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A summer of changes in the Library

There have been many changes in the library over the summer. Library staff were devastated by the sudden and untimely death of our dear colleague and friend, Leighton Turner. Please see page 2 for an appreciation of Leighton.



John Gillespie

We were also very sad to learn of the passing of our retired colleague, John Gillespie. John worked as porter in the library from 1990 to 2001. He was a thorough gentleman who was always pleasant and courteous to all students and staff. John was from Donegal and never lost his accent or love of his native county. His presence in the library was always a source of calm, security and good humour. We extend our sympathy to his wife Sarah and family.

Staff in the library are also on the move. Shirley Wrynn has taken up a post as GMIT's CUA Co-ordinator and Gracious Chihuri has been seconded to the Office of Data Protection in the college and Marina Gallagher will be retiring. Meanwhile, in the Letterfrack campus, Malachy Higgins has retired. We wish Malachy a long and happy retirement and extend a warm welcome to Suzanne Rushe who is heading out west to take up librarian duties.



Leighton Turner

So we will be missing a lot of familiar faces but we are looking forward to welcoming some new faces to the library in September. Céad míle fáilte to Mena Costello and Patricia Cunningham who joined us earlier in the summer and to Aidan O'Callaghan and Oriena O'Connor who have recently joined our library team.

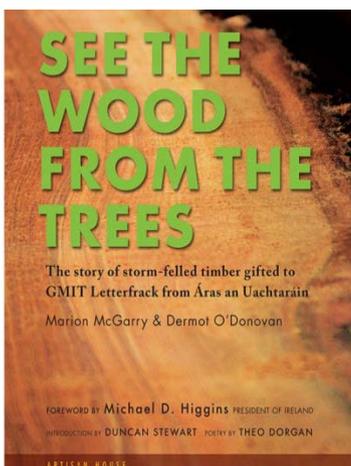
New self service

We are delighted to announce the arrival of a new self service unit in the library. With the new machine, you can check in, check out and renew items. You can also check your account. You can change language from English to Irish or numerous other languages. It is an easy to use unit that will speed up your library transactions and save you time. Remember to ask at the desk for any questions you have regarding library services or resources.



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See the wood from the trees

by Marion McGarry and Dermot O'Donovan

See The Wood From The Trees, by GMIT Letterfrack lecturer Marion McGarry & Head of Department, Dermot O'Donovan, documents the story of trees knocked by storms in Áras an Uachtaráin and subsequently given by the President to GMIT Letterfrack to be used by students. The book tells the history of trees in Ireland and the plantations of Áras an Uachtaráin. It also outlines the development of the Letterfrack campus into the National Centre for Excellence in Furniture Design and Technology. The book is a beautifully produced publication by Artisan House available in a number of different formats. It has a foreword by President Michael D. Higgins, an introduction by broadcaster, Duncan Stewart and poetry by Theo Dorgan.

Leighton Turner R.I.P.

It is with a heavy heart that I write this obituary for our dear friend and colleague, Leighton Turner who passed away suddenly and prematurely on Wednesday 13th June 2018. News of Leighton's demise was met with shock and disbelief by the library staff and the wider GMIT community. The flag was immediately flown at half mast out of respect for Leighton and we surmised how he would have been amused by this and how he would no doubt have produced some witticism to make light of the situation.

Indeed, this was typical of Leighton. He always brightened our day with humorous and thought-provoking stories and yarns. Quick witted and knowledgeable about everything and anything, he was the one to have at your table on table quiz night.

Leighton's interests varied widely from rugby, to literature, to opera and to the great topics of the day. He was a frequent visitor to the Town Hall Theatre in Galway and the Bord Gáis Theatre in Dublin. He often treated his parents, Marian and Bill to nights out in the Bord Gáis and always delighted in telling us how the night went and how his parents enjoyed these social occasions. Leighton's involvement with Galwegians was legendary. His love for the game was second to none and his administrative ability was highly regarded by all the members there. The large turnout of Galwegian members for Leighton's funeral in Achill, for the removal on Friday evening and again at the burial on Saturday morning, showed the deep respect they held for their friend and colleague.

Leighton's love of sport extended beyond rugby. He followed cricket, soccer, cycling, American football, athletics and many other sports, recording a multitude of facts and statistics about them all in a small notebook that he kept in his top pocket. One would need to be fully versed and competent to have been able to take on Leighton in any post analysis of his favourite sport or match. It was not for the faint hearted! A keen runner, Leighton completed several half marathons and 10ks, forever chasing that elusive personal best.

Along side his musings on sport, one could also find a book on Dickens, P.G.Wodehouse, Brian Friel or any of the great works of literature. Leighton's interests varied widely, and he liked sharing anecdotes and stories on a wide range of topics. This extended to his passion for the Crosaire crossword in the Irish Times that he battled with on a daily basis. He never gave up until he completed it.

It was fitting then that Leighton worked in our library. He started here in the Dublin Road campus on 31st October 2006 having been in the Mayo Campus before that. Surrounded by books and knowledge, Leighton was a great source of knowledge himself and indeed his brother, Aaron quipped, "when we didn't have Google, we had Leighton." How right he was. Leighton went beyond the call of duty to source any information query he dealt with and was always extremely helpful to all our students and staff. He went out of his way to help others. Leighton was always the first member of staff that would offer to cover a shift or work extra hours if the need arose. He would never let you down and indeed on the odd occasion when we had to order him off the premises when taken ill with a cold or a flu he would keep apologising for letting the library down. How wrong he was. Leighton was held in very high regard by all the library staff and we feel all the better for having known him. Leighton was a deeply personable, likeable, helpful colleague and friend. He will be missed by all of us here in GMIT library and in the wider community but especially by his parents, Marian and Bill and his brother Aaron. We feel deeply for his family and our prayers and thoughts are with them at this time of great sadness and loss.

May you Rest in Peace Leighton.

Margaret Waldron, Librarian



New database, old images

Ireland Illustrated, 1680-1860, is a database of over 500

images of Ireland, with accompanying text, drawn from more than 50 manuscript and printed works highlighting several neglected or rarely accessible sources. It has been produced by a team at the Moore Institute for Research at NUI Galway under Emeritus Professor Jane Conroy and Professor Dan Carey.

The database can be searched by image title or description, location depicted, travel account description, author or artist. It can also be browsed by image or location. An example of the type of items found in the database is the image on the right: *Galway, 25 Sep. 1844 View of Spanish Arch and Claddagh basin, Galway, with women, men and sailing boats*. The image is taken from *Roadside Sketches*, a manuscript album of sketches and watercolour drawings relating to the North and West of Ireland. The manuscript is available in the National Library of Ireland.

The database can be accessed at tce.nuigalway.ie/irelandillustrated/.



CCAM Library

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As August is drawing to a close we are as busy as ever here in CCAM library preparing for September and students' return. We have to admit, we've missed the company!

We suffered a bout of late-onset spring-cleaning fever during the summer and we've been weeding out old books and journals to make room for some exciting new arrivals. We have books on every possible permutation of art subjects, don't believe us? Pop in and have a browse.

You may have noticed that our computers appear to be multiplying and thanks to Damien we have upped our number of available PCs from 7 to 19. Our MFDs (photocopier/printer/scanner) have also increased and we now have two in the library.

Library Hours are changing. From September onwards we will be opening from 9am to 6pm Monday to Thursday and from 9am to 5pm on Fridays.



Mayo Campus

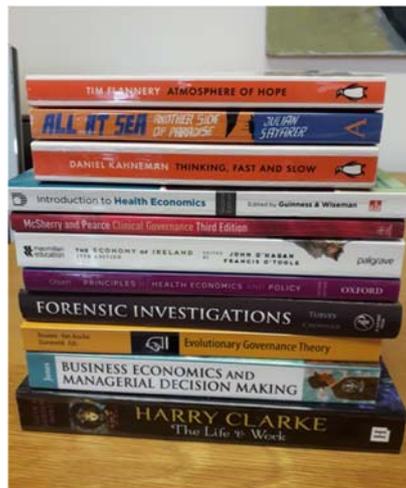
Welcome to Mayo Campus and a happy, productive year. There is much to take in during the first few weeks, getting used to college, accommodation, courses, lectures, new people, even strange people...?! But things eventually settle down and a routine emerges.

The library plays an important part in your college life and it can help and support you along the way.

Library Induction is important. What is it?

Library induction is when you find out the basics about how the library works. Library induction tours are organised by the library and your lecturers. They are especially important for first years; the library has everything you need to study, research, and do your assignments. Your lecturers will tell you the day and time of your induction tour. Get used to the library, ask questions and get to know your way around.

Moore Library Mayo Campus



Some new titles on our shelves.

Check out Lists on libsearch.gmit.ie or scan the code below to see a list of all our new books.



What's new?

Much needed (new) computer chairs and a small lounge area in the Group Study room.



Opening Hours

09.00 - 22.00 Monday - Thursday

09.00 - 17.00 Friday

Saturday opening from 19th November

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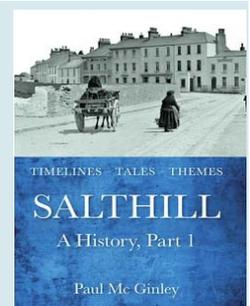


Returns box outside the library moved!

The returns box outside the library has been moved, but just around the corner! You will know that the returns box outside the library is convenient if you want to return items when the library is closed. It was located just at the exit door of the library, but looked a bit bulky and awkward there. It is now just around the corner near the main entrance.

Salthill: A History

Timelines, tales, themes, Salthill, A history, Part 1 is a new book tracing the history of Salthill by local man, Paul McGinley. He traces the families and businesses of the area and traces the development of Salthill in the 19th century. Paul is currently working on Part 2, which will concentrate on the area in the 20th century. He is seeking information on soldiers with a Salthill connection who fought in the major conflicts of the 20th century.



Not on the shelf, but at your fingertips. Online Reports

Many important reports the library used to receive in print are now only available online. Here are a few:

Quarterly Economic Commentary

The Economic and Social Research Institute is Ireland's independent source of evidence for policy. It produces research that contributes to understanding economic and social change and informs public policymaking and civil society in Ireland. This research is disseminated in a wide variety of publications that the ESRI publishes. One of its long standing reports is the Quarterly Economic Commentary, available online at esri.ie/publications/quarterly-economic-commentary-summer-2018/.



Law Reform Commission Reports

The Commission is an independent body established in 1975. The purpose of the Commission is to keep the law under independent, objective and expert review, to make recommendations for law reform and to make current law accessible for all. Since 1981, the LRC has been publishing reports on numerous aspects of law in Ireland. These reports are all available online from the LRC website lawreform.ie/.



Quarterly Bulletin of the Central Bank

The Quarterly Bulletin includes commentary on the latest economic and market developments with regular chapters on the domestic economy, financing developments in the Irish economy and developments in the Euro area economy. The archive of Quarterly Bulletins going back to 1999 is available online at centralbank.ie/publication/quarterly-bulletins.