

NEW CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER PUBLIC LIBRARY RESEARCH PROGRAMME

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna is pleased to announce the launching of a new call for proposals under the terms of the Public Library Research Programme. [...]

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NEW €1.1m eINCLUSION FUND

Tom Kitt, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach, has announced a new fund of €1.1 million to drive e-inclusion which will have a particular focus on the elderly and people with disabilities. [...]

IRISH SCHOOL LIBRARIAN RECEIVES HONOURS CERTIFICATE FROM SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The School Library Association launched its School Librarian of the Year Award with the announcement of the Honours List Librarians at the London Book Fair. Announcing the award launch President of the SLA, Aidan Chambers said, "There is a great need for an award that will celebrate the achievements of those working in school libraries, helping to create readers and the information culture for young people". [...]

MUSICAL LIBRARIES

Limerick County Library opened what was probably the first gramophone lending library in Ireland in January 1943 with a stock of 150 records. The service survived until 1953 when advances in technology led to its demise [...].

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Cork County Library: As part of the *Living Landscape* symposium and exhibition, taking place in West Cork in April 2005 and in Barcelona in 2006, Ignacio Uriarte held workshops with staff in Skibbereen public library, leading to conceptual art installations on site. Ignacio is a German-born artist working in Barcelona and is very interested in what he describes as Office Art. He pays attention to "the little creative moments of administrative routines" (for instance, doodling or knitting paper clips together), and turns them into an art form.

The living landscape project is "an exploration of contemporary artists' relationship with and investigation of landscape, place, environment and space" and Ignacio's work with library staff was an enlightening study of their relationship with some of their everyday practices and the tools of their trade. The three pieces created are integrated into the landscape of the library using materials that already form part of the landscape of libraries.

For staff who are used to organizing events and workshops for other groups in the community, working on the three pieces, entitled *Snowcakes*, *Silver Rain* and *Flight*, proved to be great fun and an opportunity to stretch their imaginations and look in a new way at the details of their work. The creative process was as important for those involved as the finished works, with common acts of everyday library life being turned into a ritual in the creation of the art pieces.

Throughout May, **Dublin City Public Libraries** will be showing a series of diverse yet themed films on the subject of racism and cultural conflict. [...]