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Welcome to the Library

At the start of a new year it is usual to look back at the previous year and forward to the coming year. We are doing a bit of that in this issue. We look at the library's contribution to the Institute's year of remembering, reflecting and reimagining the 1916 Rising. Looking to 2017, we have the exciting news of a new library system coming on stream. KOHA has been chosen as the new Library management system for Institute of Technology sector. See inside for details of this development. We wish all students a very happy new year.



The youngest participant in the Library's Peopling the Irish Revolution 1913-1923 exhibition, Padraic McDonnell, grandson of Noeleen Long, GMIT catering staff



Can we remind staff engaged in research or about to publish articles, books, theses etc that the library hosts the **CUAL Repository** to showcase the research of GMIT in collaboration with our colleagues in Sligo and LYIT. Depositing your research in CUAL opens your research to the world and helps increase your research profile and the citations to your work.

Not only will your research be visible to anyone searching the web, but CUAL statistics mean you can also track how many views it's getting and where in the world it's being accessed from.

- Check out our guide to CUAL for tips on depositing and searching libguides.gmit.ie/cual
- Access CUAL from the library website library.gmit.ie or at cual.openrepository.com/cual/
- To find out more or to send on your material for deposit please contact Gracious Chihuri gracious.chihuri@gmit.ie in the library.

Pop-up Library!



Systems Librarian, Kathryn Briggs, at the Pop-up Library event in Union Square. The event was attended by suppliers of some of the library's online databases.

Remembering, Reflecting & Reimagining, 1916 - 2016

Centenary events in the Library

The Library was delighted to be involved in a number of the 1916-2016 Centenary programme of events in GMIT.

The Library was involved in organizing the Proclamation Night Concert which featured soprano, Sandra Shaulks and pianist and composer, Tom Cullivan. Library Ireland Week talks concentrated on 1916 Rising themes. Shirley Wrynn spoke on the role of Liam Mellows in Galway during the Rising, Brian Crowley of the Pearse Museum in Dublin spoke on Pearse as 'the face of the Rising' and Dr John Cunningham, NUIG, spoke on the life of one participant in the Rising, Katie Fahey.

As well as our own exhibition, *Peopling the Irish Revolution 1913-1923*, the Library hosted two other exhibitions, *Case Studies of the 1916 Rising* from the Military Archives and *From the Archives, 1916 : Revolution and Recollection* from Galway County Council Archives Service.



Tom Cullivan, Dr Mark Mc Carthy and Sandra Shaulks

Library Ireland Week speakers



Shirley Wrynn, with Dr Mark McCarthy



Brian Crowley



Dr John Cunningham with Margaret Waldron



From the Archives, 1916 : Revolution and Recollection exhibition



Case Studies of the 1916 Rising exhibition

Peopling the Irish Revolution 1913-1923 Exhibition

The exhibition, *Peopling the Irish Revolution 1913-1923*, ran in the library from mid-November to the end of 2016. It drew on the links between present day students and staff and participants in the Revolutionary period.

A lunchtime get-together of those who participated in the exhibition was held in December during which the relatives exchanged the stories of their family members, stories passed down through their families and those gleaned from research undertaken by the family members themselves. The exhibition will be available shortly on the Library website.



Students and staff at the lunchtime get-together for those who participated in the exhibition, *Peopling the Irish Revolution 1913-1923*

Coming soon to GMIT... new open source library system



Interleaf/PTFS have been awarded the tender to provide the new library management system to the libraries of the Institute of Technology sector in Ireland. Koha is the system which will be installed in all institute libraries. The installation of the new system is expected to be complete in all sites by the end of 2017. Koha is a web based open source system, originally developed in New Zealand in 2000. It supports the full suite of library functions, including cataloguing, acquisitions circulation, serials, inter-library loans and OPAC. It is smart device friendly and can be used by staff and library users on smart phones and tablets. GMIT Library hopes to start implementation of the system in February. We will keep users informed all developments and we do not expect any disruption to library services as we enter a busy time for all students and staff. The introduction of a new library system is very exciting but also a daunting task taking a huge amount of work. We hope users will find our new system will enhance their experience of using the library services and improve the quality of that service. Watch this space!



Congratulations to Library staff member, Shirley Wrynn, who was conferred with her Doctorate in Heritage Studies from GMIT. Well done, Dr Shirley!

Interested in joining a Student Book Club?

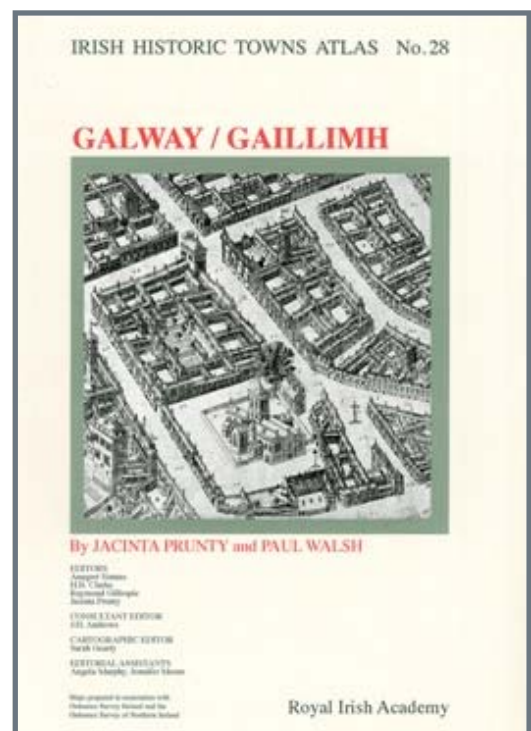
Are you a keen reader? We'd love to start a book club for students. If you're interested, please let us know.

Email Bernie at bernie.lally@gmit.ie or leave your name at the library desk.



Irish Historic Town Atlas No. 28 Galway/Gaillimh

The Irish Historic Town Atlas project was established in 1981 by the Royal Irish Academy to record the topographical development of a selection of Irish towns of varying sizes. It is part of a European project enabling Irish and European towns to be studied in a similar context. *Irish Historic Towns Atlas No. 28 Galway/Gaillimh* was launched by President Michael D. Higgins in the Galway City Museum in November. This publication is a major addition to the sources for the study of the history of Galway. *Galway/Gaillimh* traces the development of Galway through the maps of the city over the centuries, starting with the first known map of Galway from 1583. The atlas contains histories of over 2,500 sites in Galway city from the thirteenth-century St Nicholas's Collegiate Church and includes town defences, tower houses and forts, as well as mills, distilleries, fishing weirs and schools. The maps also show how street names evolved over the centuries. Lower Abbeygate Street was referred to as Glovers Street in 1610; the Street of the Leather Dressers in the mid 17th century; Little Gate Street in 1657; Skinners Street in 1731; High Street in 1747; Abby St. in 1755 and Abbeygate St. in 1784! Some of the maps have never been reproduced before and have been sourced from repositories in Ireland and Britain. Other towns from County Galway included in this series are Tuam, published in 2009 and Loughrea, now in preparation.



Library Opening Hours

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Friday	09.00 - 17.00
Saturday	10.00 - 13.00

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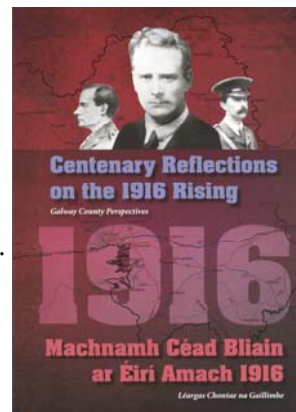
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Centenary Reflections on the 1916 Rising Galway County Perspectives

This publication by Galway County Council brings together the work of many scholars and researchers who had been involved in the centenary commemorations for the 1916 Rising in Galway.

It details the activities of the well-known participants, like Liam Mellows and Tom Kenny and explores the locations in Galway where there was activity during the Rising. It also sets the events of the Rising in the historical context of the time. Contributors to the book from GMIT include Dr Mark McCarthy, Dr Shirley Wrynn and recent graduate, Eilish Kavanagh.

It forms, as Professor Gearóid O'Tuathaigh notes in his foreword, 'a mosaic of information, insights and interpretation that engages the reader from first to last'.



Too noisy to study?

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- ◆ Booking group study rooms for group work
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- ◆ Cooperating with library staff if you are asked to keep the noise down

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