Green Light for New Postgraduate Library

As many of you will know the move is on! The removal of collections to enable the Boole Library extension and refurbishment to commence has started. Since 14th May, certain collections have been relocated to Pouladuff along with the Special Collections Research Room.

The unavoidable disruption and noise associated with activity of this kind is but a foretaste of what is to come. Heavy work will commence in early June with the removal of rock at the eastern side of the Boole Library. In the meantime the enabling works and commissioning of the site compound will have been completed. Everything is being done to minimise disruption to services and to readers. However we will need your understanding and cooperation as we progress. Regular updates of progress and information about changes to services and collections will be provided at [http://booleweb.ucc.ie](http://booleweb.ucc.ie).

One of the areas to benefit from this project will be the Special Collections, which will see a new reading room and adjacent closed access storage space located in the refurbished Q-1 floor. Regular updates of progress and information about changes to services and collections will be provided at [http://booleweb.ucc.ie](http://booleweb.ucc.ie).

John FitzGerald, Librarian

Special Collections & Archives Service - re-located

The Special Collections and Archives Services have been re-located to the University Building at Pouladuff Rd, Togher, Cork City (approx. 1 mile from the Main campus) in order to facilitate the new Library Building Project. A free shuttle bus is available from the main campus and timetables can be obtained from the Information Desk in the Boole Library.

Our opening hours are 9.30am - 4.45pm Monday - Friday
Summer opening (June) 9.30am - 4.30pm
(July 1st - Sept 30th) 9.30am - 4.15pm.

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INULS in Cork

INULS in Cork celebrates 40 years

Irish National & University Library Staff

Conference

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University College Cork

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A New Building Project Liaison group has been established which is made up of Library staff, student representatives, and the Office of Buildings and Estates.

The objectives of the Liaison Group are as follows:

1) To ensure that that communication and liaison takes place with users and staff on the New Postgraduate Research Library Project.
2) To provide a forum for liaison with the contractor's liaison officer and the Office of Buildings and Estates on the New Postgraduate Research Library Project.

It is intended that these meetings will generate information to be disseminated to library users and library staff through all types of media including newsletters, notices, the library web pages, and emails. For further information please contact Seamus McMahon, Deputy Librarian (ext: 2190) or Virginia Conrick, Assistant Librarian (ext: 3953).

INULS in Cork... continued from cover

The Boole Library Cork is hosting the annual INULS conference (Irish National and University Library Staff) at its campus University College Cork (Brookfield Complex) between 17th - 19th June 2005. It is the major conference for professional and non-professional library staff. There will be representatives and speakers from Universities and National Libraries across Ireland and the UK.

This year's theme is Culture of Change: The Library as an Agent of Change in the Learning and Research Environment. The Conference papers will deal with the changing nature of Information access, the way Libraries organise and present Information and Libraries response to the change in the Learning and Research environment for students and researchers.

Some confirmed speakers: Ms Jan Wilkinson, Head of Higher Education, British Library; Thomas McCarthy, Poet, Novelist; Assistant Director, Cork 2005, European Capital of Culture, Ms Niamh Brennan, Research Support System Administrator; Library, Trinity College Dublin; Dr. Grace Neville, Dept of French UCC; Dr. Margaret Linehan, Department of Management, Cork Institute of Technology; Ms Siobhan O Dwyer, Boole Library. I.T.C.C.

For full details see the INULS website at http://www.conferencepartners.ie/inuls/

Catherine Clehane
Chair INULS Committee 2005.

Brookfield Health Sciences Library - Opening Soon!

The Health Sciences Library at the Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC, is scheduled to open for service in June 2005. The library and information needs of the Schools of Nursing & Midwifery and Clinical Therapies will be serviced, together with the medical departments of Epidemiology & Public Health & General Practice. The library collection of the School of Pharmacy will be located here while the administrative units for the Faculty Office and the Medical School will also be located at the complex.

This modern, state of the art Library has been constructed in accordance with 'best practice' and conforms to international standards for healthcare libraries. There are 251 reader places, all wired for power and data; 54 public access PCs and purpose built staff accommodation. Facilities include an IT Skills Training Room, with 15 PCs, group study facilities, a self-service circulation facility, compact shelving, a photocopying room and a meeting room.

The Library and Information service will be managed by 2 Full-Time Subject Librarians, assisted by 2 Full-Time Library Assistants and 3 Part-Time Library Assistants. Staffed service hours will be 9.00 am – 8.30 p.m., Mon-Fri. Self-service facilities will be available throughout the opening hours of the building.

Margot Conrick,
Head of Information Services

Cork University Hospital Library

Library and information services for Cork University Hospital will continue to be provided on-site at the CUH Library by University College Cork and the Southern Health Board.

National Research Survey - Library support to researchers

The Library has recently conducted a survey aimed at informing the development of Library services to everyone engaged in research in the University. This survey has also been conducted by the other Irish universities and will assist us in development of the Library service. Over four hundred researchers have responded to the survey. A special thanks to all researchers who took time out to fill the survey in – we will be having the draw for the special prizes shortly and will let you know the lucky winner.

We will keep you informed of developments.

Valerie King
Head of Customer Services
One of the roles of UCC Library which is not always recognised or credited is that of custodian of the heritage of the Cork and wider Munster region. The Library fulfills this role by actively collecting primary historical material emanating from the region which can support and stimulate research at UCC. In liaison with the many other archives, libraries and museums in the region we collect and preserve major research collections, often acquiring material which otherwise may have been dispersed or passed out of the State.

One of our recent major acquisitions has been the Sean O’ Riada Collection. This rich collection of manuscript and personal material associated with the iconic Sean O’ Riada is now at the University, waiting archival processing and listing. The will be available to the research public in mid-2006.

This acquisition has been well publicised in the national and local UCC press and will, it is to be hoped, stimulate further informed research into the life and work of Sean O’ Riada and his pivotal role in transforming Irish music in the late Twentieth Century. Sean O’ Riada was born in Cork, a graduate of UCC, was married in UCC and later taught at the Department of Music. It is fitting that with generous State support JCC has acquired this collection and will promote and celebrate the man and his work in perpetuity.

J A FitzGerald
University Librarian

Under the terms of the Irish Copyright Act the Boole Library has recently received what must surely rate as one of the most visually beautiful and charmingly produced books to grace our shelves in recent years. This is “Ireland’s Wild Orchids”, illustrated by Susan Sex with accompanying text by Brendan Sayers. It’s size alone grabs the attention, measuring 13” X 19”, but what makes this publication so unique is that it contains 35 stunning full plate watercolour illustrations, with numerous smaller paintings, all of which were subsequently donated to the National Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin.

Orchids have been poetically described as the temperamental divas of the plant world, and as orchids growing in Ireland are not exclusive to Ireland previous publications have tended to group them with those of England, Scotland and Wales. This book is the first to deal exclusively with Irish orchids, their life cycles and habitats, and is an invaluable record of Ireland’s orchid flora at the end of the 20th century.

This book, 184 pages in length, took 6 years to produce and was a project of enormous expense. The notes and text which accompany each gorgeous illustration are largely non-technical in style, though still comprehensive, and contain anecdotal points of interest. The author makes the introductory remark that as Nature does not fall neatly into man-made categories of classification the accompanying notes attempt to avoid both conjecture on the one hand, and dogmatic insistence on the other.

The artist makes the point that drawing and painting plants is a delightful occupation, and this quiet, charming, and almost quaint delight is transmitted on every page. I imagine that for the author and illustrator of this book the book itself is its own reward. It captures perfectly the allure, mystery and elusive nature of one of the plant world’s most beautiful flowers.

Ger. O’Sullivan
Copyright Dept.
Acquisitions

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Recently Appointed Library Staff

Sub-Librarian - Special Collections, Archives & Repository Services

Cronán Ó Doibhlin has been appointed as Head of Special Collections, Archives and Repository Stores. He was previously employed as the Librarian of the Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library and Archive in Armagh. During this time he was also a Part-time Tutor in the Department of Irish at the University of Ulster, Coleraine. Cronán is a graduate of the University of Ulster. He completed a M.Lib. in Library and Information Studies at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and has primary research interests in Historical and Analytical Bibliography, the Gaelic manuscript tradition, early printed books in Ireland, and the novel. He is currently reading for a D. Phil with the University of Ulster on the late prose tales from the Gaelic tradition of S.E. Ulster. He is also a keen, competitive cyclist. Contact details: c.odoibhlin@ucc.ie, ext 3185

Anne O’Callaghan

Anne joined the Library early this year. She has a BSc degree and experience in Libraries in the UK as well as having lived and worked in Germany and Switzerland for over ten years. Anne is currently working as part of our Customer Services team assigned to the Lending Services. You can contact her at 4902292 and anne.ocallaghan@ucc.ie

Bryan Radley

Bryan joined the Library in October 2004. He has a strong interest in modern Irish literature and modern fiction in general. He is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin and the University of York. Bryan is currently part of the Science Information Services team on Q+2 he can be contacted at Phone: 4902284 and b.radley@ucc.ie

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Q+3 Floor (490)2188

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Medicine
Corc University Hospital
(Wilton) (490)2976

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Q Floor (490)2428

Science, Engineering,
Food Science, Medicine
Q-2 Floor (490)2284

Social Sciences
Q-1 Floor (490)2111

Special Collection & Archives
Pouladuff (490)2282

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Monday–Thursday 08.30–22.15
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Saturday 10.00–23.45 (until Mid June)

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Openinghours/openboole.htm
for full details and exceptions

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