Here we are again coming to the end of another academic year, we wish you all the very best of luck in your exams and end of year shows. If you are leaving us for good we hope that life offers you the very best, We loved having you and shall miss you all.

SUMMERTIME
We are open all Summer from 9am until 5pm, so no need to worry about doing your research! Or if you just want to get away from it all and enjoy a book in peace.....we'll be here

L.I.T. Library Orders Summer 2017

As we approach the end of this academic year, LIT library service invite order requests from academic staff for library items which will be purchased over the summer period. To assist the library staff with this process and to ensure the requested items are fully integrated into our library collection by September, 2017, please return completed order forms to your local library no later than Friday May 26, 2017. Staff are reminded that order requests must be approved by their Head of Department, and that all orders are checked against the library catalogue current holdings. Order form can be found on the library webpage under ‘guides and forms’. Please also note that orders maybe subject to budgetary constraints. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact any member of the library staff. Enjoy your Summer

GIFTS, GIFTS AND MORE GIFTS:

We were absolutely overjoyed to receive an enormous donation of art books from a lady called Siobhan Malone recently. Her Mum had an amazing collection of art books, mostly on crafts such as knitting, crocheting, lacework, making soft toys, glass ..the list goes on. We are keeping as many as possible in LSAD library, some cookery and home décor will go to LIT Moylish and most of the knitwear (which includes old patterns and magazines) will go directly to Fashion and Knitwear in Merriman house where they will be used and appreciated by the lovely knitwear staff and students. We are really grateful to Siobhan, and it is lovely that the books will continue to be used by art and craft lovers.
We (Stephanie O’Keeffe and Colette Real LSAD library) were so lucky to attend the Academic & Special Libraries Conference in Dublin in February. The title of the conference was The Sociable Librarian: Connecting & Creating Communities. To say we enjoyed the experience and came away bouncing with ideas and filled with enthusiasm is an understatement!

**HERE ARE OUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

After an initial meet and greet with Librarians from all over the country we settled in for the first keynote speaker, the delightful Dr. Brenda O’Connell from UL whose talk ‘Wellbeing Begins with ‘We’ not ‘Me’: The Benefits of Social Relationships’ was extremely thought provoking. She discussed the importance of friendships within the workplace for our mental health, her statistics about the amount of time we actually spend with our co-workers in comparison to time spent with friends and family was staggering, therefore we need to have a good relationship or we’d be pretty miserable!

The next speaker was Maeve Gebruers from The Irish Traditional Music Archive with ‘Reels in the attic: the ITMA story that reached millions’ It was such a heartwarming story about the wonderful Anne Gannon, a woman well before her time, who was the first private individual to make tape recordings of Irish traditional music in Ireland. Her incredible archive, which she donated to ITMA was recorded by Anne in a time when even getting electricity to many of the rural communities was difficult, not to mind lugging the cumbersome equipment from house to house. She was some character, and her joie de vivre can be seen in the footage of her interviews, everyone in the audience had a smile on their faces by the end of Maeve’s talk!

The next morning we were a little tender as we made our way down for the Keynote speaker Scotty Bonner, but all sluggishness quickly disappeared as we listened to this inspirational librarian. He hailed from a small public library in Ferguson, a town that which became embroiled in protests and riots that began the day after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by white police officer Darren Wilson on August 9, 2014. The whole town went into shutdown for weeks on end but Scotty decided to adapt the mantra ‘if safe, open, if open, we do everything we possibly can’. And boy did he mean everything! They galvanised the whole community, and as the schools were closed they set up desks and tables for teachers who wanted to volunteer, and the children came in and got their lessons, they then extended out to the local hall to accommodate more people, they got food trucks to deliver food for the children...it was incredible! I don’t think there was a dry eye at the end of Scotty’s talk when he described the night Darren Wilson was acquitted, and the whole town exploded in the worst riots, but the next morning as he came down through the streets where every building had windows smashed .. there standing like a beacon, untouched and perfect. was the library! He truly knows the meaning of being a librarian...and the people of his town were very lucky!

We had a lovely treat during our chosen workshop with two Librarians from UCC Martin O'Connor and Ronan Madden speaking about their radio show ‘Shush! Sounds from UCC library’. Their weekly one hour show is broadcast to the UCC Community and beyond via the college broadcaster UCC Campus Radio. Their passion for music was more than evident, and their unique show, which incorporates interviews with librarians and various library issues, is simply inspired. What a fabulous way to engage people from all over the campus and beyond...they have regular listeners and fans from all over the world...be advised by us, in the infamous words of Timothy Leary ‘tune in or drop out’ :)

**Our favourites pictured above:** Dr. Brenda O’Connell , Anne Gannon, Scotty Bonner, Ronan Madden and Martin O’Connor
Philip Desmond.. our superstar, LSAD’S outgoing student president, and LIT’S incoming President, talks us through his most important books and explains how he’d get his kicks from making the librarian Anne Culhane laugh at his antics

My favorite childhood book or series even would probably have to be, 'A series of Unfortunate Events' by Lemony Snicket. It was probably the first set of books that I ever read fully and I couldn't stop until I had them all done, locked away in my room on a Manchester United beanbag with Green day blaring through my headphones.

How do I pick my favorite college book? I have to say Kieran Cashell's seminar 'Aftershock' which discusses the Artists and writings by Cashell in his incredibly thought provoking book 'Aftershock: the ethics of contemporary transgressive art' really sparked an interest in my own Artwork and the way I look at others. In 3rd year I went to Holland to visit my sister over the Easter break and I actually brought the book with me for the plane journeys and for all the train rides. It is a must read for all contemporary Artists and Art Students.

Desert Island... If I couldn't get my hands on a 'Stranded on a Desert Island for Dummies' book I'd be happy with J.R.R. Tolkien's 'Lord Of The Rings'. My dad has this really old version at home that has all three parts in one, the thing is massive. I love the Lord of the Rings and it would keep me occupied for a good while, and I know ye would never want to see a book get burnt but that thing has a lot of pages that would do pretty well for a fire when I was done!

The LSAD library has always been a safe haven for me, not only are the most wonderful staff there - my college mammy's as I so often tell people. But some of the funniest memories I'll have would be trying to scare Anne Culhane from outside the windows, myself and Andy Summers used to be in stitches trying to do silly faces or dancing like eejits hoping Anne would turn around and get a laugh.

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone in the LSAD Library for all you have done for me over the last few years, ye are probably sick of me asking questions and hugging ye at this stage but ye haven't gotten rid of me just yet.

We could never have enough of Philip Desmond,

a scholar and a gentleman

if ever there was one!
**LIT Library to host major International Library Conference.**

Limerick Institute of Technology are proud to host the International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries (QQML) which will take place in the Savoy Hotel, Limerick, Ireland from the 23rd-26th May 2017. For further information about QQML 2017 please visit the QQML 2017 website available here http://www.isast.org/

Now in its ninth year, QQML is firmly established as an essential conference for library managers, decision makers and anyone who is interested in the assessment and improvement of library services and the measurement of the functional effectiveness and efficiency of libraries. Qualitative and Quantitative methods in libraries are vital in aiding decisions on fund allocation, financial alternatives and in order to determine why and when library users appreciate library services particularly in light of the immense opportunities and challenges we have been confronted with by the power of the Internet.

This is the second time LIT Library have hosted QQML having done so previously in 2012 where over 300 delegates attended the conference from over 50 countries. If you would like to attend QQML 2017 Limerick, you can still Register by Downloading the Registration Form available on the QQML 2017 website http://www.isast.org/registrationhotels.html - complete and return the form to the Conference Secretariat at: secretar@isast.org

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**AHEM…..**

We know you want to just run out that door and start your holidays but Please Return Your Library Books before you go …or we’ll send Spongebob and Patrick after you..