

## IT Facilities and Resources

### Student Computers



Students will have noticed some changes when using the library computers upstairs. Starting this month, students may log on to nine PCs using own log on names and passwords to get access to their accounts and files. This enables saving downloaded research to network accounts, reducing printing costs and hopefully making the process a little easier.

We have also reintroduced the facility to save to the a: drive CD-ROMs are available on the other two PCs situated beside the printer.

### Electronic Databases

Go to the catalogue for access to electronic databases supplied by the library:  
[gmitlib.gmit.ie](http://gmitlib.gmit.ie)

Choose 'Electronic Resources', the relevant subject heading and database.

Castlebar has recently subscribed to an electronic review /revision pack for first year nursing students called '**Revfacto**'. It will soon be listed and linked on the electronic resources page under 'Health Sciences'.

Gmit libraries organise **free trials** of various databases from time to time with a view to eventual purchase if the feedback from lecturers and students is positive.

Currently we have a suite of resources on trial from database providers 'Ebsco' Find the link under *Ebsco database* on the 'Free Trials page'.

Here are five of their most popular products:

**Academic Search Elite:** full text of over 1800 journals. Content coverage includes social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, physics, chemistry, language and linguistics, arts and literature, medical sciences, ethnic studies and more.

**Business Source Elite:** full text of 1,222 scholarly business, management and economics journals. Subject coverage includes accounting, banking, finance, international business, marketing, sales etc

**Professional Development Collection:** information aimed at educators, professional librarians and education researchers. It offers over 550 titles on everything from children's health and development to cutting-edge pedagogical theory and practice.

**Nursing and Allied Health Collection (Comprehensive):** full text for nearly 400 journals covering the areas of nursing, biomedicine, health sciences, consumer health and allied health disciplines.

**UK and Eire Reference Centre:** combination of UK and Irish news magazines, newspapers, newswires and reference books. Other sources include the Encyclopaedia of Britain and the Encyclopaedia of Ireland, other reference books, international magazines, company information, biographies and images.

**Coming Soon:** The library catalogue currently lists *Theses, Journals, Audio cassettes* and *Videos* held in Castlebar. These can be found under the 'Featured Lists' option on the catalogue home page <http://gmitlib.gmit.ie/> We hope to add listings of *Annual reports, Prospectuses* and some *European Union Documentation* to this section in the near future. Use these lists as a quick, ready reference.



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## Happy New Year

A new year and a new term. Welcome back one and all. Good luck to those doing exams this month and a special welcome to our new Nursing and IT Support students. We hope you will use the library to the full this term and satisfy all your information needs.

Students doing projects and theses should avail of our *Inter Library Loan service*, just ask at the desk downstairs. Those of you working on *Presentations* may want to use the scanner on the IT/AV floor or photocopy *ascetates*. Just ask the library staff upstairs for help.

### Opening Hours

Mon—Thurs: 9.30am—7.00pm  
Fri: 10.00am—5.00pm

Both library floors are open  
through lunch

### Library staff

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#### Ground floor

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Colette Harlowe 094 90 43146

#### First floor

Olive Greaney 094 90 43235

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For information on all library services please go to our Intranet pages at <http://castlebarweb>, choose 'information' and 'library'.

Please feel free to ask any member of library staff for help.

**Nursing Resources** The library has purchased over 1000 books for the Nursing courses many of which are now on the shelves. The

Nursing books are shelved upstairs in the project room as it is currently the only available space. This area is open to all our students and please feel free to use the study spaces available there.

It is good to see our nursing students around the library more and more. The nursing journals should start arriving this month so be on the lookout. They will be shelved with the other journals downstairs.

### User Education

All students should have had a library induction tour last term. The library will offer more detailed guidance this term. This may be training in the use of various electronic databases or tips on searching the Internet, or possibly, advice on using the

Catalogue. This can be offered on an individual basis or in groups. Usually lecturers organise these sessions with library staff but students may feel free to enquire at the library desk about organising a session.

Please take the 'Information guides' available at the desks, upstairs and downstairs.

### Gremlins at work!

Exam papers have moved upstairs to the project room, i.e. nearer to the photocopier, for your convenience. Please return there after use.

Castlebar has a selection of exam papers now available electronically on the library catalogue. You will find

Business Studies, Outdoor Education, Computing, and Construction. This is a work in progress and we hope to increase the amount of papers available electronically in due course. Choose 'exam papers' from the catalogue home page. You will need your pin no. (ask at library desk) and id number (on your student card).



*Annual Reports* and *Prospectuses* have also changed location. You will find them shelved with the boxed journals on the ground floor. Note also the boxes of miscellaneous EU documentation housed here. *Art books* have been integrated into the general collection of books.



### Enda McDonagh Collection.

Castlebar library is very fortunate to be the recipient of a major collection of books from Fr. Enda McDonagh, a noted academic and formerly attached to NUI Maynooth.

We have received about 200 to date, 100 of which are on the shelves ready for use. The collection includes works on theology, ethics, Christianity and other related subject areas.

These books are mixed in with the general collection for now and are distinguished by a purple dot on the spine.

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