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e Library e-Day joins the Digital Dots

Wednesday 31 January was e-Day in the Library and over 1000 staff and students joined in, enjoying a mix of chocolate and, we hope, enlightenment!

A constant feature of this newsletter in recent years has been to report the increase in access to electronic information resources. Making sense of how best to use all this online information is a challenge. The Library offers a range of training sessions, service desks and online support but we thought it would be fun to try a different, more informal, approach. People often use online information on their own and don't get the chance to talk about how they are getting on and how this experience could be improved. e-Day changed all that, with 40 Library staff present at different times at nine stands in the Library foyer:

STAND	FOCUS
e-Knowledge	quick and easy access to online information
SFX	easy linking to articles
Off-campus access	using the Library online, anywhere, anytime!
LARK	a training programme to meet different needs
The Information Point	friendly help with any query
E-Maps and e-Newspapers	maps and thousands of newspapers online
Self issue stations	issuing your own books
IReL	the Irish Research E-Library
EndNote	organising your information



e-Day was a fascinating experience. Staff and students took the opportunity to see a demo of the different services or to ask any questions they had at any or all of the stands. Guides and brochures proved popular handouts, along with pens and notepads, but our chocolate supplies moved fastest! It was great to connect on a personal rather than virtual level with so many people in a busy but always relaxed and friendly atmosphere. People commented that had enjoyed themselves and had a more "joined-up" picture of the Library's e-services. For the Library staff, e-Day represented a genuine and fulfilling team effort (reflected in eye-catching shirts!) and we discovered a format we can use again.

If you missed e-Day and want to know more about our e-services, please contact the Information Point in the Library foyer (x3005; library@nuigalway.ie).

John Cox, Deputy Librarian





Focal ón Leabharlannaí

Like many University departments, the Library is busy with Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) projects. At national level we are involved in a collaborative project to establish institutional repositories in each of the universities. The repositories will hold copies of published research output

from each of the IUA universities with the purpose of showcasing Irish research, increasing access to an international audience, and increasing citations for researchers. Research theses will also be a priority for inclusion and the Library already has a test database of those deposited as part of the joint NUIG / Regis University Masters in Software and Information Systems (<http://tinyurl.com/23ops6>). The second SIF project involves a Graduate Information Skills module jointly with TCD and UCC.

Information on recent archival acquisitions is highlighted in this issue and in May we look forward to the formal handover of the Michael Cusack Archive, courtesy of the late Ms Pat O Connell. On that occasion, we will also host an event for those Friends of the Library who have given so generously to Archives and Special Collections over the years. E-Day is also featured, and related to our increased holdings of electronic titles, we would like to encourage researchers to participate in our forthcoming survey on the impact IReL (the Irish Research eLibrary) has on their work. A national survey will run for a month in all of the IUA Libraries.

Finally, beir bua ins na scrúdaithe atá le teacht, ó Foireann uilig na Leabharlainne,

Marie Reddan, Librarian

INULS 2007 @ NUI, Galway



Professor Jim Browne, Registrar and Deputy President, who will deliver the keynote address at the INULS Conference in June

The Library is delighted to host the Irish National and University Libraries Staff (INULS) Conference in June 2007. The theme of the conference is Collaboration and Competing, and top-quality national and international speakers will address a range of topics including collaboration and competition between the universities and by libraries and departments within the same institution. In addition to the stimulating programme there is also an exciting social schedule, including a Barbeque, Banquet and tours of Galway. Further information can be obtained at <http://tinyurl.com/27hn6y>

Niamh Connolly,
Assistant to the Deputy Librarian

The Google Revolution

In 2003 in the *New York Times*, Thomas Friedman asked the question: *Is Google God?* After all:

- with wireless availability Google is "everywhere"
- Google will always provide an answer
- Google's knowledge appears limitless

This may be journalistic hyperbole but it does point to a perception of Google as "different", a company with ambitions that move beyond ordinary commercial norms. Two excellent and far-reaching examples of these ambitions are *Google Books* and *Google Scholar*.

Google Books (books.google.com)

In 2005 Google launched their **Google Books Project** in conjunction with the "Google 5" libraries of Oxford, Harvard, Stanford, Michigan and New York Public Library. Essentially they aim to digitise completely 15 million books by 2010. Despite scepticism the project has gathered pace with

more partners coming on board. In some respects this is only the beginning. Plans are afoot to increase this to more than 32 million searchable, digitised books in the future.

Google Scholar (scholar.google.com)

A product of cooperation between academic publishers and Google, the service provides access to articles, abstracts, books, and academic data. Through *Open WorldCat* it creates links to library holdings. Also it works with SFX allowing direct access to many of the Library's full-text subscriptions and it links to databases such as *JSTOR* and publishers' websites like Blackwells. It is far from complete and problem-free but like all Google resources does enough in a simple and efficient way to make it a very popular tool.

The Issues

Critics rightly point to Google's a culture of secrecy about their projects. The company does not make clear what publishers are involved or indeed what numbers of books or

journals are available. For example some publishers such as Elsevier have refused to become involved in *Google Scholar*.

There are a number of very public lawsuits in the offing over Google's interpretation of copyright law. By digitising books and making them even partially available online, critics say they are infringing publishers' and authors' rights. Google respond by saying that they are simply developing new marketing methods that will benefit all in the long run by drawing in readers and increasing sales.

Whatever the results of these legal wrangles, the Google Books Project in particular demonstrates a willingness to invest in long term development bringing the idea of an online library closer to reality. There are many who consider such aspirations as "revolutionary".

Hugo Kelly, Law Librarian

Buy-a-Book Day



Browsing the Bargains: the Library joined forces with other departments in organising the University's second successful Buy-a-Book day on March 1st, bringing together book-lovers from all over the University and the City, and raising over EUR8000 in the process.

Pat O'Connell (1927-2006)



Pat O'Connell, Minister Éamon Ó Cuív, Marie Reddan, pictured at Pat O'Connell's presentation of her book, 'The Irish College at Alcala de Henares 1649-1785' to the James Hardiman Library, Dec '97

Pat O'Connell died in Dublin on 6th December last, to the great sadness of her colleagues and many friends in the University and in Galway. A graduate of UCD with an Honours MA in Spanish, Pat worked there and in the Italian Institute in Dublin before moving to UCG as an Assistant Lecturer in Spanish in 1962. In 1965, Pat had the distinction of being the first woman to be appointed Assistant Librarian to the then exclusively male staffed Library. Shortly afterwards she became Acquisitions Sub-Librarian, and was appointed Acting Librarian in 1987 when she successfully guided the Library through the introduction of automation.

The Irish Spanish connection was a life-long interest, and on her retirement in 1992 she continued her research into the history of the Irish Colleges in Spain and Portugal, publishing three volumes on the subject – the last one on the Irish College in Santiago de Compostela was launched in the Royal Irish Academy only a month before her death.

But for all of us, our memories of Pat are of a great colleague, Christian in the deepest sense, witty, entertaining and great company. Nothing fazed her – most travels for Pat involved drama and adventure, but always a shining knight to the rescue somewhere along the *camino*. I had the great advantage of having her work with me for a few months after my arrival at the end of 1991 and I never had a dull day with her. Our friendship continued since then, and I never failed to marvel at her enthusiasm for life and living. She was, and will be, forever young.

Marie Reddan, Librarian

New Research Support Librarian



Rosarie Coughlan,
Research Support Librarian

Rosarie Coughlan has joined us from Royal Holloway, University of London, to take up a new position as Research Support Librarian in the Science, Technology and Medicine (STM) disciplines. Working with research staff and PhD students, the key aims of this role are to raise

awareness of what the Library can do to support research in the University, delivering and developing services to meet evolving needs.

Key initiatives include:

1. Dedicated researcher web pages on the Library web site providing:
 - A focal point for research support
 - A toolkit of support information relevant to the research process
2. Workshop series mapped against key stages of the research process. Topics include:
 - The research proposal – preparing your literature review
 - Getting the most from the web
 - Managing research information
 - Keeping up-to-date
 - Getting published
3. Research resources budget available to STM researchers across the University.

You can contact Rosarie by phone (ext. 5697) or email (rosarie.coughlan@nuigalway.ie).

Music for Galway Archive

To mark the 25th anniversary of *Music for Galway*, its archive was recently presented to the James Hardiman Library. The Registrar and Deputy President, Professor Jim Browne, accepted the archive at a reception in the Aula Maxima attended by friends of the University and *Music for Galway*. All present enjoyed a musical interlude from Galway's Quartet in Residence, ConTempo.

The archive is a rich mix of programmes, posters, reviews, press cuttings, photographs, correspondence and minute books.

Special moments over the past quarter century have included Yehudi Menuhin's visit, Nigel Kennedy's early performances in Galway, performances of the complete cycle of Beethoven Piano Sonatas by Robert Taub and the Hallé Orchestra's appearance in Seapoint.

This is a major addition to the Library's existing archival collections, of An Taibhdhearc, Druid, Galway Arts Festival and Macnas, which highlight the artistic and cultural life of Galway over the years.



Music for Galway advertising Yehudi Menuhin's celebrated visit in 1983

IReL: 20000 e-journals, 29000 e-books and rising

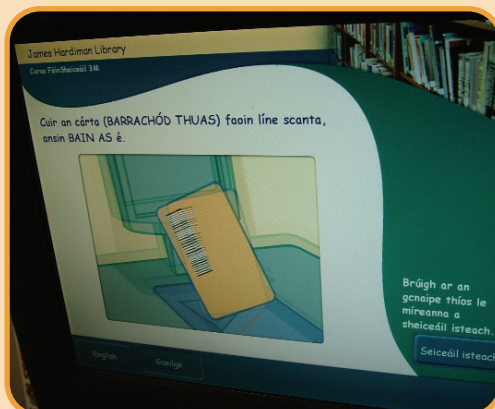
The Irish Research e-Library (IReL) continues to grow, particularly in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. All of the services in this table can be accessed via the e-Knowledge portal on the Library home page at www.library.nuigalway.ie:

TITLE	WHY USE IT?
<i>Sage Journals</i>	Full text access to over 460 top journals in Business, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science, Technology and Medicine.
<i>Informaworld</i> (inc. Taylor and Francis & Routledge journals)	We now have full access to 100s of top journals on <i>Informaworld</i> , covering titles from Taylor & Francis, Routledge, Psychology Press and Informa Healthcare.
<i>Blackwell Synergy</i> (inc. Health, Social Sciences)	Complete access to <i>Synergy</i> , with an extra 200 titles made available in the humanities, law and social sciences.
<i>WDI Online (Worldbank)</i>	Statistical and development data with time series for 208 countries and 18 country groups from 1960 to 2005.
<i>International Medieval Bibliography</i>	The leading interdisciplinary bibliography of the Middle Ages, covering periodical literature published in Europe, North America and further afield.
<i>Routledge Encyclopaedia of Philosophy</i>	Top online encyclopaedia with more than 2000 scholarly articles covering all areas of philosophy.
<i>Derwent Innovation Index</i>	An international overview of inventions in chemical, electronic, electrical and mechanical engineering. Over ten million basic inventions from over 40 countries.
<i>Wiley Journals</i>	An additional 52 new Wiley journals in all subject areas.

Service Highlights



The recently opened Group Study Rooms on Floor Two are proving extremely popular; they can be booked through the Information Point on the Ground Floor.



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