UCD LIBRARY NEWSLETTER
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Every year UCD Library draws up an interesting and engaging Orientation Programme for all new students. Our aims are: to reach students who are new to the University; ensure students feel they can approach staff for whatever their library needs might be; and to work with all administrative and academic units to embed our activities into UCD Orientation.

This year we have an exciting host of initiatives for our students.

We are online, social and mobile. We have a dedicated New Students Webpage as well as social media accounts, all of which we will refresh with key messages during the first weeks. Students can access our website and catalogue on their smartphones. To promote these mobile services, we are running a new students’ competition for an iPad mini. We are also running a daily competition for a Library Bag & Stationary on our Facebook page. The aim of these competitions is to increase knowledge and usage of our services.

The New Students Webpage includes a suite of Online Tutorials aimed at those new to UCD.

We have our ever popular “New Student Desk”, to be placed in the James Joyce Library entrance to provide that extra bit of time needed for any new entrant: in 2012, 1,163 students visited. We also have branded items to remind students through the year of UCD Library’s Website, information resources and services.

A key offering is the physical tour programme. New students can experience “library fear”. To combat this we have received tremendous support from the Peer Mentors who will bring first year students on a Library Visit. We would like to thank the Student Advisors for working with the Library to include us in their Orientation activities.

Students, especially post graduates, will also be able to avail of drop-in Library staff led tours. These will happen twice daily in the James Joyce Library.

With co-operation of Programme Offices, most first year students will hear a “Library Welcome” and this valuable time gives the students a chance to see the personal face of the library as well as getting an overview of the resources and services available.

This year there will also be some brief drop-in introductions for new users, towards the end of September with key Library information and search skills introduced.

If you have anything special you would like to arrange for Orientation please contact your College Liaison Librarian to discuss this.
ENGAGING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

UCD LIBRARY LEAVING CERT SCHEME SUCCESS

Debra McCann from UCD Library provided leadership in conceiving and inaugurating a pilot project that allowed students who were studying for the Leaving Cert access to UCD Library. The scheme commenced on Monday 20th May, when UCD examinations were complete, and ran until Friday 21st June, when the Leaving Certificate was complete.

The project has been a resounding success with 485 students joining the programme. For the three weeks of the project students from 43 schools—five of them DEIS schools—registered for access to the Library. Of these, 25 percent were from DEIS schools and, in agreement with the UCD Access office, were admitted free of charge; the remaining 75 percent paid a modest fee of €20 for an admissions card. Posters and application forms were circulated by post to 75 schools in mid-April, which resulted in a number of enquiries.

We see this as an effort in support of both the community in which we operate and the first-year student experience, as students who participated that eventually enrol at UCD will already have a basic orientation to UCD Library, its staff and its services. Bord na Gaelige UCD supported the project by hosting a coffee morning on June 4.

There was a very positive reaction from other units in college about the programme, there were no significant disciplinary issues, a full review will take place and we hope to be able to continue with the scheme every year. The students who participated found the University to be a very welcoming place as the comments below from some of those we interviewed show.

105 students joined on the first day of the scheme - here are some of them queuing up to join

Shona Fagan
6th year student at Our Lady's Grove, Goatstown, secondary school.

“.. The facilities in the Library are great; I am studying on the 3rd floor, a bit away from the windows otherwise I would be tempted to keep looking out and start daydreaming. ..”

“..I am able to study later than I would of at home. So I was able to get more done”

“..I knew the campus before but now I know exactly where everything is, so I won’t get lost in September.”

Ardan Preteau
Educated in Canada, joined Cabinteely Community School in 4th year.

“The year head for our school told us all about it and as it was free to our school some of my classmates and I took the opportunity to use the Library”

“All the staff throughout the campus have been really helpful”

“I find it hard to plan, the Library has helped put structure around it. Amazing long hours and I love that you can go in and out when you want to”

Sinead Clery
From Loreto College Foxrock.

“It’s such a positive place, so comfortable you can really study here.”

“... too many distractions at home, once you make the effort to come to the Library, you only have one thing on your mind and that’s to study.”

“everyone can see themselves actually here, it feels all very comfortable and reassures us that we will study at UCD in September.”

A CO-ORDINATED RANGE OF LEARNING SUPPORT BASED IN LIBRARY LINK

DROP IN MATHS & WRITING SUPPORT

From mid-September UCD students and postgraduates will be able to drop in and get help with their maths problems, get assistance in developing their writing skills, or get hints and assistance in finding information for their course work and projects. This support, provided by experts, will be available from within the Library Link space - the new collaborative learning space in the James Joyce Library.

The Maths Support Centre was housed in this highly visible and central location last year, and this location helped ensure a dramatic increase in the number of students dropping in for assistance (that library had a footfall of around 1 million visits last year). This excellent and critical support was provided to undergraduates and postgraduates from all colleges within UCD.

In 2013/14 the Library Link space will support two critical student support services, Maths Support and Writing support. These services, both of which are being run as a “drop-in” service – with no appointment required - will help students who feel under pressure, as well as assisting students to achieve excellence in their courses and projects.

A range of other activities and learning supports will also be provided from within the Link space. “Lunchtime in the Library” drop-in sessions from 1pm – 2pm are planned, and the space will also be available for many evenings events, after 6pm, and can be booked by a wide range of other units such as Careers and UCDSU, academics for seminars, talks, book launches etc. If you are interested in using this space please contact library@ucd.ie

When support services are not being provided from within this space, it will be an open study space for our users.

RTE REFERENCE LIBRARY DONATION

UCD Library obtained a substantial donation of books from RTÉ Reference Library in July 2013. RTÉ’s physical Reference Library closed in December last, and is now a virtual facility only. The closure was mainly due to internal cost-saving measures, but also a result of RTÉ’s belief that the needs of their researchers were changing in the 21st century environment, and the variety of online resources negated the need for print material. The 2 full time staff working in RTÉ Reference Library were redeployed elsewhere, and they also needed another home for their thousands of books. UCD Library accepted over a thousand books from RTÉ. These books are wide ranging in topic, with literature, history, politics, current affairs and geography being the main subject areas. There is a particular emphasis on Irish literature, the Northern Ireland conflict, British politics from the Blair era, American politics from the Clinton, Bush and Obama eras, the “War on Terror”, the Middle East, and Africa. The Library will select the best and most relevant material from this donation, and it will be added to the general collection in the James Joyce Library. Particular thanks go to Michael Talty and Tina Byrne in RTÉ, who facilitated this donation.
BIBLIOMETRICS SUPPORT

Bibliometrics, a set of methods to quantitatively analyse scholarly literature, has over the last few years been used increasingly by institutions, funders and ranking agencies as one factor to assess research performance and publication output.

UCD Library offers a bibliometrics service to individual researchers, Schools/Institutes and research groups to assist in developing a better understanding of the tools and methods that are used to find publication and citation counts, to calculate the (controversial) h-index or to look up the Journal Impact Factor of a specific publication. This service is aimed at:

**Researchers** who
- Want to track the impact of their publications
- Need to find bibliometric data for promotions or grant applications
- Are looking for potential collaborators

**Schools/Institutes** that
- Would like to compare their publication output with peer institutions
- Are preparing for a quality review

In addition we give advice on publication strategies that will increase the visibility of your publications and on ways to promote your research through social networks and other non-traditional forms of communication.

UCD Library also promotes the use of ORCID (http://orcid.org/) by researchers. ORCID is a unique identifier that is solving the problem of name ambiguity and has now been accepted by most major publishers.

The new Bibliometrics LibGuide provides detailed information about this area. It can be accessed at [http://libguides.ucd.ie/bibliometrics_at_UCD](http://libguides.ucd.ie/bibliometrics_at_UCD)

For queries please contact Michael Ladisch (Email: michael.ladisch@ucd.ie; phone: 716 7530)

FOCUS ON MOBILE

The Library continues to focus on mobile users, and has recently added to its mobile website a chat widget and a mobile version of its online comments and suggestions form. Usage of the mobile versions of both our catalogue and website is growing, and overall page views from mobile devices peaked at 19% in May, and is averaging some 13%. The Library undertook some informal user questionnaire feedback at roadshows in March and obtained 834 responses, 88% of them from undergraduates. These informal results were interesting, indicating a low current ownership of both eBook readers and tablets among students, with only 7% owning a tablet now but 13% hoping to purchase one by the end of the year. 82% of respondents had a smartphone, with 12% owning a basic feature phone. The smartphones were evenly split between Android and iOS operating systems, together making up 87% of the total. A combination of laptop with smartphone seems to be the dominant pattern for undergraduates at this time, suggesting that catalogue and website designs tailored for the small screen device have some merit for the moment.

Other results indicated that the Library has some way to go to ensure that all users are aware of the range of library services and resources that they can access via their smartphones and this has therefore been highlighted in our range of materials for incoming new students, as detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.
A NEW LEARNING SUPPORT MENU IS LAUNCHED

SUPPORTING YOUR TEACHING

UCD Library has developed a new Learning Support Menu to support your teaching. The Menu provides a range of solutions to assist you in developing your students’ researching skills; to retrieve, evaluate, synthesise and manage information.

The solutions are designed to
- Facilitate the transition from 2nd to 3rd level
- Improve student researching skills, enabling them to produce better coursework
- Enhance students’ critical evaluation skills
- Develop key graduate competencies
- Foster key lifelong learning skills

Use the ‘Supporting your Teaching’ webpage as a one stop shop for all your Library teaching supports.

Three core learning needs are identified in The Learning Support Menu and a range of materials are provided under each.

Retrieving
- Defining need and developing search questions and strategies
- Finding specified books, journals, articles
- Subject and discipline specific searching

Evaluating
- Understanding scholarly information and your discipline
- Assessing appropriateness, reliability and quality of information
- Questioning validity of information, testing for assumptions and bias
- Using citation and impact data to gauge quality
- Interpreting information and constructing new knowledge

Managing
- Academic requirements in using information, e.g. plagiarism
- Citing and referencing
- Legal and ethical requirements in creating and sharing information e.g. copyright
- Communicating and sharing new knowledge

The Learning Support Menu, part of the Supporting your Teaching area of our website at http://www.ucd.ie/library/supporting_you/support_teaching/

The Library’s New Learning Support Strategy

The new learning support strategy is being introduced following a review of Library information skills support delivered to schools, 2008-2012; averaging 500 hours p.a. support.

Key points in new strategy include:

- Focus on programme needs, across all years, not just 1st year, and semester 1.
- Focus on core modules, avoiding duplication in elective modules.
- Ensure balanced support for all colleges & programmes.
- Develop options to support self-directed and online learning.
- Review of 4th level support.
- Evaluation of effectiveness and impact of Library support.

The aim is:

- To provide a resource that assists you in your programme planning, design and delivery.
- To enable students to develop appropriate level skills at point of need.

Using the Learning Support Menu

The Learning Support Menu is a shopping basket of tutorials, guides and webpages that you can copy or link to your Blackboard, e-learning or CPD modules. Solutions are divided into Basic, Intermediate and Advanced levels.

Solutions we offer:

**Online**

Allows you to provide useful information to students at point of need. Links can be copied to Blackboard and used in your e-learning and CPD modules. e.g. online tutorials, webpages, online guides.

**Self Directed**

Students can use the tutorials and guides on the Supporting your Learning webpage. Links to this page are now available in the redesigned Blackboard Module layout.

**Academic Led**

You can use the solutions being developed to support your own teaching of research skills, saving yourself time in preparation and in keeping current. To support your teaching we will be adding Power-Point slide sets, college specific examples, assessment examples and measurement suggestions to the Learning Support Menu as the year progresses.

**Librarian Facilitated**

We will deliver sessions with your students and we can train tutors/peer advisors to provide training and support as appropriate.

Contact your College Liaison Librarian for further information and advice. We will collaborate with you to identify and develop solutions at the appropriate academic level that best meet your programme needs. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome.
THE IRISH SOCIAL SCIENCE DATA ARCHIVE CONTINUES TO GROW
NEW ISSDA DATA SETS

The Irish Social Science Data Archive (ISSDA) has recently added two datasets to this national collection:

The Children’s Sport Participation and Physical Activity Study
http://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/csppa/

The Children’s Sport Participation and Physical Activity study (CSPPA) was funded by the Irish Sports Council and was conducted in 2009. It was a unique multi-centre study undertaken by Dublin City University, University of Limerick and University College Cork and brought together expertise from physical education, sport and coaching studies and physical activity for health.

The study aims were to:
• provide a national database of physical activity, physical education and sport participation levels of children and youth in Ireland
• assess indices of health and fitness in a sub-sample of the target population
• collect and analyse information on the factors influencing participation
• provide insight into issues surrounding volunteering in youth sports and activity clubs

The information collected will provide guidance to the development of policy in the areas of health, sport, education, transport and the environment, all of which have important roles to play in getting Irish children more active more often.

National Psychological Wellbeing and Distress Survey (NPWDS), 2008
http://www.ucd.ie/issda/data/nationalpsychologicalwellbeinganddistresssurvey/

This survey is the second survey in the HRB NPWDS and the first population-based mental health survey that allows for direct comparisons between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

The findings show:
• A higher prevalence of self-reported mental health problems in the North than in the Republic
• A higher use of psychotropic medication for Northern Ireland than the Republic
• A higher proportion of people in Northern Ireland attended the GP for mental health problems than in the Republic
• There were no differences between the jurisdictions in the use of secondary mental health services or in the preferred sources of support which included the GP and family and friends

ISSDA’s datasets are freely available to researchers worldwide by application to ISSDA: issda@ucd.ie
A NEW RANGE OF LIBRARY BAGS

BUY A BAG!

€3 each.... two for €5

Fun or Formal
Blue or Yellow ... 4 choices

On sale now
in UCD Library

PRINTING & COPYING
IN UCD LIBRARIES

Printing and Photocopying are now both managed by Copi-Print. This change in printing arrangements has been implemented over the summer months, and includes all Library locations.

Both services can now be paid for using your UCard.

There have been a few minor relocations of printing facilities around the UCD Libraries as part of this change of management and all floorplans have been updated to reflect this.

Copi-Print will have a range of leaflets available, and there are also information points and posters on hand to assist you.

WIDGETS AND CMS TEMPLATES

EMBED OPTIONS

Highlight library guides with a widget
The Library is piloting a new online environment to host and offers its guides. The current range includes some popular general guides to finding maps, theses and bibliometrics plus a range of subject guides covering those subjects included in the Arts programme. If you would like to include a widget to draw attention to one or more of these guides we can provide that for you, just get in touch with outreach@ucd.ie.

Include Research Repository UCD records on your research web page
If your research group is systematically uploading copies of their research into the local open access UCD repository, then rather than re-keying, you can use a CMS template to include a dynamic, automatically updating listing on your publications web page. Your web editor will need to be enabled to use a particular content template in the CMS so if you are interested please get in touch with Julia.Barrett@ucd.ie. The School of Mechanical Engineering publications page, shown above, is one example of the template in action.
USING PCS IN THE LIBRARY

Over the summer months significant changes have taken place in the provision of PCs in the UCD Libraries.

Our laptop loan service continues to thrive and is offered as a free service at both Health Sciences and James Joyce Libraries.

The Library is providing a number of PCs at all sites which offer internet access only and are intended primarily as Library catalogue and resource discovery tools - Library Search Stations.

All other PC labs and clusters of PCs for you to use around our libraries are now offering the IT Services standard setup and software range.

As always you are free to use your own laptops and mobile devices in the Libraries - other than in clearly marked e-device free zones - availing of network points or using Wi-Fi. At James Joyce Library over 180 additional power sockets have been installed during the summer to assist mobile device users.

EMPOWERING OUR USERS IN COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

PATRON DRIVEN ACQUISITION

This summer UCD Library is piloting a new service known as patron driven acquisition. This new system offers all users the opportunity to shape the collections in UCD Library.

To get this new system up and running, thousands of new electronic and print book records were loaded into the UCD Library catalogue (http://library.ucd.ie).

E-books that are used regularly and print books that you ask us to buy via a special link on the catalogue record are automatically flagged for purchase with our chosen supplier. Electronic material is available immediately, print material may take up to three weeks to arrive.

This new system offers all our users the opportunity to help shape the collections in UCD Library and research has shown that material purchased this way has a higher level usage than traditionally purchased library materials.

To date the PDA facility has been very popular and has so far resulted in more than five hundred new titles being added to our collection across a broad range of subject areas. The funding available for books purchased through this initiative is in addition to our existing book funds for reading lists and other book purchases.

UCD Library is proud to be the first Irish library to offer this unique service and encourages you to search the catalogue to check out this new material.
THE PÁDRAIG PUIRSEÁL COLLECTION
A NEW SPORTING COLLECTION

The Pádraig Puirséal Collection is comprised of sporting books and pamphlets formerly owned by Pádraig Puirséal (Patrick Purcell). Pádraig Puirséal (1914-79) was a novelist and a sports journalist writing for the Kilkenny People, Gaelic Weekly and the Irish Press, where he was the GAA correspondent from 1970 until his death in 1979. He attended University College Dublin from 1933-7, where he played hurling and football for the college and wrote for a number of university publications. He founded the Gaelic Sportsman which later became the Gaelic Weekly in 1950, and under the pen name “Moondharrig” contributed articles on the history of the early years of the GAA. The GAA in its time, which was based on his research, was published posthumously in 1982.

The majority of the Puirséal collection is comprised of GAA related publications dating from the 1920s to the 1970s. It includes books on the GAA and Irish athletics by “Carbery” and Séamus Ó Ceallaigh from the 1940s and Raymond Smith from the 1970s, many of which are signed by the authors; numerous GAA county yearbooks from the 1960s and 1970s; GAA club and parish histories many of which were issued to celebrate club anniversaries or victories; souvenir programmes dating from the 1940s which celebrate special games, club anniversaries or the opening of grounds. The collection reflects his interest not only in the GAA but all sports as it includes books on a wide range of other sports including soccer, tennis, golf, cricket, greyhound racing and coursing from both an Irish and international context. Many of the books and pamphlets contain inserts including cover notes to Puirséal, questions and letters from the public and handwritten notes on sporting events. UCD Library is working with UCD School of History’s Dr. Paul Rouse to further promote this collection, to identify its future research uses and to select items for possible digitisation.

The Pádraig Puirséal Sports Collection may be viewed by application to the Services Desk on Level 1 in the James Joyce Library. Material will be available for consultation the next working day in the Special Collections Reading Room (Monday – Friday: 10am - 1pm; 2pm - 5pm).

For more information on Pádraig Puirséal please see his entry in the Dictionary of Irish Biography.

Carbery’s annual 1954-55 and the Gaelic athletic annual 1940-41: official record of the Gaelic Athletic Association. both from the Pádraig Puirséal Collection.
FROM: 19th Century Social History Pamphlets Collection
A collection of pamphlets relating to 19th century Irish social history, particularly the themes of education, health, famine, poverty, business and communications.
The original items are located in Special Collections, UCD Library.
http://digital.ucd.ie/view/ivrla:45724

FROM: Tierney/MacNeill Photographs
A collection of over 500 images, mostly single photographs but also some newspaper cuttings and a commercial photo album. The largest parts of the collection relate to the political and academic careers of Eoin MacNeill and his son-in-law Michael Tierney, with a strong emphasis on important events at University College, Dublin between 1943 and 1965, such as presentations, conferrals, openings, and ceremonies to mark developments on the new campus at Belfield.
The original items are located in UCD Archives, University College Dublin.
http://digital.ucd.ie/view/ivrla:34572

FROM: Civic and Ecclesiastical Architecture of Georgian Dublin Collection
A collection of 100 photographs from the School of Art History’s slide collection devoted to Irish architecture. This focuses on the civic and ecclesiastical architecture of eighteenth-century Dublin, including the former Parliament House at College Green, the Four Courts and Custom House, St George, Hardwicke Place, and St Catherine, Mary Street.
http://digital.ucd.ie/view/ivrla:31305
A VISIT TO THE HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

On June 19th the Health Sciences Library was delighted to host a visit from Mrs Madeleine Hynes, widow of the late Dr Harry Hynes. A native of Co. Carlow, Dr. Hynes graduated from UCD in 1958 and moved to the United States to pursue further studies there. In 1972 Dr Hynes founded the Wichita Haematology Group which evolved into the Cancer Centre of Kansas, where he served patients as an oncologist until his death in December 2000.

Dr Hynes retained a number of links with his former Alma Mater and arising from those the Hynes bequest evolved. A sum of money was invested by the family and the yearly dividend on this is donated to the Library for the purchase of books for the Health Sciences Library. In these difficult economic times such a regular stream of income is greatly appreciated and this visit was a wonderful opportunity to reflect our gratitude to the Hynes Family.

Mrs. Hynes was accompanied on this visit by her sister Mrs. Pauline Jordan and Professor Ronan O’Regan, former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

The Library Collections team provided a listing of materials bought from the fund thus far, transformed into a special souvenir booklet presented to Mrs Hynes. A very attractive exhibition of a selection of the materials purchased was also organised. The visit culminated in a small reception in the Library where memories of Harry were shared with those assembled. In his own distinguished career Harry’s motto was that “it be done right”. On this occasion it was done very right and thanks to all who made this such a memorable visit.

LIBRARY MARKETING NEWS

PROMOTION AROUND MAJOR SERVICES AND THEMES

We have successfully implemented the first phase of our marketing plan, including a more unified library look applied to many notices and publications and a monthly focus theme. Themes covered in the last 6 months include: UCD library is social and mobile; exam preparation; ebooks, research support; Special Collections.

USER FEEDBACK PLANS

The Library has undertaken several user feedback exercises in the past year, and we have agreed a user feedback plan to cover the 2013/2014 year. Running the general LibQUAL library survey early in 2014 will be our major focus during the year, and complementing that will be a range of more focused user feedback exercises covering topics including: service quality; needs of special user groups; and user priorities for further refurbishment of space.
A RANGE OF SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

LOOK OUT FOR.....

The **new self-services fines kiosk** at James Joyce Library where you can pay your fines with UCARD whenever we are open - with full online fines payment to follow in semester 1.

**New comments and suggestions boxes** at all libraries, if you prefer to fill out a printed comments form rather than use the online option.

An **additional 182 power sockets** at various locations in James Joyce Library, Level 2

**Self-service machines** for loans now available at Blackrock and Richview libraries

**Additional seating space** in the Veterinary Medicine Library and in the James Joyce Library Short Loan Collection area

An **online version of our query form** to use when you cannot find items on the shelf - to complement the printed option.


OUR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS EXHIBITION CONTINUES

DON’T MISS....

**W.B. YEATS & HIS MUSES EXHIBITION**

If you have not yet found the time, the Yeats exhibition in UCD Library Special Collections is still available to view during weekdays.

[Exhibition image]

**W.B. Yeats and His Muses**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS READING ROOM
James Joyce Library, UCD
Spring/Summer 2013

Exploring the relationship between five exceptional women and the poems Yeats wrote to or about them. Original letters, manuscripts, and inscribed first editions trace the relationship between poet and muse.

Opening April 4th
Mon-Fri 10.00-13.00 & 14.00-17.00

This exhibition is supported by a significant donation of W.B. Yeats materials to UCD Library by Joseph Hackett.

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