ar an A.E. do Ghnóthaí Tomhaltóirí. Is í Meglena an chéad Choimisinéir ón mBulgáir, an pointe is faide soir san AE.

Ina hóraid rinne an Coimisinéir tagairt don Gheailge mar theanga oifigiúil Eorpach. Dúirt sí ‘go raibh maith agat’ cúpla uair, ag glacadh buíochais le muintir agus rialtas na hÉireann a thug tacaíocht don Bhulgáir le bheith ina ball den Aontas Eorpach. Ghlac sí buíochas freisin le muintir na hÉireann faoin nGaeilge, an tradisiún, agus an cultúr a chothú toisc go dtugann siad sampla iontach do na tíortha eile ar fad san AE go mór mhór an Bhulgáir.

Dúirt sí go raibh sí faoi chomaoin ag Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe an leabharlann a chur ar fail ar an gCearthú Rua, áit a bhfuil fáilte roimh chách agus iad ábalta eolas a fháil ar an AE tri mheán na Gaeilge.

Chuir Bridie Willers, Leas Mhéara Chondae na Gaillimhe, fáilte roimh an gCoimisinéir agus a foireann, agus fáilte roimh Martin Territ agus a foireann ó oifig AE, Baile Átha Cliath. Chuir John Morgan agus Kevin Kelly ó Chomhairle Condae na Gaillimhe agus foireann an leabharlainne



Maureen Moran, Peter Rabbitt, Triona Mhic Dhonnacha Mairéad Nic Chathain agus Mary Dillon ón dara Ionad AE atá lonnaithe i mBéal Átha na Slua, fáilte roimpi chomh maith. Ní raibh Peige Uí Mhócháin, Bainisteoir an Ionad Eolais in ann a bheith i láthair.

Fuair na cuairteoirí blas de chultúr na hÉireann idir amhráin, ceol, filíocht, damhsa agus bia agus bhain siad an taitneamh as an lá.

E.U. Commissioner Maglena Kuneva paid a visit to Carraroe Library on August 28 2009. Maglena Kuneva, Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, expressed a wish while on a trip to Galway, to visit the E.U. Direct Centre in the library, which is the most western based centre in the EU and which is also also situated in the heart of the Irish Gaeltacht.

Launch of the Horgan Photographic Collection

An important archive of historical photographs of Youghal and surrounding areas has been donated to Cork County Library and Arts Service and is being made accessible to the public for the first time.

This important collection of nearly nine hundred photographs was made by various members of the Horgan family who for many years ran a successful photographic business in Youghal and who also operated the first cinema in the town. Reaching back to the 1890's, the Horgan Collection is a unique and invaluable collection of photographs which records the landscape, streetscape and social history of Youghal into the twentieth century.

Speaking at the launch of the collection on Thursday 27th August, Cork County librarian, Ruth Flanagan thanked the members of the Horgan Family for their generosity in making the entire collection available to the public through the Library Service. She noted that the Horgan collection is a priceless historical document that depicts the town of Youghal, the Blackwater River, Ardmore and many other areas.



At the launch from left to right are Ruth Flanagan, Cork County Librarian, Anne-Marie Kenneally and Marian O Halloran, Youghal Library staff, Jim Horgan, Ikki Keane, Youghal Library staff, Joe Higgins, Senior Executive librarian, Cork Co. Library and Carmel Murphy, Youghal Library staff.

It is especially important for its representation of the social and commercial life in the area, through vivid images of maritime, agricultural, leisure and tourism activities.

In accepting this donation Cork County Council have preserved and conserved all of the images in the collection. These images have now been digitally recorded and will in due course be available for members of the public to view.

↑ ↓ LAUNCH OF THE HORGAN PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTION



Currently a number of the photographic prints are on display in the library as well as a continuous slideshow of digitised images on a public access computer. The collection was launched as part of Cork County Library's very successful programme to celebrate National Heritage Week.

The scope of this programme included a fascinating lecture by Dr. Angela Byrne, R.I.A. on the Russian journeys of Glanmire sisters Martha and Katherine Wilmot in the 1800s, a talk by librarian Richard Forrest on the ancient administrative divisions of County Cork and a look back on time with Maurice O'Keeffe in *Irish Life and Lore*.

Other talks included Bandon's connection with the First World War, the Development of Bantry House, Train Travel in the Carrigaline area, Native Trees and Climate Change, 200 years of malting in Ballinacurra, Irish identity as defined by major historical events and the History of Youghal through the eyes of mapmakers. Dominic Cronin of Ordnance Survey Ireland gave a number of demonstrations on the OSI online mapping archive, Mary Sleeman demonstrated the Cork Archaeological Survey database, whilst Reference staff in Cork County Library HQ offered advice and help to those researching their family history. Exhibitions ranged from heritage sites, to street history, the work of the MSC missionaries, postcards from home and abroad, knitting, railways, fashion and tradition to name a few.

NEW STORYTELLING WEBSITE

Wexford's storytelling website was launched in Enniscorthy library on Friday August 28 2009. Storytelling has been enjoying a renaissance in County Wexford. It is an age-old tradition. It has existed since the dawn of time in every place where man has gathered. Storytelling means different things to different people. For some it is an entertainment, for others it is a way of passing on a culture, a way of teaching both young and old.

Eight storytelling houses around County Wexford provide community storytelling sessions throughout the year.

The site, at www.storiesfromtheheart.ie, outlines the model of community house and public library support in Wexford. This is unique in Ireland. Important features in the site are a timetable of forthcoming performances and profiles of Wexford's eight community storytelling houses. Storytelling development to date is outlined as is the education work of the programme. Wexford's Storytelling website was created with assistance from FAS.

More information is available from Yvonne Smith: yvonne.smyth@wexfordcoco.ie

POSITIVE AGEING WEEK AT CLARE COUNTY LIBRARY

A very special evening of entertainment with the "Forever Young" Choir marked Positive Ageing Week at the De Valera Library in Ennis on Friday September 25. "Forever Young" are a mixed choral group from County Clare. A performance in 2007 by the American group the "Young at Heart" Chorus, whose members are senior citizens, provided the inspiration for founding the Forever Young Choir. Based in Ennis, the 28 member, over 70s choir formed in 2008 received a standing ovation at their first performance at the Active Retirement Ireland AGM in Clare. Since then they have been going from strength to strength, proving that there are certainly no age barriers in music. Their signature tune, Bob Dylan's *Forever Young*, inspired their name. They aim "to show enormous commitment to the choir while always retaining a degree of levity in our attitude towards life and performing."

The choir has now performed at several venues and always to great acclaim. They regularly perform such long standing hits as *Lillie Marleen* and *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*.

CHILDREN'S GALA NIGHT CELEBRATION AT CORK CITY LIBRARIES

The culmination of the Children and Young People's Constant Reader summer programme took place at the Central Library, Grand Parade on Friday, 28 August, with a Gala Quiz.



At the Gala night

↑ STORYTELLING ↓ LEITRIM

LEITRIM COUNTY LIBRARY TO DOCUMENT STORIES OF THE "TROUBLES"

Leitrim County Library has received funding for a project to record interviews with people involved in, or affected by the "Troubles". The focus will be on incidents connected with the Troubles in Leitrim or incidents that were connected in some way with the County or with Leitrim people. The material collected will be retained in Leitrim County Library Local Studies section and a DVD will be published with extracts from the recordings.

↑ POSITIVE AGEING WEEK

Some of the areas the library hopes to cover are:-

- the impact of the closure of border roads on businesses, churches and schools in Kiltyclogher, plus the impact of the closure of Kiltyclogher Vocational School as a result of its bombing.
- the impact of the Troubles on the Orange Order and other organisations from the Protestant tradition and their activities.
- the story of the event and its impact on people of the Don Tiddy kidnap and rescue.
- Overall effects of the Troubles on cross/community relationships.

↑ CHILDREN'S GALA NIGHT

This project is being funded by the Peace III programme through the European Union's European Regional Development Fund which is managed by the EU Programmes Body.

The interviews will be recorded in various venues throughout the county and in people's homes.

Some filming for the archive began in July at the Orange Order Celebrations in Rosnowlagh and more recently at the John Joe McGill Commemoration in Ballinamore on August 16th, which was led by the Mountain Road Pipe Band. This project is to be produced by Maccana Teoranta Production Company from Belturbet in County Cavan.

Leitrim County Library would welcome any person who wishes to participate in the recordings, as well as any suggestions of people who may be suitable to interview.

EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND

The NLI is holding a new lecture series in conjunction with their Yeats exhibition; each month an object from the exhibition *Yeats: the life and works of William Butler Yeats* is selected for discussion.

The prize, a family trip to Parc Astérix in France and sponsored by International Education Services Ltd, was won by Ailbhe Woods (below with family, flanked by City Librarian Liam Ronayne and Executive Librarians Breda Hassett and Patricia Looney). Ailbhe, representing Mayfield Library, saw off opposition from eight other finalists, representing all the branch libraries, to claim the top prize. Prizes were also presented for the 'Constant Colouring' and 'Book Attack!' competitions.

↓ NATIONAL LIBRARY

Yeats and the Occult, 14 October at 7pm: in the second of the 'Object of the Month' lecture series, Dr Margaret Mills Harper of Georgia State University will discuss the occult notebooks on display in the Yeats exhibition. Admission is free and no booking is required.

Through a Swedish Lens is an exhibition presented by the National Folklore Collection, University College Dublin. The exhibition illustrates the work of four Swedish ethnologists who visited Ireland from 1920 - 1950. It will run from 24 September until 5 October in the National Photographic Archive, Meeting House Square, Dublin 2.

Through a Swedish Lens will run in conjunction with *If Ever You Go To Dublin Town* which continues until the end of October.

Last Chance to see the exhibition *Strangers to Citizens: the Irish in Europe from 1600 - 1800*, National Library of Ireland, Kildare St, Dublin 2.

This exhibition tells the little-known and fascinating story of Irish migration to continental Europe which continued over two hundred years after the wars at the end of the 16th century. Closing date October 17 2009.



Orange Order, Rosnowlagh

MEATH COUNTY LIBRARY'S ÉIST 2009 POETRY SEMINAR

Meath County Council's Library Service's Annual Éist Poetry Competition attracted entries from a huge number of budding and more experienced poets from all over the country. The competition is in its 7th year and its purpose is to foster the reading and writing of poetry, and to assist poetry writers to advance their idea of what a poem is and what it can do.

Ten prize-winners were awarded places on a one-day Poetry Writing Seminar which is facilitated by a practising published poet, and sponsored by Meath County Council Library Service.



Some of the participants in the Éist Poetry Seminar with facilitator Noel Monahan, (middle back)

This year's Poetry Writing Seminar took place in Meath County Library headquarters in Navan on Saturday, 19th September and was facilitated by Noel Monahan, who is vastly experienced in the field of creative writing with four collections of poetry all published by Salmon Poetry. A fifth collection will be published in 2010.

In addition to benefiting from Noel Monahan's insights into the craft and practice of poetry and his writing experience, winners also received copies of *52 Ways of Looking at a Poem* by Ruth Padel, a stunning read in which the author shows how reading any modern poem can be as pleasurable as reading a novel or watching a film.

MINISTER GORMLEY LAUNCHES THE NEW ENFO ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SERVICE AND ASK ABOUT IRELAND WEBSITE

John Gormley, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, launched the new *Ask About Ireland* (www.askaboutireland.ie) website on September 8 2009 in Dublin Central Library. The website provides a showcase of material and information on Irish heritage from the collections of local libraries nationwide. It focuses on the digitisation and provision of new means of access to local and national cultural heritage material across a wide variety of topics of interest to the general user.

The website now includes Digital Books, Griffiths Valuation, and an Irish Historic Newsreel, as well as hosting the new ENFO Environmental Information Service.

Minister Gormley said he was particularly pleased that, "through the initiative of my Department and An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, this wonderful resource is available to the public, free of charge, in public libraries throughout the country".

In addition, the website now hosts the online ENFO Environmental Information Service, which can also be accessed at www.enfo.ie. Highlighting this the Minister said "The new ENFO service includes an online service [www.enfo.ie] which provides high quality, user-friendly content and a gateway to the many existing online resources available from State and other bodies".

Welcoming 'Kid's Corner' on the website, the Minister said "the ENFO service to school-children and teachers will continue to be delivered through a range of online educational resource material including interactive games, lessons, posters, exhibitions, information leaflets etc".

In addition to the online facility, improvements to the ENFO service include hosting of environmental exhibitions across the 350 library branches nationwide; access to the ENFO library collection on a countrywide basis by way of borrowing; online access to free environmental databases within public libraries; and steps are being taken to provide online access to Environmental Impact Statements which are of immense importance to the planning process.

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SLIGO COUNTY LIBRARIES

The Cathach is an online literary magazine, published by Sligo County Libraries, with the aim of showcasing quality new writing in poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. While honouring the literary traditions of Sligo and the Northwest, *The Cathach* features work from both new and established writers in Sligo and throughout Ireland. At a time when many smaller literary magazines are facing difficulties, it aims to provide a vital outlet for the best contemporary writing, making exciting new work freely available to a vast online readership around the world.

The Cathach was launched in Sligo Central Library on Monday 21 September 2009. The aim is to create a new place for writing and painting, a kind of virtual Reading Room or Annexe off Sligo County Library where readers can come to find new work from writers both familiar and unfamiliar.

In the same way as the browsing of a library shelf provides surprise encounters, this issue of *The Cathach* brings together fiction and non-fiction, poetry and drama, as well as a pictorial essay in portraiture. It includes both Irish and international writers, prize-winning authors alongside some whose work is being published for the first time.

The name *The Cathach* derives from 'The Battle of the Book'. Colmcille, during a visit to Abbot Finian's monastery copied a very beautiful psalter. Finian claimed the copy as well as the book, but Colmcille refused to hand them over. The dispute was brought to Dermott, High King of Ireland who decided in favour of Finian with the words: 'To every cow its calf and to every book its copy.' In consequence, in 561 AD, the High King and Colmcille engaged in battle on the slopes of Benbulbin. Aided by an angel, Colmcille won. Thousands of men were slain and the King forced to concede the copy of the psalter to Colmcille. But immediately afterward, as a penance, Colmcille left Ireland and went into self-imposed exile in Scotland, hoping to convert as many people as he had caused to die.



At the launch from left to right are Cllr. Tony McLoughlin, County Librarian Donal Tinney, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Gerry Murray, Writer-in-residence Niall Williams, Cllr. Hubert Keaney,

As a further, twenty-first century chapter in this story perhaps, all of the authors included in *The Cathach* have given their work freely. It has been our aim to present it here in a way that complements that generosity, and with the hope that it will lead you to further reading of their work. This journal is part of the continuing support for Literature of Sligo County Library, without which it would not exist.

<http://www.sligolibrary.ie/sligolibrarynew/media/cathachaugog>

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Children's Book Festival

The festival website, part of the main Children's Books Ireland's website www.childrensbooksireland.ie, will be going live in September, offering a searchable Event Guide listing all events nationwide, programme updates, details of exciting new competitions and much more besides!

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Impact, Inclusion, Information: the value of libraries in their communities

Public Library Authorities Conference, Bristol. Details: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/plg/plazoo9/>

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Yeats and the Occult

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Internet Librarian International

Novotel London West, London, UK. Details: <http://www.internet-librarian.com/2009/>

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Print and legitimization in 1916: the activities of Joseph Mary Plunkett by Professor W.J. McCormack, Keeper, Edward Worth Library: the 21st Hugh M. Fitzpatrick Lecture in Legal Bibliography to be held in the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Dublin. Further details are available from Hugh M. Fitzpatrick, 9 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2. T: 01 269 2202; F: 661 9239; E: hmfitzpa@tcd.ie

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Science Week

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RFID Libraries 2009

King's Place, King's Cross, London. Details: <http://www.cilip.org.uk/interests/rfid/rfid2009/programme.html>

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Illuminating the word: the medieval book in Ireland and Western Europe.

Annual seminar of the Rare Books Group of the Library Association of Ireland. Seminar Room, National Library of Ireland, 10:00 – 15:30.

Cost: €85 (LAI members); €95 (Non-LAI members); €60 (Concessions) €75 (per person for 3 or more bookings from one institution). Lunch included. To reserve a place, please contact: Celine Ward, Rare Books Group Secretary, T: 01 407 0757; E: rbgsec@cbl.ie

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SLARI presents Nicola Morgan

author of *Blame my brain: the amazing teenage brain revealed*, and many other titles. Further details will be available on the SLARI website soon: <http://www.slari.ie> or contact secretary@slari.ie

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NEWSPLAN: A Digital Universe for Newspapers

5th National NEWSPLAN Conference, The British Library Conference Centre, Euston Road, London NW1. Details: <http://www.librarycouncil.ie/colico/NewsplanConference.shtml>

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Supporting Teenagers through Public Libraries

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna presents a new interactive training day for public library staff to examine strategies to improve and enhance library services to teenagers. Places are limited. See www.librarycouncil.ie/training for further information.

2010

European Year of Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

For more information please visit www.socialinclusion.ie/EUYear.html

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Electronic Resources Management: how to provide an excellent service in difficult times:

Annual seminar of the Academic & Special Libraries Section of the Library Association of Ireland. Venue: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8. Cost: €100 A&SL members; €120 other LAI members; €150 non-members. Enquiries and expressions of interest in attending should be sent to Eva Hornung: hornunge@tcd.ie.

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Dr. John Brooks Howard

UCD Library is very pleased to announce the arrival of Dr. John Brooks Howard as University Librarian on 1st October 2009.

Dr. Howard has a long and distinguished career in libraries in the United States and a professional background in music. He studied music theory, history and performance (double bass) at Connecticut College receiving the BA in 1974. This was followed by the MA (1976) and PhD (1983) in historical musicology at Bryn Mawr College.

From 1979 through 1998 he held various positions at Harvard University, including Keeper of the Isham Memorial Library, Richard F. French Music Librarian, and Senior Lecturer in Music.

Since 1998 Dr Howard's work has focused on broad issues of computation and data, information and knowledge management.

He has held positions at Harvard College (1998-2001) and Harvard Medical School (2001-2004) with a focus on technology administration, research computing, and bioinformatics.

From 2004 to 2009 he served as Associate Dean of Libraries and Professor of Informatics in the School of Computing and Informatics at Arizona State University. He continues to serve as Professor of Informatics (adjunct) in Arizona State University's School of Human Evolution and Social Change.

As Associate Dean/Associate University Librarian in Arizona State University, Dr Howard's portfolio included: planning and administration of the University Libraries system as deputy of the University Librarian, Archives and Special Collections, Bibliographic and Metadata Services, the Labriola National American Indian Data Center, Informatics and Cyberinfrastructure Services.

Ongoing research activities include development of cyberinfrastructure services for archaeology (*Digital Antiquity*; *Transatlantic Archaeological Gateway*, a joint project of *Digital Antiquity* and the UK Archaeological Data Service), collaboration with *The Embryo Project* (a multi-institutional effort that explores social dynamics in the conduct of science), and collaboration with several projects that explore the complex dynamics of the social and natural worlds using data from multiple research domains.



Professor Diane Sonnenwald

September sees changes take place in the School of Information and Library Studies, UCD. Professor Diane Sonnenwald has been appointed as the new Head of the School of Information and Library Studies, UCD. Diane comes to UCD from the Swedish School of Library and Information Science, and has previously held the Associate Professorship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the NSF and NATO Postdoc at Risø National Laboratory, and the MTS at Bell Communications Research.

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