



# The Moore Library Newsletter

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## Welcome

We hope you will settle in and 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 stran people?! Things eventually do settle down and a routine emerges.

## Induction for First Years

Library induction tours are organised by the library and your lecturers. It is essential that you take part. 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.

Get used to the library, get to know your way around and establish a routine.

## Current Opening Hours

Mon-Fri: 9.30am – 5.00pm

### From October:

Mon-Thurs: 9.30am – 7.00pm

Friday: 9.30am – 5.00pm

## What's new?

The pièce de résistance!! Our new **Circulation Desk**. Purpose designed, custom built, re-wired, re-networked. All to improve the campus library and provide good library services to students and staff.

**The Library Guide.** This year we are trying something new! We have abandoned the print guide for the electronic format. Each first year student will be given a free Wristband Memory Stick when you come on a library tour. The Library Guide will be pre-loaded on to the stick with plenty of room left (2GB) for your coursework throughout the year.



More **power points** on both floors. New sockets have been installed along the walls and into some study corals. Plug in your laptop and no more trailing cables...

**Theses** are now shelved on the ground floor beside the current print journals.

## Borrowing - getting started

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

### DVDs:

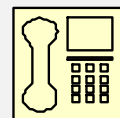
2 night loan, overdue fine 50 cent per day, NO RENEWALS

### Desk Reserve books and 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/>

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

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

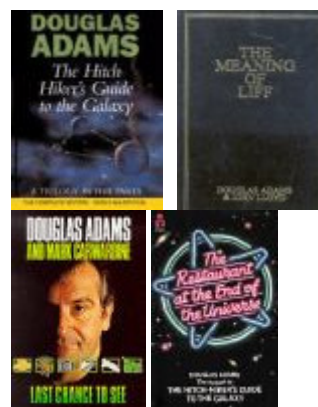
**A life well read. Nigel Jennings shares his reading habit s...**



**Search the Catalogue for books at <http://library.gmit.ie>**



**Titles by Douglas Adams. All available in Galway library, just request them here in Castlebar and we will have them sent over.**



**Also plenty of Oscar Wilde titles in Castlebar and on all campuses...**

**Q1. What book or author was your favourite as a child?**  
 "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain- but to be honest mine was more of an outdoor childhood, my own adventures leaving little time for "voluntary" reading. With children of my own now I am rediscovering great books. I find it's important to find ones you are as happy to read as they are to listen, (or your lack of enthusiasm for Dora and friends might become apparent!), for this I love "Winnie the Pooh" by A.A.Milne and "The Happy Prince and other Stories" by Oscar Wilde.

**Q2. Were there books in your house growing up?**  
 Yes but as I pointed out I rarely slowed down enough to read them.

**Q3. Do you tend to read a particular genre?**  
 Absolutely not, anything goes - I enjoy a good laugh and for that I love Douglas Adams. While I have an obvious interest in sports I don't overdo sports related books although I am grateful that there is an increasing trend for books on the subject to be more readable than might have been the case previously, (but I can't figure why 24 year old footballers need to write - or have someone write for them- an autobiography!)

**Q4. How do you choose your reading? Do you check book reviews, take recommendations from friends...?**  
 I hate wasting time, so rarely pick a book on chance only to put it down later. Yes I would take recommendations from friends, or indeed their books, to be returned of course! I would tend to stick with an author once I find one I like and pick up other books by them when I come across them.

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

**How do you buy? Do you buy, online or through bookshops?**  
 Bookshops – usually a lovely place to be and part and parcel of the process is the browsing.

**Q6. What do you think about Electronic books and E-Readers?**  
 While I'm not a complete technophobe I'm never at the forefront on pioneering technology – wait until I figure out my smart phone before I take another challenge. I haven't tried them but do recognise that they have merit; I think I would always prefer the traditional book but I'm open to persuasion on this one.

**Competition Question for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Students**

First correct answer wins. Tear off and pop in the competition box at the library desk on the ground floor

**What is Nigel's job on campus?**

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Student name ..... Course..... Mobile number.....

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