ABLE - Artists' Books Limerick Exhibition is an exciting exhibition open to Students and Staff of LSAD - both past and present! Closing date for submissions is Monday, 8th February and the exhibition will run in the foyer from 15th - 29th February. Gonna be great folks!!!

To coincide with the ABLE Artists' books exhibition, LSAD are delighted to run four different workshops on various aspects of book-making and binding techniques. Bella Walsh, Artist, Printer and Bookmaker is running these. These workshops are scheduled for 28th and 29th January.

Workshop A: Thurs 28th 10.00am - 12.30pm 'Concertinas and folded books'.
Workshop B: Thurs. 28th 1.30pm - 4.00pm. Glued case bound books.
Workshop C: Fri. 29th 10.00am - 12.30pm 'The Coptic, complex single leaf binding.
Workshop D: 1.30pm - 4.00pm 'Coptic - continued'

For more information - contact Anne Culhane or Alan Crowley….or the Facebook page ABLE LSAD.

The World Mourns ..... Alan Rickman and David Bowie

Two of the worlds greatest creatives EVER- passed away this January, leaving in their wake a body of work that will live forever. Both were voracious readers. Alan was featured in the ‘Read’ series of posters. Created by the American Library Association (ALA) in 1985, the “READ” poster features a celebrity posing with their favourite book. The celebrities are chosen because of their popularity, appeal, and visibility to a general audience, and the ALA tries to feature a range of diverse talents who would be inspire both adults and children. He chose The catcher in the rye.

A list of 100 of Bowie’s favourite books has been unveiled as part of the launch of the ‘David Bowie Is’ art exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Bowie’s literary list is as eclectic as the man himself, it contains fiction/non-fiction, essays, poetry and comics. It features classic novels like A Clockwork Orange, The Great Gatsby and Lolita, Rock Criticism includes Mystery Train and Sweet Soul Music. The list ranges from highbrow titles The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind to light reading in the form of a compilation of The Beano. To see the full list click here:

http://www.davidbowie.com/news/bowie-s-top-100-books-complete-list-52061
LIT Library to host 3 Major International Conferences during 2016

In April we will host the ‘Global Learn: Global Conference on Learning Technology’ which is expected to attract up to 300 delegates to Limerick city. Global Learn is an international education conference dedicated to furthering advancement and innovation in learning and technology and is an initiative of the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).

In November LIT Library will host the prestigious Annual International Summit of the Book. This Summit which will attract up to 400 delegates to the city is one of the important initiatives launched by the US Library of Congress to emphasize the key position of the book and libraries in preserving national cultural identities and human civilization. The inaugural Summit took place in Washington D.C. in December 2012. Every year, the Summit is held in a city that has a global cultural impact—namely Washington, Singapore, and Paris in the years 2012, 2013, and 2014 respectively. Last year this important cultural event was held for the first time in Africa and the Arab world—in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in the ancient city of Alexandria, Egypt.

Finally in December we will host the International Conference on Computer Science and Information Technology (ICCSIT) which will bring up to 200 delegates to Limerick city. ICCSIT is an international forum for the presentation of technological advances and research results in the fields of Computer and Information Science and Information Technology. The Conference is supported and sponsored by the American Society of Research. ICCSIT has been held previously in cities such as Singapore, Chengdu, Beijing, Hong Kong, Paris, Barcelona and Amsterdam and is now in its 9th year and we are delighted that LIT will host this international Conference in 2016.

Failte Ireland estimate that the running of these three conferences which together will attract up to 900 delegates will bring over 1.3 million euros to Limerick city and the Region in 2016.

FABULOUS NEW ADDITION TO LSAD LIBRARY COLLECTION

In five beautiful, deeply researched volumes, *Art and Architecture of Ireland* provides an authoritative and fully illustrated account of the art and architecture of Ireland from the early Middle Ages to the end of the 20th century.

Each volume has its own expert editor or editorial team and covers a specific area or chronological period. More than 250 scholars from around the world, who represent a broad range of disciplines, contribute texts that range from thematic and general essays to articles on techniques and historical developments, biographical entries, bibliographies, lists of artists, and comprehensive indexes. Historical documentation combines with the best of current scholarship to make this the most comprehensive and ambitious undertaking of its kind. The volumes explore all aspects of Irish art and architecture—from high crosses to installation art, from Georgian houses to illuminated manuscripts, from watercolours and sculptures to photographs, oil paintings, video art, and tapestries. This monumental work provides new insight into every facet of the strength, depth, and variety of Ireland’s artistic and architectural heritage.
The most beloved LSAD sculpture technician Pat Biesty is a genius who has the perfect solution to being stranded on a desert island.. Just don’t count on him to get you a take-away!

Childhood book - favourite daytime reads were Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle and favourite bedtime was The tiger that came to tea by Judith Kerr

College book - Ways of seeing by John Berger

Desert island - Encyclopedia Britannica complete 30 volume set 15th edition plus 12 volume extra—the ones that every house in the country had at one stage, before the internet.

I could read a few, burn a few for fuel, maybe eat a few, and if I had a bit of PVA make a boat to get off the island, …and a kindle with a library of books!

My mother told me this one. When I was 10 I went to the local library with her, went up to the counter and said, "I'LL HAVE A CHEESE-BURGER, CHIPS AND A COKE!" "Shhhh! Please" says the librarian. "This is a library. You'll have to be quiet!" My mother makes me say sorry, after a few minutes I whisper in a very low voice, "I'll have a cheese-burger, chips and a Coke!"

Bord Gáis Irish Book Awards 2015 Another exciting year for Irish fiction, culminating in a dazzling televised awards night which was almost as star laden as the Oscars! It was wonderful to see our local man Donal Ryan scoop the award for ‘Writing.ie Short Story of the Year 2015’. Donal also presented the renowned Irish American novelist J.P. Donleavy with the ‘Bob Hughes Lifetime Achievement Award’. Adding his congratulations by video-link, was Hollywood megastar Johnny Depp, who is producing and reportedly starring in, a film version of Donleavy’s 1955 novel, The Ginger Man.

Donal Ryan is the author of two acclaimed novels, The Spinning Heart and The Thing About December. In 2012 The Spinning Heart won the Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book of the Year and in 2013 it won the Guardian First Book Award.

A Slanting of the Sun is his first short story collection.

Some other winners on the night were:

Eason Book Club Novel of the Year
The Green Road by Anne Enright (Jonathan Cape)
TheJournal.ie Best Irish Published Book of the Year
The Long Gaze Back: An Anthology of Irish Women Writers edited by Sinéad Gleeson (New Island Books)
Avonmore Cookbook of the Year
The Virtuous Tart by Susan Jane White (Gill & Macmillan)
Ireland AM Crime Book of the Year
After the Fire by Jane Casey (Erby Press)
Irish Independent Popular Fiction Book of the Year
The Way We Were by Sinead Moriarty (Penguin Ireland)
National Book Tokens Non-Fiction Book of the Year
Children of the Rising by Joe Duffy (Hachette Books Ireland)
Bord Gáis Energy Sports Book of the Year
Until Victory Always: A Memoir by Jim McGuinness (Gill & Macmillan)
Sunday Independent Newcomer of the Year
Spill Simmer Falter Wither by Sara Baume (Tramp Press)
Books Are My Bag Popular Non-Fiction Book of the Year
Me and My Mate Jeffrey by Niall Breslin (Hachette Books Ireland)
RTÉ Radio 1’s The Ryan Tubridy Show Listeners’ Choice Award
Irelandopedia by Fatti and John Burke (Gill & Macmillan)
Library Lunchtime Training – September to December 2015

Some highlights:
205 students attended training in total:
114 (Business & Humanities) 91 (Applied Science, Engineering & Technology)

October was the most popular month for training
117 students attended classes during October

The Harvard Referencing workshop was the most popular session
It accounted for half of all classes and more than half of all attendees

Some feedback from students:
‘very beneficial’ ‘I have a better understanding of referencing now’ ‘Well worth going to’
This was so informative’ ‘Glad I came – very useful’ It really helped me – thank you’

A FEW OF THE AMAZING JOURNALS IN STOCK IN LSAD LIBRARY

Selection of fiction at LIT Library - worth a look in 2016!

LIT Librarian Nora Hegarty has set up a new PINTEREST board for fiction books in LIT Library. It’s a great way to see what we have in stock.

Check it out at:
https://www.pinterest.com/libmoylit/popular-reading-lit-library/

And it’s going to grow as our collection does……So make sure to log on regularly to see what’s new!