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 you were given library induction tours so hopefully you are getting to grips with the layout and function. 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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIT LIBRARY STAFF:

Padraig Kirby received a Master of Science in Information and Library Studies with Merit from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen.

Colette Real received an honours degree in Information and library studies (B.Sc.Econ) from Aberystwyth University, Wales.

Colette pictured at her Graduation in July 2013, enjoying a fantastic day with family and friends which she said ‘made the last four years worthwhile’.

Welcome back

Seamus Heaney 1939 – 2013

Bogland
for T. P. Flanagan

We have no prairies
To slice a big sun at evening--
Everywhere the eye concedes to
Encroaching horizon,

Is wooed into the Cyclops’ eye
Of a tam. Our unfenced country
Is bog that keeps crusting
Between the sights of the sun.

They've taken the skeleton
Of the Great Irish Elk
Out of the peat, set it up
An astounding crate full of air.

Butter sunk under
More than a hundred years
Was recovered salty and white.
The ground itself is kind, black but-
ter

Melting and opening underfoot,
Missing its last definition
By millions of years.
They'll never dig coal here,

Only the waterlogged trunks
Of great firs, soft as pulp.
Our pioneers keep striking
Inwards and downwards,

Every layer they strip
Seems camped on before.
The bogholes might be Atlantic
seeage.

The wet centre is bottomless.
LIT Library ASPIRE towards inclusive education in Europe

From July 29th to August 15th in the Absolute Hotel, Limerick, LIT Library proudly hosted the visit of academics and practitioners from Armenia and Georgia who were participating in curriculum training as part of the ASPIRE European Union funded TEMPUS project. ASPIRE (Access to Society for People with Individual Requirements) which aims to develop access to inclusive education in Armenia and Georgia. The project which is led by Ilia State University, Tbilisi Georgia also involves Edge Hill University (UK), The Pyramid Group (Germany), Technical University Of Kosice (Slovakia) as well as 5 institutions in Armenia and 4 institutions from 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. This will initiate the right of individuals with special needs to access education, to enjoy the right of participation in everyday society and to combat discrimination against them in society by instilling awareness and acceptance in society, as in line with Bologna Process and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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Library Ireland Week will take place from the 11th – 15th November 2013. The theme this year is ‘Think outside the Book’ and therefore the focus is on services and resources other than books that are available from your library. We’ll keep you posted on activities.

Exhibition: Science/Fiction: a journey in the heart of life

LSAD Library are delighted to be chosen as the venue for an amazing exhibition that highlights the interaction between Science and Art. This will take place during Science week 10th-17th November. From living organisms, observed at the microscopic level, and from the work of France’s most visionary writer, Jules Verne, the panels on display are a superimposition of scientific photographs from the Inserm image bank and old engravings illustrating the writings of Jules Verne. These striking images are the creation of Eric Dehausse, an iconographer at Inserm.
Joe O’Gorman, computer technician extraordinaire, gets a full page because he’s worth it! We find out about his love of chaos, the Indian in his closet and why you’d need to be pretty cryptic if you want to get stranded on a desert island with him.

**Favourite childhood book:** There were so many. The first book I remember loving was an old ‘Topper’ annual from the mid-seventies, there was a story in it called ‘The Whizzers from Ozz’ that I used to make my dad read to me about 30 times a day, it’s probably what gave me my lifelong love of comics. I devoured all the usual Enid Blyton/Hardy Boys/James Bonds, but the one that I remember best from my childhood is probably ‘The Indian in the Cupboard’, by Lynn Reid Banks, about a boy who discovers that an old toy cupboard can bring his toy Indian chief to life. A beautiful book about friendship and responsibility, very affecting.

**Book that had the most influence on your college years:** I studied physics for my degree, and was very much into particle physics and cosmology back in those days. I loved James Gleicks ‘Chaos’, a layman's explanation about what was then the emerging field of Chaos theory, and also his biography of Richard Feynman, which is probably what made me want to study physics in the first place. That decision was also heavily influenced by ‘A Brief History of Time’, even if I could barely understand what Hawking was on about half the time.

**Story about the library:** The thing I love most about the library here in LIT is the range of materials you have access to. When I studied for my Masters, my project was based on the relatively obscure field of digital forensics of large scale storage systems, and it could have been a struggle to find relevant research material, but the breadth of academic journals and resources available through the library website in particular was an absolutely invaluable aid to my studies.

**Desert island book:** I couldn’t just bring a solar-powered, fully loaded Kindle? Its dreadfully hard to pick just one book, Neil Gaiman said that trying to pick a favourite book is like trying to pick which body part you’d most like not to lose. If someone someday comes up with a complete collected works of Terry Pratchett in a single volume, I’d bring that, but failing that – maybe Neal Stephenson’s ‘Cryptonomicon’, a very long, very densely plotted novel about the origins of modern cryptography wrapped up in a two-handed adventure story involving the legendary code breakers from the Second World War – Alan Turing, Bletchley Park and all that – and a modern tale of a bunch of techies trying to build a data haven in the Philippines. It is extremely long, extremely complicated, and also a rip-roaring boys own adventure yarn with some of the best, most hilarious characterisation I’ve ever come across in any novel. It’d stand up to multiple re-readings, and could definitely get me through several years on a desert island!
LIT Library hosted major International Library Conference.

LIT Library hosted the International Symposium on Information Management in a Changing World (IMCW 2013) 4th-6th September in the Strand Hotel Limerick. The Symposium had a truly international flavour with representation from Countries around the globe. Delegates from 25 countries were represented including Canada, China, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Romania, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia.

“Beyond the Cloud: Information…Innovation…Collaboration…” was the main theme of the Symposium. IMCW 2013 brought together information professionals, computer and information scientists, business people and engineers to discuss the implications of cloud computing on information management and to contemplate how to design and develop innovative and collaborative information services beyond the cloud.

The Symposium featured Dr. Clifford Lynch as main keynote speaker. Dr Lynch is Executive Director of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), a 200-member organisation concerned with the use of information technology and networked information to enhance scholarship and intellectual productivity.

Other keynote speakers included Mr. Christian Verstraete, Chief Technologist – Cloud Strategy Team, Hewlett-Packard (HP) who has responsibility for the coordination of cloud activities across HP. The third Keynote speaker at IMCW 2013 was Mr. Marshall Breeding- a well known author of library publications including Cloud Computing for Libraries. IMCW 2013 is the third major international library conference LIT library have hosted in recent years, previous conferences were ‘Librarians Information Literacy Annual Conference ‘(LILAC) in 2010 and ‘International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries’ (QQML). Both conferences brought over 300 delegates to Limerick city.

Dr. Clifford Lynch, Christian Verstraete, Marshall Breeding