



# Library Newsletter



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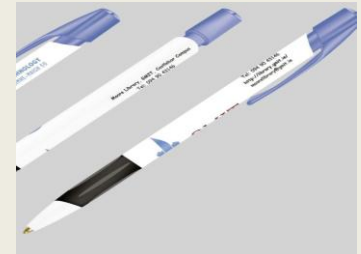
Update

Spring has arrived and surely the long hard winter is fading away. The welcome stretch in the evenings lifts the spirits and might spur all of us on to more outdoor activity. Please also remember the library is now open until 8pm Monday to Thursday until the end of May and we are happy to see more students using the facilities after 6pm. As you know Easter is late this year and exams loom soon after so make the most of library services before it gets really hectic.

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**Library Ireland Week** runs from Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup> this year. The Library Association promote this week in celebration of all libraries – public, college, specialist, national, etc. We have a few surprises in store for you this week. Firstly pick up a free Moore Library pen; it helps to keep the library phone number, website and e-mail at your fingertips!

You’ll find some other freebies around the library so make sure to call in this week.



See the display at the campus Reception area, borrow something to *lighten* the mood? And we are calling on all first years to take part in our library survey. Let us know what you think of library services, what is it like for a first year coming to use the library?? Please pick up a survey sheet, available at the library desks on both floors.

The library also invites you to attend a special event:

### **Our Campus in 1901 District Lunatic Asylum: A History**

A lecture by  
**Dr. Fidelma Creaven**

GMIT now occupies the site of the Castlebar District Lunatic Asylum, later known as St Mary’s hospital, which opened in 1866. For the next 139 years people with mental illness were treated here until it ceased to function as a Psychiatric Hospital in 2005. This talk will focus on 1901 as a year in the life of the hospital.

In the Roseanne Clear Lecture Theatre GMIT Castlebar  
2pm, Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011

The library is a study area so keep noise levels to a minimum & please **DO NOT USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE.**





## Spring 2011, New Journals on order...



Helping you to get best value for your money

**Consumer Choice** is published monthly by the Consumers' Association of Ireland. It tells us how products compare in value, performance and reliability. It is packed with impartial reports on household goods, personal finance, cars, health, safety and the environment. It also reports on consumer law, gives advice on consumer problems and presents consumer case studies which illustrate your rights.

**Which Magazine** is the largest consumer organisation in the UK. It aims to promote informed consumer choice in the purchase of goods and services, by testing products, highlighting inferior products or services, and raising awareness of consumer rights. *Tests* are carried out on consumer items like electrical goods, cars, and computers, as well as health and financial services and supermarkets, highlighting issues such as reliability and value-for-money.

**Irish Wildlife Magazine**  
The Irish Wildlife Trust (IWT) has been raising awareness of Irish biodiversity for over 30 years. It recently re-launched its quarterly magazine *Irish Wildlife* in full colour and with spectacular photographs of Ireland's species and landscapes. It is the only magazine of its kind in Ireland, dealing solely with Irish topics and covering the full breadth of our wonderful natural heritage.

**New Zealand Journal of Outdoor Education**  
This journal publishes original refereed contributions on all aspects of outdoor education, broadly defined. The Journal particularly covers articles that apply academic insights to practice. The journal will facilitate the interchange of ideas and information and contribute to the development of a New Zealand perspective on moving and learning in the outdoors.

**Journal Spring Clean**  
The library has done a Spring Clean of journal holdings and we are happy to offer surplus issues to our Staff and Students. They will be displayed on the ground floor of the library for **Library Ireland week 7<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> March**. These include back issues of many popular journals/magazines of general interest such as National Geographic, The Ecologist, History Today, New Scientist and more.

**Current Journal Display**  
There has been a slight rearrangement of all current journal titles on display shelves on the ground floor with new updated subject headings overhead.

The display shelves nearest the Catalogue computer will be used to display journal news and promotional material.

### Electronic Books

GMIT Libraries' newest purchase is Ebrary's Academic Complete collection which offers access to over 50,000 e-books covering most, if not all, of our academic disciplines. These include Business, Computing, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, History, Humanities, Health Sciences and many more. Some of its features include:

- Majority of titles published in 2004 and later
- World-renowned publishers
- Unlimited simultaneous access

This is a very welcome addition to our electronic resources and greatly expands not only our book stock but also access from within the college and at home. Ebrary is available at the following link:

<http://0-site.ebrary.com.library.gmit.ie/lib/gmit/home.action>

### Justis - not just for law students

GMIT Libraries are also pleased to provide access to this new online law resource made up of Irish Reports and Irish Digests. Justis is an online library of Irish case law and legislation that empowers academics and students to quickly and easily search Irish cases. The Irish Reports are published by The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for Ireland. The database covers over 80 years of Irish case reports and contains the full text data of published cases from 1838 to the present day. The database is updated every 3 months. Source material for the Irish Reports and Digests is drawn from: The Irish Reports; Irish Jurist Reports; Irish Law Journal; Irish Law Reports Monthly; Irish Law Times Reports, Northern Ireland Reports and Irish Special Reports.

### Snippets!

You can now access GMIT Library via your iPhone, Android or any 3G/Internet phone.

Go to <http://www.libanywhere.com/m/323> to access [GMIT Library](#) directly, it allows you to search our catalogue, access your account online (no more fines) and email the library (when you 'hit a wall' and need some help). This link sends you to the right version of Library Anywhere (there are three versions currently, iPhone, Android, and a Universal version that works on any mobile device, including Blackberry).

Roaming  
Facebook  
Twitter

**Social Networking** is for smart libraries too! GMIT Libraries have created a presence on both Facebook and Twitter.

We can be found on Facebook at [GMIT Library](#) - please  us so that you get our updates on resources, events and news.

We can also be followed on Twitter at

[@LibrarianGMIT](#)  We have put our social networking links on our home page <http://library.gmit.ie> so check us out.

### A Few Reminders

Students can borrow up to **4 Books**:

**General:** 1 week loan, overdue fine 20 cent per day, Max renewals 3 weeks

**Short Loan:** 24hrs loan, overdue fine 20 cent per hour, NO RENEWALS

**DVD's:** 2 Night loan, overdue fine 50 cent per day, NO RENEWALS

To renew books:

1. Call into Moore Library (R011)



2. 0949043146

3. Visit your account online <http://library.gmit.ie/>

Once you set up your Library pin you may:

- Check your loans
- Renew your loans
- Request/hold books that are on loan
- View/manage your past reading history
- Search electronic databases
- View and print electronic exam papers

## A life well read

Daniel Caldwell, our Chaplain shares his reading habits with us.



### Q1. What book or author was your favourite as a child?

*My favourite author as a child was C.S.Lewis. I can remember initially my Mum reading the Narnia Chronicles to me and then as I grew older I read them again for myself.*

### Q2. Were there books in your house growing up?

*Yes we were surrounded by books growing up. Mum was a teacher and so she encouraged us to read. On numerous occasions she tried (without success) to get my brothers and I to read various classical works of literature.*

### Q3. Do you tend to read a particular genre?

*I enjoy reading historical books and would in particular have an interest in the early Christian period of Irish history. I also enjoy the historical work of Tom Holland.*

*In recent years I have enjoyed reading the works of American sociologist Malcolm Gladwell as I find his style refreshing and well informed.*

### Q4. How do you choose your reading? Do you check book reviews or do you prefer to browse subject areas?

*I choose my reading in a variety of ways. If I am in a book shop I will generally start in the subject areas of interest to me (Theology, History and Leadership). After I have checked those areas I will inevitably end up in the reduced/sale section. Often I will be guided in my purchases by a recommendation that I have received or by a review that I have read. Sometimes if a book is on sale and the cover information interests me I will purchase it without knowing much about the author.*

### Q5. Do you buy books and / or use libraries?

*This month I bought three books on the recommendation of a friend. The books are Freakonomics and Superfreakonomics by Levitt and Dubner and Linchpin by Seth Godin. I ordered these books through a local book shop as I feel it is important to support the book shops in the area. I also have a number of subscriptions to journals which means that I have regular updates in relation to my areas of interest. When I have a free moment I enjoy going to the campus library and reading History Ireland and History Today.*

### Q6. Is reading an integral part of your life?

*Yes. In addition to the reading that I do for work I enjoy keeping up to date with publications in the areas of my interests. I also enjoy on holidays having the opportunity to hide under an umbrella (I don't like sitting in the sun) and being able to read.*

### Q7. Any other thoughts on reading you would like to share?

*Reading is to be enjoyed. In the midst of reading for assignments and exams find a little time to read for fun.*

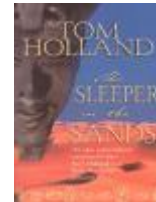


## The library has some of Daniel's favoured reading:

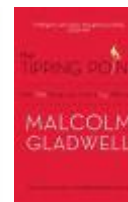
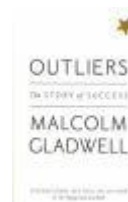
Some titles by **Tom Holland** available by request from our Galway library.



'Persian Fire'  
'Rubicon'  
'The Sleeper in the Sands'



**Malcolm Gladwell** titles 'The Outliers' and the 'Tipping Point: how little things can make a big difference' - available in Castlebar.



'**Freakonomics**' – find it on the shelf at 330LEV.

**Daniel's two history journals are also available online...**

**History Ireland** Available online through the database JSTOR at <http://library.gmit.ie/>

**History Today** Available online, just follow the link from the catalogue.