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## Focal ón Leabharlannaí



As we approach the mid-point of the academic year, we reflect on a fire in the Library Basement plant room which could have had devastating consequences; welcome the planning approval for a new Nursing Library linked to the Main Library; and continue to balance our services between physical and virtual as we highlight the Library's *Virtual Learning Centre*.

On staffing, we have another year of funding for an archivist, courtesy of the Martha Fox Fund. We also have approval for a new research support librarian for Humanities and Social Sciences as hoped for in the last newsletter, and our SIF funding has contributed to a new post of Digitisation and Institutional Repository Librarian. Complementary to this post, we shall shortly take delivery of a state-of-the art Kirtas book scanner (in conjunction with the Moore Institute) which gives Galway the honour of being the only University and Library institution outside of the British Library to have such a facility.

On e-resources, some recent acquisitions are mentioned inside and there is good news so far on continuation of IReL STM funding by SFI beyond the current phase. Finally, and not forgetting our archival collections, we are delighted to acknowledge agreements to deposit the papers of the late Professor G.A. Hayes-McCoy in the James Hardiman Library, the photographic archive of Bob Quinn, and a collection of theatre-related material which belonged to the late Alan Simpson – all to be formally received later this year.

Marie Reddan, Librarian

## Information Skills Online



Over the last few months, the Library has consolidated its online learning presence with two very exciting innovations: the *Virtual Learning Centre* and *LARK Online*. The *Virtual Learning Centre* will be the central area for quick online tutorials to simplify your e-life in the Library. The tutorials are Flash-based or in PDF format and all of them can be downloaded to your computer for future use.

The tutorials cover many aspects of online life in the Library – from finding your PIN, to using EndNote X, to using some of our many databases. The *Virtual Learning Centre* is a great way to supplement training sessions you've attended; and of course if you're not in the Library regularly, you can use the tutorials to help you on your way with our products and resources. We'll be adding more tutorials in the coming months, so check back often!

The Library has also recently developed an exciting tutorial aimed at undergraduates (but useful for everyone!), called *LARK – Learning And Research Knowhow*. The project has been developed with Galway creative media company Emedia. LARK has been designed to introduce students to information literacy and research skills – how to evaluate information, citing and plagiarism are just some of the topics covered. You can check out *LARK Online* in the *Virtual Learning Centre* already, and through the Library's BlackBoard presence very soon. From the Library homepage, go to Library Resource Centre, then Virtual Learning Centre, or go directly to <http://tinyurl.com/37xg5k>

Ronán Kennedy, Electronic Resources Librarian

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## Research Publication & Dissemination – the Future?

Organised by the Library, with the support of funding from the Quality Office, this conference attracted nearly 100 delegates from across Ireland and overseas on Thursday 10 January. The programme brought together a range of stakeholders with key roles in ensuring maximum exposure for Irish research, including researchers, funders, publishers, policy makers and librarians. There were four main themes:

- ❖ Scholarly publication and dissemination in transition
  - mapping the landscape
- ❖ Measuring research performance
  - the impact factor practice and effect
- ❖ Reinventing the scholarly peer-reviewed journal
  - the case for Open Access
- ❖ A new publishing paradigm: new horizons in scholarly publication

The event stimulated lively debate and posed fresh challenges and opportunities for cross-sectoral collaboration in ensuring maximum impact and dissemination of Ireland's research expertise in an increasingly global marketplace. For programme details, speakers and presentations visit <http://tinyurl.com/284tjl>.

*Rosarie Coughlan, Research Support Librarian (STM)*



Back row (l-r) Mr. David Hoole (Nature Publishing Group, UK), Prof. Frank Gannon (SFI), Mr. Robin Adams (Trinity College Dublin). Front row (l-r) Ms. Marie Reddan, (NUI, Galway), Mr. Martin Hynes, (Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering & Technology), Ms. Rosarie Coughlan, (NUI, Galway) Prof. Nicholas Canny (NUI, Galway), Prof. Jim Browne (NUI, Galway), Ms. Patricia Brennan (Thomson Scientific), Prof. Stefan Decker (NUI, Galway), Ms. Niamh Brennan (Trinity College Dublin).

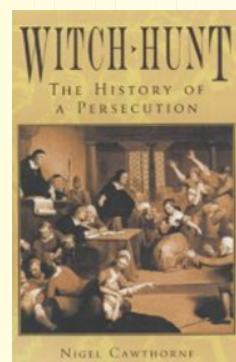
## Books Go Out-of-Print in Record Time!

Publishers globally are reducing their print runs every year. As digital printing allows publishers to produce a second print run quickly and cheaply, they need no longer risk producing large print runs of a book that may not sell. Academic books with a very small market are less likely to have a second or third print run and can become out-of-print and difficult to obtain very quickly. *Global Books in Print* shows over 11,000 titles with a 2007 publication date already out-of-print.

Online booksellers like ABE Books and Alibris have made the hunt for out-of-print books a much easier task than it was in the past, as their databases include books held by thousands of booksellers around the world. The Library makes regular use of services like these and in the majority of cases, a copy of the book will be found. However, when multiple copies are requested this can prove impossible.

Academic staff preparing reading lists with multiple copy titles are encouraged to use *Global Books in Print* to help them to identify relevant books that are current and more readily available. *Global Books in Print* can be accessed via e-Knowledge.

*Monica Crump, Head of Bibliographic Services*



Books published in the last 6 months already out of print

## Use It or Lose It!

Academic Departments are gently reminded that 50% of their book budgets need to be spent by the end of February. Any departments that have spent less than 50% of their allocation by this time will find some of their funds transferred to the relevant Faculty funds.

For an up-to-date report of spending please visit <http://tinyurl.com/32p46b>. For help with selection of material please consult your Information Librarian (<http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/librarians/index.html>). An online order request form is available at <http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/assets/orders/>

## Suggesting New Books for the Library

Would you like to suggest a book that you think the Library should have in stock? We would welcome your suggestions! If you are a student you can do so using the Book Suggestion Form at <http://tinyurl.com/3atc9k>. All members of academic staff are entitled to request the purchase of books from their department's bookfund. Your head of department will be able to tell you the username and password to use to access the online book request form at <http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/assets/orders/>.



## Fire in the Library

On 26 September last at c.09.30pm, the University's security service was alerted to a fire alarm in the Library basement plant room. This time it was not a false alarm, and luckily for all concerned, the Library was evacuated within minutes by Security and Library staff. Security staff managed to contain the fire, which was in an electrical panel, and the fire brigade was on site within 10 minutes. There were no injuries, nor was there any damage to Library material. Due to the extent of the damage, with no electrical power in the Library, Restaurant or shops, the Library remained closed for four days, with Buildings Office staff and contractors working throughout the weekend to build and replace the damaged panel. The Library re-opened on Tuesday 2 October.

If one can speak of good outcomes, all of the appropriate responses worked superbly and much praise and credit must go to Security, Buildings and Library staff for this. However, one cannot but be alarmed at what might have been. While we were able to offer services electronically, we are the custodians of unique and irreplaceable print and archival collections and such a loss would have been devastating for both the Library and the University. The loss of access to the building was severely felt, and it was gratifying to Library Staff to hear this directly from the academic community throughout the closure. This affirms the importance of the Library as the heart of the University, as we continue to campaign for an expanded and enhanced inspirational research and learning space.

Marie Reddan, Librarian

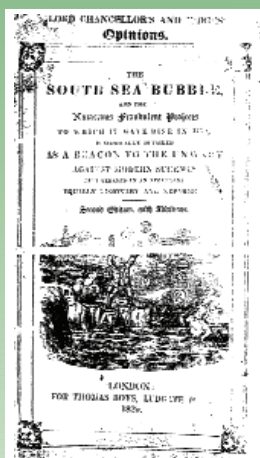
## Major Online Resource for 1450-1850

The Library has recently subscribed to *The Making of the Modern World*, a major online collection of over 12 million digitised pages. It contains 61,537 printed works and 466 serials published during between 1450 and 1850, comprising the Goldsmiths' Library of Economic Literature from the University of London Library and the Kress Library of Business and Economics at Harvard University.

The collection includes multiple editions of major works of English economists and is very useful for economic and business historians. It also contains political pamphlets and broadsides, government publications, proclamations and a wide range of ephemera as well as works on demographic patterns in 18th century England, the textile industry, public policy, pre-Marxian socialism and Utopian socialism.

*The Making of the Modern World* is particularly useful for scholars of the history of economy, history of technology, philosophy, African-American studies, gender studies, history of science and social and cultural history. Access is via e-Knowledge or the library catalogue.

Sonia Freaney, Assistant Librarian, Cataloguing



*The Enron of the 18th Century - the South Sea Company started as a British government enterprise to open trade with South America which was 'privatised' to raise funds and became a major stock scam. As many government officials bought the stock when it was low and then sold before the bubble burst, the courts protected most of the men behind it when it finally collapsed.*

## New Appointments



Monica Crump



Eileen Maloney



Jonathan Richardson



Nicola Condon



Fiona Quinlan

The Library is delighted to announce a number of new appointments, with congratulations and best wishes to all the staff involved.

**Monica Crump** is now permanent Head of Bibliographic Services and a member of the Library's Senior Management Team, having covered this role on a temporary basis previously.

**Eileen Maloney** and **Jonathan Richardson** have been appointed to two new roles of Team Leader for Customer Services and Bibliographic Services respectively following a restructuring. Both have worked as Library Assistants in these areas.

**Nicola Condon** replaces Eileen as Library Assistant in our Reader Services division, having previously been a general Library Assistant.

**Fiona Quinlan** has transferred from Cataloguing to support Trish Finnan as an Information Assistant for Commerce and External Liaison until September 2008.

## Bored Online?

If so, why not visit  
<http://www.pageflakes.com/JamesHardimanLibrary/>  
 for some diversion?

## The Irish Times Since 1859

The *Irish Times Digital Archive* is a new Library resource accessible through the IReL initiative. This is a complete digital reproduction of the *Irish Times* from 1859 to the present with pages, advertisements and photographs all included. Until recently the *Irish Times* archive was only available on microfilm and researchers had to spend hours laboriously working through the rolls to find their sources. Now you can instantly search by keyword or browse the original paper by date for almost 150 years.

A quick search on our own University throws up intriguing items. The first entry, from April 9th 1859, tells us that the expenditure for Queen's College Galway was £8139 and that 113 students attended the college the previous year. Move quickly on and over a century later it is fascinating to look at the photographs, coverage and controversies of the awarding of an Honorary Doctorate to President Ronald Reagan.

The Archive is part of the imaginative "Changing Libraries" Initiative that will see further digitisation projects of national interest being made available. While the search functionality



From the *Irish Times* Monday June 4th 1984, Dr. T.K. Whittaker, (former) Chancellor of the National University of Ireland, congratulates President Reagan after the conferring of an honorary degree by the University

could be more sophisticated, this is a major resource for research and general interest alike and can be accessed by selecting *Irish Times Online* from e-Knowledge.

Hugo Kelly, Law Librarian

## IReL's Top STM Journals

Just as search engines tend to publish their top search terms each year, the IReL Monitoring Group, currently led by NUI Galway, keeps track of the most downloaded journals in the Irish Research eLibrary. Figures for 2007 are not yet complete but the table below shows the top ten journals for Science, Technology and Medicine (STM) in terms of full-text article downloads for the Irish universities as a whole in 2006:

Nursing titles feature prominently in this list and two of the same journals in this discipline also appeared in the top ten for 2005, while the other was 11th. Eight journals made the top ten in both 2005 and 2006, the only newcomers being *Journal of Psychiatric*

and *Mental Health Nursing* and *Cell* at the expense of *Cancer Research* and *Infection and Immunity*. Also of note are the wide variations in ISI impact factor among the top ten journals. Put simply, the impact factor reflects the frequency with which articles in a given journal are cited (see the *Journal Citation Reports*, accessible via e-Knowledge). Another trend is a general increase in IReL's download activity, with 79 titles having more than 3,000 full-text downloads in 2006 compared with 62 in 2005 and a collective increase of about 25% in downloads for journals in this category.

John Cox, Deputy Librarian

Journal	Downloads	ISI Impact Factor
<i>Journal of Advanced Nursing</i>	83915	1.342
<i>Nature</i>	65558	26.681
<i>British Medical Journal</i>	57019	9.245
<i>Science</i>	49364	30.028
<i>Journal of Clinical Nursing</i>	28343	1.430
<i>Journal of the American Chemical Society</i>	17534	7.696
<i>Applied &amp; Environmental Microbiology</i>	16560	3.532
<i>Journal of Psychiatric &amp; Mental Health Nursing</i>	15658	N/A
<i>Journal of Bacteriology</i>	13542	3.993
<i>Cell</i>	12618	29.194

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