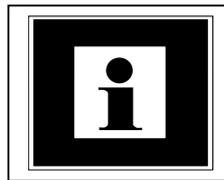


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# Library Newsletter



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## Opening Hours

Extended Opening Hours  
from Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Mon –Thurs: 9.30am-8.00pm

Fri: 10.00am – 5.00pm

## Update.....

What with January exams, theses to be written, wind, rain and ice, the new year has gotten off to a pretty predictable start really. Hope 'College Week' helped to lift the spirits a little, metaphorically speaking of course!

So what's next on the agenda? Tweaking those theses and presentations. Looking forward to Valentine's and Patrick's Day, even Easter, with exams looming in the not too distant future.

We are happy to announce extended evening opening from Monday, February 5th. Please make good use of the library during these hours. We hope to have a drop in box facility soon where students can return books to the library when the library is closed.

Interested in statistics? Like how many books were borrowed this year? We can tell you that. Who's reading what? No, can't tell you that! Have a look at the statistics section for some statistical trivia or should that be trivial statistics?

Nurses, don't forget when on placement you can also use the library and read on for some interesting feedback on your electronic database use.

Inter library loans, if you don't know how or why? Now is the time to learn, see the A-Z. Electronic Resources, always changing - Go on Safari and find information with a WAM!! Borrow a Video, ask at the Circulation Desk where so many of your questions are answered?

## Now Read On.....

I find that a great part of the information I have was acquired by looking something up and finding something else on the way.

- Franklin P. Adams

## Circulation Desk FAQs



Q: What does it mean when I see ‘Galway General’ or ‘Cluain Mhuire General’ on the library Catalogue?

A: The catalogue is a **list** of all the books and other materials available in the library. It is accessible on our library website: [library.gmit.ie](http://library.gmit.ie). Castlebar Library is one of the five GMIT Libraries that contain over 90,000 items. When we purchase a book, we add this title to the catalogue. We may share this title with the other GMIT libraries in Galway and Cluain Mhuire. ‘Galway General’ means that **copy** of the book is housed in GMIT Dublin Road Campus and is available to borrow for **one week**. As a Castlebar student, you may request this book at the circulation desk using our **Book request form**.

Q: I am writing the **bibliography** for my **assignment** and have **forgotten** the names of the books I used when I was researching. Can you help!?

A: You may access a list of all the books you **borrowed** via ‘My library account’. This is available on the library website. Log in using your name, ID number and PIN and click on ‘**Books checked out previously**’. Hopefully, this will help you when you are completing your bibliography.

Q: My tutors and lecturers **advise** me to research using the library’s **journals**. What are these and how do I use them?

A: There are two types of serials – **magazines** that have much information that is current and written on the spot; and **journals** that have articles that are peer-reviewed (of high quality) and offer a more in-depth academic view on subjects. For example, *Paddler* is an example of a **magazine**; and *Journal of adventure education and outdoor learning (JAEOL)* is an example of a **peer-reviewed journal**.

The library has a large amount of **serials** that are housed on the ground and first floors. They are organised by subject area. The most **recently published** issue is always placed on top of the shelves and the remaining copies are housed underneath – just lift the flap! The library keeps **back issues** of all serials – they are available on the first floor and also via our electronic resources. When you see a white sticker next to the name of the serial, this means that the library has subscribed to the back issues available via our **website’s electronic resources (library.gmit.ie)** For example, the *Journal of Advanced Nursing* is available in the library and also via our subscription to **EBSCO** and Blackwell Synergy. You can see a full **list** of our Journals by clicking on ‘**Library Collections**’ on the library website.

## **Inter-library loans (ILLS)**

Many publications not available directly from the Library are obtainable via the Inter-Library Loan Service. This service is available to all staff and registered students of the College. Our main ILL supplier is the British Library and a German supplier called Subito. We also obtain items from Irish Universities, Institutes of Technology, Health and Public libraries.

### **What material can I obtain?**

The Inter-Library Loan Service can source a wide variety of material - post 1850 monographs, journal articles, conference papers, patents, standards, music scores, theses from Ireland and UK. With the exception of Irish and British theses, unpublished material is not obtainable via this service, nor are audio materials, videocassettes or DVDs.

### **How much does it cost?**

Staff and Students are entitled to 9 applications per year free of charge after which a charge per item may be imposed.

### **How do I apply?**

Please complete an application form for each item. Application forms are available at the Information Desk on the ground floor or you can request via My Account using the Library catalogue. Please give full bibliographic details (i.e. author, title, etc.) and cite the source of your reference if possible. Incomplete or inaccurate information can cause delays. Copyright compliance requires that a copyright declaration be signed when applying for all journal article requests. **NOTE:** Before requesting an inter-library loan please check the catalogue and the full text electronic journals to ensure that the material is not currently held in GMIT Libraries.

### **How long does it take?**

Journal articles are generally delivered within a week. Books are generally supplied within ten days. Readers are advised of significant delays in supply.

### **How do I find out when my request has arrived?**

Notification of receipt of articles, books/loanable items is posted on the notice board outside the library entrance or readers are contacted by email/phone.

### **How long can I keep an Inter-Library loan?**

All articles supplied are for retention. For books and other loanable items, the period is designated by the lending library, but is usually for a period of three weeks. Renewal is not always possible and should be sought before the due date. Fines are payable for the late return of Inter-Library loans by all borrower categories. Replacement charges for lost items are expensive - the current British Library charge per item is €200.00.

### **What can I do if the item is not available in Ireland or the UK?**

An international search is offered to staff and students if an item cannot be sourced in Ireland or UK, provided the item requested is not published within Ireland or UK, and is out of print. Such requests are subject to delay and, as it is an expensive service, readers are asked to restrict it to essential material only.

### **Nursing News**



### **Nurses on Placement**

### **Month Loans**

### **Inter Library Loans**

### **Remote Access (WAM)**

Three groups of Nursing students are currently on clinical placement. The library provides additional library services while students are on placement.

You may **borrow** up to 3 books from the General collection for 4 weeks. You can **phone in ordinary requests** for Castlebar books. **Inter Library loan** journal articles will be posted to students. Also remember **Remote Access** to library electronic databases from any computer with Web access

**Library pages on the Web-  
Search our Catalogue,  
Check your Account,  
Renew your books,  
Research the edatabases.**

**<http://gmitlib.gmit.ie/>**

## Electronic Resources – everchanging.....for good?or bad? Should we be indifferent?

When I was asked to come up with something about the recent movements in Electronic Resources in the library, I got to thinking about how much talk there is surrounding Electronic Resources now. The Internet and related technologies are changing the face of Information and Research and how people discover things. They also seem to remove the hierarchy of control that previously existed, especially in terms of the music industry and access in general. Of course, it is mostly driven by commercial gain, which is why copyright and the infringement of copyright has become so important. You pay for mp3 downloads, and in the case of research, you pay for articles. Google's stated mission is "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful". This throws up all kinds of questions about ownership and revenue from information that is "available" online. Google Book Search is one of its newer onslaughts that aims to make available the collections of the World's most important libraries: Harvard, Oxford, Stanford and the New York Public Library. Each of these libraries has huge repositories of books. Some are out of copyright or in the Public Domain as it is called. Some are not. The text of the books that are in the public domain is fully available. From the others, you might find basic bibliographic information; a snippet view; or a bigger percentage equivalent to the "fair dealing" right that has existed in the library world for a long time. So not all the text of the book is available in every case. The answer to this is a link to where you can borrow or buy. Why is Google facilitating these big projects? Is there money to be made in all this? Probably. One benefit is that you can discover books/information that you might not have known even existed.

And, of course, it is a way to market and promote very specialised collections as in the case of the Library of Catalonia digitising its collection. Which makes one wonder about the future relationship of books and libraries - and brings me to our latest subscription: Safari Technical Books Online. It is aimed at out ITS students and is published by Proquest, an American publisher, with global offices. They gather the content from other publishers such as O'Reilly, Cisco, Peachpit and Sams Publishing and make it available and searchable electronically. It works in this way: Moore Library pays the subscription for 50 slots and two concurrent users. Each book has a value of 0.5 – 2 slots. The lecturers suggest titles of books that reflect what they are teaching in any given course at any given time. These titles are put up (made available) on the "bookshelf" in Safari, and students and staff research and download as they need. It is available for searching both from within the college, and from home thanks to our new Web Access Management (WAM) service. The transition to WAM, set up in December, has been fairly seamless from a library point of view. Most students know their name and student number and some had already set up their library PIN. We are having a few requests for help with the PIN but this is much less troublesome for everyone than the awkward Athens accounts we used before.

Watch this space.

"The more the data banks record about each one of us, the less we exist." ([Marshall McLuhan](#))

# Videos / DVDs

## Library's New DVD Selection

### *Rock Climbing*

- Masterclass 1: Improve your climbing with Neil Cresham Technique & Training
- Masterclass 2: Skills & Tactics for Sport and Trad
- The Centre of the Universe
- Blood, Sweat & Bagles
- Winter Essentials : Skills & Techniques for the Winter Mountains

### *Kayaking & Watersports*

- Kayaking with Eric Jackson
- EJ's River running : Basics
- EJ's River running : Advanced
- EJ's Playboating : Basics
- EJ's Playboating : Advanced
- This is the Sea : The first ever action sea kayak video
- This is the Sea
- The Kayak Roll
- EJ'S Rolling and Bracing
- Billabong Odyssey: The battle for the biggest wave ever surfed.
- Whitewater Kayaking with Ken Whiting
- End Game. If your life depended on it could you trust your friends?
- Sea Kayaking: The Ultimate Guide
- The Kayak Roll: Learn, Tune, Teach
- Thicker than water (Surfing DVD)

## AudioVisual materials

Many general interest topics include

- The Experiment - Organisation, Group & Sport Psychology
- The England Patient - Sport and Motivation Psychology
- The Office - Television Comedies



- The Corporation - Globalisation
- Frida Kahlo - Art
- Trials of Life series, Life on Earth series, The Living Planet series, Diversity of plant and animal life on this planet.
- The Virgin Queen – Historical Drama



## Journals

All 2006 print Journals are in the process of being archived. These journals are shelved in the library first floor reading area.

**Twain, Mark**

**"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education".**



### **The Most Borrowed (popular ?? )Books in 2006:**

Promoting health : a practical guide / Linda Ewles, Ina Simnett.  
Health promotion : effectiveness, efficiency and equity / Keith Tones and Sylvia Tilford.  
Ross Errilly franciscan friary: perspectives on a medieval religious house / Yvonne McDermott.  
Essentials of Irish business law / Aine Keenan  
Pathophysiology : the biologic basis for disease in adults & children / Kathryn L. McCance, Sue E. Huether.  
The archaeology of early medieval Ireland / Nancy Edwards  
Promoting health : knowledge and practice.  
A handbook of Irish folklore / by Sean O Suilleabhain  
Health promotion : foundations for practice / Jennie Naidoo, Jane Wills.  
Principles of Irish law / Brian Doolan  
Services marketing : people, technology, strategy / Christopher Lovelock, Jochen Wirtz  
C : how to program / H.M. Deitel, P.J. Deitel  
Adventure education / John C. Miles ; Simon Priest  
Human resource management in Ireland / Patrick Gunnigle, Noreen Heraty & Michael Morley  
Pathophysiology : foundations of disease and clinical intervention / Margie Hansen.  
Watson's clinical nursing and related sciences / edited by Mike Walsh.  
Modern management : theory and practice for Irish students / Siobhan Tiernan, Michael Morley, Edel Foley  
Services marketing : a European perspective / Christopher Lovelock, Sandra Vandermerwe and Barbara Lewis  
Giorgio Morandi : paintings, watercolours, drawings, etchings / edited by Ernst-Gerhard Guse and Franz Armin Morat ; with essays by Gottfried Boehm ... [et al.]  
Psychology for beginners: Introducing psychology / Nigel C. Benson edited by Richard Appignanesi.

**Various and Miscellaneous (lies, damned lies and)  
Statistics.....**

**26,312 activities** in 2006 on the library circulation system, i.e items either borrowed, returned, renewed, requested.....

**14,777 items were borrowed** between January and December 2006. These figures include Audio Visual loans from Sept 2006. The library started a pilot lending of Audiocassettes, Videos and DVDs. Use of these items has definitely increased but there is the danger of damage to certain items particularly DVDs so we need to monitor this carefully).

**996 books** from the Enda McDonagh Collection are now on the library catalogue.

**Castlebar library's book collection has grown to 12,449 books.**

**2,793 items** added to stock in 2006, including DVDs, Books ordered by lecturers, Donations, Reports, Government Publications

**26,403 searches** on the **Ebsco** databases from January - December, 2006. **15,324 full text articles** retrieved on this database.

**10,378 searches** on the **OVID** databases from January - December 2006.  
**3,414 full text retrievals** on this database.

**5,306 full text articles** retrieved on **Blackwell Synergy**.

**Requests and Inter Library Loans, Jan. – Dec. 2006**

**381 titles** borrowed from other GMIT campuses

**208 titles** loaned to other GMIT campuses

**178 titles** borrowed from other Irish and UK libraries through inter library loans.



## Library Ireland Week 2007 (5th- 11th March).

Library Ireland Week is an initiative of the Library Association of Ireland. Its aim is to promote the work of Librarians and Libraries. During this week, with the help of libraries and information units all over Ireland, the work of Libraries will be highlighted.

We hope to mark the week in some way so keep an eye on library notices nearer to the time.

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