

# Newsletter

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## Update

Hello from the library as we pass the half way mark on this first term. We hope you have settled in to enjoy a happy productive year at GMIT Castlebar. There is much to take in during the first few weeks, getting used to college, accommodation, courses, lectures, new people, even strange people?! Things eventually do settle down and a routine emerges.

The library will support you throughout your time here at Castlebar. We have the books, journals, computers, electronic databases, study seating, and staff guidance you need to learn, research, and do your assignments.

Please see across the page for some changes/improvements made since last year. GMIT libraries are also about to go live with our new search engine SUMMON which may help streamline your information searching (see pg 2).

Please feel free to ask library staff for help, this is part of our job. So don't be shy, and if you prefer, email [moorelibrary@gmit.ie](mailto:moorelibrary@gmit.ie) with your queries.

Library Staff

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Term Opening Hours

Mon - Thurs	9.30am – 7.00pm
Fri	9.30am – 5.00pm

Hours will be extended for December exams

## Changes.....



The print **Art Journals** are now displayed upstairs beside the Art book shelves for this academic year 2010/11. Please remember to record your usage on all journal covers.

**Fiction books** have been moved, and are now shelved to the right as you walk in to the photocopying area on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

**Language Books** have been integrated into the general book collection in the normal Dewey order. Language audio-visual materials remain displayed at the top of the stairs with all other AV material.

**New Scanner**  
The library now has two Epson scanners for student/staff use. Scanners **must** be booked in advance. Please ask 1st floor staff or contact the library circulation desk to reserve a scanner. You will find user instructions displayed next to the scanners.

**USB Connector Cables**  
New USB connector cables have been attached to most computers for your convenience. Please attach your memory sticks/keys to these ports highlighted with yellow tags at each computer station.



Easily discover the world of library content



This term will see the introduction of **Summon**, our new search-all software for GMIT Libraries holdings and resources. Unfortunately, it has been beset by some technical issues which have delayed the launch.

When it does go live, we can expect a search engine experience similar to Google where one search box will discover credible and reliable library content. The emphasis being on credible and reliable as Summon searches most (but not all) of our electronic journals, e-books, AV material and, of course, all GMIT book stock.

The features that make Summon stand out include: relevancy searching, full text filter, results refinement, advanced search, and peer-review documents. Summon is produced by SerialsSolutions, a division of Proquest which also supplies our Safari E-books.

If there is a caveat with Summon, it is perhaps that the experience is sometimes too Google-like and a lot of results are returned for broad, general searches. However, unlike Google, the quality of the information is unquestionable. Please keep an eye on the library website and notice boards for the official launch due (hopefully) this month.

## Bibliographies made easy

See the library website for an introductory guide to End Note Web:

<http://library.gmit.ie/screens/gmitendnotewebguide.pdf>



To organise a training session phone **094 9043171 (internal ext. 3171)** or E-mail [moorelibrary@gmit.ie](mailto:moorelibrary@gmit.ie)

### 1. Collect

Collect references from electronic and traditional sources.

[Search online database](#)

[Create a reference manually](#)

[Import references](#)

### 2. Organize

Organize your references for your research topics and papers.

[Create a new group](#)

[Share a group](#)

[Find duplicate references](#)

### 3. Format

Create a formatted bibliography for your paper or cite references while you write.

[Create a formatted bibliography](#)

[Cite While You Write™ Plug-in](#)

[Format a paper](#)

## AONTAS promotes adult education as a key to lifelong learning



AONTAS is the National Adult Learning Organisation, a voluntary membership organisation. It promotes the development of a learning society through the provision of a quality and comprehensive system of adult learning and education which is accessible to and inclusive to all.

AONTAS promotes the importance of adult and community education as a key part of lifelong learning. It influences the development of policy and lobbies on behalf of the sector.

AONTAS regularly publishes reports, discussion papers and a range of other documents in relation to adult education. These documents are made available to members, adult education providers and participants and members of the general public. **Explore** is the quarterly magazine from AONTAS. See <http://www.aontas.com/> - Publications – Periodicals.



### **The Adult Learner 2009, the Irish Journal of Adult and Community Education.**

This journal is published annually. The current 2009 issue is available in the library in print and electronic format. For all past issues do a journal search on the catalogue for The Adult Learner, and click through the electronic link for full text of all issues.

## Borrow these books to help with your written work

Titles on Academic writing available from the library:

**Designs for disciplines: an introduction to academic writing** / edited by Steven C. Roe and Pamela H. den Ouden. (Shelved on 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 808.042DES)

**How to write better essays** / Bryan Greetham. (Shelved on 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 808.4GRE)

**Writing at university: a guide for students** / Phyllis Creme and Mary R. Lea. (Shelved on 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 808.042)

Once you set up your Library PIN (Personal Identification Number) you may:

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

## Circulation reminders

Students can borrow up to **4** books

### **General:**

1 week loan, overdue fine 20 cent per day, Max renewals: 2

### **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

### **Desk Reserve books, Theses & Lecturers' notes**

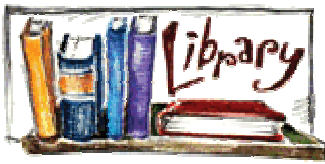
Available at the Circulation Desk, Library use only.

To renew books:

1. Call into the Library



2. 0949043146
3. Visit your account online  
<http://library.gmit.ie/>



**A life well read -  
Davy Walsh  
answers our  
questions**

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

Stephen King's 'It'. Scared the hell out of me, while everyone watched 'Home and Away' I read for that half hour every day. The book was about a 1000 pages long, but worth it. It was the first time I was actually emotionally and at times, physically moved by written words.

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

Both my parents read and there was always a number of good book shelves in our house.

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

I like to read thrillers, anything that has a good pace. Included in thrillers is Adventure Literature, I can get lost for days in a gripping story about real life adventures in the mountains or sea. I also like poetry, it's short and sweet, and doesn't take weeks to read and can often be more thought-provoking than any novel.

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

If someone recommends it, then I'll read it. Other wise I just browse. Books that have won prizes like the Pulitzer/ Booker are usually worth reading.

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

Both. I find the library is brilliant for browsing and seeing if a book is worth buying. If the book is good enough I'll usually buy it after I've read it.

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

I usually buy online from ABE books. It's a great place to buy as hundreds of books stores around Europe use this web service to off load second hand books.

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

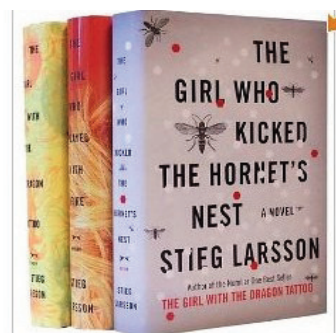
I'm not a big reader, I'm as likely to watch a movie as read a book, but books have made a huge impact on my life, I've learned a lot from them. As a perpetual student I find myself reading academic books a lot, where as I'd much rather read a novel. I find poems are a useful escapism in between academic textbooks.

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

I feel sorry for any one that has not read a good book; it's like not having ever watched a good movie. The best thing about books is that your imagination is an integral part of the process; your mind is creating the missing space between the words. Every book is in this sense, your own story.

Reading is like everything else, it takes time before you find the 'good book', but once you do you'll find it impossible to put down; you'll grow to love or hate the characters and you'll find yourself wanting to know what's going to happen. Two things: always read the first few chapters, lots of books are slow to take off, and if you're looking for a recent page-turner, then read Stieg Larsson's Millennium trilogy! (Not for the easily offended).

The library has:



**The girl with the dragon tattoo** is available in Castlebar library shelved at FIC/LAR. **The girl who played with fire** and **The girl who kicked the hornet's nest** are available in Galway library shelved at FIC/LAR.

Galway campus library have lots of Stephen King books (including Davy's childhood favourite **It**) - just search the catalogue under author- King, Stephen. Remember it's very easy to request a book from Galway.....

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