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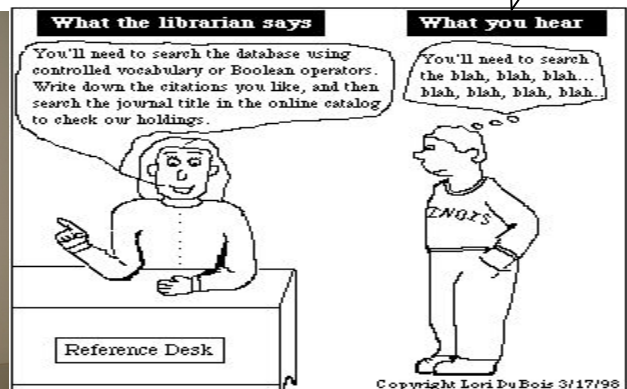
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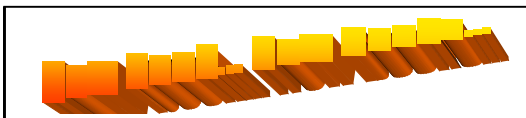
Welcome to a new Academic year at Castlebar Campus Moore Library. For our first years, it is a new phase and a new adventure – we hope you enjoy the college and Castlebar! And we hope you will all spend many profitable hours studying, reading, writing, browsing (and maybe the odd nap) in the library. We are here to help you and facilitate you in your quest for knowledge and information. What does *that* mean? Well, if you are looking for an article for an assignment, we will help you find it either on a database or through Inter-library Loan. You might want to find out how many hotels there are in Mayo? We'll guide you in the right direction. Need to brush-up on your mountaineering/surfing technique? Have a look at the DVDs in the audiovisual section upstairs. And when you're feeling a bit overwhelmed from all the information being thrown at you in the first weeks of term, why not chill with the newspapers in the alcove, or watch one of our select movies on DVD - take home or in-house. Of course we also have books (about 12,500), journals (about 80), maps, the Internet, databases... First years, don't forget to do our quiz - you could win a book token to the value of €20

**Quiz for
1st years
- Good
Prizes!!**

Our new members of staff: Lorraine Grimes and Carol Maloney



Don't worry - it gets better! (Librarian)



A Survey of Industrial Victorian Architecture in Limerick City.
Holy Trinity Church Westport Co. Mayo.
Exploring the Use of the Residential Component in Outdoor
Programmes for the Youth at Risk
Aughrim: Memories and Remembrances of the Forgotten Battle.
Representations of Irish Travellers in Film. Thesis
The Built and Natural Environment of MacDara's Island Co.
Galway.
The influence of Cuchulain .
The Valkyries
Caves of County Clare
Joseph Heller: Portrait of an Artist as an Old Man
God, Mongrels and Demons
Ray Mears Essential Bushcraft
Trad climbing. The Positive Approach to Improving your
Climbing
New Models of High Performance Work Systems
HRB National Psychological Wellbeing and Distress Survey
Baseline Results
Strategic Plan of the Financial Regulator 2008 - 2010
The Development of Joint Appointments: a Framework for Irish
Nursing and Midwifery
Stive: Science technology Research & Innovation for the
Environment
Enhanced nursing practice in emergency departments
A passion for service: The story of Aramark
The age of revolution and reaction
A handbook of Human resource management
Making Ireland British
The Great War
Business & Society
Ray Mears Wild Food
Ireland's Paintings
Critical Modernism
The Creative City
Principles of Professional Studies in Nursing
Building Construction Handbook
Achieving Evidence-based Practice
Social Policy: An introduction
Professional Perspectives in Health Care
Homebond House Building Manual
Oncology Nursing

From the Circulation Desk

FAQs FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions this term

- 1. When can I start using the library?** – New students can use the library from the beginning of term. However, books cannot be issued to students until they have registered.
- 2. What facilities are in the library?** – The library has the following facilities: Study areas, an Independent Learning Unit, Photocopying and Printing facilities, Multimedia equipment and Computer Lab.
- 3. What resources are in the library?** – The Library has: Printed Resources (books, journals, newspapers, newsletters, government reports, and annual reports), Library Catalogue and Website, Electronic and Multimedia Resources and Information Leaflets.
- 4. What are the opening hours of the library?** – The current opening hours are Mon – Thur: 9.30am – 5.00pm. Fri 10.00am. – 5.00pm. Information on extended opening hours will be advertised later in the term.
- 5. How many books can I take out of the library and for how long?** – A student can take out a maximum of 3 books at a time for 1 week. Fines are charged on late returns.
- 6. How can I renew my books?** – Library books can be renewed at the circulation desk, online, by email (cill@gmit.ie) or by phone (094) 9043146.
- 7. How can I return my books?** – Books can be returned to the circulation desk or through the book drop when the library is closed.
- 8. Can I use the Library Catalogue remotely?** – The library catalogue can be accessed from any computer on or off campus. You will need a PIN number, which can be set up by the librarian at the circulation desk or on the library website <http://library.gmit.ie> in 'My Library Account'.
- 9. How can I print and photocopy in the library?** – Students can buy a photocopying card from the card dispenser in the library which allows them to use the photocopiers and printers. The card costs €3.50.

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Printing and photocopying

All printing cards will cost **€3.50** from September 2008.

No change is given by the card dispenser so please ensure you have the correct amount in either 10c 20c 50c €1.00 or €2.00 coins.

A new **colour printer** is now available to students who wish to print material in colour. However, this is more **expensive (25c per copy)** so be sure you select the correct printer for the job.

The printers are labelled:

CBLIB01 – Black & White

CBLIB02 – Colour

Please select printer type from the drop down menu before you send your print order.

Other changes to note on the IT/AV floor

All DVDS are now displayed together on a specialised stand for easy access and browsing.

The signage for our Journal archive in the reading room upstairs has been refreshed with a new clip-on label system.



Database News

This summer in July, Blackwell Synergy was taken over by Wiley InterScience. Moore Library's collection of Psychology and Psychiatry journals is now available through Wiley. The move took longer than expected but any glitches should be well ironed out by now. We still have access to the same titles but searching is a little different for the moment as it is not possible to search only the titles we subscribe to, but all of the titles in the database. This increases the number of hits you will get for every query but by using the advanced searching techniques and limiting to fulltext and/or journal title, it is possible to reduce the number of hits and the amount of time you spend searching. On a positive side, the interface is clear and relatively uncluttered. Browsing by subject area is a useful option. Medical, Veterinary and Health Sciences, and Psychology is the most relevant to students in Health Sciences.

Staffing News

For the next few weeks, you will notice familiar faces in unusual places! Carol Maloney is on the information desk dealing with circulation of books and reserving induction tours for first years amongst other things. Susanna Sweeney is in the back office dealing with Inter-Library Loans and book acquisitions. Lorraine Grimes and Mary Hamrock are based in the office upstairs in Journals management, electronic exam papers and working on the Audiovisual collection. Anne O'Haire will be looking after Cataloguing, serials acquisitions and database troubleshooting. Olive Greaney is replacing Majella King for the duration of Majella's sick leave, and oversees the day-to-day running of the library.

Opening Hours

Lunchtime opening will commence on Monday September 15th. Evening opening will commence towards the end of September. Please keep an eye on library notices for further information on our opening hours.

A Life well read...



Dr. Barbara Burns,
Head of Centre, answers
our questions:

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

The Nancy Drew series was my favourite as a young child. Living on a farm with a black and white television before the days of video games, I was entranced by the adventures of the young girl and her friends.

Q2. Were there books in your house growing up?

Definitely yes. We had one room in the farmhouse that was the library/office. We had a subscription to the Reader's Digest Condensed Books, which I devoured as soon as they arrived. Every Saturday we would stop in the town library to pick up as many books as the librarian would allow us to check out. Unfortunately, I read very fast, so I'd be done with them by Monday. Both my parents usually had one or two books that they were in the process of reading. My father came home from a farm sale one day with three boxes of books – a complete set to "The Guide to Steam pipe Fitting" or some such title. They were beautiful, leather bound books. When asked why he bought them, as we had no use for them, his answer was "No-one else wanted them and I couldn't bear to see them being thrown out."

Q3. Do you tend to read a particular genre?

I'll read anything – from cereal boxes to reference manuals. I read so much for work, though, that I prefer my recreational reading to be mysteries, detective stories or science fiction.

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

If I'm travelling, I'll pick up a book by the blurb on the book jacket or the name of a familiar author. Friends will sometimes pass on books they have enjoyed – and I might be introduced to an author I would not otherwise have

read. Book reviews are useful – but only if I think the book reviewer knows what he/she is doing. I will also rely on the reviews on the book cover, particularly if a favourite author of mine likes the book.

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

I love libraries, but I buy books so I can keep them. I'll often pick a favourite book from the shelf and reread a chapter or two. My house has plenty of space for books, but I may have to start clearing a few of them out one of these days.

How do you buy? Do you use online book websites or bookshops – which do you prefer?

I buy about half my books in shops and the other half online. I'd happily spend an afternoon in any bookshop, but my favourite ones would be used book stores. Not only are the books cheaper, but there's a wonderful sense of discovering something unusual. I regularly use Amazon to see what is new in a particular area, if I know what I want to buy and it is not a new book, however, I'll use www.abebooks.co.uk to cut the cost.

Q6. Is reading an integral part of your life?

Yes, there's nothing better than opening up a new book and drowning in the language and the story. It's a great way to escape when the rain is running down the windows. Unfortunately, I spend so much of my time these days reading – e-mails and websites at work that I'm sometimes too tired to read at home

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

- A love of reading is the best gift you can give your children, sharing with them the joy of adventure and learning.
- If you read, you can learn anything.
- Be willing to try different types of books – you never know what you'll like until you try.

Barbara recommends:

My current favourites are Terry Pratchett books - a great blend of humour and a fresh look at what we take for granted in the world. They are described by one reviewer as a mixture of Lord of the Rings and Monty Python. Do not read them in a library – you'll get in trouble when you start laughing out loud.

The library has:

8 titles by Terry Pratchett: 1, "Pyramids" in Castlebar and the other titles in Dublin Road and Cluain Mhuire easily available through Inter-branch Loan.

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