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Library Induction

will be organised during the first two weeks of term. Time and date is arranged between library staff and lecturers. This is your first introduction to the library and it is very important that you attend.

You will learn about:
- library opening hours
- where books, journals and DVDs are located.

- borrowing rights and requesting books from other libraries.
- the library catalogue.
- student computers, printing, electronic resources and photocopying .

Tours are arranged by course group. In this way certain information can be tailored to students specific needs. Group training on use of Electronic Resources will be available later in this term and the second term.

Each student will get a copy of the **Library Guide** at induction. This guide is full of useful information about library services and facilities.

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Monday 7th Sept - Friday 18th Sept:

**Mon - Thurs: 9.30am - 5.00pm
Fri: 10.00am - 5.00pm**

From Monday 21st Sept:

**Mon -Tues: 9.30am- 7.00pm
Wed - Thurs: 9.30am - 5.00pm
Fri: 10.00am - 5.00pm**

Welcome and **C**ead Mile Failte from library staff this autumn as we start a new college year.

To returning students you are old hands when it comes to library matters. To first years you'll get to know us very quickly. Just remember that now you are a GMIT student the library is one of the most important resources on campus. The library is the place to be if you need a book, a journal, a newspaper, a computer, a photocopier. If you need somewhere to study or type up an essay. If you want to watch a DVD-movie in the library or maybe take it home?

The library supports teaching and learning in college. We work with your lecturers to provide the support you need for your studies. The books, journals and databases are bought to suit the courses you are studying.

Talk to library staff. Sometimes it is the quickest way to find information.

Last year we asked a representative group of students for their opinion of the library and suggested improvements. We also invited all students to write in with their ideas and views. We spoke with lecturers, other staff and a Students Union representative. All of this information has been discussed at length by library staff and the final result is a strategic plan which we hope will guide library development over the next five years. Please see the **what's new** part of this newsletter on page 3 for some improvements (We hope!).

We call ourselves the Moore library after George Moore (1852- 1933), a Mayo novelist and writer of prose, plays and non-fiction.

The Moore Library - getting started.....

- You can use the library to study, read or browse. Indeed some students have been known to fall asleep in the library.... ZZZZZZ



- You will spend some time initially, getting used to where everything is and finding your way about the place. Take your time, pop in regularly.
 - Have you registered? And did you get your password from the technicians?
 - You can't borrow books until you register. You can't use library computers until you get your password.
 - Once you register you are automatically a member of the library.
 - Get your copy of the Library Guide - available in the library - full of valuable information.
 - You can borrow 4 items at any one time. These items include books and DVDs. The lending period for most books is one week. Some books are overnight loan only and other books must be used on the premises.
 - From time to time lecturers leave in special material to Desk Reserve in the library. This material is held behind the desk and you must ask library staff for access.
- The lending period for DVDs is two nights. Print journals are for use in the library only.
 - How do you know if the library has a particular book or journal and where to find it? You search the catalogue at <http://library.gmit.ie>
 - Electronic journals and databases can be used in the library or from home. To use electronic resources including exam papers you need to set up a Library PIN. This is very easy to do. Just pop in to the library and ask staff or you can use the simple library guide.
 - The library has two photocopiers. Photocopying cards cost €3.50 each and you get 42 copies per card.
 - The library has 12 computers and two printers (black/white and colour) for students. The same cards can also be used for printing.
 - It's your library, make it your space.

What's new this September??

Signage Update

How do you find the [books](#) you need?



Our book stock is organised by the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) System. This system divides knowledge into ten different broad subject areas, called classes, numbered

000 - 999. Each book is assigned a 'class number' placed on the spine of the book; this number refers to a subject area. The library catalogue tells you the 'class number' of each book and all book shelves are numbered, making it easy to find the book you need

See our updated signage at the end of each library shelf to help guide you to titles in the different Dewey Decimal areas.

Please ask a library staff member if you need assistance locating a particular book or item.

All new students will be shown how to use the catalogue and class numbers to find books on the shelves at library induction. Find the library catalogue at <http://library.gmit.ie/>

- Wireless internet access is now available in the library.
- There are lots of new power points on both ground floor and first floor for lap top use. See the bay window area on the ground floor and along the window wall on the 1st floor.
- The library has purchased one laptop available for loan to students. It is to be used in the library only.
- A new printer has been purchased to support staff and student needs, wherever it is needed first!!
- See GMI T Library's new Blog on the library webpage at <http://library.gmit.ie/> and feel free to post a message.
- The library has produced a one page guide to help new students log on to college computers. You will find it inserted in the Libravr Guide.



Journal Changes 2009/2010

As of September 2009 the library will be introducing a new system to monitor the usage of our current journal collection throughout the year. You will notice the following changes this September:

Each journal on the current display will have a small **slip** attached to the front cover (see below).

If you use a particular journal PLEASE take a few seconds to enter the date, the department to which you belong & tick the staff or student box accordingly.

Some Journals will be held in **desk reserve** at the Circulation desk over this coming year. If so a coversheet will be left on permanent display on the current journal shelving indicating this. Circulation staff will ask you to mark the slip when handing you the journal.

Please fill in the slip on all journals used this year as it will indicate to us which journals are being used & are relevant to your course. This will help in making any future subscription decisions.

New Electronic Resources include:

Research Starters from Ebsco

Research Starters are study and research guides designed specifically for college students and graduate students. They consist of comprehensive, yet concise topic summary articles of about 3,000 words in length written by researchers, scholars and other subject matter experts. This is a year-long free trial.

The JSTOR Ireland Collection

The Ireland Collection is an interdisciplinary collection of journals and other materials. When completed in 2009, it will contain a minimum of 75 journals, from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Over 200 monographs and 2,500 manuscript pages will also be included. The Ireland Collection adds titles and resources across the arts, humanities, and sciences in disciplines such as music, art, history, literature, archaeology, mathematics, and biology. Materials span from the 1780s to the present. The content is international in scope, while also providing a rich focus on Ireland.

So far this year, GMIT libraries have added the following new full text databases to Electronic Resources:

Academic Onefile to complement **General Onefile**, and two new databases from Ebsco: **Academic Search Premier** and **Business Source**.

If you use this journal please tick below

Date	Staff	Student	Dept.
25/Aug/09	√		Heritage



Pat Lappin, Technician,
answers
our
questions ...

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

When I was young I would go to the library not necessarily for books. But for music tapes, CDs and because we where poor, heat.
My favourite books were any Dr Seuss especially with orange juice!

Q2. Were there books in your house growing up?

There where far more magazines than books. My father bought electronic, computer, car and photography magazines which I read cover to cover.
I preferred fact books like encyclopaedias. The book that interested me most was the Guinness book of records. I think this had a profound effect on what I drink.

Q3. Do you tend to read a particular genre?

I rarely read any books at all – it’s newspapers, magazines and the internet for me. The last book I read was Jonathan Franzen’s ‘The Corrections’ which was a very good snapshot of American life before 9/11 and the credit boom and bust.

Q4. How do you choose your reading?

Do you check book reviews or do you prefer to browse subject areas?

Usually by online recommendations. I have lots of internet links to books I “must” read because they get 5 stars on Amazon. I’ll probably never read them, but I thoroughly enjoyed the reviews.

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

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

I don’t use the library as much as I used to, primarily because of the internet.

Amazon is very good, otherwise Play.com

Q6. Is reading an integral part of your life?

It is.

I read blogs every day and there are many, many good ones. My latest addition is <http://derrenbrown.co.uk/blog/> it’s fascinating.

To keep up with technology, fashion, and gossip I would read <http://www.techmeme.com/> , <http://www.engadget.com/> and <http://www.theinquirer.net/>

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

There was only one book I couldn’t put down. It was called “The history of glue”.

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