

# GMIT Library News

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## CUAL on RIAN



RIAN is the portal for the contents of the institutional repositories of the seven university libraries and institutions such as the Marine Institute, Teagasc, Dundalk IT and DIT. The aim of RIAN is to be the main portal to Irish research and to be the principal source for Irish Open Access research. CUAL, the institutional repository of the Connacht Ulster Alliance libraries of Sligo IT, LKIT and GMIT is also now available through RIAN. This is an important step for CUAL and ensures that CUAL is now an integral part of the Irish research repository community. This is further emphasised by the appointment of GMIT Librarian, Margaret Waldron, to the Board of RIAN.

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*Staff and students getting into the Christmas spirit! Carol singing in CCAM library on the 8th December.*



## Group Study Rooms

### Changes to the booking system

From January there will be a slight change to the booking system for the group study rooms. You must now confirm your booking within 30 minutes via your student email. If you don't confirm, your booking will be automatically cancelled.

We had noticed that some students were booking rooms using multiple invalid names and ID numbers. We have had to introduce this extra step in the booking process to ensure fairness and offer all students an equal chance of using these rooms.

The Study Rooms continue to be a very popular facility. A whopping 14,404 bookings were made in 2015, averaging over 2,000 per month in the peak study periods.

## Orange Boy Blue

### Julia Roddy

*Orange Boy Blue* is the debut novel by CCAM lecturer and screenwriter, Julia Roddy. Launched in December, in Galway by Patsy Murphy in Charlie Byrnes Bookshop. Launches also took place in Dublin and Belfast. The book tells the story of Will and Ella, two young people growing up in 1979 Belfast.



## Captain Cillian Carina Ginty

We don't usually mention children's books in this newsletter, but we make an exception when they have been produced by a GMIT staff member.

Carina Ginty has written *Captain Cillian Learning Adventures* series, a series of books for children aged 3-9. There are three titles in the series so far, *Stormy Sea Adventure*, *Surfing Adventure* and *Hidden Caves Adventure*. They are all set in Ireland and off the Irish coast. They explore facts about the ocean, develop reading and writing skills and also have some Irish vocabulary. They can be used in a classroom setting as well as read just for fun. Carina hopes to have more in the series coming in 2016.



Stormy Seas....  
Surfing....  
Hidden Caves!

## Library Survey and Feedback

The Library regularly surveys student and staff patrons to get feedback of how the library service is responding to the needs of its users. The 2016 Student Survey is now available. Please check the website and respond to the survey. It only takes a few minutes and we do value your opinions and suggestions.

### Feedback from Student Survey 2015

#### What you asked for

Faster log on for computers  
More printing services  
Hire of laptops for study rooms  
Turn up the heat / very cold

#### What the library did

Solid hard drives installed January 2016  
3 multi functional devices installed in print/copy room  
All 5 study rooms with LCD screens now have laptop for hire.  
Continually monitored by Buildings. Heating kept at comfortable temperature since Oct 2015.

#### We haven't been able to deliver all the changes you asked for

Longer opening hours

Insufficient porter hours available. Statistics show relatively low usage of library during weekend opening.

## Library Ireland Week

Early November means Library Ireland Week. This year in GMIT Library Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathauigh, Emeritus Professor of History at NUIG, joined us for a fascinating lecture on television and the historian. Sean Lysaght, poet and recently retired lecturer from the Mayo Campus did a reading from a selection of his published poetry books. Blaise Drummond, lecturer in CCAM gave a talk on the publication of his stunning Louis Vuitton Travel Book *The Arctic*. The Library is, as always, very grateful to the speakers and to those who attended at a very busy time of the year.

The library also had an exhibition entitled *WWI Ireland: Exploring the Irish Experience*.



Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathauigh (left) and Sean Lysaght (right) who spoke during Library Ireland Week



Blaise Drummond and Librarian Margaret Waldron after Blaise's talk in the library

## E-journals

We have individual subscriptions to important e-journals not available through databases. Here are some of the individual titles you can access through the library homepage. Enter the title in the Multisearch box and that will bring you to the content for that title.

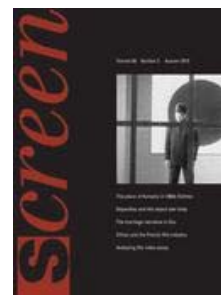


## New Journals

Two new journal titles for CCAM.

*Screen* evolved from the Society of Film Teachers' journal, *The Film Teacher* founded in 1952. Now a highly regarded journal of academic film and television studies, it covers a wide range of topics, both contemporary and historic. It will be available online on the library website.

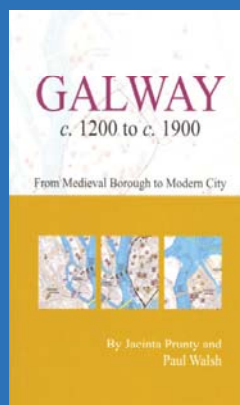
*Texte Zur Kunst* is a contemporary art journal published in Germany. Each issue focuses on a theme and its subjects include film, music, fashion and design as well as contemporary art. CCAM will hold the print copy of the journal.



## Galway through the centuries

This pocket map, *Galway c1200 to c1900*, just published by the Royal Irish Academy gives a fascinating picture of Galway through the centuries. The map uses the base of a modern detailed Ordnance Survey map of the city and plots historical sites onto that base. You can find the locations of churches, medieval friaries, 17th century fortifications, castles and manufacturing and trading sites.

The map is based on work in progress for the Irish Historic Town Atlas of Galway which will be published in 2016. So if you want to know more about the buildings in your city, this is a great aid to have with you as you walk through its streets .





## Library Opening Hours 2nd term

Monday - Thursday      09.00 - 22.00  
Friday                      09.00 - 17.00

Please note: Open weekends from week starting 1st Feb

## GMIT Library

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Galway

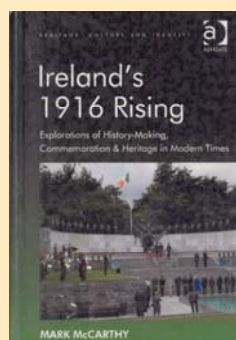
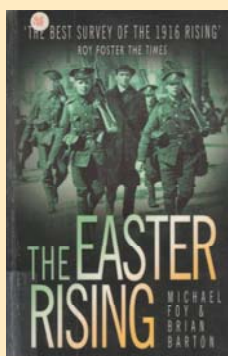
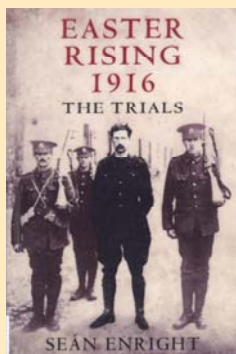
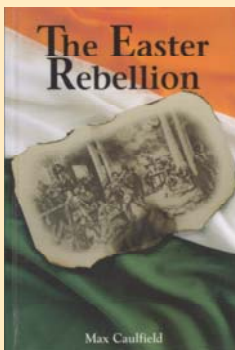
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# Commemorating 1916



Over 500 books relating to the 1916 Rising are due to be published in conjunction with the commemorations surrounding the 100th anniversary. Sadly the library will not be able to acquire all 500 but we will have a representative sample of the most relevant publications and especially those relating to Galway. Here are some of the most recent publications we have just acquired (see right). We also have many other works that have been published over the years relating to the Rising (see left), from Max Caulfield's *The Easter Rebellion* first published in 1964 to Sean Enright's *Easter Rising 1916 the Trials* published in 2013. GMIT lecturer, Mark McCarthy's *Ireland's 1916 Rising* published in 2012, explores not only the events of 1916 but how those events have been commemorated and remembered over the decades.

GMIT will be holding a series of commemorative events during 2016 and the library will be part of these. A programme of events will be published in the new year.

