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## Alun Bevan is retiring

*Irish Library News* has received a lot of support from the Irish library community and from library colleagues throughout the world since *An Chomhairle Leabharlanna* published the first issue in September 1977. The 34<sup>th</sup> issue carried a piece with a photograph of a young London Welsh man, Alun Bevan, who took up the reins as Editor in September 1980.

He is releasing these reins in this his final issue number 317. He has managed to elicit material from busy library staff on openings, events, reports, offers of free furniture, journals and other things besides. Notes on improving services and

offers of funding, grants received and general good cheer landed on his desk from his regular and irregular correspondents. Deadlines are met, seemingly without difficulties. He has been smoothing the path to online publication, e alerts, rss feeds, colour photos, jazzy images, his humour still intact ever since. The good order in which he keeps his systems makes it all look so effortless.

We will miss it all.

This is not to detract from his unravelling of statistical foibles in the public library authorities' annual series of estimated and actual expenditure records, the responses to the queries which come from far and wide where he debunks the library mystique and allows for the layman's discovery of all our trade secrets. All delivered with low key efficiency. We have learned together also to piece the history of the public library service since its foundation in Ireland and the resulting archive is testament to his organisational skills and his enquiring mind. The response and resulting efforts of all his clients to any help given will be all the gratitude that he seeks.

It's a goodbye from him through his colleagues, past and present in *An Chomhairle* and not a little thank you from us...



*L-R: Mark Dearey, Chairman of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna, Alun Bevan, R&I Officer / Editor of Irish Library News and Norma McDermott, Director of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna.*

## The Search is on for Ireland's Bookshop of the Year



*At the launch with Matt Cooper, Irene Gowing and Claudia Carroll.*

If your local bookshop holds a special place in your heart, now's the time to show your appreciation as the search is on for the Bord Gáis Energy Bookshop of the Year. The award aims to recognise those retail stalwarts who connect readers and authors on a daily basis and provide us with endless hours of entertainment.

Book lovers are being asked to vote for their favourite bookshop at [www.bordgaisenergybookclub.ie](http://www.bordgaisenergybookclub.ie) from Monday September 12 and have until Friday October 14 to make their decision. They will also be in with the chance to win €1,000 of electricity just by casting their vote.

The Irish book industry **employs some 5,000** people in Ireland and is worth approximately **€148 million to the economy**. We are avid readers **buying 14 million books** annually comprising 300,000 different titles. Fiction is our passion, representing 30% of book sales in Ireland, followed by children's books at 20%. Native Irish publishing accounts for 18% of sales.

The 10 finalists with the most votes across five regions – Ulster, Munster, Connacht, Leinster and greater Dublin will be announced, along with all the Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book Awards categories, on Thursday October 20. The eventual winner will be revealed at the Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book Awards ceremony at the Convention Centre Dublin on November 17. The winning shop will receive €5,000 worth of free electricity.

Speaking about the award, Irene Gowing, Sponsorship Manager, Bord Gáis Energy said, "We're delighted to see bookshops being recognised for the work they do. We have read a great deal

recently about how the industry is coming under increased pressure, and here's the chance for book lovers to vote for their favourite store and show their appreciation!"

Bert Wright, Administrator with the Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book Awards, commented; "Bookshops, both small and large, do not just sell us books. For many of us, they are an oasis on a busy street, places where a peaceful hour can be spent discovering literary (and not so literary) treasures, where knowledgeable staff can help guide us on our next adventure. We are delighted to support Bord Gáis Energy in this new initiative and hope that you will all lend your support to your favourite local bookshop by casting your vote on [www.bordgaisenergybookclub.ie](http://www.bordgaisenergybookclub.ie)"

### Clare County Library gets back to nature during National Heritage Week

Clare County Library held a number of events to mark *National Heritage Week* which took place from the August 20 – 28 this year. On Tuesday, August 23 Fergus Merriman visited the De Valera Public Library in Ennis where he spoke to a captive audience on the possibilities for renewable technologies afforded by our natural resources and our climate. On the same date Vivienne Campbell, the well-known herbalist from RTE1 show *Corrigan Cooks Naturally*, visited Sean Lemass Public Library in Shannon to give a talk and demonstration on the medicinal uses of common garden plants and weeds. Vivienne also gave her talk in Scariff Public Library on Thursday, August 25. In



*Vivienne Campbell gives Medicinal Herbs Talk and Clay Workshop in Scariff Library*

Scariff Public Library on Thursday, August 25 children aged 9-12 were given the chance to create a clay coil pot as was produced and used throughout history with the help and supervision of Branch Librarian and archaeologist Simon Large and artist Isabelle Gaborit. All events were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part.

## Bulgarian Ambassador to Ireland visits Clare County Library

Clare County Library was honoured to host a visit from the Ambassador of Bulgaria to Ireland, H.E. Mr Emil Yalnazov. The Ambassador visited De Valera Public Library in Ennis on Tuesday, September 13 to give a talk and presentation surrounding an exhibition currently being held there entitled *The Power of Civil Society: the Fate of Jews in Bulgaria during the Holocaust*. Mr Yalnazov originally presented the exhibition to the Holocaust Education Trust Ireland (HETI) on behalf of the Republic of Bulgaria State Institute for Culture and Ministry for Foreign Affairs. HETI has been kind enough to provide the exhibition for display in branches of Clare County Library, earlier in the year in Shannon and currently in Ennis until October 1 2011. The exhibition demonstrates how the collective voice of the people of Bulgaria prevented the deportation of its Jewish population to the concentration and death camps of the Third Reich.



*Bulgarian Ambassador with his wife, Sylvia (centre). Also included in the photo are County Librarian, Helen Walsh and Mayor of Clare, Councillor Pat Hayes and a group of people from the Bulgarian community in Ennis*



*The Ambassador speaking to the audience including students from Coláiste Muire Ennis*

Accompanied by his wife, Mrs Sylvia Yalnazova, the Ambassador spoke to an audience that included secondary school students from Coláiste Muire in Ennis, members of the Clare Active Citizenship Network and members of the approximately 40 strong Bulgarian community living in Ennis. The Mayor of Clare, Councillor Pat Hayes was also in attendance. Mr Yalnazov spoke about the exhibition and took questions from the audience. He then went on to give a visual presentation of modern day Bulgaria and the many attractions on offer there,

including its rich and varied landscape. Afterwards Mr Yalnazov presented County Librarian, Helen Walsh, with a number of books and material on Bulgaria for the library service in Clare while, in turn, Mayor Pat Hayes, on behalf of Clare County Library, presented the Ambassador with a collection of books produced by [Clare Local Studies Project \(CLASP\)](#). Ms Walsh noted that it was an honour for Clare to host the Ambassador's visit and a rare opportunity to receive such an insight in to an exhibition being held by the library while The Mayor told the students in attendance that they were "privileged to have the opportunity to experience such a unique history lesson". The Ambassador said he enjoyed his visit to Clare and was delighted to return having holidayed there before.

## A new library for Mitchelstown

Mitchelstown's readers got their first chance to see their new library when it opened its doors to the public on Tuesday August 30 2011. The library, on the ground floor of a corner site at Sutton's Court offers high visibility and accessibility, with floor to ceiling windows on the street-facing and courtyard walls illuminating the space beautifully, and creating a bright and welcoming atmosphere.

The new library is a considerably larger space than the old Mitchelstown branch. The extra space means an increased book stock of approx 15,000 items including books, books on tape and CD, DVDs. The designated areas for children and teenagers



*Children enjoying the children's area in the new library*

are bright and cheerful with an extensive collection of reading for these groups. The Local History shelves hold a selection of material both about Mitchelstown and by Mitchelstown people.

Access to the Internet is now an integral feature of library membership and Mitchelstown Library has five Public Access PCs, with one of the PCs having a large keys keyboard and roller mouse. This



*Staff member Ber Hickey helping a customer with access to the public internet service*

PC also offers assistive technology with programmes such as *Zoomtext*, *Kurzweil* and *JAWS* available. Library members have free access to online subscription sites such as the Encyclopedia Britannica, The Irish Times digital archive, Ordnance Survey Map, Oxford Art Online and Oxford Music Online to name a few.

Those who wish to browse newspapers and magazines or do some casual reading are provided with a bright and comfortable area with tables for those who want an area for reading, writing or studying. The Mitchelstown Heritage Association launched their exhibition of old photographs of Mitchelstown in the new

library's exhibition area and it is intended that this will be the first of many regular exhibitions in the library. Plans are in place for events to celebrate *Children's Book Festival* and it is also intended to increase the number of activities for both young and old in the near future.

Cork County Library and Arts Services continues to advance its mission to provide access to books, literature, arts and culture, and place knowledge and life-long learning at the heart of the community. In keeping with this aim, this new library, funded by Cork County Council, provides the town and environs of Mitchelstown with a modern public space for all.

## Around cork City Libraries in 35 days!

Children and young people in Cork city were invited to embark on an amazing literary journey on September 28 with the launch of Cork City Libraries' Children's Book Festival 2011.

Based on the Jules Verne novel *Around the World in 80 Days*, all under 18's are invited to travel to the 7 city library branches during the 35 days of the festival and partake in the varied programme of events. Phileas Fogg and Passepartout along with over 70 child detectives got this year's festival off to a most dramatic start. The group of 14 teenagers responsible for the design of the festival poster and brochure also attended. The paper craft art work featuring in the brochure and poster was created by the teenagers in workshops held in Cork City Library earlier this year and sponsored by Foras na Gaeilge. The bilingual poster is featured in bus shelters in the city centre and suburbs.



*Phileas Fogg and detectives at the launch*



*Teenagers at the bus stop on Grand Parade to launch the poster they designed. Also present are Executive Librarians Patricia Looney and Breda Hassett and workshop facilitator Alan Barrett.*

In keeping with this year's theme a specially commissioned leather bound journal was signed by all the children present. The journal has a note of welcome from Cork City Librarian Liam Ronayne and Executive Librarians Breda Hassett and Patricia Looney. It also includes photographs of the launch.

The journal begins its voyage to 80 children's libraries worldwide, to be signed by children and stamped by librarians and will eventually make its way home to Cork! Perhaps not in 80 days.

This year's programme of events is available at [www.corkcitylibraries.ie](http://www.corkcitylibraries.ie)

## Modern record of Kerry Antiquities

On Saturday night, August 27 at Tralee Library, Jimmy Deenihan, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht launched the Rattoo Heritage Society Photo Exhibition. The exhibition consisted of 52 framed photographs of antiquities from North & East Kerry and is phase 1 of a project to compile a modern record of Kerry's ancient monuments. It is envisaged that the entire project will take up to four years and on completion a copy of the photographic database will be available on the Kerry Library website, [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie).

Among the speakers on the evening were Cllr. Tim Buckley - Mayor of Kerry, Tommy O'Connor - County Librarian, Seán Quinlan - Rattoo Heritage Society and Eamonn O'Reilly - North & East Kerry Development.



*[Back row L-R]: Dillon Boyer, Eamon O'Reilly [North & East Kerry Development], Kay Daly [North & East Kerry Development], Cathy Fisher [Kerry Heritage Officer], Tommy O'Connor [Kerry County Librarian]. [Front row L-R]: Tim Buckley [Mayor of Kerry], Seán Quinlan [Rattoo Heritage Society], Jimmy Deenihan [Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht].*

## Circus Stars shine brightly in Kilkenny Library Service.

The Summer Reading Challenge for children, *Circus Stars*, organised by Kilkenny Library Service, came to an end on September 16 with a celebration night in the Ormonde Hotel, Kilkenny.

440 children completed the challenge of reading 6 books each. This was a 70% increase on the 2010 challenge. All the children and their parents were invited to a night of serious fun with Professor Plunger from Fanzini Productions. The two shows were a hit



*Professor Plunger and some of the audience (courtesy Dylan Vaughan)*



*Group of children who succeeded in the challenge (courtesy Dylan Vaughan)*

with both children and adults. As part of the evening, the children were presented with their Certificates as Circus Stars and their CS Reading Medals. The material for the challenge was supplied by The Reading Agency in the UK. With this scheme, Kilkenny children joined with over 750,000 children in the UK, Ireland and worldwide in reading their way through the summer holidays.

## Michael D. Higgins visits Graiguenamanagh Library

Graiguenamanagh library played host to Michael D. Higgins during the Town of Books Weekend September 16 - 18. Michael D. Higgins gave a talk on Citizenship and also read some of his poems from his new collection *New and Selected Poems*.

His reading or that should be, his performance of the poem *Bank manager faints at the mayor's ball* showed his amusing and comic side.

He signed copies of his books for many of the audience before he left for other engagements in the area as part of the festival.



**Professor Michael D Higgins & Anne Phelan, TD with library staff in Graiguenamanagh Library.**  
(courtesy Patrick Speight)

The Library also had the exhibition *Discover Lifelines* on display during the *Town of Books* Weekend. This exhibition marks the 25th anniversary of the *Lifelines* project where students in Wesley College contacted famous people about their favourite poems.

Another exhibition on display was *Mapping Urban Ireland*. This exhibition explores the cartography of Irish cities and towns since the seventeenth century. It is organised by the R.I.A. Library and the Irish Historic Towns Atlas Project.



## “Noisy Hours for Special Needs” at Monaghan Library

On Saturday July 16 2011, the launch of *Noisy Time* took place in Monaghan Library, with the enthusiastic assistance of library staff. This day marked the launch of a regular noisy time in the library. The purpose of established noisy time is to facilitate families with disabilities to feel



Parents & children from SNAP Monaghan with Librarians Mary MacKenna & Philomena Lambe, Monaghan Library.

comfortable attending the library and benefiting from the facilities without having to worry about noise or disturbing other library users.

There was a great turn out from the SNAP Monaghan group as well as many drop-in visitors who were just passing and wanted to join in the fun. This provided a wonderful opportunity for all the children to mix and for the message of inclusion to be spread locally. Fun and entertainment was provided by Keith the Magician, whose *water in an up-side-down glass* trick amazed everyone and left a lot of mummies cleaning up wet kitchens that evening! A team of volunteer face painters worked tirelessly creating butterflies, princesses and many pirates.

Refreshments were provided by the staff of Monaghan Library who looked after all the setting up and cleaning up and were the most gracious hosts. Between chocolate biscuits, balloon animals and a great selection of new books to read, all the children left happy, looking forward to their future visits to the weekly Noisy Hour in Monaghan Library, making the library accessible to everyone even those who need to make a little extra noise! *Noisy Hours for Special Needs* takes place in Monaghan Library every Saturday from 11a.m. to 1 p.m.

This initiative was funded under the Peace 3 Tribes Summer Project, ASDI & SNAP Parents Group.

[ADSI](#) will be holding a *Noisy Hours* launch morning in Dundalk Library in October and are planning on rolling out this initiative across the country using Monaghan’s Success as a template.

## Exhibition on the Forgotten Voices of the Great Irish Famine

The exhibition *Forgotten Voices: the Great Irish Famine revealed through the Strokestown Estate Archive*, organised by the OPW-NUI Maynooth Archive & Research Centre at Castletown, was formally launched by Director of the National Museum of Ireland, Dr. Patrick Wallace, at a reception in Castletown House in Celbridge, County Kildare, on Tuesday, August 16 2011.

The OPW-NUI Maynooth Archive & Research Centre at Castletown is dedicated to the care and study of archives and other sources dealing with Irish estates, their houses and inhabitants. Established in 2008, this facility marks an important collaboration between the National University of Ireland Maynooth and the Office of Public Works.



*Roisin Berry, Senior Archivist, Library, NUI Maynooth, Cathal McCauley, Librarian, NUI Maynooth, Dr. Terence Dooley, CSHIHE/History Department, NUI Maynooth, Dr. Patrick Wallace, Director of the National Museum of Ireland, Clare McGrath, Chairman of the Office of Public Works, and Prof. Philip Nolan, President of NUI Maynooth.*

The main objective of the *Forgotten Voices* exhibition is to provide a flavour of some of the themes and document types often found in estate collections, and to promote the importance of our documentary heritage. Estate archives provide one of the most valuable sources of local history in



*Selection of documents from Strokestown Estate Archive*

any community. These important collections contain a rich variety of document types, including letters, diaries, photographs, property deeds, maps, plans and invoices. The documents shed light on centuries of both family life and estate management practices, and reflect the political, social and economic climate of the time.

Consisting of over 40,000 documents, the archive of Strokestown Park House in County Roscommon provides an intimate view of life on the estate in the nineteenth and

twentieth centuries, and records the daily activities taking place both inside and outside the big house. At the centre of the *Forgotten Voices* exhibition is a rich and varied selection of documents from the archive dating to the period of the Great Irish Famine (1845-51). Census records, emigration lists, and pleas from starving tenants are but a few of the documents on display,

capturing in raw detail the devastation endured by local people in Roscommon during Ireland's greatest humanitarian disaster on record. The archive brings to life once more many of the voices that were extinguished through starvation, disease and emigration during this period, marking a monumental moment in the history of this island and its people.

With the support of Kildare County Council, the *Forgotten Voices* exhibition ran during Heritage Week and National Famine Commemoration Day 2011.

For further details please contact the OPW-NUI Maynooth Archive & Research Centre at Castletown ([roisin.berry@nuim.ie](mailto:roisin.berry@nuim.ie)).

## LAI Cataloguing and Metadata Group visit NUI Maynooth

On Friday, September 9, the Library at NUI Maynooth hosted a visit from the Library Association of Ireland (LAI) Cataloguing and Metadata Group. The group visited the Russell Library, where they were addressed by Penny Woods, the Russell Library Librarian and shown highlights from the early-printed collections, with cataloguing sidelights, and by Susan Leyden, Archivist for Saint Patrick's College Maynooth, on the 400-year archive of the Irish College in Salamanca. The Cataloguing and Metadata Group, formerly known as the Cataloguing and Indexing Group, undertakes a visit to an institution every summer, as well as running training and informative events during the year for colleagues in the profession. The quality of the collections and the warmth of the welcome will ensure that this visit will be remembered fondly by all.

## Derek Landy and Ally Carter wow teenage audiences at South Dublin Libraries

The County Library Tallaght was buzzing with excitement on the morning of September 15 as 230 school children prepared to meet the ever-popular author Derek Landy.

Derek visited the library as part of his promotional tour for his new Skulduggery Pleasant title, *The Death Bringer*.

As always, Derek had the crowd in the palm of his hand. He spoke amusingly about his life and his house and spoke



at length about his cats...and the audience loved it. There was a great mixture of kids who are huge fans of Derek and kids new to Skulduggery Pleasant.

Derek took time with his fans afterwards to sign their books and have a little chat with each of them. As one teacher said afterwards – “thanks so much...our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class groups are raving about Derek and the teachers enjoyed it as much as the children”.

Meanwhile Ally Carter, US author of the *Gallagher Girls* series, visited Clondalkin library to talk about her writing and also to promote her new book *Heist Society* - the first book in a new series which follows a teenage girl called Kat who has been brought up on the slightly crooked side of the art world. When her father's life is threatened she must pull off the biggest heist of her life....and history!

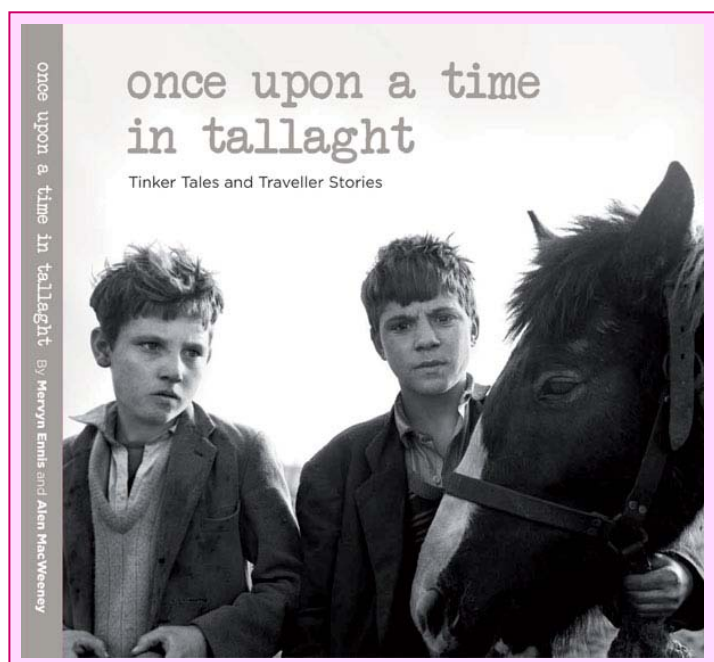
Ally Carter talked about how she became an author, how she sets about writing her books and what inspired both *Gallagher Girls* and *Heist Society*. There was plenty of time for questions and there were a lot of really good questions! The girls from Coláiste Bhríde had prepared really well for the visit and there was a lot of interest in the novels.

Ally's visit was kindly sponsored by John Treacy of IES Limited. More info about Ally and her books can be found at [www.allycarter.com](http://www.allycarter.com). To see an interview with Ally Carter visit South Dublin Libraries Young Adult Blog <http://yaps.ie>.

## Once Upon a Time in Tallaght – Tinker Tales and Traveller Stories

On Thursday September 8, Mayor Catriona Jones of South Dublin County launched a new South Dublin Libraries publication, *Once Upon a Time in Tallaght, Tinker Tales and Traveller Stories* written by Mervyn Ennis. Knowing that Mervyn had been tireless in supporting Travellers and fighting for their rights over a long number of years, staff from the local studies section of South Dublin Libraries in the County Library approached Mervyn to see if he would compile a history of Travellers in the South Dublin area, particularly in Tallaght. The result was this book of stories which are strikingly illustrated by Alen MacWeeney's black and white photographs of the period.

As the Mayor noted in her introduction to the book, the stories tell of a time, not long ago, when Travellers were subjected to harsh discrimination, accepted and respected by some and forgotten about by others. Mervyn Ennis crafts the stories as fiction, yet we know they



ring true. They tell of indomitable people who in spite of poverty and hardship worked hard and enjoyed their lives. Both Travellers and settled people may find the stories and the images unbelievable and harrowing. Regrettably, they ring true.

South Dublin County Council and South Dublin Libraries take great pleasure in publishing this book. South Dublin Libraries continue to deliver an extensive programme of services to Travellers as part of its outreach work with marginalised communities.

South Dublin Mobile Libraries deliver collections of books to four Traveller Community Centres on a monthly basis, providing access to suitable reading material for children. The service also visits the Traveller estate at Kishogue Park in Lucan each week.

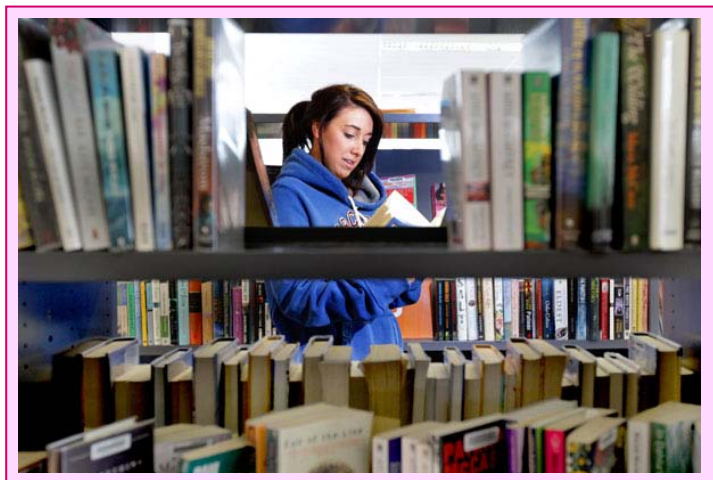
A reading initiative to improve the reading ability of the children is being organised here with the start up of a regular supervised reading group for the children after school.

The capsule library at Lynch's Lane opened earlier this year has now become a hub of activity within the community. Adult travellers as well as the children are encouraged to use the computers and borrow the library materials from this library. The homework club, run by the Tallaght Traveller's Development Group, is a daily hive of activity.

## Senior Cycle Exam Support at County Library Tallaght

As students around the country settle into their new lives, the County Library Tallaght is already looking towards the current Senior Cycle students and how the library can support them in their studies.

Building on the success of a similar programme last year, a series of workshops designed to assist 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students in preparation for their Leaving Cert exams will begin in October.



Senior Cycle Exam Support Workshops will include:

- ***Playing with Shakespeare presents Hamlet***

*Playing with Shakespeare* is a workshop designed by both educational and theatrical professionals to help students find a “hook” to their Leaving Certificate Play. It is the only Shakespearean workshop for students designed specifically with a view to successfully tackling their exam. Students are encouraged to develop and express their own opinions while also getting assistance in delivering these opinions clearly and cohesively in the

context of the Leaving Certificate. Each student will receive a book based on the workshop. The workshop will be given by Blackwater Productions.

*“A fantastic introduction for 5<sup>th</sup> Year students to Hamlet...covered all aspects of the play. Looking forward to 2011!!” Feedback from the Senior Cycle support programme 2010 from John Bannon, TY co-ordinator for Templeogue College.*

- **History Seminar – Prepare for your Special History Topic**

Stephen Tonge, history teacher at CUS Dublin, will deliver an interactive session which will give students all the information needed to start their project. A presentation will be given by a member of the County Library’s Local Studies Team outlining the wide variety of Local Studies resources available at the County Library. This will be followed by a short tour of the Local Studies section in the library. *“Stephen Tonge was fantastic.....really helped to focus me on my History Project. Fantastic handouts from Tallaght library” Ian Brown, student.*

- **Study Skills Workshop with Anne Lavelle, Outreach Project Officer, UCD**

Successful students have good study habits. In this workshop, participants will learn how to develop these habits and techniques. *“Very practical and easy to apply”* Mount Seskin students.

- **NOISE Creative Careers**

Noise Creative Careers is an opportunity for students who are thinking of pursuing a career in the creative industries, to hear from and talk with experienced professionals working in creative fields such as visual arts, design and media. This interactive session will be delivered by designer and researcher Emma Creighton. Currently a PhD candidate in the National College of Art and Design, Emma holds a BDes in Industrial Design and an MA in Interactive Media.

## Commemorative bust in honour of Canon Patrick Power

The Very Rev. Canon Patrick Power D. Litt., M.R.I.A. (1862-1951) contributed greatly to the historical knowledge of Waterford City and County. This contribution was celebrated in Central Library on August 26 at 5.00 p.m. as part of the programme of events for National Heritage Week. The Deputy Mayor of Waterford City, Councillor Tom Cunningham unveiled a commemorative bust in memory of the Canon and ex-County Librarian, Donal Brady, gave a talk about the life and work of the great scholar.

Born in 1862 in Callaghane, four miles south-west of Waterford City, Canon Patrick Power was ordained in 1885 and following that spent some time working in Australia before returning to his native county. His interest in local history was apparent from his student days, and he continued



this interest throughout his life. His greatest academic achievement was *The Place-Names of Decies*, a work detailing the meaning and origins of thousands of Gaelic place names as well as the antiquities of every town land in Waterford. For many years he was the editor of *the Journal of the Waterford and South-East of Ireland Archaeological Society* and published many articles as well as books.



*Donal Brady, Former County Librarian, Jane Cantwell, City Librarian, Richard Fennessy, Deputy Mayor Cllr. Tom Cunningham and Sculptor Barry Linnane*



*Cllr. Tom Cunningham, Deputy Mayor, Pat Murphy, Robin Dawson, Dan Dawson and Ned Murphy, grand-nephews of Canon Power.*

This sculpture was made possible by contributions from the people of Waterford. It commemorates a great Waterford scholar and all that is good about the City and County. Waterford City Council Library Service extended an invitation to the people of the region to attend to the celebration in Central Library on August 26 to celebrate the life and work of one of our premier historians. This event was followed by light refreshments and the evenings programme finished with a talk by Dr. Jacinta Prunty entitled *Margaret Alyward; A controversial and courageous Waterford woman with a mission.*

## **Call for participation in sister libraries programme**

NAPLE is pleased to invite libraries to participate in the NAPLE Sister Libraries Programme. The programme seeks to help libraries foster cooperation links in themes they are both interested in. This could also be a great opportunity for libraries serving multicultural populations whose origin is in another European country to improve their services to these communities and to help foster links with the countries of origin as well as to introduce the language, culture, etc. of these groups to the local population.

The programme is open to public libraries situated in any of the participating NAPLE countries that wish to find a partner library in another country in order to establish a cooperation programme. Right now the libraries that can participate are those situated in **Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Spain.**

For more information you can visit [NAPLE Sister libraries](#).

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