A first for Ireland as LIT Library Host Major World Library and Information Congress event!

LIT Library will become the first Irish Library to host the IFLA Satellite meeting on information literacy of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress. This will be a first, not just for LIT, but for Ireland. This event, which is expected to attract up to 170 delegates to Limerick city, is a satellite meeting off the main World Library and Information Congress which this year will be held in Lyon, France.

The IFLA World Library and Information Congress is the largest library conference in the World and is an international professional trade event for the library and information services sector. It brings together over 3,500 participants from more than 120 countries. It sets the international agenda for the profession and offers opportunities for networking and professional development to all delegates.

The IFLA Satellite meeting on Information Literacy, hosted by LIT Library, will be held on the 14th-15th August 2014 in Limerick city. For further information please see the official satellite meeting website [http://iflasatellitelimerick.com/](http://iflasatellitelimerick.com/) or contact local Committee Co-Chairs [Jerald.Cavanagh@lit.ie](mailto:Jerald.Cavanagh@lit.ie) or [Padraig.Kirby@lit.ie](mailto:Padraig.Kirby@lit.ie).

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LSAD Library Launch Artists’ Books Exhibition

All are welcome to the opening of WABE (Wexford Artists’ books exhibition) in LSAD Library Monday 3rd February at 5pm. The exhibition will run until Friday 7th Feb and can be viewed during Library opening hours. With almost seventy books on display, showcasing the work of fifty artists, this is a beautiful collection. Among the selected Artists are LSAD students, Dawn West and Helena Grimes! There is also a talk on artists’ books by Andi McGarry from WABE in the Church in LSAD at 11am on Tuesday the 4th February which is open to all those who are Interested. Pictured below are samples of some of the beautiful work on display.
LIT Library staff participate in EU Tempus working group meeting on Information Literacy

Jerald Cavanagh Institute Librarian/Tempus Project Leader and Padraig Kirby Senior Library Assistant/Tempus Project Coordinator recently participated in the Tempus Project Information Literacy Training Working Group (ILTWG) meeting hosted by Middlesex University, London UK in December 2013 (Pictured Left) This ILTWG meeting is part of the LIT Library led 1.2 million Tempus project 517117 RINGIDEA Developing information literacy for lifelong learning and knowledge economy in Western Balkan countries.

This project involves 12 other higher education institutions from Romania, Greece, United Kingdom, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro & Kosovo under UNSC Resolution 1244/99 and aims to develop Information Literacy (IL) for lifelong learning and knowledge economy in Western Balkan countries. The project involves the development of IL programs for lifelong learning, their use in curricula, development of innovative online IL modules for lifelong learning and the harmonisation of the IL programs with those currently active in Western Balkan countries. The project aims to strengthen the capacities of higher education institutions in the Western Balkans for the strategic planning and implementation of IL programs to instil transferable skills for a competitive, dynamic, knowledge-based economy. LIT Library are also partners in another Tempus project ASPIRE (Access to Society for People with Individual Requirements) which aims to develop access to inclusive education in Armenia and Georgia. This TEMPUS project will promote and develop access to inclusive education, to social integration and to non-discrimination treatment of those with special needs in education in accordance with the Bologna Process and United Nations criteria.

TEMPUS is the European Union’s programme which supports the modernisation of higher education in the EU’s surrounding area. Tempus promotes institutional cooperation that involves the European Union and Partner Countries and focuses on the reform and modernisation of higher education systems in the Partner Countries of Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Western Balkans and the Mediterranean region.

For further information about the ASPIRE or RINGIDEA Tempus projects please contact: Jerald.Cavanagh@lit.ie or Padraig.Kirby@lit.ie

OUR HEARTS DID A SPIN WITH THIS TALE

Author Donal Ryan, who studied civil engineering in LIT, was the very deserving winner of the 2013 Guardian First Book Award with his novel The Spinning Heart. Written as a series of interweaving short stories following the lives of a group of villagers in rural Ireland, the book has a realistic modern feel, with characters that stay with you long after you’ve closed the last page. Guardian Review editor Lisa Allardice noted “It may be slim in size, but it is hugely ambitious in structure and devastating in its emotional impact”. Donal’s second book The Thing about December is just as gripping and was already on the Irish Book Awards shortlist for ‘novel of the year’ 2013.

If you haven’t read them yet, then you’re in for a treat!

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephanie O’keeffe, Library assistant in LSAD campus who recently graduated with a Masters in Library & Information Management from Northumbria University.

Donal Ryan  by Photographer Matthew Thompson
SYLVIA SHORTALL talks about her childhood desire to be behind the library desk, her love of maps...and...well...am...dirty love!

Favourite childhood book:  *The Atlas*, not because of travel to far off places or a love of geographical information, but because there was a unique system at play: of colours, networks, diagrammatic information...it took me years to figure this out though

Book that had the most influence on your college years:  Robert Hughes, *The Shock of the New*.. a wonderful introduction to 20th Century Art

Story about the library:  I used to catalogue my tiny collection of books, putting library cards in them and charging my brothers and sister overdue fines of 1/2p... they invariably ran to my mother looking for the money, and that enterprise came to a halt!

Desert island book:  Not sure, at the moment it’s *Dirty Love* by Andre Dubus III, so it would be something from his collection

LIT Library Information Literacy Skills Programme for 2014

This programme will run during the academic year. You can sign up for lunchtime classes on topics such as Referencing, citation avoiding plagiarism, Web Search Strategies & tactics, Advanced Web Searching, Literature searching, Using online databases and e-Books, Endnote... and more!

Pictured left is the February line-up.

For more information, or to book a session go to:  http://mislibsrv.lit.ie/screens/workshops.html
LIT Librarians recognised for contribution to business and tourism in Shannon Region

Jerald Cavanagh Institute Librarian and Padraig Kirby Senior Library Assistant were the recipients of a Certificate of Appreciation at the Shannon Region Conference & Sports Bureau and Shannon Development ‘Ambassador of the Year’ awards ceremony held in the Absolute Hotel, Limerick, Friday 22nd November 2013 in recognition of their contribution to Business and Sports Tourism in the Shannon Region.

This is not the first time that Jerald Cavanagh and Padraig Kirby have been honoured by Shannon Development and Shannon Region Conference & Sports Bureau. In 2012 both were awarded the overall Ambassador of the year for 2012 by Minister for Finance, Mr Michael Noonan T.D at the Ambassador of the Year Awards ceremony in the University of Limerick. These were the inaugural Shannon Region Conference & Sports Bureau and Shannon Development Ambassador awards hence making this achievement even more special.

They have been responsible for bringing over 2.5 million worth of conference business to Limerick city through bidding for and hosting such large international conferences as LILAC 2010, QQML 2012, the International Symposium on Information Management in a Changing World (2013) as well as numerous other international symposia and meetings. The Shannon Region Conference and Sports Bureau supported their efforts by funding site visits, offering guidance and advice and helping to secure funds through the Fáilte Ireland Conference Ambassadors Fund.

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SPOLIT FOR CHOICE THIS YEAR

We are so lucky to be the City of Culture for 2014, We’ll have a year full of fun! Keep an eye out for events on the Limerick City of Culture website :http://limerickcityofculture.ie

Date for the diary for all you book lovers, the Limerick Writers’ Centre in association with The Department of English Language and Literature in Mary Immaculate College presents the first in a series of public talks on Great Irish Writers. Thursday 6th February Dr Desmond Swan, Professor of Education in University College Dublin, will introduce the series with a talk on Patrick Kavanagh @8p.m., room T118 in Mary Immaculate College. Free admission.

The series will continue during 2014 and will focus on Irish writers such as Kavanagh, Beckett, Joyce, Behan, Wilde and Brian O Nolan.
Library Ireland Week ‘Think Outside the Book’

Library week is an opportunity to raise the profile of libraries and information service professionals and to give the library the opportunity to showcase their resources, facilities, and services through different programs and events. One of our main aims this year was to get feedback from you, our patrons. We would like to thanks everyone who completed a feedback card, and to all those who told us what you like about our library, and also what you would like to see improved. The graphs below outline some of these, and your opinions have been taken on board as part of our quest to provide a great service to you all.

We also ran some competitions and here are our Prize Winners

1st Prize Colin Sheehan, 2nd Prize Dwayne Man, 3rd Prize Jackie Hanrahan

For the love of God, turn the page, You are like the slowest reader ever.
— Paul Newman reading The Garrick Year by Margaret Drabble

“Invasion of readers”
(Yuko Shimizu)

Circa 1910  Standing on a mountain of already donated volumes, an amiable barker calls for more books from passers-by outside the New York Public Library
DON'T FORGET to become a friend of LSAD Library on Facebook, you'll find us under Lib Lsad. It's a great way to keep in touch with past pupils, current exhibitions and general happenings!

And now LIT Library have a Facebook page so you can sign in for all their updates by liking their page at Library Limerick Institute of Technology, Moylish.

SOME NEW DVD'S IN LSAD LIBRARY