Welcome back we’ve missed you madly over the Summer. We are very excited about meeting all our new students. Over the last few weeks we were giving library induction tours so you could learn all about our facilities and how we can help you with your studies. Your student card is your library card, and you may borrow books and DVD’s, you will also have journals and online databases available for your perusal. The most important thing to remember right now is that we are accessible and not to be afraid to come to the desk and ask us for help. We know it is a difficult few weeks as you adjust to a new environment but we’re here to help….so use us!

Two Limerick Books to Devour:

Bread on the Table: baking traditions for today’ written and photographed by Limerick Lady Valerie O’Connor, takes readers on a journey through stories of Irish breads from the past into the now with funky recipes like Soda Bread Pizza and Guinness and Treacle Bread, sweet things make an appearance too with Brown Bread Ice Cream and Summer Pudding and of course an extensive chapter on gluten free breads too. All food photography, research, baking and writing was done by Valerie and is beautifully presented in this hard-back volume, making it easy for anyone to put bread on the Table. Available to borrow in LIT Library.

LIPS 2 ORMSTON HOUSE

LSAD Library is delighted to be involved in this year’s Artists books exhibition and Fair that will be taking place between LSAD and Ormston House Cultural Resource Centre.

LIPS 2 follows on from the hugely successful event LIPS (Limerick Independent Publishers Salon) that was held in Feb. 2013. It is a showcase for Artists Books and Zines created both locally and internationally. An Artists books is where the book becomes the Art Object and can involve altered books, pop-ups, photo-books, Zines, fold-overs, personal sketchbooks etc.

Events will kickstart on Tuesday, 7th October with a book-binding/making session in LSAD given by Marian Sheehan at 12 midday. This is followed by a talk on the history of the Artists’ book given by Anne Culhane, LSAD Librarian. She will also be holding an open discussion on and an exploration of the special collection held in LSAD Library.

Image from last years LIPS exhibition by Jane O’Sullivan, more images from her blog: janeosullivan.blogspot.ie/
Irish Librarians receive major European Projects Award.

Jerald Cavanagh and Padraig Kirby of Limerick Institute of Technology Library Service, have been recognised by the European Projects Association for Distinguished effort in the Development of the European Union through European Projects and for efforts in building a better society.

They have been recognised for the EU TEMPUS project 517117 Developing Information Literacy for lifelong learning and knowledge economy in Western Balkan countries. This is a €1.2m Tempus project which includes EU partners from Greece, Romania and the UK and partners in the Western Balkans and is implementing transformative Information literacy initiatives across Universities, libraries and communities in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo under UNSC Resolution 1244/99.

The European Projects Awards Nomination Campaign aims to highlight the work done by individuals who have had a positive impact on the field of European Projects Development. Jerald Cavanagh and Padraig Kirby will receive their award in the company of other award recipients including a Member of the European Parliament, University Directors, Directors of European Research Centre’s, Secretary Generals, General Directors and European Association Presidents.


The Awarding Ceremony will take place on 7 October 2014 in Brussels.

R.I.P. Maya Angelou: April 1928- May 2014: Here are some words of wisdom from the incomparable Maya Angelou- author, poet, dancer, actress and singer, who passed away this May. During her colourful career she published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, and several books of poetry. She is best known for her series of seven autobiographies the most famous being ‘I know why the caged bird sings’(1969).
Dara Waldron CCS Lecturer tells us about his favourite books.

Childhood book: C.S. Lewis ‘Chronicles of Narnia’
Memorable College Book: Thomas Pynchon ‘The Crying of lot 49’
Anecdote about a library: ‘I walked past the Bodleian library before I knew it (in Oxford) and could feel the history all around me. It has an aura.
Desert Island Book: Dostoevsky, The Brothers Karazmazov.

Much more exciting news about our Dara Waldron is the fact that he has a chapter in the just published book on Tarantino: Quentin Tarantino's Django Unchained: The Continuation of Metacinema edited by Oliver C. Speck.

‘This collection, the first to focus exclusively on the successful and controversial movie Django Unchained from the equally successful and controversial Quentin Tarantino, covers an impressively wide array of subjects and represents a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives of the film, from questions about race to the representation of violence.
Quentin Tarantinos Django Unchained is an obvious choice for film scholars and students interested in Tarantino’—Timothy Corrigan review.

September 21 to September 27 is Banned Books Week...Luckily we would never do anything as horrendous as banning a book...but have a look to have a look at some books on the list

Why oh why would anyone want to ban the diary of a young Jewish girl documenting her time in hiding during World War II? Well, in 2010, the Culpeper County decided to do it “due to complaints about its sexual content and homosexual themes.”

In Britain this book was censored for various reasons including “sacrilegious passages” and “sexual matters, including the sex life of whales and even Ishmael’s worried anticipation of the nature of Queequeg’s underwear.”

So what got On the Road banned? Well, basically everything: “The coarse language, the misogynistic attitudes of the male characters and the immoral actions of the women.”

This might be the most popular book in America but it certainly had its fair share of challenges.
Marshall University has a pretty comprehensive list of the objections to this book during this century which include “profanity” and the fact that it “contains adult themes such as sexual intercourse, rape, and incest.”

The Harry Potter books have a long and storied history of being challenged and banned by schools and parent groups who thought the books contained too much black magic.
Strangely, this did nothing to dissuade a million billion kids and adults from becoming obsessed with Harry Potter.
Ms. Jan O'Sullivan TD, Minister for Education and Skills opens Major International Library Conference

Limerick Institute of Technology Library proudly hosted the IFLA Satellite Meeting on Information Literacy in the Absolute Hotel, Limerick city August 14-15th 2014.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users and is the global voice of the library and information profession. The main theme of this Satellite Meeting was Information Literacy - the ability to efficiently locate, accurately evaluate, effectively use and clearly communicate information in various formats.

Ms. Jan O'Sullivan TD, Minister for Education and Skills officially opened the Satellite Meeting and delivered the opening address on Thursday August 14th. The hosting of this satellite meeting in Limerick was particularly special as it marked the first time that the IFLA World Library and Information Congress was held on both French and Irish soil. It is also the first time that the IFLA Satellite meeting has been hosted in Ireland. The event which attracted over 150 delegates to Limerick city is a satellite meeting off the main IFLA World Library and Information Congress which attracts over 3,000 delegates and which this year was held in Lyon, France. The IFLA Satellite Meeting had a truly international dimension with 26 countries represented.

Information literacy is an important skill for the lifelong learning of individuals which can improve their prospects of finding and keeping a satisfying job and assist them in moving up the career ladder rapidly and with appropriate rewards as well as making cost-effective and wise economic business decisions. It is a vital transferable skill for lifelong learning in both formal and informal learning environments throughout people's lifetimes. Facilitating active citizenship of individuals. Information literacy prepares people for lifelong learning because it enables them to find the information they need for any task or decision at hand.

The IFLA Information Literacy Section Satellite Meeting was co-organised by the IFLA Information Literacy Section Standing Committee and Limerick Institute of Technology Library Service. Facing the Future: Librarians and Information literacy in a changing landscape being the main theme- the satellite meeting succeeded in bringing together library and information professionals, media specialists, policy makers, educators, employers and other concerned stakeholders worldwide to exchange knowledge and experience, discuss current issues, challenges and developments about Information Literacy generally.

Some of our favourite bookish quotes this Season.....

Don’t forget to become a friend of LSAD Library on face book, you’ll find us under Lib Lsad. It’s a great way to keep in touch with past pupils, as well as finding out about current exhibitions and general happenings!

LIT Library also have a facebook page so please ‘like’ their page Library Limerick Institute of Technology, Moylish to keep up to the minute on their activities.