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EVENTS 2008

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SLIGO LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a responsive, accessible and inclusive library service for all our customers, which fosters reading, stimulates the imagination and contributes to lifelong learning and cultural recreation.

NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE

Sligo Library Service has committed itself to launch a newly developed website in 2008. This website will act as a public access portal allowing the general public unrivalled access. Information such as opening hours, contact details, events, activities and images can all be accessed in an easily navigable format.

The fundamental reason of the library, a source of literary work; fiction, non fiction, reference and local history, will be extensively portrayed on separate pages within the framework of the website. Electronic online access to Encyclopedia Britannica has also become a reality in 2008 with all members able to access this comprehensive resource via the library webpage using their library user i.d.

TEACHER RESOURCE CENTRE & SCHOOLS SERVICE

Sligo libraries have traditionally provided a schools service to all 68 primary schools in the county. This provision allows extra reading material to supplement the schools own resources. In providing this service, the library van aims to visit each school twice per school year. In 2008 13,849 books were provided to all the primary schools in Sligo.

An exciting new edition to this service became a reality in October 2008 when Sligo Library opened the Library Educational resource centre. This centre, located in the museum next door to Central Library, will allow teachers (on appointment) to access and browse our extensive stock. Juvenile non fiction stock on topics of interest could be one target area selected by various teachers. Once selected the stock can be checked out to the relevant school and delivered in a prompt manner by our library delivery service.

MULTICULTURAL POLICIES

Sligo Libraries are committed to multiculturalism and recognise the importance of the various non Irish national communities in our society as a whole. As such a number of implemented strategies have continued.

A foreign language pamphlet detailing the library service aimed primarily at the Polish community was released in early 2008.

A link from our website to the Sligo Immigrant Organisation website <http://sioinfo.com> was established in mid 2008 to further portray our services to this section of the community. Our policy of foreign title collection development, both adult and juvenile has continued, increasing stock throughout the year.

Access to electronic resources such as library pressdisplay allows non Irish nationals keep abreast of developments at home by reading a selection of their daily newspapers. This resource portrays over 500 full content digital replicas from 70 countries in 37 languages.

DISABILITY ACCESS

Disability Access continued to be a priority for Sligo County Libraries in 2008. As well as the provision of car parking, disabled toilets, directional signage, software (JAWS and ZOOM-TEXT) and induction loops, increased addition of ramps and a stair lift for ease of access became a main priority. This was especially so for the central library and museum building in the hope that all sections of our community feel at ease whilst using this public service.

Photo Left: Glen Boyne holding Rap Classes as part of the Sligo Central Libraries Summer camp in 2008



Donal Tinney (County Librarian), Dermot Healy (Author & Editor of Force 10),
Cllr Sean McManus & Cathaoirleach Cllr Seamus Kilgannon at the launch of Force 10



FORCE 10

Under the editorship of local writer Dermot Healy, Sligo Library published the 13th issue of Force 10 magazine in June 2008. This re launch, held on 20th June in Sligo Central Library, was greeted with huge critical acclaim from both local and national writers and artists. With the usual format of poetry, prose and illustrations this was the largest issue in its history and had a central theme of travel and emigration. Among many writers featured were Niall Williams, Aidan Higgins, Joan McBreen, Leland Bardwell, and Gerald Dawe. Illustrations included work by Sean McSweeney, Conor O'Malley, Nick Miller, John Minihan and Michael Wann.

NIALL WILLIAMS – WRITER IN RESIDENCE

Mr Niall Williams, twice IMPAC nominated author, began his six- month tenure with Sligo county Library in the autumn of 2007. During that time he took to his position with gusto and enthusiasm undertaking several projects.

Two series of writers' workshops, each fully subscribed and under the guidance of Niall were held for three months before and three months after Christmas. He visited numerous schools and other groups to give courses in creative writing as well as meeting "budding writers" informally at his office. Courses in literary history were also conducted for library staff over a period of twelve weeks which gave a valuable insight to library staff into the chronological background of the material with which they work.

A Readers and Writers Festival Weekend in March 2008 was arranged by Sligo Library and the Arts Office to celebrate the tenure of Mr. Niall Williams as writer-in-residence. Lectures, readings and workshops were held in various venues county-wide and were considered by all to be a great success.

Mr. Williams returned briefly to run an intensive one day course in May 2008 for Leaving Certificate students in preparation for their various English exam papers.

Due to his tireless work and popularity, Mr. Williams has returned in October 2008 to begin another eagerly anticipated residency concentrating this year on young readers. He will be in Sligo every Wednesday and Thursday for consultation and can be contacted by email at nwilliams@sligococo.ie

SLIGO LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS & WRITERS' GROUPS

To further encourage reader development among our customers, Sligo Libraries have a number of Book Clubs set up in various branches. These clubs promote the pleasures of reading and develop the members appreciation of literature at all levels. Please contact the various Branch Libraries for more details.

Sligo Central Library

Inkwell Writers group, facilitated by Geraldine Finn, meet every Wednesday at 8pm in Museum Building, Stephen Street. Central Library Book Club meets at 6.45 on last Thursday of every month.

Catacombs Book Club, Sara Book Club and the Maugherow Book Club are also supported by Sligo Central Library.

Tubbercurry Community Library

Leyney writers' group have been established a number of years now with two successful publications behind them. This group continue to meet regularly to share and discuss their latest work, facilitated by Geraldine Finn. This process should hopefully culminate in another publication due early next year 2009. Bookworms Bookclub meet on the second last Thursday of every month.

Active Retirement Bookclub meet on the last Thursday of every month.

PLUS SURVEY

Results from the Public Library User Survey, taken in September 07, were released in early 2008. Positive feedback from the comprehensive survey included:

- Sligo Central Library is the 8th busiest library in the country.
- Staff helpfulness was remarked on with an average of 81% of respondents stating it was “very good”.
- Staff assistance was also viewed as being very comprehensive with an average of 80% of respondents feeling it was “very good”.
- The library as a secure and safe place to visit also fared well with an average of 77% of respondents feeling it was “very safe”.

USERS SLIGO LIBRARY SERVICE

Average age:	Central Library	Tubbercurry Library
14 or under	1.2%	-
15 to 19	3.9%	1.6%
20 to 24	6.1%	7.6%
25 to 34	14.3%	21.7%
35 to 44	24.1%	21.7%
45 to 54	20.4%	24.5%
55 to 64	14.5%	10.9%
65 to 74	11.7%	9.2%
75 or over	3.7%	2.7%
no. of cases	489	184
% response rate	97.4%	96.3%



“Stories from the Globe” launched in Sligo County Library on World book day 2008

SLIGO COUNTY LIBRARY ISSUES JAN – SEPT 08

		1st Quarter (Jan - Mar 08)	2nd Quarter (Apr - June 08)	3rd Quarter (Jul - Sept 08)
Central Library	Adult	23,502	22,299	24,658
	Juvenile	12,430	12,189	13,352
Tubbercurry	Adult	4,708	4,422	5,402
	Juvenile	3,848	3,574	4,162
Reference Library	Adult	1,195	1,258	1,335
	Juvenile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ballymote	Adult	1,699	1,389	1,411
	Juvenile	1,238	1,143	1,217
Enniscrone	Adult	1,642	1,688	1,740
	Juvenile	1,113	960	1,419

Borrow books 2008: statistics January to September 185 received, 214 sent

JANUARY 2008

Tubbercurry Community Library

Creative Writing Workshops throughout January 08
Active Retired group – Art classes throughout January 08

FEBRUARY 2008

Sligo Central Library

1st February - St. Brigids Cross Workshop with the Meehan Sisters.
Central Library Bookclub members attended Ennis Book Club Festival 29th
February to March 2nd 08

Tubbercurry Community Library

Kids Own publishing display 28th Feb – 5th March
Various Bookclub members attended Ennis Book Festival 29th February to March 2nd

MARCH 2008

Sligo Central Library

2nd March - National Tree Week - distribution of 100 sapling trees to customers -
Native stock including Oak, Ash, Birch, Rowan & Alder.

4th March - Easter Crafts Activity with the Meehan sisters

5th March - Storyteller Rab Fulton. Tales of legend & folklore

6th March - World Book Day - Globe house international stories & launch of book
"Tales from the Globe"

7th March - Launch of Writers festival Weekend 2008

13th March – Seachtain na Gaeilge - Irish traditional Music session

Tubbercurry Community Library

Seachtain na Gaeilge 3rd – 17th March. Sean Nos Dancing

6th March - World book Day - Author visit with Michael Mullen

7th March - Poetry Reading - Julie O'Callaghan

8th March - Author reading - Brennan Briggs

APRIL 2008

Sligo Central Library

15th April - Art school visit; "The battle of the books" with the Mercy College

Tubbercurry

30th April - Visit from local Montessori School which included a storytelling session

MAY 2008

Sligo Central Library

May 1st to 31st - Bealtaine Festival - Internet Classes with Benny Morgan

15th May - Ulster Scots Heritage events; Storytelling and Music

16th May - Archaeology Book Launch. Locally-based Finnish archaeologist Tatyjana Kytmamnow launched her latest work "Portal Tombs in the Landscape – the Chronology, Morphology and Landscape Settings of the Portal Tombs of Ireland, Wales and Cornwall"

Tubbercurry

7th May, 14th, 21st & 28th May – internet tuition classes with Benny Morgan

22nd May - Anti Litter Environment workshops with storyteller Mary Lorraine McHugh

JUNE 2008

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June 3rd & 4th - Anti Litter Environment workshops with storyteller Mary Lorraine McHugh

June 20th – Launch of FORCE 10 issue 13

JULY 2008

Sligo Central Library

1st to 9th July - Children's summer camp

1st July - Liz Weir, storytelling

2nd July - Thompson's Magic Show and Fancy Dress

3rd July - Glen Boyne Rap Classes & "Your Man Puppets" Puppet Show

4th July - Meehan sisters, Crafts Activity

8th July - Joe McGowan, storyteller. Tales of folklore and customs

9th July - Rosaleen Holland, Crafts Activity

AUGUST 2008

Sligo Central Library

August 28th Heritage Week - "On the Pigs back; the Pig in Irish Culture". A lecture by Joe McGowan

August 29th - "Irish History Live" interactive show by Michael Moylan

Tubbercurry

Leyney Writers Literary Festival 12th August '08

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sligo Central Library

Positive Ageing Week: September 25th, October 2nd and October 9th @ 6.45 - Internet tuition classes with Benny Morgan

Tubbercurry

18th & 26th September – St. attracta's College transition year students visit Tubbercurry library and shown all the various facilities and services.

OCTOBER 2008

Central library

Children's Book Festival 2008

October 2nd - "Irish History Live" interactive show with Michael Moylan

October 7th - "book festival crafts activity" @ 10am & 11.30 with the Meehan's

October 10th – Art Class & workshop @ 11.45 & 1pm with Ailish O'Donnell

October 22nd – National Print Museum workshops @ 10am, 12 noon and 2pm

October 29th – Halloween crafts activity @ 11am and 12.30pm with the Meehan's

Tubbercurry

Children's book festival 2008

15th October – Author visit – Keith Charters

16th October – Author visit – Liam Farrell

24th October – Author Visit – John Quinn

30th October - Halloween crafts activity with the Meehan's

NOVEMBER 2008

Central Library

National Science Week: November 11th to 17th.

November 17th – Calry scout library visit to facilitate “book reader” badge

November 21st – “Science is magic” interactive show with Michael Moylan

Tubbercurry

National Science week:

November 10th to 14th – Workshops with Sustainable Energy Ireland. 18 schools involved, three sessions per day over a five day period.

November 11th @ 8pm – Leyney Writers Group “open mike” evening

November 29th @ 11am – Internet tuition classes with Benny Morgan

DECEMBER 2008

Central Library

December 4th and 11th @ 6.30 – Sustainable energy lectures with Dr. John Hession

December 6th @ 11am – Internet tuition classes with Benny Morgan

December 5th – Volunteer centre stand to promote various volunteer activities in the County

December 1st to 16th – Exhibition highlighting the campaign “16 days of action against Violence against Women”

December 11th @ 10.30 & 12 noon – Christmas card making activity with Rosaleen Holland

December 17th @ 10.30 – Toddler preschool stories and songs



A series of snapshots portraying the wide variety of events/activities that are held by Sligo County Libraries



Mr Niall Williams, Author and writer - in - residence, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jude Devins, Pauline Brennan, Donal Tinney, Bernadette Ward and Ultan McNasser (Sligo Library staff) at the official start of the 2nd residency of the writer - in - residence



Donal Tinney (County Librarian), Dermot Healy (Author and editor of Force 10), Author Mary Branley, Cllr Declan Bree and Cathaoirleach Cllr Seamus Kilgannon at the launch of Force 10.



Donal Tinney (County Librarian) Angela McGurrian (Museum Attendant) Mayor Cllr Veronica Cawley and Library member Eamonn Carney inspect the new and improved disability access provisions at Sligo Central Library





Shane Reynolds, Alan Roberts and Seamus Hernon playing Irish traditional music as part of the Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations





Áine Ni Fhuarain & Niamh McKenna, winners of their respective categories for the 2008 "design a t-shirt" competition, being presented with their prizes in Sligo Central Library by Ultan McNasser, Executive Librarian





Malachy Gillen & Brenda Cawley (Sligo Library Staff) receiving a donation of foreign language books from Piotr Rachwald and Malgorzata Kmera (Sligo Immigrant Organisation)



CENTRAL LIBRARY

Stephen Street, Sligo

Mon: Closed

Tues: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Wed: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Thurs: 9.30 am to 8.00 pm

Fri: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Sat: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Sun: Closed

Email: sligocentrallibrary@sligococo.ie

Phone: 071 9111675

Library Catalogue: www.sligolibrary.ie

LOCAL HISTORY & REFERENCE LIBRARY

Westward Town Centre, Bridge Street, Sligo

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am-12.45 pm & 2.00 pm-4.45 pm

Sat & Sun: Closed

Email: sligolib@sligococo.ie

Phone: 071 9111850

Fax: 071 9146798

Library Catalogue: www.sligolibrary.ie

BALLYMOTE BRANCH LIBRARY

The Courthouse, Ballymote, Co.Sligo

Mon: Closed

Tues: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Wed: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Thurs: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm & 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Fri: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Sat: 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Sun: Closed

Email: ballymotebranchlibrary@sligococo.ie

Phone: 071 9111663

Fax: 071 9183969

Library Catalogue: www.sligolibrary.ie

TUBBERCURRY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Teach Laighne, Humbert Street, Tubbercurry,
Co. Sligo

Mon: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Tues: 9.30 am to 8.00 pm

Wed: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Thurs: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Fri: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm

Sat: 9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Sun: Closed

Email: tubberlibrary@sligococo.ie

Phone: 071 9111705

Fax: 071 9120446

Library Catalogue: www.sligolibrary.ie

ENNISCRONE BRANCH LIBRARY

Pier Road, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo

Mon: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Tues: 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Wed: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Thurs: 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Fri: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Sat: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm & 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Sun: Closed

Email: enniscronebranchlibrary@sligococo.ie

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weekends



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