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Jane Cantwell, President

## Foreword

2013 was a busy and exciting year for the Library Association of Ireland. Because our main purpose is to support members and to promote the importance of libraries, librarians and information workers, we focused on doing exactly that in 2013.

The Association advocates on behalf of members to ensure that decision makers are constantly reminded of the benefits to be gained from effective library and information services and the wide range of skills of our members.

The strength of the Association lies in the diversity of our membership and the scale and penetration of library and information services at national level.

Our public libraries are at the forefront in supporting community activities and lifelong learning and in improving the quality of life, wellbeing and hopefully, employment prospects of our citizens. During 2013, many of our members contributed to a radical, new public library development plan “**Opportunities for All: A Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017**”. <http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/LocalGovernment/PublicLibraries/FileDownload,34861,en.pdf>. In the foreword to this document, the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government stated:

*“The Strategy will position libraries as a key resource in local communities, delivering a broad range of services more effectively to meet a diverse spectrum of people’s needs in information, learning, literacy, employment skills, business and leisure” Pg 2.*

This positioning could and should be applicable to any of the “communities” served by our members. For example:

- Our academic and special libraries are at the heart of some of our most important learning institutions, companies and organisations and a vital element of the research and learning that contribute to a successful society.
- Our health librarians are skilled knowledge and information managers who provide valuable access to highly specialized information.
- Our school libraries are at the core of the teaching and learning environment and make huge efforts to support children and their parents in improving literacy and numeracy skills.
- Our government librarians contribute their knowledge and expertise to the important policies and legislation underlying our society.

In addition, our members, both employed and unemployed, retired, students and many more, are engaged in areas of life where they often make important contributions to national issues such as copyright, literacy, European and International affairs, intellectual property, technology, censorship, professional standards and literature, to name but a few.



During 2013, the Association's newly designed website started to take shape and the provision of online registration and renewal of membership facilities is a big step forward in terms of access to the Association, with improved engagement and communications among members. The new website also enhances the Association's public presence and makes it a lot easier for members, potential members, stakeholders and the public to find out about the work we do.

An ambitious Action Plan 2013–2016 was approved by Council in January 2013 and it is proving to be a useful tool with clear actions and deadlines to reach. Committees and Task Forces agreed to take on specific tasks and are to be commended for the work being carried out and the new policies and procedures implemented as a result of their work. Actions are identified within two programme streams (1) Promotion and (2) Support and examples of the work emanating from this initiative include:

- New updated newsletter, Leabharlann-E
- New Code of Professional Practice [https://libraryassociation.ie/sites/default/files/Code%20of%20Professional%20Practice%202013\\_council%20approved.pdf](https://libraryassociation.ie/sites/default/files/Code%20of%20Professional%20Practice%202013_council%20approved.pdf)
- Draft Media Liaison Guidelines
- Social Media Workflow Chart and questionnaire on social media used to be circulated early 2014
- Online Registration and renewal of membership
- Electronic version of An Leabharlann, our professional journal, which continues to be produced to the highest standard.

Continuing Professional Development has been high on the agenda and through the hard work of both the CPD and the Professional Standards Committees, considerable progress was made on devising a formal mentoring programme for applicants for the Associateship and Fellowship of the Association. Guidelines for mentors and mentees are now available on the website. A team of voluntary mentors has been established and a training programme for these volunteers will be organized in early 2014.

Throughout 2013, the Association provided opportunities for upskilling and networking to members through a very successful Joint Conference in Croke Park, organised in conjunction with CILIP Ireland, as well as numerous excellent conferences and seminars organised by Groups and Sections throughout the year.

Now in its 8th year, Library Ireland Week 2013 provided an opportunity to showcase the wide range of services and expertise offered by Irish Libraries. This year's theme "Thinking Outside the Book" was very appropriate and invited us to think and work creatively in the way we offer library and information services to our users.

These are challenging times and regardless of sector, a number of issues are common to many members including:

- The non filling of vacant posts in a range of library and information services
- An embargo on recruitment



- Lack of promotional opportunities
- Less training opportunities
- Decreasing budgets and resources
- Shared services and mergers.

The Library Association communicates with relevant bodies and agencies to highlight these issues and there is constant activity and intervention on these and the many other challenges facing our members in different sectors.

On your behalf, I would like to thank the members of Council and the members of our excellent groups, sections, Task Forces and committees. This report provides an overview of the scale of productivity and engagement and I am confident that we will continue to bring the same commitment, energy and enthusiasm to our work during the coming year.

Finally, I would like to remind you of the words spoken by the great poet Seamus Heaney at the launch of Library Ireland Week 2010 when he said *"It is my pleasure to pronounce in praise of libraries and librarians"*

It was with great sadness that we heard of the loss in August 2013 of one of Ireland's greatest poets and a huge supporter of libraries.

During 2014, be assured the Library Association of Ireland will continue to pronounce and indeed shout about the value of libraries and librarians.

**Jane Cantwell**  
**President**





## List of Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used within the text of the report:

ANLTC	<i>Academic and National Library Training Co-operative</i>
CILIP	<i>Chartered Institute for Library &amp; Information Professionals</i>
CONUL	<i>Consortium of National and University Libraries</i>
DBS	<i>Dublin Business School</i>
DCU	<i>Dublin City University</i>
DKIT	<i>Dundalk Institute of Technology</i>
HRB	<i>Health Research Board</i>
HSE	<i>Health Services Executive</i>
LISC	<i>Library and Information Services Council</i>
LGMA	<i>Local Government Management Agency</i>
NUIG	<i>National University of Ireland Galway</i>
NUIM	<i>National University of Ireland, Maynooth</i>
NLI	<i>National Library of Ireland</i>
QQI	<i>Quality and Qualifications Ireland</i>
TCD	<i>Trinity College Dublin</i>
UCC	<i>University College Cork</i>
UCD	<i>University College Dublin</i>
UCD SILS	<i>University College Dublin, School of Information &amp; Library Studies</i>
UL	<i>University of Limerick</i>

## List of Useful Websites

[www.libraryassociation.ie](http://www.libraryassociation.ie)

Library Association of Ireland

[www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/regional-branches/ireland/pages/default.aspx](http://www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/regional-branches/ireland/pages/default.aspx)  
CILIP Ireland

[www.eblida.org](http://www.eblida.org)

European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations: E.B.L.I.D.A.

[www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)

International Federation of Library Associations

## Honorary Officers and Council 2013/2014

### Honorary Officers

- **President:** Jane Cantwell, City Librarian, Waterford City Council Library Service (from 14th March 2013); Fionnuala Hanrahan, County Librarian, Wexford County Council Library Service (to 14th March 2013)
- **Vice-Presidents:** Philip Cohen, Head of Library Services, Dublin Institute of Technology; Mary Stuart, County Librarian, Offaly County Library Service
- **Honorary Secretary:** Yvonne Quigley, Assistant Librarian, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Public Library
- **Honorary Treasurer:** Catherine Gallagher, Acting Executive Librarian, South Dublin County Libraries
- **Honorary Auditor:** Brendan Martin, County Librarian, Wicklow County Library Service

### Council

- Georgina Byrne, South Dublin County Libraries (to December 2013)
- Jane Burns, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (Co-opted June 2013)
- Jane Cantwell, Waterford City Council Library Service (Chairman)
- Philip Cohen, Dublin Institute of Technology (Deputy Chairman)
- Madelaine Dennison, Houses of the Oireachtas
- Bernie Fennell, Louth County Libraries
- Catherine Gallagher, South Dublin Libraries
- Fionnuala Hanrahan, Wexford County Libraries
- Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Public Libraries
- Jessie Kurtz, Trinity College Dublin
- Kate Kelly, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (to December 2013)
- Gillian Kerins, Institute of Technology Tallaght
- Lee Komito, University College Dublin
- Pat Lonergan, Kildare Library and Arts Service
- Cathal McCauley, National University of Ireland Maynooth
- Zoë Melling, Legal Aid Board
- Mary Murphy, Meath County Libraries
- Emer O'Brien, Tipperary Libraries
- Carmel O'Sullivan, University College Dublin
- Yvonne Quigley, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Libraries
- Mary Stuart, Offaly County Libraries
- Kieran Swords, South Dublin County Libraries
- Joan Ward, Local Government Management Agency

The 2013/14 Council met seven times during its term of office to the end of December – 25th April, 23rd May, 27th June, 26th September, 24th October, 21st November, 12th December. The previous Council met twice in 2013 – 10th January and 14th February.



Members of Council at the AGM in Pearse Street Library.

## Attendance record

### To end of December 2013 inclusive

Jane Burns	4	Lee Komito	2
Georgina Byrne	1	Pat Lonergan	4
Jane Cantwell	6	Cathal McCauley	4
Philip Cohen	7	Zoë Melling	6
Madelaine Dennison	6	Mary Murphy	4
Bernie Fennell	2	Emer O'Brien	3
Catherine Gallagher	5	Carmel O'Sullivan	4
Fionnuala Hanrahan	4	Yvonne Quigley	6
Margaret Hayes	5	Mary Stuart	6
Kate Kelly	4	Kieran Swords	4
Gillian Kerins	6	Joan Ward	5
Jessie Kurtz	4		



# Developing the Profession

## Professional Standards Committee



l to r: Gillian Kerins, IT Tallaght, Siobhán Fitzpatrick, RIA, Deirdre Ellis-King

The Committee met four times (March-December, 2013.). One of the main foci of activity during the year was the assessment of competency frameworks and the provision on the web of links to statements and/or frameworks proposed by professional library associations and other recognised bodies. The Committee also considered the CILIP Professional Knowledge and Skills Base in the context of the provision of a competency toolkit for LAI members. This work will be progressed during 2014.

The Code of Ethics (revised version, 2007) was reviewed for currency and completeness and it was agreed that it should be replaced by a Code of Professional Practice. This was presented to Council for approval in December 2013 and it is hoped to make it available to the membership early in 2014.

The Committee engaged with the Dublin Business School (DBS) who sought LAI accreditation for a new MSc course to be offered from September 2014. The course will be subject to QQI assessment. Following a presentation by DBS to the Committee on the 24 October and subsequent consideration, Council approved the Committee's recommendation that an accreditation exercise should be carried out early in 2014.

The Committee's section on the new website was completely reviewed and updated during the year.



l to r: Marjory Sliney, Madelaine Dennison, Houses of the Oireachtas

## Continuing Professional Development Committee

2013 was a fruitful year for the committee, which met five times. The committee is responsible for accrediting CPD events and it certified six courses during 2013:

1. 'The Media as your Ally', ANLTC - one day seminar on 21st February, NUI Maynooth.
2. 2013 LAI/CILIP Ireland Joint Conference and Exhibition, 'Focus, Funding and Futures: Libraries Adapting to Change', Wednesday 10th-Thursdays 11th April
3. 'Recommending with Confidence', LAI Youth Libraries Group - one day seminar on 23rd May, Balbriggan Library
4. 'Annual Workshop', LAI Rare Books Group - one day workshop on 24th September
5. Public Libraries Section, Conference 2013 6th -8th November Monaghan.
6. 'The Decade of Commemorations and our Special Collections' – LAI Rare Books Group – one day seminar on 29th November, National Library of Ireland

Considerable progress was made on devising a formal mentoring programme for applicants for the Associateship and Fellowship of the LAI. Guidelines for mentors and mentees are now available on the LAI website. A team of voluntary mentors has been established and a sub-committee of the CPD Committee is due to meet in January 2014 to devise a short training programme for these volunteers.



Front row l to r: Helen Fallon, NUI Maynooth, Deirdre Ellis-King, Mary Murpy, Meath County Libraries. Back row L to R: Gillian Kerins, IT Tallaght, Crystal Fulton, UCD, Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Libraries.

On 7th November, Gillian Kerins made a presentation CPD on a Budget to the LAI Career Development Group (CDG), which was very well received

The committee discussed the CILIP Professional Knowledge and Skills Base (PKSB) and will consider the possibility of offering this programme to members of the LAI.

Two principal actions were allocated to this group in the LAI Action Plan, 2012 <https://libraryassociation.ie/sites/default/files/LAI%20ACTION%20PLAN%20Final%20Version%20240713.pdf>

**Action 11:** Establish and apply an accreditation/certification mechanism for CPD

**Action 12:** Develop and provide a mentoring support service for Library and Information professionals e.g. those unemployed or underemployed, transferring across sectors, fast-tracking for added managerial or technical skills.

The first is in hand, while the second will be considered in 2014 and will be informed by the experience of the ALAI/FLAI mentoring programme.



Marie Cullen, NUI Maynooth

## Associateship Award

### Cullen, Marie G. MILS, ALAI, NUI Maynooth

Marie Cullen has been active in the Library Association of Ireland for a number of years. She has served in the Academic and Special Libraries Section as a committee member and Secretary to the Section. Marie has contributed to the profession through research on the library assistant bursary, a consultancy she was awarded by ANLTC. She has also contributed to An Leabharlann: the Irish Library. Marie is currently Assistant Librarian, National University of Ireland - Maynooth





# Annual General Meeting 2013



l to r Fionnuala Hanrahan, outgoing President with Jane Cantwell, incoming President.



l to r: Zoe Melling, Legal Aid Board, Catherine Gallagher, Hon.Treasurer, South Dublin Libraries

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in Dublin City Libraries, Pearse St., Dublin on 14th March 2013. Jane Cantwell, Waterford City Librarian was elected President. Philip Cohen, Head of Library Services, DIT was returned as Vice-President and Mary Stuart, Offaly County Librarian was elected Vice-President. Yvonne Quigley, Assistant Librarian, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Public Libraries, was returned as Honorary Secretary. Catherine Gallagher, Acting Executive Librarian, South Dublin Public Libraries, was returned as Honorary Treasurer. Brendan Martin, County Librarian, Wicklow Public Libraries was elected as Honorary Auditor.

The minutes of the 2012 AGM were adopted and the Honorary Treasurer explained the Accounts for 2012 which had been distributed and answered questions from the floor. The 2012 Annual Report was considered and adopted.

Following election of the Officers and Council members, President Jane Cantwell addressed the meeting, expressing thanks for the nomination. She outlined priorities for 2013 based on the Action Plan 2013 – 2016 and the Communications Strategy 2012 – 2016 and spoke about the need to be clear about what we do, to value our professional status and to clarify our core competencies. She highlighted the need for ongoing advocacy and for collaboration and cooperation at every level in order to strengthen the Association and to provide a supportive environment which encourages career development. Referring to the above plans, she stressed that the use of a vibrant and interactive web and social media presence was key to achieving many of the aims outlined in our plans and strategies for 2013.

## Resolutions passed at the meeting for action by the Council

The following motions were passed at the AGM and addressed by Council during the year.

**Motion 1:** The abolition of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna has undermined support for cross-sectoral initiatives among libraries. This meeting calls upon the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to establish an inclusive library consultative committee, possibly administered by the Library Development Unit within the Local Government Management Agency to maintain and nurture the national library collections and network for the benefit of all citizens and residents. Proposed by Council.

**Proposed Action:** Consultative Committee in place

**Motion 2:** This meeting calls on the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to lead a third national development plan for public libraries, 2013 - 2018, which will build on the achievement of the two previous plans and which will incorporate [1] a scheme for capital funding for new buildings and renovation of existing stock, [2] service prioritisation based on the country's current development plan, [3] collections development and [4] manpower planning. Proposed by the County & City Librarians Section.

**Proposed Action:** To be referred to County&City Librarians' section for action



Yvonne Quigley, Hon. Secretary, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Libraries



Giada Gelli, Ann O'Sullivan, Houses of the Oireachtas



Philip Cohen, Dublin Institute of Technology, Jane Cantwell, President

**Motion 3:** In view of the changed financial circumstances generally across society and their impact on the Association's finances, the AGM calls for payment of membership fees by all members in line with their annual salary or income. Proposed by Administration Committee of the Council

**Proposed Action:** To be referred to Admin Committee for action.

**Motion 4:** This Annual General Meeting requests that the Council of the Library Association of Ireland call on all public library authorities to continue to support the Annual Public Libraries Conference, in recognition of it being one of main professional development and training opportunity for all levels of public library employees'. Proposed by Public Libraries Section.

**Proposed Action:** To be referred to Public Library Section and C&CLS for action.

**Motion 5:** This meeting calls on the relevant local authorities and on Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to advertise and fill vacant County/City Librarian posts countrywide so that the library services involved will have the most effective management possible and so that all local authorities are best represented in influencing opportunities for local as well as national development which will arise through implementation of the forthcoming public library strategy. Proposed by the County & City Librarians Section.

**Proposed Action:** To be referred to C&CLS for action.

**Motion 6:** The Library Association of Ireland welcomes the recent initiative by Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Jimmy Deenihan TD, and Minister for Education and Skills, Ruairí Quinn TD, in establishing an Arts in Education Charter. We agree that "Giving young people access to the arts is extremely important both for their development and the artistic and cultural future of our country." Quote from Minister Deenihan at the launch. We call on the two Departments to acknowledge the role of libraries in this delivery of information supporting the arts and in delivering significant Arts programming for children delivered by public libraries nationwide. We further direct the LAI Council to pursue all opportunities to engage with the Implementation Group and to raise their awareness of library programming and of the potential of the public library network to contribute to the realisation of the Arts in Education Charter. Proposed by Council.

**Proposed Action:** Council to make contact with the Arts in Education Implementation Group



Kate Kelly, Librarian Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

# Communications

## Communications Committee (Policy and Procedure)

The Communications Committee worked together on implementing the actions set out in the LAI **Communications Strategy 2012 – 2016**.

The **objectives** of this communications strategy are to:

1. Communicate the functions and work of the LAI to its stakeholders and to the wider community;
2. Provide timely, accurate and appropriate information to its stakeholders.

The following actions were prioritised for 2013

- Web and Social media
- Media Liaison Guidelines

The Website Task Force made considerable progress in further development of web and social media content in 2013. The Communications Committee prepared draft guidelines on Media Liaison. The guidelines apply to all media contact, including social media and online feedback.

A new role of Communications Officer is recommended to coordinate and filter media enquiries through the President to ensure that a consistent and appropriate message is delivered.

Further work on the guidelines will be carried out in 2014, in conjunction with the Website Task Force

## Website Development

### Task Force on Library Association of Ireland Website

The Website Development Task Force met on four occasions during the year and also conducted business electronically.

The Drupal-based website continues to develop along the planned lines.

Features added during the year include:

- joining the association online
- online membership renewal
- online payment of membership fees
- member-only access to a full copy of the Association's Journal, An Leabharlann
- social media integration including links to the LAI presence on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Flickr and incorporation of a Twitter block

The Task Force wishes to acknowledge the advice and efforts of the Hon. Treasurer, Catherine Gallagher in developing, testing and operating the membership and payment elements of the website.

Training has been rolled out for content editors from groups and sections so that they can update their own content and add news and events to the site. Groups and sections can now add sub-pages to their part of the site which are accessible by members of that group/section only.





As in the previous year, [www.libraryirelandweek.ie](http://www.libraryirelandweek.ie) directed users to the Library Ireland Week section of the website which this year included a special video demonstrating the range of Irish libraries and their services and how they are “thinking outside the book”. Over one hundred Library Ireland Week events were registered on the site.

A tablet-friendly version of Leabharlann-e, the Association’s electronic newsletter has been developed.

The next phase of website development will involve fully integrating the website into the communications structures and streams of the Association.

The Task Force is very grateful to groups, sections and members who provide and update content for the site and to Gary Hammond and Luis Rodriguez Castromil of Iterate for their work in developing the site..



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## Publications

*An Leabharlann: the Irish Library*, 2 issues: Vol 22(1) and (2). ISSN: 2009-6062. An Leabharlann is now published only in online electronic format

*HINT*: [electronic newsletter of the Health Sciences Libraries Section] published electronically, July and December 2013

*Leabharlann-e*: [electronic newsletter of the Council]

*Annual Report 2012*. Dublin: Library Association of Ireland, 2013, ISSN 0791-6248.

*Library Ireland Week*: promotional materials.



Library Association of Ireland website.





# Management and Administration

## Administration Committee

The function of the Administration Committee is to manage the finances and administrative procedures of the Association. In 2013, the committee met seven times. During 2013 the work achieved included:

- Approved additional support for Career Development Group
- Signed off on procedures for electronic payment of fees, online registration available from September 2013
- Investigating access to EBLIDA publications and resources for members
- Working on Directory of Libraries as an e-resource
- Examining role of Honorary Secretary and establishment of a Communications Officer

On 27th June, 2013 a meeting was held with the Officers of Groups and Sections. The Honorary Treasurer held a meeting with Treasurers of Groups and Sections on the 10th December 2013. An earlier meeting scheduled for December 2012 was deferred to January 10th, 2013. The Audit Committee did not meet.

## Action Plan, 2013 - 2016

The Action Plan 2013 – 2016 was approved by Council in January 2013. It outlined priorities to be incorporated into the Council's work and the work of Task Forces and committees over the coming 3 years. The plan lists 16 actions ranging from "maintaining a register of qualified LIS professionals" to "developing and leading a relevant comprehensive CPD programme". Actions are identified within two programme streams [1] promotion and [2] support. Nine actions under promotion address the roles of the Association, advocacy, collaborations and access issues. Continuing professional development, membership and management are collected within the support area. Copies of the Action Plan are available from the website.

<https://libraryassociation.ie/sites/default/files/LAI%20ACTION%20PLAN%20Final%20Version%20240713.pdf>

Considerable work in addressing the actions in the plan was carried out by the Committees and Task Forces during 2013.



## Participants on Council Task Forces, Working Groups, Panels and Committees

*[Note only the places of employment of members who are not on the Council are listed here.  
Information about Council members is listed at the front of the report.]*

- **Administration Committee:** Jane Cantwell, (Convenor), Philip Cohen Catherine Gallagher, Fionnuala Hanrahan, Yvonne Quigley, Mary Stuart, Kieran Swords
- **Audit Committee:** Jane Cantwell, Catherine Gallagher, Brendan Martin (Wicklow County Libraries)
- **Communications Committee (Policy & Procedures):** Mary Stuart (Convenor), Bernadette Fennell, Pat Lonergan, Fionnuala Hanrahan, Madelaine Dennison, Joan Ward
- **Continuing Professional Development Committee:** Philip Cohen (Convenor) Deirdre Ellis-King, Margaret Hayes, Gillian Kerins, Kate Kelly, Jessie Kurtz, Helen Fallon (NUI – Maynooth), Mary Murphy, Crystal Fulton (University College Dublin)
- **Editorial Board of An Leabharlann: the Irish Library:** Helen Fallon (National University of Ireland Maynooth), Kate Kelly, Nigel McCartney (for CILIP Ireland ), Terry O'Brien, Terry O'Brien (South-East Regional Authority), Michael O'hAodha (University of Limerick), Marjory Sliney (Editor), Brendan Teeling, (Dublin City Libraries).
- **European and International Panel:** Jane Cantwell (Convenor), Jennefer Aston, Joseph Donnelly (Judges' Library), Zoë Melling, Liam Ronayne (Cork City Library) Marjory Sliney (to July 2013), Brendan Teeling (Dublin City Libraries)
- **Joint-Conference Organising Committee 2013:** Adrienne Adair (CILIP Ireland), Jane Cantwell, Philip Cohen, Melanie Cunningham (Waterford City Libraries), Catherine Gallagher, Nigel McCartney (CILIP Ireland), Yvonne Quigley, Josephine Vahey (Galway County Library Service), Alan Butler (Waterford City Libraries)
- **Library Ireland Week Task Force for 2013:** Georgina Byrne (Convenor), Karyn Deegan (Wexford County Library Services), Louise Farragher (HRB), Bernadette Fennell, Catherine Gallagher, Barbara McCormack (NUIM), Betty Maguire (South Dublin County Libraries), Ruth Montague (LGMA), Samantha Morrissey (Clare County Council Library Service), Mary Murphy, Niamh O'Donovan (Galway County Libraries), Lorna O'Connor (DKIT)
- **North-South Liaison Committee:** Adrienne Adair (CILIP Ireland), Jane Cantwell, (Convenor), Philip Cohen, Catherine Gallagher, Fionnuala Hanrahan, Nigel McCartney (CILIP Ireland), Yvonne Quigley, Mary Stuart
- **Professional Standards Committee:** Philip Cohen, Madelaine Dennison, Deirdre Ellis-King; Siobhán Fitzpatrick (Convenor), (Royal Irish Academy), Kate Kelly, Gillian Kerins, Cathal McCauley, Marjory Sliney
- **Task Force on Information Literacy:** Philip Russell (Convenor) (Institute of Technology, Tallaght), Kate Kelly, Sinéad O'Gorman (Wexford County Libraries), Muireann Toibín (Revenue)
- **Task Force on Library Association of Ireland Website:** Jane Burns, Jessica Eustace-Cook (Trinity College Library); Louise Farragher (HRB); Gillian Kerins, Zoë Melling, Kieran Swords



Margaret Flood, TCD and Eoin McCarney UCD at the launch of the report in the RIA



Professor Steve Hedley, UCC presenting *Modernising Copyright* report.



l to r: Dr. Eoin O'Dell, TCD and Minister for Research and Innovation, Seán Sherlock, T.D.

# Advocacy for the Development and Promotion of High Standards in Library & Information Services

## Copyright

Following the LAI response [http://www.djei.ie/science/ipr/Library\\_Association\\_of\\_Ireland.pdf](http://www.djei.ie/science/ipr/Library_Association_of_Ireland.pdf) to the Copyright Review Committee's Consultation Paper, the Association continued to engage with the Copyright Review Committee. A report was published by the Copyright Review Committee in November 2013. A forum held to discuss the report in Royal Irish Academy on the 9th December was attended by Zoe Melling, Philip Cohen and several other members of the Association

### Key recommendations of the report include:

- The establishment of an independent and broadly-based Copyright Council,
- Introduction of specialist intellectual property tracks in the District and Circuit Courts, together with an increased monetary limit for intellectual property claims in the Circuit Court
- Improving the position of copyright users by introducing the full range of exceptions permitted by EU law, including format-shifting, parody, education, disability, and heritage as well as related exemptions for non-commercial user-generated content and content mining
- The introduction of limited copyright exceptions for innovation and fair use. The Committee has recommended that the innovation exception

should provide that it would not be an infringement of copyright to derive an original work which either substantially differs from, or substantially transforms, the initial work. A "specifically Irish" version of fair use is also envisaged by the report. This version of fair use will not go as far as "the US style 'fair use' doctrine" but will give the courts greater flexibility in certain limited circumstances]

- Establishment of a voluntary Digital Copyright Exchange aimed at providing a mechanism to expand and simplify the collective administration of copyright.

Full text of the report can be found at <http://www.enterprise.gov.ie/en/Publications/CRC-Report.pdf>



Minister of Children and Youth Affairs, Francis Fitzgerald, T.D., launches the summer Reading Buzz at Tallaght Library.



Summer Reading Camps for DEIS Schools

## Literacy and Numeracy Task Force: Library contribution to Government Strategy 2011 - 2020

In April of 2013, Joan Ward of The LAI Council and LGMA, Libraries Development joined the Literacy and Numeracy Task Force. The Task Force was delighted that Joan joined the group and feel that it will help both the LAI and Libraries Development in literacy promotion and literacy services provision in public libraries. This relationship is key to maintaining continued communication with the Department of Education and Skills with the Task Force directly or through Joan and the Library Development Unit of the LGMA.

### Summer Reading - moves towards a national programme

With the support and cooperation of the Department of Education and Skills, Minister Quinn launched Summer Reading again this year at Rathmines Library in June. Although most library authorities are running their own version of a summer reading programme for children, 8 libraries ran with the 'Reading Buzz' including the four Dublin Library Authorities. This was launched by Minister Fitzgerald (Department of Children and Youth Affairs). This collaborative offering is growing every year and proving that a national summer reading campaign is feasible and very advantageous. The Task Force will continue to advocate for departmental support for a national summer reading programme for children in Public Libraries.

### Summer Reading Camps for DEIS Schools

During July and August, forty-two literacy and numeracy, week-long programmes were held in selected DEIS schools and the majority of library authorities in which the DEIS camps were held provided a half day library camp as part of programme. Library staff collaborated with the DEIS teachers in each school to agree a programme of activities for the children during the library camp. Following consultation with education advisors, support resources were created in advance of the programme and made available to the library camps for use with local resources.

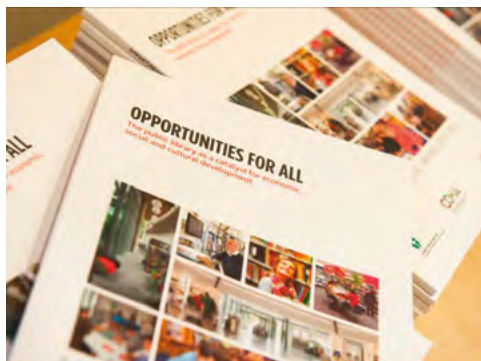
In 2013, two selected libraries hosted a summer pilot project, where parents and children were encouraged to participate in a range of reading, writing, number games and story based activities at their local library. The literacy camps were held in Wicklow and Meath as part of the pilot. Ballywaltrim Library in Co. Wicklow held three one-hour sessions during July and August and Trim Library in Co. Meath held a camp over three afternoons, August 13th-15th.

At a meeting of the National Advisory Forum in October, it was agreed that a formal structure for co-operation between the Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Children and Youth Affairs with Libraries Development and public libraries would be very important. It is hoped that this could be the basis for establishing a literacy programme for libraries which would actively involve the input of these key Departments.

### The New Public Libraries Strategy

Public libraries play a key role in literacy support and this is emphasised in "Opportunities for All: A Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017" <http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/LocalGovernment/PublicLibraries/FileDownload,34861,en.pdf>





## Thinking Outside the Book Library Ireland Week 2013

Library Ireland Week 2013 ran from the 11th-15th November 2013. The LIW Task Force held two meetings, one in August and a second in September.

Library Ireland Week provides an opportunity to:

- recognise the vital role which libraries and information services play in research and education;
- expose the wide range of services offered by public libraries
- recognise the contribution of specialist libraries in corporations, government departments, hospitals and other institutions;
- debate our information future and government approaches to it;
- emphasise the significance of libraries in the maintenance of our history and culture at community and national levels;
- recognise the importance of library and information services as providers of services for people who may otherwise be disadvantaged by their lack of access to information and services;
- consider the role which libraries play in our local community, academic, work and personal life.

The theme of this year Library Ireland Week was *Think outside the Book*.

It was a chance to showcase ALL the services that are delivered by Irish libraries and information service professionals. The week featured downloadable posters, a video highlighting library services and a

social media campaign alongside an event programme. The need to ensure that the week reflected the multi-faceted nature of library and information services across the country was important.

A word map covering central areas of work covered by libraries was created and used as the poster for the LIW promotional material.

A video clip was produced for the week on the theme of *Think outside the Book*; the images used were sourced from library services and sectors in Ireland and highlighted the diversity of both. The video is available for use on local websites, video screens, and social media sites and for future LAI/LIW presentations.

[www.libraryirelandweek.ie](http://www.libraryirelandweek.ie) directed users to the Library Ireland Week section of the website. Over 100 Library Ireland Week events were registered on the site, fitting the theme of *Think outside the Book*, offering a chance to highlight fabulous digital resources, great research collections and a myriad of other delights.

An active campaign on social media was managed by Samantha Morrissey. LAI members were encouraged to send in one-line information nuggets on little known library services, which were then used on the Facebook page.

Over the course of the week LIW2013 had 664 likes and 469 followers. There was lots of interaction on Facebook and a lot of very positive feedback on Irish libraries.

Sponsorship for LIW was secured from SORD, South Dublin Libraries and Interleaf towards the cost of the video and also for an i-pad prize which was won by Jennifer Byrne.



Library Ireland Week at UCD.

### The LIW2013 video can be accessed in the following ways

<https://vimeo.com/78837057>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vtnmo46mudc5rdo/ALL%20STAFF%20PHOTOS.zip>

[https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B8mgk\\_tFKg0pd2VYekZ1WnBFOWs&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B8mgk_tFKg0pd2VYekZ1WnBFOWs&usp=sharing)

### Website link:

<https://libraryassociation.ie/events/library-ireland-week>

## TFIL: Task Force on Information Literacy

During the year, Philip Russell from the Institute of Technology, Tallaght took over the role of TFIL Convenor. Philip was a member of the original WGIL: Working Group on Information Literacy, he is very familiar with the issues involved and he is well known to others concerned with information literacy (IL).

A number of recommendations from the TFIL report have been implemented already e.g. adoption of the CILIP standard and ANZIIL framework, continued advocacy at local and national levels, building relationships with cognate groups nationally and internationally. Specifically, representations concerning IL were made around the new *Strategy for Public Libraries* and Philip Russell himself had a paper accepted at the *European Conference on Information Literacy* in Istanbul in October.

A call was issued towards the end of the year for new members of the Task Force. It is hoped this will help advance its work, possibly allying IL with broader digital literacies and lifelong learning activities.

Finally, a chapter on national IL policies in *Information and Lifelong Learning* published in November (ISBN: 978 1 84334 682 1) referenced work in Ireland, drawing on the research by UCD SILS students that was sponsored by the Association in 2012.

A quotation taken from that chapter is particularly apt: *"Policy making for information literacy is best seen as an evolving, collaborative work in progress rather than an exercise in completeness [it] is not about generating a product but a process."* The Task Force looks forward to continuing that process in future years.



l to r: Ruth Montague, Eva McEneaney, Libraries Development LGMA, John Dolan, OBE, Annette Kelly, Joan Ward, Ann Marie O'Dwyer, Libraries Development LGMA at the launch of Opportunities for all, A Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017.

## Submissions

The Association officially registered its support for the Open Access Policy which supports free access, at point of use to publicly funded research

The Association sent a submission to the new Public Library Strategy "Opportunities for All A Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017" published by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Dublin, December, 2013

The Association sent a letter to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government re: filling of vacant County and City Librarian posts, advocating on behalf of the County and City Librarians and the vital role they have in the strategic management of library and cultural services and in demonstrating leadership in progressing the wider national agenda at local and community level

## Nominees and Members of Committees of External Bodies with which the Association is engaged

**Children's Book Festival:** *Deirdriu McQuaid* [for Youth Libraries Group]

**Child Protection Committee, LGMA:** *Mary Stuart* [for County and City Librarians Section]

**Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government National Advisory Forum on Public Libraries:** *Ciaran Mangan*

**European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA):** *Marjory Sliney (to August 2013) Zoë Melling*

- EBLIDA Expert Group on Copyright: *Jennefer Aston*
- EBLIDA World Trade Organisation General Agreement on Trade in Services (WTO/GATS): *Liam Ronayne*.

**IFLA Health and Biosciences Section Standing Committee:** *Brian Galvin*.

**Irish Committee of the Blue Shield:** *Siobhán Fitzpatrick, Colette O'Flaherty*.





l to r Philip Cohen, Dublin Institute of Technology, Fionnuala Hanrahan, Wexford County Libraries and Klaus-Peter Böttger, EBLIDA President

# Supporting Co-operation between Library & Information Services

## European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations (EBLIDA)

The Association is a founding member of the European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations. The Council of EBLIDA was invited to meet in Dublin and met with Council members on the 7th & 8th March 2013.

The 2013 EBLIDA Council meeting was held in March 2013, with Marjory Sliney attending for the LAI. The EBLIDA survey on E-books was circulated to Officers of Groups and Sections in June 2013. Zoë Melling was appointed EBLIDA representative for the Association in August 2013.



Council of EBLIDA meet with Library Association of Ireland members.

## The BLUE SHIELD

'The Blue Shield organisation is the cultural equivalent of the Red Cross or Red Crescent. It was established in 1996 to protect cultural heritage against natural disasters, such as those wrought by climatic events, as well as damage and destruction in times of conflict (<http://www.ancbs.org/>). In an uncertain world subject to global change, material cultural heritage provides us with a sense of place and identity that is rooted in the tangible. Our cultural heritage - built heritage, national collections in museums, libraries and archives, and protected natural environments - constitutes a precious non-renewable resource. Blue Shield committees around the world work to protect this heritage.' Extract from the Irish National Committee of the Blue Shield's (INCBS) press release, Sept. 2013.

The INCBS concentrated on developing its presence in the areas of disaster preparedness and emergency response at a national level. The Committee is cognisant of its primarily educative role in ensuring that first responders are aware of the requirements of heritage collections and protected environments. To this end the Committee engaged in building up a network of potential partners during the year.

The Blue Shield emphasises the importance of cultural heritage awareness training for military personnel. At the kind invitation of Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Harvey, the Irish Committee visited the UN Training School at the Curragh in September.





The Committee invited Mr Keith Leonard, Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government to speak at its meeting on the 4th September. Mr Leonard described his role at the National Directorate of Fire and Emergency Management. This body, comprising the HSE, Gardai, the fire services and government departments, as appropriate, coordinates first response in a range of national or regional emergencies. It consists of a national steering group and a national working group, eight regional steering groups and eight corresponding working groups, as well as task specific units. Disaster preparedness, awareness and clear lines of communication are all key to achieving the best outcomes.

The Committee has prepared the outlines of a conference aimed at librarians, archivists, museum curators, conservators, facilities personnel et al., to be held in autumn 2014.

To view a Blue Shield press release and for more information, please see the Committee's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/irishblueshield>

The IFLA/LAI nominees are: Siobhán Fitzpatrick, RIA and Colette O'Flaherty, NLI.

## Library Co-operation

CONUL has responsibility for the Pathways to Learning programme (PAL) which facilitates referred access for users from one library to another <http://pathwaystolearning.ie/> A cross-sector Cork PAL and a cross-sector, cross-border Music PAL were in existence already. A new cross-sector Midlands PAL was established during the year. Participating libraries are Athlone Institute of Technology, HSE Midlands, Longford, Westmeath, Roscommon, Laois and Offaly County Libraries, all sharing their information resources, knowledge and expertise among the community.

## North – South Liaison with CILIP Ireland

This committee draws membership from two professional associations, this Association and CILIP Ireland. The Joint Conference Committee worked with CILIP Ireland (Adrienne Adair and Louisa Costelloe) to plan the 2014 joint conference, which will be held in the Tower Hotel, Waterford City on the 10th & 11th April 2014



## Annual Joint Conference 2013

The Joint Library Association of Ireland and CILIP Ireland Conference took place on the 10th and 11th of April 2013 in Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin. The conference was hosted by Dublin City Council and Dublin City Public Libraries and was organized by the North South Liaison Committee and the Joint Conference Organising Committee. 140 delegates attended.

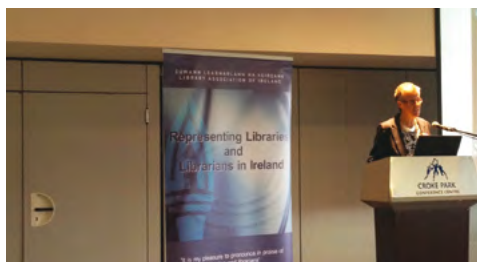
The conference theme was “Focus, Funding and Futures: Libraries Adapting to Change” Following the official opening by Mr Brendan Kenny, Assistant City Manager, Dublin City Council; a wide range of topics were covered ranging from “Inspiring Information Professionals” to “50 Shades of Funding” and a packed programme of talks and workshops including, Libraries and Publishers; Philanthropy; Strategies for Libraries; Marketing; Writing grant proposals; Library Apps and Ebooks, as well as lightning sessions by trade exhibitors highlighting their products. A workshop by the Career Development Group highlighting their work, was well attended and well received.



Colin Heslin, and Jonathan Duggan, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Libraries.



Jim Thompson, Edinburgh City Libraries, presenting at the Joint Conference.



Helen Osborn, Libraries NI.



Annie Mauger, CEO CILIP UK, delivered a session on Inspiring Information professionals.



Daniel Murray and Giada Gelli of the Career Development Group.



John Fitzgerald, UCC delivered a session on fundraising for an academic library.



Jane Cantwell, LAI President and Margaret Hayes Dublin City Librarian with actor Bryan Murray who read from *Strumpet City* at the reception in City Hall.

A highlight of this year's conference was a civic reception hosted by Dublin City Council which included a reading by Actor Bryan Murray from James Plunkett's *Strumpet City*, organized by Dublin City Libraries in the Round Room, City Hall.

### Attendance at Conferences

- Welsh Libraries, Archives and Museums Conference, May 2013 *President Jane Cantwell*
- CILIP Scotland, Annual Conference, Dundee, June 2013 *President Jane Cantwell*
- Public Libraries Conference, Monaghan, November *Vice President Philip Cohen*
- EBLIDA Council meeting, March, 2013 *Marjory Sliney*
- EBLIDA/NAPLE Conference, May, 2013 *Marjory Sliney*



Conference delegates attending the reception at Dublin's City hall, hosted by Dublin City Council, on 10th April 2013.



l to r Margaret Hayes, Dublin City Public Libraries, Jane Cantwell, President, LAI, Councillor Clare Byrne, Deputy Lord Mayor, Dr Audrey Sutton President, CILIP, Bryan Murray, Adrienne Adair, Chair, CILIP Ireland, John Dolan, Council Member, CILIP, Stephen Gregory CILIP Wales Policy Officer.



# Groups and Sections

## Academic & Special Libraries Section

**Chairperson:** Dr. Eva Hornung (CDETB/Trinity College Dublin)

**Secretary:** Marie G. Cullen (National University of Ireland Maynooth)

**Treasurer:** Laoise Doherty (Royal Irish Academy of Music)

**Committee:** Lorraine Curran (Houses of the Oireachtas), Jessica Eustace-Cook (Trinity College Dublin), Caitríona Honohan (Contemporary Music Centre), Seán Hughes (Trinity College Dublin), Erin O'Mahony (Houses of the Oireachtas), Sile O'Shea (King's Inns), Ann O'Sullivan (Houses of the Oireachtas), Niamh O'Sullivan (Irish Blood Transfusion Service), Laura Rooney Ferris (Irish Hospice Foundation)

### Overview

It has been a very busy year for the Committee. We organised a range of events during 2013, which were very successful. This is illustrated by the fact that due to demand for places we had to close registration for the Annual Seminar 2013 a week early.

The year has been marked by collaboration, innovation and change. We collaborated and jointly organised events in association with the LAI Health Sciences Library Group (HSLG), the LAI Career Development Group (CDG), the Digital Preservation Coalition and the Digital Repository of Ireland

Innovations included live streaming of the annual seminar via HEANet and the joint organisation of the first Irish Library Camp (LibCamp) with the CDG in May.

Change came in the form of five people stepping down from the Committee at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June, including four longstanding members.

Áine Carey joined the Committee in 2005 and served as Chairperson from 2005–2007

Aoife Connolly joined the Committee in 2007 and served as Honorary Treasurer from 2009 – 2011

Margaret Irons joined the Committee in 2007 and served as Honorary Secretary from 2009 – 2011

Caitríona Sharkey joined the Committee in 1996 and served as Honorary Treasurer from 1999 – 2001 and as Chairperson from 2002 - 2005

Áine, Aoife, Margaret and Caitríona contributed greatly to the success and growth of the Committee over the past decade and will be greatly missed.

Jennifer Collery joined the Committee in 2010 and served as Honorary Treasurer 2011 – 2012. Jennifer made an outstanding contribution as Treasurer and to the Committee in general.

Many thanks and appreciation to Áine, Aoife, Margaret, Caitríona and Jennifer.

### Committee meetings and membership

The Committee met on 12 occasions in 2013. This included 10 Committee meetings, the annual general meeting in June and a strategic planning meeting in July to plan the year ahead.

The AGM was held on the 20th June at the Royal Irish Academy. In advance of the AGM we issued a call for





expressions of interest in membership of the Committee. We received five which was equal to the number of vacancies and so it was not necessary to have an election. The new Committee members are Lorraine Curran (Houses of the Oireachtas); Laoise Doherty (Royal Irish Academy of Music), Caitríona Honohan (Contemporary Music Centre), Sile O'Shea (King's Inns) and Niamh O'Sullivan (Irish Blood Transfusion Service).

### Events

In a year of many successful events, a number stand out – the Annual Seminar, the first Irish Library Camp and the AGM.

The Annual Seminar 'Content Creators – The Digital Frontier' was held on the 1st March. The seminar's keynote speaker was Simon Tanner, Deputy Head of Department and Director of Digital Consulting in the Department of Digital Humanities at King's College London. Simon's presentation was inspiring and thought provoking and was a wonderful start to a great day. The seminar has grown and expanded in the last number of years with the 2013 seminar being the most successful so far.

The first Irish Library Camp took place on the 25th May and was jointly organised by the A&SL and the CDG. This new initiative, an 'unconference', proved to be an exciting and invigorating day with a wonderful atmosphere and attracted a large number of very engaged participants, some of whom had not been to any of our events previously.

The 2013 AGM of the A&SL took place on 20th June. The guest speaker was John Cox, University Librarian, National University of Ireland, Galway. He spoke about the partnership between the National University of Ireland, Galway, and the Abbey Theatre to digitise the

archive of the Abbey Theatre <http://www.nuigalway.ie/abbey-digital-archive-partnership/>

The attendance of approximately 40 people was treated to a fascinating and informative talk by John who was asked many questions about the project following his talk.

### A&SL Section events for 2013:

Getting Started in Digital Preservation (Library Ireland week), November 2013

A&SL and HSLG CPD Survey, September 2013

Informal Networking Evening - visit to the Library at NUI Maynooth, July 2013

AGM of the Academic & Special Libraries (A&SL) Section, June 2013

First Irish Library Camp, May 2013

A&SL Careers Breakfast – 'Pathways & Potential' SILS, UCD, April 2013

Annual Seminar 'Content Creators – The Digital Frontier', March 2013

A&SL and HSLG Christmas/New Year Joint Networking Evening, January 2013

For further details about the events listed above go to: <https://libraryassociation.ie/groups-sections/academic-and-special-libraries-section-asl/past-events-asl-section-2013>

### Communications

Members can join our emailing list by sending an e-mail to: [asl@lists.libraryassociation.ie](mailto:asl@lists.libraryassociation.ie)

Members can post to the list by sending an e-mail to: [asl@lists.libraryassociation.ie](mailto:asl@lists.libraryassociation.ie)



Annual Seminar 2013, Keynote Speaker Simon Tanner, with Dr. Eva Hornung, Chairperson, A&SL Section Committee.



Tina Byrne of Arcline speaking at the CDG open day



Brian Donovan of Eneclann presenting at the CDG open day

### Website

<http://www.libraryassociation.ie/groups-sections/academic-and-special-libraries-section-asl>

### Social media

**Twitter** @ASLIBRARIES

**Facebook** <http://www.facebook.com/ASLIBRARIES>

**LinkedIn:** Academic & Special Libraries Section of the Library Association of Ireland

### Joining the A&SL Section of the LAI

To join the A&SL Section, select A&SL when renewing your LAI membership

### Career Development Group (CDG)

**Chair:** Laura Connaughton (National University of Ireland Maynooth)

**Secretary:** Betty Maguire (Old Bawn Community School)

**Treasurer:** Lara Musto (Abbey College Dublin)

**Committee:** Marta Bustillo (National College Art Design), Sarah Connolly (All Hallows College), Irene O'Callaghan, Bryan Whelan (National College Ireland).

The LAICDG has just celebrated its one-year anniversary, having been formed on the 23rd of October 2012. The aim of this group is to promote career development for library and information professionals, whether recent graduates or experienced professionals. The group had a very successful year, organising four well-received events including our open day in Pearse Street Public Library on 2nd February 2013, Ireland's first ever Library Camp (co-hosted with the Academic & Special Libraries Group) on 25th May, a CV talk and workshop in Rathmines Public Library in September, as well as our first ever AGM in November.

The group has also promoted its primary aims through developing and maintaining a strong online presence. This has centred primarily around its Twitter account, but it has also set up a blog and Facebook page. One new endeavour that the LAICDG is exploring is having a 'guest blogger' – specifically someone who can relate to new professionals or those looking for new opportunities – to talk about their own experiences in getting a job or developing their career.

Being such a new addition to the Library Association of Ireland (LAI) family, the group realised that connecting with established groups within this umbrella was vital for its survival and growth. A good example of this was the co-hosting of the Library Camp with the AS&L Group. In the next year, the group hopes to continue this close relationship with other groups in the LAI as well as with the LAI itself.

The group aims to build upon what it has achieved over the last year and is already discussing what type of events they want to hold. A certainty for the following year is the second Library Camp, an event that the group wants to become something that library professionals value and anticipate every year. The group has recently met after its AGM and is already 'brainstorming' regarding the specifics of these events.



## Cataloguing and Metadata Group (CMG)

- **Chair:** John McManus (Trinity College Dublin)
- **Secretary:** Caroline Philpott (Institute of Technology, Sligo)
- **Treasurer:** Christoph Schmidt-Supprian (Trinity College Dublin)
- **Committee:** John Bates (RTE ), Senan Healy (Royal Dublin Society), Marie Jennings (Redemptorists Library, Limerick), Jennifer McGrath (Oireachtas Library), Orna Roche (University College Dublin), Clare Thornley (National University of Ireland Maynooth)

2013 was another busy year for the Cataloguing and Metadata Group. Firstly on Thursday, 24th January we hosted a '*FRBR for the terrified workshop*'. This was organised in collaboration with CILIP Cataloguing and Indexing Group (CIG) and its purpose was to provide a basic understanding of the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Resources (FRBR) model and familiarity with its vocabulary, which underpins the structure and vocabulary of Resource Description and Access (RDA). It was held in Trinity College and the trainer was Robin Armstrong-Viner (Vice Chair of CIG) and all those who attended felt it was a very worthwhile session, on what is generally agreed to be a very abstract topic.

Following on from that, the CMG then ran a one day *Workshop on Web Dewey* in NUI Maynooth Library on Friday 8th February. The trainer in this instance was Keith Trickey. This was a practical introduction to Dewey Decimal Classification Version 23 (DDC 23) using Web Dewey, designed to give a sound working knowledge of Dewey, from basic navigation of the scheme and simple number allocation to the building of complex notation. The course booked out very quickly and was a huge success, to the

extent that the CMG is considering running it again at some point in the near future.

In May, the CMG, in association with the ANLTC, held an *RDA workshop* in Trinity College Dublin led by trainer Keith Trickey. This workshop provided a brief introduction to RDA, to establish the identity of the new approach to matters bibliographic, then examined the modifications made to MARC 21 to accommodate these changes. This course was very successful and it is hoped that the CMG can collaborate with the ANLTC in further training events.

Apart from running events, CMG members continued to work on a number of other projects. In 2012 a sub-group consisting of Christoph Schmidt-Supprian, Caroline Philpott, Clare Thornley and former committee member Eoin Loughlin was established to look into the possibility of setting up a bursary. This work came to fruition with the launch in the autumn of 2013 of the CMG Bursary.

The CMG Bursary is intended to foster research and best practice, as well as individual professional development in the Group's field of interest. Broadly defined as information organisation, this field encompasses, but is not limited to: cataloguing, classification, metadata, and information retrieval. Recipients of the Bursary are expected to publish about their project in an appropriate format (e.g. blog post or peer-reviewed research article). The CMG Bursary is open to all current LAI members. The deadline for applications for the CMG Bursary was set at Monday 28th October.

The bursary was launched in tandem with the CMG logo competition. This has long been an objective of the group and the treasurer Christoph Schmidt-Supprian put together a specification in consultation with the CMG committee which was then widely circulated, and with the



Breda Gleeson, Kildare County Librarian at a presentation from the CCLS on 20th June 2013, to mark her retirement



Jim Fogarty former Kilkenny County Librarian and Pat McMahon at a presentation to mark Pat's retirement as Galway County Librarian.

same deadline 28th October. A number of submissions were received for both competitions which are currently being considered. We hope to report back to members early in the New Year.

The rest of the autumn was spent preparing for the classification seminar and AGM which took place on Friday 8th November in the National Library of Ireland. The topic was 'Whatever happened to Classification?' It proved a huge success, attracting over forty attendees. It featured a number of speakers including Caroline Kent from the British Library who spoke about their Classification projects and Robert Reid from the Scottish Highland Libraries, who outlined their experience of using Quick Response (QR) codes in classification. The afternoon session featured a series of local case studies on linked data classification projects and rounded off a very successful event.

The CMG AGM took place after the Seminar during which time a number of committee members stepped down including Orna Roche, Marie Jennings, Jennifer McGrath and a number of new members were elected, including Marta Bustillo, Ailish Brady and Padraic Stack.

## County & City Librarians Section (CCLS)

- **Chair:** Ciaran Mangan, Meath County Libraries
- **Vice Chair:** Josephine Brady, Cavan County Libraries
- **Secretary:** Catherine Elliott, Monaghan County Libraries
- **Treasurer:** Brendan Martin, Wicklow County Library Service

The AGM of the County and City Librarian's Section (CCLS) was held in Sligo on 4th October 2013 and the above

officers were elected. The section met seven times during 2013, including the AGM.

The year was dominated by the development of the structure and content of the 5 year National Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017. The strategy was launched by Minister Phil Hogan on 19th December 2013.

Other issues discussed by the Section throughout the year included the development of a National Library Management System (one of the key recommendations of the National Strategy), the formation of the National Advisory Forum for Public Libraries, proposals for the implementation of Shared Services, the development of a National Procedures for Child Safeguarding in Public Libraries, and other key areas of service development.

The Section held its Autumn Seminar in Sligo in October 2013. The title of the seminar was 'Meitheal Tacaíochta'. The seminar concentrated on proposals for the introduction of shared services among a number of counties across the country and the proposed formation of new library authority partnerships.

Dorothy Clarke, Sligo Deputy County Manager, formally opened the seminar.

Barry Quinlan, Principal Officer, Department of The Environment, Community and Local Government gave an overview of shared services in Local Government.

Fionnuala Hanrahan, Wexford County Librarian, Damien Brady, Limerick City and County Librarian and Donal Tinney, Sligo County Librarian spoke on shared services in the context of the Public Library environment.

Seán Ó'Coinn, Leas-Phríomhfheidhmeannach/Stiúrthóir, Seirbhísí Oideachais Foras na Gaeilge, made a presentation





City and County Librarians at the launch of National Strategy for Public Libraries 2013-2017

on the Strategic Plan for Clár na Leabhar Gaeilge. The plan examines the current state of Irish Language publishing and identifies public library authorities as key stakeholders in the promotion of reading in Irish.

Bernie Fennell, Louth County Librarian and Marian Higgins, Kildare County Librarian presented the findings of a report on the Age Friendly Public Libraries Project. The project was a partnership between South Dublin and Kildare Libraries services, Libraries Development and the Ageing Well Network.

The final speaker was Sligo based Novelist and Journalist Brian Leyden. Brian gave a wonderful talk entitled 'The Writer and the Library' where he spoke eloquently of his own relationship with libraries and the changing relationship between public libraries and the communities they serve.

During 2013, three of our esteemed colleagues announced their retirement. On 20th June in Dublin, a presentation was made by the Section to Breda Gleeson, Kildare County Librarian to honour her huge contribution to library development at every level.

To mark his retirement and to honour his many contributions to the development of Irish Public Libraries a presentation was made to Pat McMahon, retiring Galway County Librarian. The presentation took place in Sligo in October at the County and City librarians' Autumn Seminar. In December 2013, Georgina Byrne, South Dublin County Librarian announced her retirement. A presentation to honour Georgina's work and her contribution to libraries and the Association will be organised during 2014.

We would like to wish each of our colleagues every happiness in the future.

## Genealogy and Local Studies Group

- **Chair:** Síle Coleman (South Dublin County Libraries)
- **Joint Secretary:** Jeremy Black (Fingal County Libraries)
- **Joint Secretary:** Inez Fletcher (National Library of Ireland)
- **Treasurer:** Monica Cullinan (University College Dublin)
- **Committee:** Mary Broderick (National Library of Ireland, currently seconded to Oireachtas Library), Carmel Flahavan (Carlow County Libraries), Justin Furlong (National Library of Ireland), Miriam Lambe (Marino Institute of Education), Gearoid O'Brien (Westmeath County Libraries), Colette O'Flaherty (National Library of Ireland), Kieran Swords (South Dublin County Libraries).

The committee met three times this year. We are deferring our 2013 AGM to some time before the end of March 2014, and are planning to hold the AGM in conjunction with a day-long or a half day seminar.

## Activities

A visit to the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Haigh



Visit to the National Maritime Museum of Ireland.

Terrace, Dún Laoghaire, on the 27th June, was attended by 25 members. The Museum is located in the old Mariners' Church, which was built in 1837 especially for the sailors of the Royal Navy and for the people using the harbour. The church has been extensively renovated and converted into a museum. The Museum was officially opened by the President of Ireland on the 5th June 2012.

Renowned guide Seamus O'Connor gave us a comprehensive tour of the museum, recounting the fascinating history of many of the artefacts in the collection, which includes models of ships, memorabilia, paintings, sculpture, a marine wildlife section and a library.

As the Museum was hosting "The Festival of Flags & Emblems", a great number of flags and emblems were also on display. The festival was part of The Gathering 2013 and was sponsored by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company, the National Maritime Museum of Ireland and the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

We then visited the Genealogical Society of Ireland, which is located nearby, on Carlisle Pier. We were met by Eddie Gahan, the Society's Outreach Coordinator, and by Pádraic Ingolsby, the Society's Chairperson. We were shown the computers available for members and visitors to use, and we learnt of the society's membership and activities, which include twice monthly open meetings. Eddie Gahan, then gave us an extensive talk on the society's collection of documents, registers, lists, microfilms and books. He also talked to us about the monthly newsletter, which is e-mailed to members, the society's annual journal and the society's website, [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie) which contains links to many online genealogical resources.

## Government Libraries Section (GLS)

- **Chair:** Jean Cassidy (Chief State Solicitor's Office)
- **Secretary:** Mairéad Treanor (Met Éireann)
- **Treasurer:** Paula Murphy (Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions)
- **Committee:** Joe Donnelly (Judges' Library); Máire Caffrey (Teagasc); , Zoë Melling (Legal Aid Board/Refugee Documentation Centre), Fiona Morley (Legal Aid Board/Refugee Documentation Centre); Noeleen Murtagh (Food Safety Authority of Ireland); Donal McSweeney (Central Bank of Ireland); Muireann Tóibín (Revenue)

The GLS held four ordinary meetings during the year. Topics of discussion included the promotion opportunities for librarians within the general Civil Service grades, updating the Government Libraries Directory, the establishment of links with UCD SILS, the GLS presence on the LAI website and a GLS seminar for 2014. The AGM was



held on 12th June 2013 in the offices of the Food Safety Authority.

An updated *Directory of Irish Government Libraries and Information Services* was compiled and released to GLS members. A public version of the Directory will be made available via the GLS pages of the LAI website.

Representatives from UCD School of Information and Library Studies met with the GLS to discuss the possibility of collaborating on a research project to investigate the role of information professionals in government in Ireland.

The GLS representative to LAI Council, Zoë Melling, has been involved in the development of the new LAI website. Zoë Melling presented the new 'members module' on the LAI website at the ordinary meeting in March 2013 and provided training for GLS members in November 2013. A GLS Twitter account was set up. The Twitter name is @GLSIreland

Plans for a GLS Seminar in January 2014 are well underway. The one-day seminar will look at access to information for government and access to Government Information. It is hoped that the calibre of speakers confirmed for the seminar will attract attendance from a wide range of LAI members and from the general civil service.

Other upcoming plans for 2014 include the development of a social media policy and the establishment of a special role within the committee to manage the online presence of the GLS, a re-vamp of the GLS pages on the LAI website and ongoing collaboration with UCD SILS.

## Health Sciences Libraries Group

- **Chair:** Brian Galvin (Health Research Board)
- **Treasurer:** Anne Murphy (AMHD, Tallaght Hospital)
- **Secretary:** Michael Doheny, (Athlone Institute of Technology)
- **Communications Officer:** Breffni Smith (RCSI Library Beaumont Hospital)
- **Continuing Professional Development Officer:** Anne Madden (St Vincent's Hospital)
- **Committee:** Bennery Rickard: (Regional Librarian, HSE East); Louise Bradley: (Institute of Public Health)

The HSLG committee met six times in 2013. There were also eight meetings of the Shelli group and a number of meetings of the conference organising subcommittee. The HSLG annual conference took place on 11th – 12th April and the HSLG AGM took place on the 11th April.

### Chairperson's Report

Following publication of the Status of Health Librarianship and Libraries in Ireland (Shelli) report in 2012, the HSLG established a working group tasked with implementing the recommendations under the broad headings of advocacy, gathering evidence and staff and service development. The new working group met a number of times during 2013 and the work focused on the topics of advocacy, marketing and gathering evidence. The annual conference in April was very successful. Jean P Shipman of the Eccles Health Library, University of Utah, USA gave the keynote address. The CPD working group has responded to difficulties faced by members in attending training by working towards providing online courses through the University of Sheffield's School of Health and Related Research (SchARR) FOLIO programme. This is being developed in cooperation with the A&SL Section. Early in the year The National



Clinical Effectiveness Committee (NCEC) sought the support of clinical librarians in the literature review phase of clinical guideline development. Following a consultation process, the HSLG established a national network of clinical librarians to support clinical teams. The HSLG coordinates a centralised query service for clinical teams and provides literature searches and advanced search skills training to ensure a consistent and excellent standard of evidence forms the basis of new national clinical guidelines. The contribution of health librarians has already been acknowledged by policy makers and fellow professionals working on NCEC and it serves as a good model of effective collaboration and sharing of knowledge.

#### **Communications Officer's Report**

The HSLG 2013 annual conference "Visible Evidence: the role of health science librarians in Ireland" was held in April in Dublin, with international keynote speaker Jean Shipman, and presentations by healthcare professionals and librarians on clinical audit, KPIs, critical appraisal, evidence based medicine, research impact and library PR. Our members also attended and reported from the MLA annual conference in Boston and EAHIL in Stockholm. The HSLG and A&SL committees hosted a joint networking event in the Royal Irish Academy in January 2013. The HSLG established a new network of clinical librarians to support the development of national clinical guidelines in Ireland under the auspices of the National Clinical Effectiveness Committee and the Department of Health. In 2013 the HSLG initiated a new Pathways to Learning (PAL) collaborative regional access scheme to midlands academic, HSE (Health Service Executive) and Institute of Technology libraries. A new website was set up to collate information on library jobs in Ireland by Margaret Irons. The national health repository LENUS was included into

RIAN, the national open access portal which collates the research output of ten higher education repositories in Ireland. 2013 was a particularly active year for the HSLG in terms of collaboration at both regional and national levels and raising the profile of health librarians in Ireland.

#### **Continuing Professional Development Working Group Report**

The first event this year was "The Researching Librarian" – an interactive workshop with Prof. Mike Clarke which took place on 23rd May in Trinity College Dublin. Professor Clarke is Director of All-Ireland Hub for Trials Methodology Research at Queen's University Belfast and an Adjunct Professor in the Schools of Nursing and Midwifery in Trinity College Dublin and NUI Galway. The workshop filled quickly and feedback was resoundingly positive.

Over the summer, the biennial HSLG/A&SL CPD Survey took place. This year, the management of the survey was opened to librarians who were recently qualified and/or were currently unwaged. A small completion fee was agreed, and Sarah Nolan was the person chosen to carry out the survey. Under her management, topics were expanded to increase the currency and relevance of the results and as always, the feedback is providing a valuable basis for future CPD activity.

The final CPD event of 2013 was the hugely popular "Digital Preservation Workshop" which took place on 1st November in the RIA. This was a DPC/A&SL/HSLG sponsored workshop led by William Kilbride and proved hugely popular. This is obviously an area of growing interest.

#### **The SHELLI Working Group**

The SHELLI Working Group set up by the HSLG to pursue the recommendations of The Report on the Status of Health Librarianship and libraries in Ireland (SHELLI),





Launch of the Midlands Pathways to Learning, (PAL), collaborative regional access scheme to midlands academic, HSE (Health Service Executive) and Institute of Technology libraries. The Midlands PAL committee consists of representative from HSE Libraries, County Libraries and the Athlone Institute of Technology library. Midlands PAL is chaired by Mary Reynolds (Longford County Librarian)



Delegates from Dublin City Public libraries, Limerick City and Limerick County Libraries at the Public Libraries Conference.

reviewed the Report's 30 recommendations which are grouped under three strategic aims: identify champions and promote visibility; build a body of evidence; and staff and service development.

The SWG prioritised the recommendations, considered what was achievable, what was not achievable, reviewed timeframes and defined the desired outcomes. This first stage established the framework for the WG's remit. It was completed in February 2013 and went before the HSLG Committee for ratification in Spring 2013. The recommendations of the Working Group were approved by the HSLG Committee at its meeting in March 2013. Additionally, the HSLG Committee has agreed that, for the purposes of the implementation of the recommendations of the SHELLI report, the SHELLI Working Group (SWG) are to assume responsibility for any role designated to the HSLG.

The review resulted in a less complex picture, with short and medium term recommendations and three responsible bodies, a change that brings the recommendations within the power of the HSLG and health librarians to bring to effect.

The SHELLI Working Group diminished in size as members moved into new posts and responsibilities and the SWG thanks them for the huge contribution they have made to the work of the group. The Group's diminished size required a re-prioritisation of the work so that each of the 3 strategic areas identified in the Report will now be worked on in turn, rather than in parallel.

The SWG is pursuing work on the strategic theme of 'Promote Visibility & Identify Champions'. It is planning an event for health librarians to share and raise awareness of marketing, and partnership good practice, in the health librarian community, on Friday 14th March 2014 in Dublin. The day will be a lively mix of keynotes, interactive sessions and lightning talks.

## Meitheal Oibre na Gaeilge

Meitheal Oibre na Gaeilge did not meet in 2013

## Munster Regional Section

The Munster Regional Section did not meet in 2013.

## Prison Libraries Group

The Prison Libraries Group did not meet in 2013.

**My Life in Books panel**

Back Row: l to r: Jackie MacIntyre, Laois County Libraries, Emer Donoghue, Galway County Libraries, Melanie Cunningham, Waterford City Council, Library Service, Mary Murphy, Meath County Libraries, Pat Lonergan, Kildare County Council Library and Arts Service, David Murphy, journalist, Josephine Vahey, Galway County Libraries.  
Front Row: l to r: Peter Sheridan, Conor Bowman, Martina Devlin, Eddie O'Sullivan

**Public Libraries Section Committee:**

l to r: Aisling Mitchell, Galway County Libraries, Josephine Vahey, Galway County Libraries, Emer Donoghue, Galway County Libraries, Pat Lonergan, Kildare County Council Library and Arts Service, Melanie Cunningham, Waterford City Council Library Service Libraries, Jackie MacIntyre, Laois County Libraries, Mary Murphy, Meath County Libraries.

## Public Libraries Section

- **Chair:** Mary Murphy (Meath County Council Library Service)
- **Vice Chair:** Emer Donoghue (Galway County Libraries)
- **Treasurer:** Pat Lonergan (Kildare County Council Library and Arts Service)
- **Vice Treasurer:** Jackie MacIntyre (Laois County Library)
- **Secretary:** Melanie Cunningham (Waterford City Council Library Service)
- **Committee:** Brendan Teeling (Dublin City Libraries), Josephine Vahey (Galway County Libraries), Aisling Mitchell (Galway County Libraries)

The Committee met six times during 2013, these meetings took place in the ILAC Centre Library, Dublin and Pearse Street Library.

The Section's Annual Conference took place from the 6th - 8th November at the Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan, at the invitation of Monaghan County Council. Over 100 delegates attended the conference. The theme of the conference was 'Smarten up: Tech trends and library services in the digital age'.

The conference was formally opened by Vice President of the LAI, Dr Philip Cohen, who talked on the value and benefits of becoming a member of the LAI. Some of the highlights of the conference were Jim Thompson's session on the Digital Strategy employed by Edinburgh City Libraries, and Anne Marie O'Dwyer's presentation on the developments to the public libraries online national resource.

Maya Hanley's talk on the practicalities of using social media was of huge interest to the delegates, as she not only looked at what types of material to post but at ways

of promoting the social media sites of libraries in general. Afterwards Harry Gill looked at ways of developing a library app. The programme included a visit to the new Carrickmacross Library, which was designed by the library staff and included a tour from Acting County Librarian, Catherine Elliott.

The AGM of the section was held at the library and the new committee listed at the start of this report was voted in. The outgoing Chair Brendan Teeling was not present but his address was read out by Pat Lonergan. Brendan thanked the members of the committee for all their hard work over the years and wished the new Chair every success.

Mr David Murphy from RTE was the after dinner speaker at the conference and he regaled the delegates on the ups and downs of the collapse of the banking sector but finished his speech on a positive note saying 'things are getting better'.

At the Friday morning session, William Seighart talked about e-lending in public libraries and Gary Green looked at RFID in libraries for the future. Sinead Gibney from Google's social action section led an interesting talk on her work in public libraries improving internet engagement with older people.

The conference concluded with the now favourite section of the conference 'My life in books' panel which included the playwright and director Peter Sheridan, author and journalist Martina Devlin and author Conor Bowman. The panel was chaired by rugby legend Eddie O'Sullivan. It included a lively and humorous debate about the merits of books such as 'One flew over the Cuckoos Nest' and other well known books the panel had read.



Professor Mary Daly presenting at the RBG annual seminar in the National Library of Ireland.

The committee would like to thank Monaghan County Libraries for all their help and support in making this conference a success and a special thanks to all our sponsors and friends in the trade who made the conference most enjoyable.



Delegates visit Carrickmacross Library

## Rare Books Group

- **Chair:** Bernadette Cunningham (Royal Irish Academy)
- **Secretary:** Elizabethanne Boran (Edward Worth Library)
- **Treasurer:** Celine Ward (Chester Beatty Library)
- **Committee:** Marie Boran (NUI Galway), Alexandra Caccamo (Botanical Gardens Library), Evelyn Flanagan (University College Dublin), Elaine Harrington, Barbara McCormack (National University of Ireland Maynooth), David Meehan (Mater Dei Institute), Máire Ní Chonalláin (National Library of Ireland).

The Committee met four times during the year (14th January, 12th April, 29th May and 16th September). Elaine Harrington (University College Cork) joined the committee during the year.

## Events

### AGM 27th February 2013, Marsh's Library, Dublin

The AGM took place on 27 February 2013 in Marsh's Library. After the AGM the Keeper of Marsh's Library, Dr. Jason McElligott, gave a presentation and tour of Marsh's Library.

### Visit to Boole Library, University College Cork, 7th June 2013

Our annual visit this year took place on 7 June. We were given a presentation on and a tour of the Boole Library by Dr Crónán Ó Doibhlin, Head of Special Collections, Archives and Repository Services at the Boole. The 'Great Book of Ireland' was on display. This visit was attended by 8 people.

### Workshop on Rare Book Cataloguing, 24 September 2013, Henry Jones Room, Long Room, Trinity College Dublin.

On 24th September a half day workshop on rare books cataloguing was held in Trinity College Dublin. The workshop was delivered by Dr Lydia Ferguson of Early Printed Books, TCD. This workshop was attended by 15 people.

### Annual Seminar, 29th November 2013, National Library of Ireland

This year's seminar was entitled 'The Decade of Commemorations and our Special Collections'. The annual seminar was attended by 35 people and included the following presentations:

**Mr. Gerard Long, NLI:** 'Many valuable documents, records, printed leaflets and personal memoranda': Sources for 1916 in the National Library of Ireland'.

**Captain Claire Mortimer, Military Archives:** 'Collections within the Military Archives'.





Stephanie Ronan, Marine Institute

**Ms Katharine McSharry, NLI:** 'Unlocking the Lockout: collections and interpretation at the National Library of Ireland.' This was followed by a visit to the NLI Lockout exhibition, led by Ms Katharine McCrery.

**Professor Mike Cronin, Boston College:** 'Century Ireland Project.'

**Professor Mary E. Daly, UCD:** 'The decade of commemorations: The challenge for historians.'

Networking opportunities were also provided between sessions. The seminar allowed the opportunity to discuss and reflect on many of the issues faced by cultural institutions when presenting material from special collections in themed exhibitions, particularly those relating to the 'Decade of Commemorations'.

## Western Regional Section

- **Chairperson:** Elizabeth Keane, Galway County Libraries
- **Secretary:** Colette Harlowe, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
- **Treasurer:** Stephanie Ronan, Marine Institute,
- **Committee:** Anne Callanan, Galway County Libraries, Ruairí Ó hAodha, Galway County Libraries

### Committee Activities

On the 28th January, the outgoing Chair, Eileen O'Connor (Galway County Libraries), handed over to the new Chair, Elizabeth Keane. Colette Harlowe (Galway Mayo Institute of Technology) accepted the post of secretary from Anne Wilkinson on her retirement, and Olive Greaney handed over the role of Treasurer to Stephanie Ronan (Marine Institute).

The second meeting, on 11th February, completed the

handing over of responsibilities to the new committee; mainly banking and financial requirements.

The third meeting took place in Loughrea Library on 14th October. The main discussion was the upcoming Maynooth visit and the possibility of recruiting more people to the WRSLAI, particularly as committee members, as well as the upcoming annual report.

The committee worked together to organise three main events; excluding our planned AGM in January or February 2014.

### Networking Morning for Library Professionals in the Western Region:

The networking morning took place in the Marine Institute, Renville, Oranmore on April 29th, 2013.

The morning was attended by 13 delegates from academic, specialist and public libraries. Institutions represented were the Galway Mayo Institute of Technology (Galway and Mayo campuses), National University of Ireland, Galway, The Marine Institute, Galway County Libraries, University of Limerick.

Chaired by Elizabeth Keane, the delegates were offered a tour of the Marine Institute library facilities and a presentation was given by the librarian, Stephanie Ronan, on the Marine Institute's Open Access Repository <http://oar.marine.ie/community-list>.

Bernie Lally, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology Library, gave an update of the new borrowing access for library patrons allowed under alliances with James Hardiman Library, National University of Ireland, Galway and the Institute of Technology libraries participating in the Connacht-Ulster Alliance.





Visit to the new John Paul II Library in NUI Maynooth

### 2013 Training Seminar

In Tuam Public Library, on Monday, 17th June, the WRSIAI welcomed 35 delegates to our seminar entitled: *Customer commitment: showcasing user-driven training services*.

Elaine Bean & Laura Connaughton, John Paul II Library, NUI, Maynooth partnered to give us an introduction to their Information Literacy training LIST sessions. Ashling Hayes, Glucksman Library, University of Limerick, outlined the value of working with stakeholders in creating UL's accredited module *Realising your research value*. Dr Fintan Bracken, from IReL, Irish Research eLibrary, offered the delegates the various options in *Measuring the value of e-resources*. Dr Irina Rupp Maloney, James Hardiman Library, NUI, Galway, introduced us to the university's integral training service: The Academic Writing Centre. Peter Dudley, Dublin City University Library, walked us around DCU's virtual aspects in *Adventures in augmented reality*. Gracious Chihuri, GMIT, explained the fundamental changes to the standard of data presentation in *Resource Description and Access (RDA) in GMIT Library*.

### Maynooth Library visit

On 18th of November, 19 delegates were warmly welcomed by Laura Connaughton and Mary Antonesa to their new John Paul II library in NUI, Maynooth. The delegates were guided through the planning aspects of the build and given a tour of the various facilities the library can now offer to their 8,000 students and staff. After lunch in historic Pugin Hall, Russell library staff, Barbara McCormack and Audrey Kinch gave everyone an opportunity to compete in a team-working quiz.



Mairi Kidd, Barrington Stoke, speaking in Balbriggan library



Delegates at the Recommending with Confidence seminar.

## Youth Libraries Group

- **Chair:** Aisling Donnelly (Kildare County Council Library and Arts Service)
- **Secretary:** Deirdriu McQuaid (Monaghan County Libraries)
- **Treasurer:** Helen O'Donnell (Dublin City Public Libraries)
- **Committee:** Mary Bohan (Leitrim County Libraries), Deirdre Broderick (Louth County Libraries), Frances Crampsie (Donegal County Libraries), Domitilla Fagan (South Dublin County Libraries), Catherine Gallagher (South Dublin County Libraries), Belinda Glackin (Donegal County Libraries), Beata Molendowska (Dublin City Public Libraries), Maedhbh Rogan (Meath County Council Library Service)

Catherine Gallagher sits on the Executive Board and is the current Treasurer of the LAI.

The YLG committee met once during the year on 23rd May in Balbriggan library for a seminar and a committee meeting. For the remainder of the year, contact was via phone/email.

### Recommending with Confidence Seminar

This year's seminar was held in Balbriggan library on May 23rd and the topic of the day was literacy. The programme opened with a presentation by Mairi Kidd from Barrington Stoke entitled 'Reaching more readers'. This was followed by Patricia Campbell's personal experience of working with the 'Family Reading Programme' from Dublin City Public Libraries. Margaret Murray, Literacies Development Worker with NALA (National Adult Literacy Agency), delivered a presentation about their new website [www.helpmykidlearn.ie](http://www.helpmykidlearn.ie) which was followed by Laura Joyce,

South Dublin Libraries, who spoke about Ready 2 Read. The day closed with Catherine Gallagher updating LAI members on the progress of the Literacy Task Force.

53 people attended the day long event and feedback was extremely positive. Attendees came from various local authorities and included colleagues working with a range of children and youth services. The aim would be to hold a repeat seminar at a different venue in 2014.



# Membership

In 2013 the figures for personal and institutional membership respectively were 518 and 68. In accordance with the regulations of the Association, those who had not renewed by September were deemed to be lapsed members.

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- The chief librarians and leaders of service organisations who facilitated staff to participate at meetings, promotions, CPD and other events
- The Royal Irish Academy, Dublin City Public Libraries, Fingal County Libraries, South Dublin County Libraries and Waterford City Council Library Service for providing storage for Association records
- Dublin City Council and Dublin City Public Libraries for hosting the annual joint Library Association of Ireland / CILIP Ireland conference in Dublin in 2013
- The library business sector and other friends of the Association that support its work through sponsorship of meetings, seminars and other activities



# Appendix

## Organisation of the Association

The Library Association of Ireland is a company limited by guarantee. Every member is a shareholder. The Council is the company's Board of Directors.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association establish the methods and capacity of the Association to manage its business. These are the foundation documents for all action by the Association and they outline procedures in place.

Currently membership is open to individuals and institutions. Participative membership is encouraged to benefit the profession and the person.

This annual report illustrates the range of opportunities for active participation that are open to members currently. The Articles of Association describe the procedure to initiate other relevant activity. Activities can be at individual and group levels. Activity at individual level can include research, writing, mentoring, lecturing / training, further education, advocacy, contributing a specialist or secondary expertise. Group work can include all of the above in community – and contribution to panels, Task Forces and working groups. A list of panels and other structures are listed below, and current membership of those structures is listed throughout the report, should you be interested in learning more about an area of activity.

Membership of Groups and Sections forms part of membership. Participation at committee level of Groups and Sections can be a valuable learning and networking experience. Committees are elected at Annual General

Meetings. The election process is advertised to members in advance. Groups and Sections have documented procedures which operate within the parameters of the overarching Memorandum and Articles, possibly with refinements to suit local circumstances. Groups and Sections can create time-specific, focused sub-committees in response to priorities and workloads.

Groups and Sections are

### Sectoral

Academic and Special Libraries Section  
County and City Librarians' Section  
Government Libraries Section  
Health Sciences Libraries Section  
Prison Libraries Group  
Public Libraries' Section

### Regional

Western Regional Section  
Munster Regional Section

### Interest specific [cross-sectoral]

Cataloguing and Metadata Group  
Career Development Group [established 2012]  
Genealogy and Local Studies Group  
Meitheal Oibre na Gaeilge  
Rare Books Group  
Youth Libraries Group

Membership of the Council is open to all personal members in good standing. The procedure for election to membership of the Council is outlined in the Articles and the nomination / election process is advertised to





all members in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Election to the Offices of President, Vice-President, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer is also open to all personal members in good standing. Similar to the Council, the procedure is outlined in the Articles and the nomination / election process is advertised to all members in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

The Council has a range of sub-committees, Task Forces and panels. In general membership of these is not exclusive to Board members. Some structures are of a temporary nature, responsive to the work involved.

Areas covered by committees currently are in

#### **Professional Education**

Professional Standards  
Continuing Professional Development

#### **Communications**

Communications policy & procedure  
Website development  
Editorial Board of an Leabharlann: the Irish Library  
Leabharlann-e

#### **Services Development**

Library Ireland Week  
Information Literacy  
Literacy & Numeracy: contribution to Government strategy  
North / South Liaison committee [with C.I.L.I.P. Ireland]  
International & European Affairs Panel

#### **Management & Administration**

Administration  
Action Planning  
Audit Committee

Initially, each committee develops its Terms of Reference which is approved by the Council. Guidelines on the development of Terms of Reference are provided on the Association's website.

The Association also provides nominees to a range of external organisations. These are listed in the annual report. The election of nominees varies depending upon the organisation involved.

Since the Council is responsible for the correct and effective running of the Association, all committees and nominees report regularly through its Honorary Secretary.