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Introduction

The 2022 Annual Report of the Library Association of Ireland (LAI) records what was an extraordinary year for the Association.

While the LAI continued to develop and grown throughout the most severe COVID-19 restrictions, at the start of 2022 the Association and the country, took the first tentative steps back towards in-person events and other pre-COVID activities.

Selected highlights of the year include:

- Hosting an online ebookSOS seminar in January 2022 with speakers from around Ireland and abroad
- Speaking at the HSLG's first in-person conference since 2019 in February 2022
- The presentation of the inaugural LAI President's Medal to President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins for his wonderful support of libraries.
- The successful hosting of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in July 2022 with over 2,000 delegates from over 100 countries.
- The first ever LAI Council induction session in September 2022 with input from the majority of groups and sections
- Working with the School Libraries Group on the important issue of school library provision in Ireland
- Work on a range of issues related to visas, work permits and the labour market
- The return of the Public Libraries' in-person conference in Galway in November 2022
- The awarding of the second LAI Author of the Year at the An Post Irish Book Awards to John Boyne
- The Libraries as Places of Sanctuary Library Ireland Week in December 2022

I would like to sincerely thank all who have made the above and the many other wonderful activities of the LAI possible during 2022. I am particularly grateful to the

groups and sections and to the members of Council who have been so supportive during my second, and final, term as President. Special thanks to Robert Alfis, Niall O'Brien and Trish Nolan who worked so hard on the compilation of this report. Sincere thanks to the groups and sections who submitted reports of their activities to inform the process.

2022 was a particularly special year for the LAI. Welcoming colleagues from all over the world to Dublin in July was a lovely way to acknowledge and celebrate the enormous contribution of libraries to Irish society after what was a very challenging period. I am confident that the LAI and Irish libraries can build on this success, and I wish the incoming President, Eileen Morrissey the very best in this regard.

Cathal McCauley

President 2022 - 2023,

Library Association of Ireland

Library Association of Ireland AGM 2022

The Annual General Meeting of the Library Association of Ireland returned to an in-person format to great acclaim and took place on Tuesday 28th April 2022 at 10.00 am in the Dublin City Library and Archive, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. There were 39 members attended.

Election of Officers and Council Members

The following were elected as Officers and Council Members:

Officers:

President: Cathal McCauley, Maynooth University

Vice President: Eileen Morrissey, Wexford County Library Service

Vice President: John Shortall, Carlow County Library Service

Honorary Treasurer: Lorna Dodd, University College Dublin

Honorary Secretary: Niall O'Brien, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Library Association of Ireland Council:

Fintan Bracken, Institute of Technology Carlow

Michelle Breen, University of Limerick

Jane Buggle, IADT

Jane Burns, Technological University of Shannon, Midlands Midwest

Alan Carbery, University College Cork

Clare Conneally, RCSI Library

Damien Dullaghan, Tipperary County Libraries

Joanna Finegan, National Library of Ireland

Catherine Gallagher, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

Stuart Hamilton, LGMA

Stuart Hamilton, Libraries Development, LGMA

Aoife Lawton, HSE National Library Service

Eimear McGinn, Offaly Library Service

Mary Murphy, Meath County Library Services

David O'Brien, Cork City Libraries

Marie O'Neill, CCT College Dublin

Christoph Schmidt-Supprian, Trinity College Dublin

Brendan Teeling, Dublin City Libraries

Josephine Vahey, Galway Public Libraries

Management and Administration

The Library Association of Ireland (LAI) is the professional body representing libraries and librarians in Ireland. The objectives of the Association are to promote and develop high standards of librarianship and of library and information services in Ireland and to secure greater co-operation between libraries.

Council

Council sets strategy for the Association, determines policy and is responsible for the correct and effective running of Association activities as a whole.

Council Meetings Schedule and Attendance

Since the 2022 AGM, six meetings of the LAI Council took place during 2022 and 2023 on the following dates: 7th June, 19th July, 13th September, 18th November, 17th January and 14th March. Two of these meetings took place in person, while four of these meetings took place online.

Name	Number council meetings attended (max 6)
Robert Alfis	6
Fintan Bracken	6
Michelle Breen	6
Jane Buggle	3
Jane Burns	5
Alan Carbery	6
Clare Conneally	1
Lorna Dodd	5
Damien Dullaghan	3
Joanna Finegan	6
Catherine Gallagher	6
Stuart Hamilton	3
Aoife Lawton	1
Cathal McCauley	6
Eimear McGinn	4
Eileen Morrissey	5
Mary Murphy	2
David O'Brien	4
Niall O'Brien	6

Marie O'Neill	4
Christoph Schmidt-Supprian	4
John Shortall	5
Josephine Vahey	3

Management Committee

The Management Committee manages the finances and administration of the Association. Members comprised Robert Alfis, Lorna Dodd, Cathal McCauley, Eileen Morrissey, Niall O'Brien and John Shortall.

Committee members communicated informally throughout the year and met formally on the following dates: 24th May 2022, 18th July 2022, 2nd September 2022, 18th October 2022, 5th December 2022, 12th January 2023, 3rd February 2023, 20th February 2023, 3rd March 2023, 4th April 2023 and 18th April 2023.

Key items progressed by Council

- IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2022

The World Library and Information Congress took place in Dublin between 26th and 29th July 2022. The WLIC was an enormous success with over 2,000 delegates from over 100 countries attending the Congress itself and many related events before and after it. Former President Mary Robinson delivered the keynote address at the opening ceremony and the WLIC featured more than 80 sessions over three days of talks, workshops, discussions and exhibitions about topics ranging from Artificial Intelligence to Library History. Highlights included a Civic Reception for the IFLA Governing Board, the Lord Mayor of Dublin and former President Mary Robinson

speaking at the Opening Ceremony, an entertaining Cultural Evening at the DLR Lexicon, a huge choice of visits to libraries around Ireland and promotional signage throughout Dublin – all underpinned by a group of 200 volunteers, without whom the Congress could not have taken place. Enormous thanks are due to members of the National Committee, other members of the LAI and the Irish library community generally for delivering WLIC 2022 on top of their normal responsibilities.

- LAI Council Induction Pilot

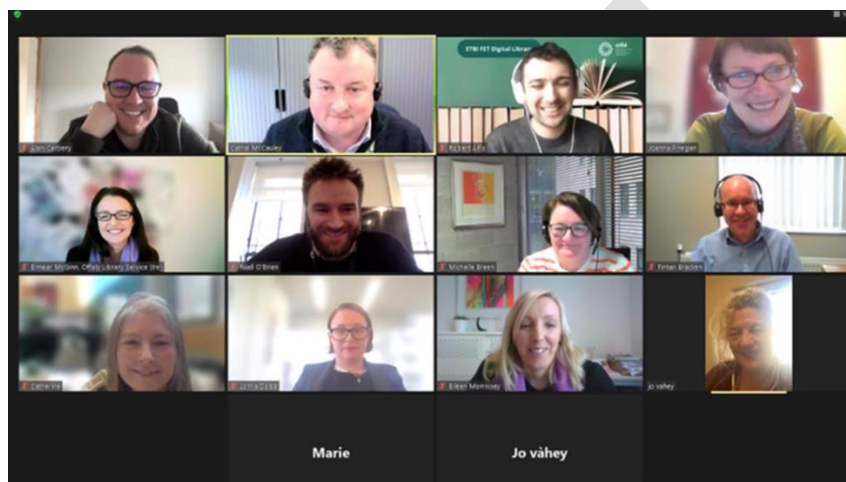
This year saw the introduction of an induction pilot for members of the LAI Council with the aim of equipping new and existing members with some key information and demystifying some of the processes around serving as a member of the Library Association of Ireland's Executive Council. The induction took place online on 29th September 2022 and comprised of an overview of the structure of the Association, the roles and responsibilities of a member of the LAI Council, key dates and processes associated with the LAI, a testimonial from a serving Council member regarding what they had learned throughout the process, an overview of the Association's groups and sections and a discussion segment. The event was well received, and thanks are due to Aoife Lawton for making the suggestion.

- #eBooksSOS

2022 saw a further acceleration of the #eBooksSOS campaign and the LAI's involvement in the initiative to campaign for a more equitable digital book market. The campaign received official designation as a LAI initiative with a subgroup formed tasked with advancing it. At the time of writing, recruitment is underway for National co-ordinator in this area with partial funding received through "Knowledge Rights 21".

- Library Labour Market Taskforce

The LAI decided to form a Library Labour Market Taskforce consisting of LAI Council members to address recruitment issues that have arisen in the library sector. The Taskforce will revert with its terms of reference for approval by Council.



Online Council meeting March 2023

Developing the Profession

Education Committee: Professional Standards Committee (PSC)

Committee Membership 2022

Chair: Gillian Kerins (TU Dublin)

Catherine Gallagher (DLRCOCO) [Awards]

Marian Higgins (KDCOCO)

Allison Kavanagh (TU Dublin)

Barbara McCormack (RIA)

Celine Peignen (TUS)

Brendan Teeling (DCC) [Awards]

Terry O'Brien (SETU) stepped down as LAI PSC Secretary and from the committee in March 2022. The committee wish to thank Terry for his contribution to the LAI and in particular the LAI PSC committee over the years.

The Committee:

- Manages applications, sets standards, and provides assessment boards for LAI accreditation of programmes offering postgraduate degrees in library and information sciences in Ireland, currently UCD School of Information and Communication Studies and the Dublin Business School.

- Manages applications, sets standards, and provides guidelines for LAI professional awards, currently the Associateship (ALAI), Senior Associateship (SALAI) and Fellowship (FLAI) awards of the Association.
- Monitors and makes recommendations to LAI Council on matters related to professional standards and practice including core competencies for professional librarians and information scientists; the Association's Code of Ethics; the regulatory framework in which libraries operate; and guidelines for new entrants to the field.

Meetings 2022

List of meetings

27 Jan 2022	LAI PSC meeting with UCD
31 March 2022	LAI PSC meeting
27 April 2022	LAI PSC meeting
13 June 2022	LAI PSC meeting with UCD
23 November 2022	LAI PSC Accreditation site visit - UCD
11 th January 2023	LAI PSC Accreditation review meeting

An update on the key elements of Committee's work during 2022 is below.

Awards

- Five candidates received their ALAI award at the LAI 2022 AGM.
- Three applications were received for Associateship (ALAI).
- Eight applications for the Senior Associateship (SLAI).

- Two applications were received for Fellowship award (FLAI).

Accreditation reviews of course providers

Dublin Business School

The committee had some written correspondence with DBS and are due to hold a review meeting with DBS faculty in early 2023.

University College Dublin

The PSC met with the Faculty of UCD School of Information & Communication Studies via Microsoft Teams in January and June 2022 for an annual review and to discuss the reaccreditation process for the following programmes; master's in library and information Studies (MLIS) and Graduate Diploma in Library & Information Studies (GradDip).

Other work

In addition to the above, the Committee provided content for the LAI website; responded to various queries seeking information or advice on topics ranging from online courses; internships; volunteering; accreditation of specific programmes, to queries about the LAI awards. Catherine Gallagher represented the LAI PSC at the online pilot induction for new members of Council in September 2022.

Education Committee: Continuing Professional Development
(CPD) Committee:

ANNUAL REPORT CPD COMMITTEE 2022

Committee:

Convenor: Eva Hornung (CDETB Curriculum Development Unit / TCD)

Eileen Morrissey (Wexford County Library Service)

Mary Murphy (Meath County Council Library Service)

Kathryn Smith (RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences).

Michelle Breen (University of Limerick)

Marie O'Neill

Isabelle Courtney (Dublin Business School)

Mary Buckley (National College of Ireland)

Mary Dunne (Health Research Board)

Philip Cohen and Lai Ma (UCD) retired from the committee.



Screenshot of committee members during meeting

Communication

Members communicated by email and met on 3rd October online.

Meeting with HSLG CPD chair

Members of the committee met online with Mary Dunne, HSLG CPD chairperson, in September. She outlined their draft CPD framework working document. We agreed to take their suggestions on board and see how we can progress them further in 2023.



Image of certificate of attendance

The following online and in-person learning opportunities sought certification from the LAI and this is the **List of approved courses in 2022:**

CDG event "Coding for Librarians" 2022

ICS Children & Youth Services

ICS Information Professional as Teacher

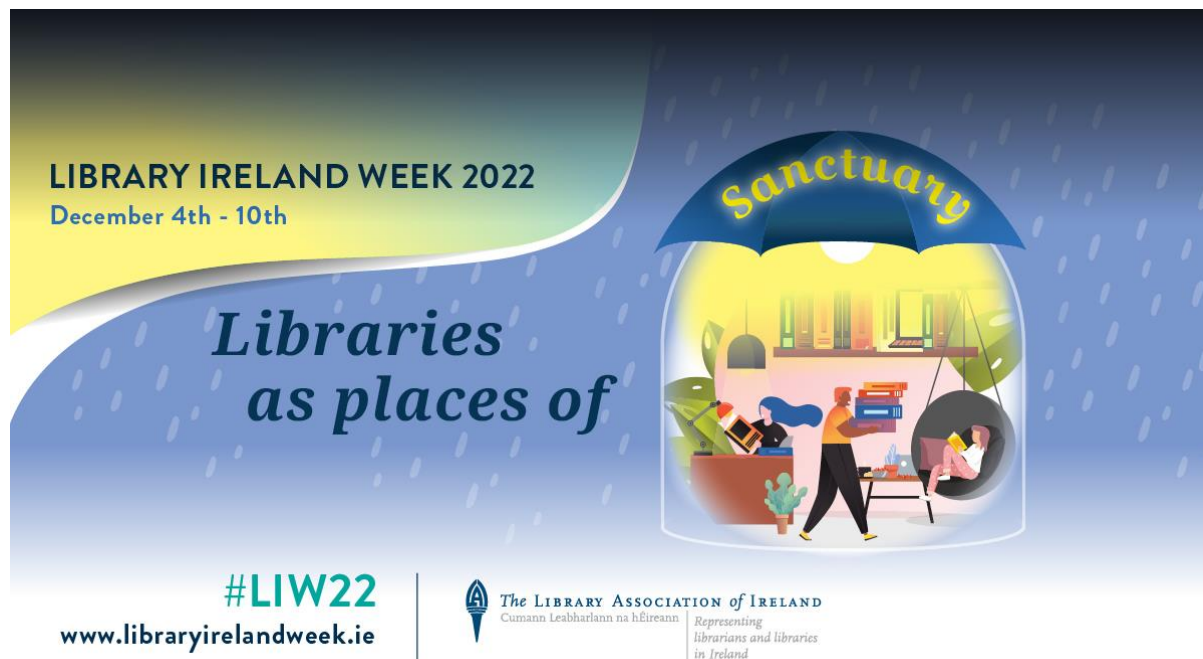
ICS Scholarly Communication

ICS Research Data Management

94 certificates were issued.

Library Ireland Week 2022

Theme: 'Libraries as places of sanctuary'



Library Ireland Week Taskforce:

Chair: John Shortall (Carlow County Council)

Johanna Archbold (TUS Library)

Justin Smyth (SJOG Research Foundation CLG)

Hazel Percival (Wexford County Council)

Suzanne Brosnan (Kildare County Council)

Jo Vahey (Galway County Council)

Denise Schroder (CILIP Ireland)

Library Ireland Week took place from Sunday, December 4th to Saturday, December 10th, 2022. The theme of this year's week was "Libraries as Places of Sanctuary" in recognition of how libraries are a place of solace and refuge for all. The week aims to raise the profile of libraries and information service professionals and showcase their resources, facilities, events and services through dedicated programmes and events.

Library Ireland Week is an annual initiative of the Library Association of Ireland organized by a voluntary taskforce reporting into the Library Council of the Library Association of Ireland. For 2022, Library Ireland Week was again delivered in partnership with CILIP Ireland, as a co-supporter of the Library Staff Champion Award to recognise the significant contribution of library staff across the island of Ireland.

Throughout the week public libraries, special libraries, business libraries, health libraries, law libraries, academic libraries, prison libraries and government libraries all around Ireland celebrated by showcasing their unique resources, running events and engaging in a nationwide social media campaign. A public competition was held, inviting people to share what their library has meant to them this year using the #LIW2022 hashtag.

Staff Champion Award:

This year's LAI/CILIP Ireland Staff Champion Award saw a record island-wide 30 nominations across the sector. Our judging panel consisted of Jane Burns (TUS), Aoife Lawton (HSE), David O'Brien (Cork City), Denise Schroder (Belfast Metropolitan College, and member of the Library Ireland Week working group) and Robert Whan (Armagh Robinson Library). The panel brought keen insights and careful deliberations to the discussions, chaired by Justin Smyth (Saint John of God). From a shortlist of 11 candidates, Antanas Keturakis of Cork City Libraries was selected as our worthy 2022 Staff Champion.

The panel also made excellent recommendations for future awards:

- separating the award to incorporate a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of long-term service,
- emphasising the importance of service over the last 12 months for earlier career nominees
- making provision for training panel members in how best to appraise nominations.

The Library Champion Award Package comprises of:

- Voucher and engraved trophy
- free membership of the Library Association of Ireland and CILIP Ireland for 1 year after the Award

Collaboration between LAI and CILIP Members on the committee continued this year and it is felt that continued contact, committee representation and collaborative activities will grow engagement in this initiative across the island.

Public competition -

Entries were invited via the LAI twitter, Instagram and Facebook channels on the question 'What makes your library a place of Sanctuary for you'? There was a lot of engagement online on this theme and it was hard to choose a winner, but the chosen entry came via Instagram from an 11-year-old by the name of Jaee Ginde. Jaee was delighted to win an iPad for her entry. *Excerpt - 'My library is a place of Sanctuary for me because it is a place where I can go and hide from the world and gain immense knowledge'*

Events:

Events were held in libraries throughout the country and the inaugural Library Ireland Week Webinar was held online featuring Bernie Foran, County Librarian in Laois and Michaela Hollywood, Maynooth University Library who spoke about their experience providing a recognised Library of Sanctuary and the value it brings to their communities.

Library Ireland Week 2022 was supported by RTÉ Supporting the Arts.

Acknowledgements:

The Taskforce Committee would like to thank Cathal McCauley, President of the LAI, the LAI Council and CILIP Ireland for their support throughout this process.

Thanks to:

Trish Nolan and Brian Doody, LAI Webmasters

Eileen Morrissey, Vice President

Lorna Dodd, LAI Honorary Treasurer

Niall O'Brien, LAI Honorary Secretary

Lorraine Marry and Saoirse DePaor for Social Media Management

Special mention to all library staff who nominated colleagues for the Library Staff Champion Award, without whose generosity of spirit, the award could not have started or continued.

Finally, thanks to all the library staff throughout the country who engaged with LIW2022 curating and hosting events, bringing the theme and message of Library Ireland Week 2022 to as many of our users as possible.

LIBRARY IRELAND WEEK 2022

December 4th - 10th

Libraries as places of sanctuary



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Media Literacy Ireland

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Media Literacy Ireland (MLI) is an informal alliance of individuals and organisations partnering to promote media literacy in Ireland. Facilitated by Coimisiún na Meán, MLI has over 250 members drawn from a broad range of sectors. Members are drawn from many sectors including the media, youth, education, civil society, academia, online platforms, and the library sector.

MLI acts as an enabler for media literacy stakeholders and aims to create a platform for facilitating dialogue and the exchange of ideas and encouraging the development of sustainable media literacy projects. The aim of MLI is to empower Irish people with the skills and knowledge to make informed choices about the media content and services they consume, create, and disseminate.

In late 2022 the LAI's representative on the MLI steering group, Marian Higgins was replaced by Eileen Morrissey. During 2022 the focus of MLI was on relaunching its website as a central repository for media literacy information, creating an online training and development project for media literacy stakeholders and members of the public and launching an inaugural Media Literacy Ireland Awards. MLI supported the Safer Internet Day Campaign, Global Media Information Literacy Week, European Media Literacy Week, European Cyber Security Month, and the Media Smart Campaign during 2022.

The MLI Annual Conference 2022: Meaningful Media Literacy was held in December in Cork and LAI member Isabelle Courtney chaired an MLI member Panel on Young people and media literacy.

Membership of MLI is free of charge and LAI members are encouraged to join, access its online resources, and become actively involved.

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Literacies Committee

Committee:

Philip Russell [Convenor] (University College Dublin)

Claire McGuinness (University College Dublin)

Katherine Ryan (St. Andrew's College Dublin)

Ann O'Sullivan (AL Goodbody)

Mary Mulryan (Technological University of the Shannon)

Emer O'Brien (Cork County Council)

Isabelle Courtney (Dublin Business School)

Genevieve Larkin (Marino Institute of Education)

Joan Ward, (Libraries Development Unit of the LGMA)

Siobhan Dunne (Trinity College Dublin)

The Literacies Committee is committed to reviewing best practice initiatives in terms of literacy, information literacy, digital and media literacy across all library and information sectors in Ireland and is working on a revised smart action plan for the development of these competencies at local and national level. The Committee actively engages in advocacy, promotion and dissemination activities.

Members were involved with a number of initiatives during 2022 including ongoing collaborative activities with MLI to promote media literacy education through a range of channels such as webinars, conferences and national campaigns. Public library members of the Literacies Committee were also involved in organising a series of workshops and training events on misinformation, disinformation and online safety.

Claire McGuinness from the School of Information and Communication Studies in University College Dublin worked in partnership with public librarians in Meath County Council Libraries to create and pilot a bespoke media literacy training programme for public library staff; other project stakeholders included Meta (Facebook), the LGMA and the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA). The plan is for this programme to be rolled out further to Irish public libraries nationwide. This successful higher education and public library collaboration for media literacy education in Ireland was presented by Claire at the IFLA World Library and Library Information Congress (WLIC) in Dublin in 2022.

At IFLA WLIC, Philip Russell met with members of the IFLA News Media Section to discuss the approach of Irish libraries in tackling fake news, highlighting the success of national campaigns such as Be Media Smart and building on existing partnerships forged with IFLA.

The Literacies Committee continues to forge strong links with national and international groups as it seeks to collaborate and further its goals around these core competencies in the years ahead.

Expressions of interest in joining the Committee should be addressed to Philip Russell, the Convenor.

Communications & Social Media

Communications Team

The Communications Team continued their work in promoting events and improving LAI communications across all platforms.

Team Membership



Trish Nolan, Carlow Library Service (Web Officer);



Saoirse de Paor, Maynooth University (Deputy Web Officer/social media Officer);



Shane Gibbons, Wexford Library Service (social media Officer).

Web support is provided by Brian Doody of Eclipse. Lorraine Marrey (Wexford Library Services) stepped down from her role as social media officer in January 2022 and the team wish to thank her for her contribution.

Meetings from January 2022 – March 2023

28th of Jun 2022

21st of October 2022

19th of January 2023

Website

The website continued to perform well in 2022 with a noticeable increase in visits due to hosting the WLIC conference. Visits doubled to over 184,000 with 52,494 unique visitors. The Careers (13,903) and Membership (10,704) pages were the most popular. Other top pages were the Careers Development Group and the information page on The World Library and Information Congress (WLIC).

Key developments include:

- A new Communications Team page was created and added to the Groups section.
- Forms for website and social Media submissions were designed to improve the flow of information. These are included on the team page with links available on the homepage and in the Contact Us section.
- A new landing page was developed for the Our Groups tab. This outlines the benefits of joining a group, offers a brief synopsis of what each group does and links to their pages.

Many important announcements were communicated to our members, including promotion of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2022, Irish Public Libraries Conference and the LAI/CILIP Ireland Joint Annual Virtual Conference. Other conferences, events, workshops and meetings hosted by LAI groups and sections were also widely promoted.

The development and maintenance of the Library Ireland Week website continued and updates to groups, sections and committees were supported.

Website: <https://www.libraryassociation.ie/>

Social Media

Purpose and role:

The purpose of the social media officers is to promote, advertise, share and support library initiatives, campaigns and events throughout the year and within the Irish library community. The LAI's platforms continue to proactively advocate and highlight the tremendous work being carried out and developed by Irish libraries.

Key developments and updates:

- As noted, the communications team have developed and included a social media request form now available from the LAI website to help streamline social media requests in a seamless and easy fashion.
- The communications team have setup a Hootsuite account with thanks to Lorna Dodd which will allow social media officers to schedule and coordinate postings on all social media platforms.

Social Media Statistics:

Instagram

Followers: 1,470

Following: 346

Twitter

Followers: 4,728

Following: ,1324

Facebook

Followers: 2,013

Likes: 2,013

Current Social Media Accounts

Instagram: [@Libraryassociationofireland](https://www.instagram.com/Libraryassociationofireland)

Twitter: [@LAlonline](#)

Facebook: [Library Association of Ireland \[page\]](#)

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An Leabharlann: the Irish Library

Two issues of *An Leabharlann: the Irish Library* were published: vol.31(1), March 2022 and vol.31(2), October 2022.

***An Leabharlann: the Irish Library* is a joint publication with our colleagues in CILIP Ireland.**

The journal is edited by Marjory Sliney and the members of the Editorial Board are Fintan Bracken (SETU), Kate Kelly (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland), Claire Milliken (Northern Ireland Assembly), Philip Russell (UCD) and Brendan Teeling (Dublin City Libraries).

Production/distribution is provided by Gillian Kerins. OA Manager is Genevieve Larkin. Proofreading is by Jenny Stokes and Design is by Noel Smyth.

Supporting Co-operation Between Libraries and Library Organisations European and International

European and International

During 2022 the LAI maintained close links with international colleagues through participation of its members in the National Forum on Public Libraries in Europe (NAPLE), and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

LAI Council Member and NAPLE President Stuart Hamilton continued to serve as the Chair of IFLA's European Regional Division and member of the IFLA Regional Council. LAI President Cathal McCauley continued to be an Officer and active member of IFLA's Library Building and Equipment Section and attended a number of meetings online.

LAI Vice-President Eileen Morrissey continued as a member of IFLA's Public Libraries Section Standing Committee. LAI Council member Jane Buggle is the Convenor of the IFLA Library Publishing Special Interest Group.

Lara Musto is the LAI's IFLA Map of the World Officer. The Library Association of Ireland is the designated data collection and awareness raising body for the IFLA-LMW in Ireland. Lara Musto supported by Linda Kerr and Dr Johanna Archbold. The team coordinate with the IFLA-LMW Project Manager based in The Hague on data gathering and inputting. Throughout 2022 the team contacted Irish library groups to in advance of the IFLA WLIC in Dublin in July 2022.

The highlight of the LAI's international cooperation during 2022 was, of course, the delivery of the WLIC led by Philip Cohen chair of the Irish National Committee. The Irish National Committee was:

Chair: Philip Cohen

Co-Chairs: Marian Higgins, Kildare County Council and Cathal McCauley, Maynooth University

Sub-Committee Chairs

Volunteers: Claire Conneally, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and Eva Hornung, City of Dublin Education and Training Board (Co-Chairs)

Sponsorship and Exhibitors: Lorna Dodd, University College Dublin

Social Events: Eileen Morrissey, Wexford County Council

Delegate Marketing: Brendan Teeling, Dublin City Council

Library Visits/Satellite Meetings: Alan Carbery, University College Cork

Press/Promotion: Stuart Hamilton, Local Government Management Agency

Visas: Ann O'Sullivan, A&L Goodbody

Other members: Fintan Bracken, Eimear McGinn, John Shortall, Jane Buggle, Marie O'Neill, Marjory Sliney, Patricia Nolan, Catherine Gallagher, Brendan Teeling, Aoife Lawton, Paula Murphy, Mairead Owens and Katherine McSharry.

The WLIC will take place in Dublin 26-29 July 2022 and attracted at least 2,000 delegates, representing more than 100 countries.

North-South Liaison with CILIP Ireland

Meetings of the North South Liaison Committee took place on 2nd March 2022, 9th September 2022 and 30th January 2023. The meetings assisted with planning and

coordination for the LAI / CILIP Joint Annual Conference due to take place in April 2023 in Dundalk. The meetings were also used to keep members across the island updated on the progress and planning for IFLA WLIC 2022 which took place in Dublin in July. This year also saw the piloting of an all-island Virtual Mentoring Network, a joint initiative led by CILIP Ireland's Gerardine Blee and LAI Vice-President Eileen Morrissey. A review of the scheme, based on participant feedback, was shared with the committee in order to inform planning for the rollout of further iterations of the scheme.

Groups and Sections

Membership of Groups and Sections is a benefit of LAI membership. In particular, participation at committee level in a group or section can be a valuable learning and networking experience.

Committees are elected at the Annual General Meetings of each group and section. The election process is advertised to members in advance, and they have documented procedures which operate within the parameters of the overarching Constitution of the Association. Sometimes refinements are made to suit local circumstances, for example creation of time-specific, focused sub-committees or working groups in response to their own priorities.

Members wishing to join a group or section can select it when joining or renewing their Association membership. If interested in joining a specific committee, please contact its Chair or Secretary.



Academic & Special Libraries Section

Committee Officers and Members

Chairperson: Fiona Logan (Institute of Art, Design and Technology)

Hon. Secretary: Deirdre McGuinness (William Fry LLP)

Hon. Treasurer: Genevieve Larkin (Marino Institute of Education)

Communications Officer: Laura Rooney-Ferris (HSE)

Committee Members:

Susan Brodigan (McCann FitzGerald LLP)

Nadina Yedid (Royal College of Physicians Ireland Heritage Centre)

Assumpta Byrne (Technological University of the Shannon) (stepped down at 2023 AGM)

Máire Caffrey (Teagasc (stepped down at 2023 AGM)

Dr. Eva Hornung (CDET B Curriculum Development Unit/TCD) (stepped down during 2022)

Dr Johannah Duffy (Mayo County Library) (stepped down during 2022)

Lisa Lambert (CRANN/Trinity College Dublin) (stepped down during 2022)

Maura Stephens (ATU) (stepped down during 2022)

Overview

For the A&SL committee, 2022 was a time of great change as we sadly bid farewell to some committee members and saw other committee members move into officer roles. During this period of readjustment, we sadly didn't have the opportunity to host many events as we had initially hoped to do, but we look forward to the coming year and creating networking and professional development opportunities for our members.

Committee meetings and membership

The Committee met on 8 occasions in 2022. This included 7 Committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting which was held on 27th January 2022. We have continued to hold most of our meetings online on Zoom, which took place on the following dates: 29th March, 24th May, 23rd June, 27th October, 21st November and 15th December. We also held an in-person meeting on 25th September.

2022 saw many changes to committee membership. We were delighted to welcome Nadina Yedid (RCPI Heritage Centre) to the Committee at our 2022 AGM, but we sadly said goodbye to a number of members during 2022 – Dr Eva Hornung, Dr Johannah Duffy, Lisa Lambert, Maura Stephens, Maire Caffrey and Assumpta Byrne.

Joining the 2023-2025 Committee will be Martin O'Connor (UCC), Eilis O'Neill (Dublin City University), Aoife Murphy (Dublin Business School), Dimphne Ní Bhraoináin (Griffith College), and Joe Peakin (Novartis).

AGM 2022

The 2022 AGM was held virtually on Monday 27th January 2022. The agenda included the Chairperson's welcome and introduction, the Secretary's Report - Review of the year, and the Treasurer's Report.

A&SL Section events for 2022

My ancestor was sent to jail – hooray!

As part of the 2022 AGM on 27 January 2022, the committee held a talk by Tony Hennessy, a professional genealogist, who gave an informative and entertaining talk on the history of the prison system in Ireland and two genealogical sources – Irish prison records and the Petty Session Court records.

Librarians Aloud

The A&SL 'Librarians Aloud' podcast series now consists of thirty-five episodes of librarians talking about their career paths, what they love about the profession and where the information profession is going.

8 new episodes came online in 2022:

- Episode 28: Laura Bridges, Instruction and Outreach Librarian and Professor at Oregon State University
- Episode 29: Cathal McCauley, Maynooth University Librarian and President of the Library Association of Ireland
- Episode 30: Michelle Breen, Head of Learning & Engagement at UL's Glucksman Library, and member of the LAI Council
- Episode 31: Yohanna Anderson, subject librarian at University of Gloucestershire and founder of *ebook SOS* campaign. Recorded at IFLA WLIC2022
- Episode 32: interview with members of the IFLA new professionals special interest group, and IFLA President Barbara Lison. Recorded at IFLA WLIC2022

- Episode 33: Ruth Talbot, Librarian at St Patricks Campus, Mary Immaculate College
- Episode 34: Martin O'Connor, Communications Co-ordinator at UCC library
- Episode 35: Dr Eva Hornung, Librarian of the Curriculum Development Unit of the City of Dublin Education and Training Board, convenor and member of the LAI CPD Committee, and founder member of the Library Publishing Committee and the A&SL.

Bursaries

The committee awarded a bursary to Patricia Patton to attend IFLA WLIC 2022.

Attendance at LAI Executive Board Meetings and LAI Council Events

Fiona Logan attended the LAI Council induction pilot on 29th September 2022.

Attendance and Presentations at Conferences and Training Events

- **Assumpta Byrne** took part in the Library Carpenters' group presentation ([*The \(Library\) Carpenters – we've only just begun*](#)) at CONUL 2022 held in Limerick on 25th-26th May. She also received the digital badge and facilitator digital badge for the National Forum course *Getting started with personal and professional digital capacity* in September 2022, and completed the Prince2 2017 Foundation and Practitioner courses in October 2022.
- **Nadina Yedid** volunteered at IFLA World Library & Information Congress which took place in Dublin from 24th-28th July. She wrote a blog post for LibFocus: [*Integrating into the library community of Ireland: My journey to IFLA WLIC 2022.*](#)

- **Laura Rooney-Ferris** attended the IFLA World Library & Information Congress which took place in Dublin from 24th-28th July. She also attended the webinar *Is there a systematic problem with ebooks?* on 20th September 2022. She also produced 8 new episodes for the *Librarian Aloud* podcast.
- **Deirdre McGuinness** attended the LAI Open Scholarship Group AGM on 4th April 2022, and the Knowledge Rights 21 webinar *How do we fix ebook markets? A discussion on the future of libraries and authorship* on 21st November.
- **Fiona Logan** attended the IFLA World Library & Information conference which took place in Dublin from 24th-28th July 2022. She presented "Materials Library Project" at the IADT Celebration of Teaching and Research on 16th June 2022. She completed the elearning module *Equality and Human Rights in the Public Service* in December 2022 and the AHEAD *Digital Accessibility for Educators Course* in May 2022.
- **Genevieve Larkin** attended the LAI Open Scholarship Group's AGM 2022 on 4th April 2022, a meeting of the Arts and Culture in Education Research Repository (ACERR) steering group on Tuesday on the 8th of November, the UKSG webinar: *Towards sustainable scholarly infrastructures - The case of CORE* on 10th November, a CoOLSIG Webinar: *Navigating Copyright for Libraries* on 18th Nov 2022, and UKSG *Usage Data for Decision Making* online seminar on the 29th and 30th November 2022.

Communications

Members can join our emailing list by sending an e-mail to aslsectionevents@gmail.com.

Website: <https://www.libraryassociation.ie/academic-and-special-libraries-section/>

Social media:

- **Twitter** [@ASLIBRARIES](https://twitter.com/ASLIBRARIES)
- **Facebook** <http://www.facebook.com/ASLIBRARIES>
- **Instagram** <https://www.instagram.com/aslibraries/>
- **LinkedIn**: [Academic & Special Libraries Section of the Library Association of Ireland](#)

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Career Development Group

Committee Officers and Members

Officers

Chair: Laura Ryan (DCU)

Secretary: Aoife Williams (IBAT)

Treasurer: Alice Morrissey (IADT)

Communications Officers: Kathryn Briggs (ATU), Saoirse de Paor (MU), & Lara Musto (RDS)

Committee members

Stephanie Chen (UCC)

Isabelle Courtney (DBS)

Miriam McMahon (Westmeath Libraries)

Nadina Yedid (RCPI)

Communications

Library Association of Ireland:

<https://libraryassociation.ie/groups-sections/career-development-group>

Join our mailing list by sending an email to laicareerdevelopment@gmail.com

Blog: <https://laicdg.wordpress.com/>

Twitter: [@LAICDGroup](https://twitter.com/LAICDGroup)

Committee Meetings and Membership

The committee met on ten occasions in 2022, including the AGM on November 30th, 2022. All meetings took place via Zoom and outside of working hours to accommodate members who are unable to use work time for their engagement with the committee. The committee took a break from meetings over Summer.

Goals for 2022

- Provide more sessions with public librarians in mind
- Provide more sessions for librarians further into their career
- Provide 2-3 online events and return to hosting an in-person event
- Provide a practical accredited workshop
- Participate in IFLA WLIC 2022

LAI CDG Events in 2022

Ace the Interview: All Things Applications and Interviews for Librarians



On Wednesday, March 30th, the CDG hosted an online event via Zoom, titled Ace the Interview: All Things Applications and Interviews for Librarians. The event was an iteration of the group's annual CVs or Interviews related workshop aimed at recent and soon to be graduates. Two presenters spoke, Marie O'Neill (CCT College, Dublin) and Emma Doran (Kildare Libraries) representing academic and specialist, and public libraries, respectively. Marie spoke of CVs and interviews, while Emma broke down the

application process specific to public libraries. Following their talks, a Q&A with a wider panel took place. These panellists were Martin O'Connor (UCC), Linda Fennessy (NLI), and Dr Johanna Archbold (TUS Library Midlands). This event was free and had 91 attendees.

IFLA WLIC 2022 Bursary Competition

The LAI Career Development Group is delighted to offer a bursary to the 87th IFLA WLIC

26 - 29 July 2022

IFLA WLIC 2022 BURSARY

The bursary will be available to applicants who are:

- a current registered MLIS student or graduated from an MLIS within the past three years
- a current member of the LAI
- living and/or working in the Republic of Ireland
- not eligible for funding from an employer or in receipt of any other bursary

Deadline 5pm Friday the 29th April 2022

Application form & more information available from laicdg.wordpress.com

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87th World Library and Information Congress
26-29 July 2022, Dublin, Ireland

LAI CDG
Career Development Group of the Library Association of Ireland

With thanks to an anonymous donor, the Career Development Group provided one bursary to a recent graduate of an MLIS to attend all three days of the IFLA 87th World Library and Information Congress. Eligible participants were asked to tell us in 200 words how attending the conference would benefit their career development.

Submissions were then anonymised by the Chair and sent to a subgroup who picked a recipient based on a points system. The CDG were delighted to present the bursary to Anne O'Connell, a recent graduate of University College Dublin's MLIS course.

Get Recognised for Your Work: The LAI Associateship & Fellowship Info Evening



On Wednesday, June 15th, the CDG hosted an online information evening on the application processes for the LAI Associateship & Fellowship Info Evening. Several recent recipients of the Associateship discussed different aspects of the application process. These were Saoirse de Paor, Catherine Aherne, Ruth O'Hara, and Edel King, all from Maynooth University. Following this, two Fellowship recipients, Jane Burns (TUS: Midlands Midwest) and Helen Fallon (Maynooth University) spoke on why the Fellowship is worthwhile for career development, and the process of applying respectively. Attendees participated in a questions and answers section following the talks. This event was free, hosted online and had 50 attendees.

IFLA 87th World Library and Information Congress

The Career Development Group were invited to participate in the Library Boulevard section of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress at the Convention Centre, Dublin. This encouraged us to design a new pull up banner for the display, which was designed in house and printed by Doggetts. This new pull-up banner will be reused for in-person events held by the group. The congress also provided the opportunity for

many members of the committee to meet each other for the first time, as we hold all meetings via Zoom due to the committee being spread out across the country.

Coding for Librarians



WORKSHOP
with **JOSEPH GREENE**
Assistant Librarian
Research Services
UCD Library

Coding for Librarians LAI CDG
Career Development
Group of the Library
Association of Ireland

10:00 - 16:00
Thursday, 13th October

📍 **dlr Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire**

Tickets
LAI Members €25
Non-LAI €30

#CODE4LIB

Bring Your Own Laptop

On Thursday, October 13th, the CDG hosted its first in-person event since before the COVID-19 pandemic. Coding for Librarians is one of the CDGs popular recurring workshops hosted by Joseph Greene (UCD). There was a fee of €30 for non-LAI members, and €25 for LAI members. Several attendees were not LAI members. The event took place in the DLR Lexicon and the CDG would like to thank Aisling Donnelly and the staff of DLR Lexicon for their generosity in allowing us to use their space and their assistance on the day. This course taught attendees the basic structures of coding, to write basic code, in particular Python programming languages, and how to

use coding in their day-to-day library work. In line with our 2022 goal, this workshop was accredited by the Continuing Professional Development Committee. Fourteen attendees participated in this workshop and received their certificate.

TikTok in Libraries with Laois Libraries



Our annual special guest talk as part of our AGM evening was TikTok in Libraries with Laois Libraries. Lori Moriarty is the librarian behind Laois Libraries TikTok account. The committee noted increased mention of social media capabilities in job descriptions and sought to demonstrate personal social media knowledge as a transferable skill. Lori discussed Laois Libraries decision to join TikTok, equipment, engagement and the practicalities of making content. The talk was followed by a Q&A session with Lori discussing following TikTok trends, engaging with users online, and networking with other librarians via the app. This event was free, hosted on Zoom, and had 49 attendees.

AGM

The CDG 2021 AGM was held after the TikTok in Libraries with Laois Libraries event on Zoom. At the AGM, Laura Ryan was re-elected as Chair for her second year, as was Alice Morrissey as Treasurer. Aoife Williams stood down as Secretary after three years, and Nadina Yadid was elected as the new Secretary. Communications Officers were

not elected at the AGM, and it was agreed that they would be selected in the first meeting of the 2023 session. Isabelle Courtney stepped down from the committee to join the Continuing Professional Development Committee of the LAI. Three new committee members were elected to the group: David Carrie, Claire Costigan, and Emma Goode.

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Cataloguing and Metadata Group

Officers

Chair: Christoph Schmidt-Supprian (TCD)

Treasurer: Máire Ní Chonalláin (NLI)

Secretary: Patricia Moloney (UL)

Committee

Christoph Schmidt-Supprian; Máire Ní Chonalláin; Patricia Moloney; Caroline Philpott; Clare Thornley; Dean Watters; Ruth O'Hara

AGM

The Library Association of Ireland Cataloguing and Metadata Group ([LAICMG](#)) hosted their 2022 AGM in the Museum of Literature, Ireland ([MoLI](#)). Joe Peakin stepped down from the Committee and the other members were re-elected. The CMG would like to thank Joe for his contributions and work on the Committee. The AGM was preceded by a keynote by Isabelle Courtney on the topic of the ongoing work of Media Literacy Ireland ([MLI](#)) and was followed by an opportunity to network with refreshments and a complimentary tour of MoLI. Media Literacy Ireland is an informal alliance of organisations and individuals working together on a voluntary basis to promote media literacy in Ireland. The Library Association of Ireland ([LAI](#)) is a key stakeholder in this initiative and in her presentation, Isabel Courtney outlined the work to date, and suggested ways in which LAICMG members could get involved, highlighting the value of cataloguing and classification skills for media literacy.

Mailing list

The Group's membership remained stable; its email distribution list (a Gmail account) stood at 196 addresses at the end of the year.

Meetings

Apart from the in-person AGM on 17 February, the Committee met ten times during 2022, all online via the LAI's Zoom account or via a committee member's MS Teams invite: 12 January; 1 February; 3 March; 28 April; 2 June; 30 June; 25 August; 11 October; 3 November and 9 December.

Website

The Secretary, Patricia Moloney, continues to main the Group's blog at <https://laicmg.wordpress.com/> with details of the CMG's activities, events, work and links to useful cataloguing, metadata, classification and bibliographic resources.

Outreach and training

In addition to regularly circulating details to the mailing list about cataloguing, metadata, and bibliography related topics, the CMG responded to various requests for cataloguing advice and information on training. These included a query concerning advice on a classification system for a volunteer-run Irish language library; advice on Moys classification for a law librarian and a request regarding training courses available online or in person for a cataloguing team in a third level college.

IFLA WLIC 2022

The CMG Secretary, Patricia Moloney attended WLIC 2022 as a representative of LAICMG and designed a pull up banner for the group which was displayed at the library boulevard in the National Conference Centre [Image attached].

NACO funnel

The Committee has been in contact with Martin Kelleher, Metadata Manager, University of Liverpool, regarding the proposed UK National funnel to NACO. The CMG Secretary attended a CILIP webinar on 9th November 2022 on the UK NACO funnel. The CMG has circulated a survey to members seeking views on whether Irish libraries would like to join the UK in a joint UK-Ireland funnel or to consider setting up a separate funnel for Irish libraries.

Ethics and classification

The CMG Committee is at an advanced stage in its proposal for new Dewey number(s) for Mincéirs ("Irish Travellers") and has been compiling a list of publications in support of this proposal. Committee members Ruth O'Hara and Dean Watters have contacted the OCLC editorial team regarding this revision and Alex Kyrios, Senior Editor for the DDC, expressed his interest in the project and offered to help in the preparation of the final proposal.



County and City Librarians' Section



Committee

The following officers were elected at the 2021 Virtual AGM on 8th October 2021:

Chairperson: Catherine Gallagher (County Librarian, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown)

Vice-Chairperson: Catherine Elliott (Monaghan County Librarian)

Hon-Secretary: Emma Clancy (Cavan County Librarian)

Hon Treasurer: Brendan Martin (Wicklow County Librarian)

Since the 2021 AGM, the Section has met as follows:

- 8th October 2021 (MS Teams)
- 2nd December 2021 (MS Teams)
- 3rd March 2022 (MS Teams)
- 2nd June 2022 (MS Teams)
- 7th October 2022 (In Person)
- 1st December 2022 (MS Teams)

Members of the Section were active on Steering Groups and Committees covering a number of areas in 2022 including:

1. Library Development Committee

Chaired by Colette Byrne, Chief Executive, Kilkenny County Council, this high-level committee considers and oversees the development of public library strategy, the work of Libraries Development, LGMA and for oversight of the implementation of the current public library strategy. The City and County Librarian's Section is represented on this committee by Ciaran Mangan, Meath County Council and Marian Higgins, Kildare County Council. During the year, Tom Enright became interim chair of the LDC, due to the retirement of Colette Byrne.

2. Libraries Development National Strategy Committees:

Three committees with representation from City and County Librarians and Libraries Development, LGMA have continued working to co-ordinate the implementation of the Strategy Programmes and Enablers. The Committees work with Libraries Development, LGMA in the implementation of the Strategic Programmes and Enablers and report to the Libraries Development Committee. Where a National Steering Group is also in place, the National Strategy Committee has representation on the Steering Group and supports the work of the Steering Group.

3. Strategy Working Group:

The group was established in 2022 to develop a new public library strategy in accordance with an overall approach approved by the Minister for Rural and Community Development. The establishment of the Strategy Working Group was

approved by the Libraries Development Committee and the Department of Rural and Community Development as an ad hoc 'task and finish' group. Its remit included working with the selected facilitator to:

- agree a detailed work plan for approval of the Library Development Committee
- review the implementation of *Our Public Libraries 2022* strategy
- develop a strategic vision, framework and objectives for the new strategy
- ensure comprehensive consultation is carried out to incorporate input from all key stakeholder groups into the strategy

To prepare and present a draft strategy document to the Libraries Development Committee for endorsement, by October 2022, followed by submission to the Minister of Rural and Community Development for review, approval and publication.

The Strategy Working Group will ensure that the draft strategy aligns with national and local Government policies and priorities and international and national best practice for libraries. It will ensure that the new strategy aligns with development needs of libraries and addresses new trends, challenges and opportunities that are emerging.

The CCLS group were represented on the Strategy Working Group by Catherine Elliott, Monaghan County Council, Emer O'Brien, Cork County Council and Catherine Gallagher, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

4. 2022 also saw the continuation of a County and City Librarian's Forum

Sessions were held on 25th May, 24th August and 31st August. The Forum is convened by the Libraries Unit, LGMA. This involves hearing from committee chairs about the work done to date along with feedback from the Libraries Development Committee.

2022 Main Developments

- Introduction of a new LMS – Spydus. Project team lead by Dublin City Council with input from colleagues from other authorities. The system went live in March following a cascaded training approach, some of which was delivered online. The new national system was delivered on time and on budget and notwithstanding some challenges has bedded in successfully.
- Collaborative initiatives included the Art of Reading in partnership with the Arts Council and the Laureate.
- The section was also involved in inputting into the SDG National Implementation Plan.
- Ireland Reads took place for a second year running in a different environment wherein library buildings and services were now returning to pre-pandemic levels.
- Engagement with Department of Education and Skills in relation to service provision to schools. Little Library Book Bags proved a successful campaign to encourage those starting school to become library members, funded by DAF and Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.
- Climate Action Working Group established incorporating GIY initiatives.
- *My Open Library* – further advancement of the programme took place in 2022.
- *Right to Read, Healthy Ireland at your library and Work Matters* continued in 2022.
- Dormant Account Funding was also made available for library authorities to apply for, to continue work with marginalized, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities.
- *Creative Ireland* programme including *Cruinniú na nÓg* was delivered across local authorities with many members of the section playing a key role in the coordination of the programme as Creative Coordinators and was also actively

involved in the Decade of Commemorations program. Development of new 5-year Creative Ireland strategies also worked on.

- Colleagues continued to participate and support Skill-share and webinar sessions for library staff amid programme of on-going CPD.
- Colleagues participated in the Review of Prison Libraries in Ireland which was commissioned by the LGMA.

Covid-19

A degree of restrictions remained in place throughout 2021 and first quarter 2022. All restrictions in relation to Covid-19 have been removed in 2022 and library services have been working hard to rebuild their service offering and their footfall and usage statistics. There has been a degree of hesitancy among some users in returning to the library space, however events have assisted with footfall and service usage is rising. Covid-19 continued to impact on library staffing and staff recruitment and retention has remained challenging.

Services also pivoted content online creating and promoting a huge variety of online content and developing digital only client bases.

As a section, the County and City Librarians have moved their meetings and workplan online, adapting to the challenge of the situation in a professional and focused way.

Ukrainian Response

In February 2022 the Russian invasion of Ukraine prompted a mass movement of Ukrainian citizens to seek refuge. To date over 70,000 Ukrainians have been settled in Ireland, which represents the largest refugee programme to date in Ireland. Library services have responded to the needs of the Ukrainian community through a variety

of initiatives, from colleagues being actively involved in settlement services, integration activities and providing resource material and programming to support this new community.

Bealtaine Book Club Initiative

County and City Librarians Section partnered again with Age and Opportunity in the nomination of the 2022 Bealtaine Book Club author. Peter Cunningham was the author nominated by the Section.

Autumn Seminar 2021

The County and City Librarians' Autumn Seminar was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Retirement and Bereavements

Mary Carleton Reynolds retired as Longford County Librarian in March 2022. The Section would like to formally thank Mary for her many years of dedicated service to libraries and the library profession in Ireland.

The section also wishes Bernie Wallace, formerly A/Cork City Librarian, well on her retirement.

The section would also like to acknowledge the death of Tom Armitage, who was formerly Kerry County Librarian before becoming Assistant Director of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and finally Director of An Chomhairle Leabharlanna until his retirement. May he rest in peace.

IFLA

IFLA World Library and Information Congress took place in Dublin from 26th-29th July 2022. Colleagues were actively engaged in the National Committee organising the

event and many authorities hosted library visits. IFLA was a great success in Dublin and showcased the collegiate nature of Irish libraries - <https://youtu.be/tyF1cAvFfOs>



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Genealogy and Local Studies Group

Officers

Chairperson: Steven Skeldon (National Library of Ireland)

Secretary: Gerlanda Maniglia (Wicklow Libraries)

Assistant Secretary: Bláithín Hurley (Waterford Libraries)

Treasurer: John O'Neill (South Dublin Libraries)

Committee Members

Síle Coleman (South Dublin Libraries)

Kevin Murphy (Kildare Library Service)

A new committee was formed in 2022, after a period of inactivity by the Group.

The new committee was formed following a Zoom Coffee Break Networking event which was held on 1st June 2022, at which there were 33 attendees from around the country. The committee met three times thereafter.

The Group can be followed on Twitter [@LAIGenLoc](https://twitter.com/LAIGenLoc)

Government Libraries Section

Officers

Chair: Vacant

Secretary (Acting): Noeleen Murtagh (Food Safety Authority of Ireland)

Treasurer: Máire Caffrey (Teagasc)

The Government Libraries Section (GLS) represents the interests of all staff working in Government Libraries. Its aims are to promote and develop the role of libraries in the Civil Service and to promote co-operation between Government Libraries.

The GLS held three meetings virtually during 2022. Topics discussed included communication channels for the section, membership, and ebooks. The AGM was held virtually in November, and they were delighted to have Mairead McKeown, Bord Bia presenting on “How Bord Bia Successfully Built a Culture of Insight Engagement”.

The GLS contributed to a piece on government libraries in Ireland as part of a wider communication on Irish libraries for the World Library and Information Congress 2022. This was subsequently published as an article in the IFLA Journal. Members of the GLS presented, attended, and volunteered at WILC 2022 in Dublin.

The GLS can be contacted at: glsl@libraryassociation.ie

Twitter: [@GLSIreland](https://twitter.com/GLSIreland)

LinkedIn: [LAI: Government Libraries Section](#)

Health Science Libraries Group

Committee:

Chair: Niamh Lucey (St. Vincent's University Hospital)

Vice Chair & Research Officer: Mary Dunne (Health Research Board)

Secretary: Miriam Williams (Tallaght University Hospital)

Treasurer: Noreen Mc Hugh (St. Michael's Hospital)

Events/CPD Officer: Mairea Nelson (Health Research Board)

Communications Officer: Linda Halton (Our Lady's Hospital Navan) - stepped down during the year.

HSLG Meetings since last AGM 2nd December 2021

The HSLG committee held 7 meetings on:

- 17th January 2022
- 8th March 2022
- 9th May 2022
- 15th July 2022
- 22nd September 2022
- 24th October 2022
- 15th November 2022

There were also numerous communications and planning via basecamp and phone and other channels.

Chair's Report

Our biggest event in 2022 was undoubtedly our conference in March. A lot of people approached us on the day to say how much they enjoyed being able to meet in person again after such a long time. From the Committee's point of view, it was a massive relief to have it finally take place after Covid forced us to cancel in November, as we felt we had run the event twice. The success of the day was down to excellent speakers, wholly engaged and enthusiastic delegates and the support of our sponsors.

Mary Dunne's research into membership of professional associations in 2021, led to her presenting a poster at the EAHIL Conference in Rotterdam in June where she went on to win the prize for Best Poster. This also resulted in a publication on the subject in the September issue of the EAHIL Journal and a recent article published in EBLIP. Many congratulations to Mary for her achievements and for raising the profile of our group on the international stage.

Another highlight for us was the Health & Biosciences satellite meeting of the IFLA World Library & Information Congress which took place on 29th July in Dr Steeven's Hospital. This was jointly hosted by the HSLG, the IFLA Health & Biosciences Section and the IFLA Evidence for Global and Disaster Health Special Interest Group.

Many of our members would not be able to attend conferences like these, or CPD events, without the support of our bursary scheme, which is open to all members of the HSLG. This year we provided funding for the following:

- Two members were provided with bursaries to attend the course Searching Techniques for Systematic Review HTAs and Guidelines, by Carol Lefebvre
- Three members received bursaries to attend the EAHIL conference in Rotterdam.

- Two members attended the IFLA WLIC in Dublin this summer, one by bursary and one through a draw held at our conference in 2020.

Members can also avail of the Bernard Barrett Bursary which supports members attend our annual conference and can include travel and accommodation costs.

As of December 2022, we have identified 55 members of the HSLG. At the LAI AGM on 28th April the following motion was brought by our committee which was unanimously passed:

This meeting calls on Council to adopt a plan to actively promote and facilitate membership of groups and sections to members

We look forward to hearing more from the LAI Executive on this in the coming months.

In September, the HSLG was invited to attend an LAI Council induction meeting, where a representative from each Group or Section was invited to speak. There was a great turnout and we were delighted to connect with our LAI colleagues and to learn about the work of the Council and the other groups. What was particularly striking about the meeting was how small the HSLG Committee is in relation to many others, but also how much work we do, as these reports detail. We have an equally engaged and active membership.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to two excellent Committee members at the end of this year. Linda Halton (Communications Officer) and Miriam Williams (Secretary) have been such an integral part of our team, dedicated, hardworking and always positive. We welcome two new members – Jennifer Butler and Nicola O’Shea – and look forward to another busy year in 2023.

Communications Officer Report:

The HSLG virtual journal club entered its second year of life in 2022, having finished its first year on a high with the publication of an article about it, written by Mary Dunne, Linda Halton and its first three presenters in the Australian journal, JoHILA. The club's membership grew to 26. The journal club is facilitated and hosted by the HSLG Committee, but the content, themes and topics for presentation and discussion are selected by journal club members, with a recommendation that reading material originate from open access sources. Three meetings took place this year:

- Liis Cotter, presented on the lean librarian in March
- Michael Doheny led a discussion on bibliotherapy in health libraries in June
- Caitriona Lee presented on data privacy in Libraries in December.

HINT – we have produced 3 issues of our newsletter this year, in Spring, Summer and Winter. We are very grateful to our regular contributors – Bernard Barrett, Mary Dunne, Elaine Peppard and Niamh O'Sullivan – and to everyone else who has written articles this year.

The HSLG website <https://hslg.ie/> is regularly updated reflecting all our activity. We have just recently passed the 1000 followers mark on Twitter, and you can follow us @healthlibraries.

Events/ CPD officer Report:

In January the committee facilitated an online ISSG search filter resource webinar with Julie Glanville. This event was well attended.

The HSLG conference finally took place in the Ashling Hotel on Thursday 24 March 2022 after numerous postponements. It was great to finally get together to network and to hear such great presentations.

In July we co- sponsored with The IFLA Health and Biosciences Libraries Section, in collaboration with the IFLA Evidence for Global and Disaster Health Special Interest

Group a satellite meeting in conjunction with the IFLA World Library & Information Congress. The theme of the meeting was:

Exploring how open science and open access influence the spread of health misinformation and disinformation and how librarians can help.

In October the committee also facilitated a one-hour online information literacy course 'google is goodish' designed to teach users why Google may not always be the best place to search for evidence hosted by Patricia Lacey.

The HSLG CPD framework:

In 2022 the HSLG committee set out our objectives for a new CPD (continuing professional development) framework. The framework was motivated by feedback from our 2021 membership survey and our wish to progress action on our HSLG goals (including to provide opportunities for members to engage in CPD). The project's aim is that we have a framework to guide decision-making and actions relating to professional development. Essentially, we want to outline the HSLG role and develop an evidence base that will be used to improve efficiency, effectiveness and impact of CPD.

A scoping exercise is underway to identify relevant research and organisational strategies. A survey and focus group(s) of members are planned for 2023 as part of the process, and the annual conference theme on CPD is designed to provide insight and feedback on this important area.

A key element in the process will be to identify the role that we, as part of a library association, can have in CPD support, promotion and delivery. Mary Dunne, Research officer of the HSLG, has joined the LAI CPD committee and will engage in discussions on this topic.

Our working document for the project can be found at <https://hslg.ie/committee-documents/>

AGM 2022

Our AGM took place online on November 24th at 11am. There were 21 members in attendance. The committee members delivered their reports, and Mary Dunne gave an update on the CPD framework.

Niamh Lucey, Mary Dunne, and Noreen McHugh were re-elected to the committee, and Nicola O'Shea and Jennifer Butler were newly elected.



HSLG Committee 2023 (left to right): Jennifer Butler, Noreen McHugh, Niamh Lucey, Mary Dunne, Mairea Nelson, and Nicola O'Shea.

LAI Library Publishing Group (LPG)

Committee Members

Jane Buggle (Chair)	IADT
Mary Buckley (Secretary)	NCI
Robert Alfis (Treasurer)	ETBI
Marie O'Neill	CCT
Niamh Brennan	TCD
Fiona Morley	MU
Sinead Hanrahan	MTU
Aisling Coyne	TU Dublin
Aoife Quinn-Hegarty	UCD
Margaret Irons	DIAS
Eva Hornung	CDU CDET

Tiernan O'Sullivan

DBS

Johannah Duffy

Mayo PL

Meetings

The committee met bi-monthly on the last Thursday of each month during the academic year. In total, 9 meetings were held in 2022.

Events and Activities

- Fiona Morley spoke at the [Charleston Conference](https://www.charleston-hub.com/2022/01/when-everything-is-a-priority-setting-and-supporting-achievable-library-publishing-goals/) on 20th January, 'Piloting Open Publishing Initiatives at Maynooth University Library'
<https://www.charleston-hub.com/2022/01/when-everything-is-a-priority-setting-and-supporting-achievable-library-publishing-goals/>
- Fiona Morley spoke at IFLA's WLIC 2022 in Dublin in July, 'Piloting Open Publishing Initiatives at Maynooth University Library'
- Jane Buggle chaired the IFLA Library Publishing SIG's Open Session at WLIC 2022 in July
- Marie O'Neill spoke at the IFLA Library Publishing SIG's Open Session at WLIC 2022 in July, [The Impact of Library Publishing Through the Lens of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- Aoife Quinn Hegarty submitted a poster on behalf of the Library Publishing Group to WLIC 2022 in July, [Library Publishing Group: Connecting and Engaging a National Community of Practice](#)
- Brandon Locke (Educopia) spoke about [Library Publishing Workflows](#), LPG webinar on 29th September

- Marie O'Neill met with the Board of the Library Publishing Coalition in September to discuss the [LPG/LPC Strategic Affiliation](#)

Twitter: @LAI_LPG

Marketing & Communications Group

Members

Chair: Mary Murphy (Meath Library Service)

Members: Aoife Lawton (HSE Health Service Executive)

Joanne Gillivan (Technological University of the Shannon)

Suzanne Brosnan (Kildare Library Service)

Patricia Nolan (Carlow Library Service)

The group met twice and most of its work was carried out via email. The main work of the group this year was in the production of the LAI promotional video. This video outlines all the objectives and activities of the LAI, in relation to ensuring standards, advocacy, shaping policy, networking, professional development and research and education. The video also includes testimonials from LAI colleagues on the benefits of membership of the Association. It also incorporates two interviews with a member relatively new to the Association and a library manager and their views on the benefits of Library Association membership.

During the year it was decided and agreed by the LAI Council that the individual Marketing and Communications groups would merge to facilitate collaboration as both groups impact on each other.



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Open Scholarship Group

Officers:

Chair - Michelle Dalton (UCD)

Secretary - Fiona Morley (Maynooth University)

Events Officer: Dr Marta Bustillo (UCD)

Communications Officers: Tania Marsh (TUS); Justin Smyth (SJOG)

Committee:

Máire Caffrey (Teagasc), Philip Cohen (LAI), Breda Connell (SETU), Aisling Coyne (TU Dublin), Dr Johannah Duffy (Mayo County Library), David Hughes (ETBI), Deirdre McGuinness (William Fry), Shona Thoma (Cork County Council Library and Arts Service), Debora Zorzi (CCT)

Open Scholarship, Open Science or Open Research aims to make research data, publications, educational resources and software - in science, engineering, arts, humanities and social sciences - freely accessible to all members of society and in ways that facilitate their reuse. It is a global movement, often led by libraries and library staff.

The Library Association of Ireland supports Open Scholarship principles and in late 2020 established its own Open Scholarship Group, under the leadership of Philip Cohen, to promote the concept and to share best practice. Following its establishment, the Group's first task was to define and agree its Terms of Reference,

rules and procedures, which are available on the [LAI website](#). The mission of the Group is to support open scholarship activities in libraries and in wider society.

Meetings and administration:

Members of the Group currently include staff from a range of public, academic, health and special libraries, and new members are always welcome.

Towards the end of 2022, Máire Caffrey and Philip Cohen stepped back from the Group. We thank them for their wonderful and important contributions and every success in future endeavours. During the year we were delighted to welcome new members, Johannah Duffy, Aisling Coyne and Justin Smyth returned to the Group after a short period away.

During 2022, the Group held 5 meetings via zoom.

Meeting dates:

4th April 2022

21st June 2022

13th Sept 2022

11th Oct 2022

7th Dec 2022

At a planning meeting in June, the Group discussed the potential to contact other groups who are having events in an allied or related area and raise awareness of the activities of the Group. Other potential suggestions for the year ahead included a skill-share event for public libraries and academic libraries on makerspaces

Events & Activity:

Inaugural AGM: 4th April 2022

On 4th April the Group held its first AGM which was attended by 26 participants on zoom.

After the Chair's and Secretary's report, the following officers were formally elected:

Chair: Michelle Dalton

Secretary: Fiona Morley

Events Officer: Marta Bustillo

Communications Officers: Justin Smyth/Tania Marsh

New Committee member Johannah Duffy (Mayo Co Co) was welcomed to the Group.

The AGM was followed by a talk from guest speaker Dr Daniel Bangert, National Open Research Forum (NORF) Co-ordinator. The date of the AGM also coincided with the launch of the draft NORF [NORF Action Plan for Open Research in Ireland](#) which Daniel spoke about.

In 2021, the Open Scholarship Group submitted a written response to the public consultation on the draft version of the [NORF \(National Open Research Forum\) Landscape Report](#) led by Justin Smyth and Máire Caffrey on behalf of the Group, so this was a great opportunity to hear back on the output of the Forum.

The Library Association of Ireland is mentioned as a relevant stakeholder within the Action Plan, and along with the LAI, and the LAI Library Publishing Group, the Open

Scholarship Group endorsed and signed the final version which was [published in November 2022](#).

Guide to Open Scholarship Acronyms:

One of the outputs identified from the Group's launch event in 2021, was the need for accessible material for those new to the area of Open Scholarship. The range of jargon and terminology, and in particular acronyms - which are frequently used without explanation - can make it challenging to engage with the topic.

During the year the Group worked to produce a short guide to key acronyms and this will be published OA in early 2023. Particular thanks go to Aisling Coyne for her research, ideas and work on the document.

Planning for 2023:

A significant portion of the second half of the year was taken up with planning for an online event in February 2023: Open to all? If we wish to truly make access to information "open to all", we need to go beyond simply removing paywalls, and consider aspects like, inclusive design to support greater accessibility, deeper political and cultural issues in how information and knowledge is created and shared, and how we can engage citizens and broader society with science and research. This webinar will provide an opportunity to hear from three experts in their field on how we can address some of these wider issues.

In the coming year, the Group hopes to continue to raise awareness of Open Scholarship issues and bring them to a new audience and are very open to partnering and actively collaborating with other LAI groups on events, activities, and other outputs.

Get In Touch

Contact openscholarship@libraryassociation.ie for further information

Twitter: @OSGLAI

LAI Open Scholarship Group [YouTube Channel](#)

[Subscribe to our mailing list](#)

LAI Public Libraries Section



Officers:

Chairperson: John Shortall, Carlow County Library

Vice-Chairperson: Josephine Vahey, Galway County Library

Secretary: Melanie Cunningham, Waterford City & County Council

Treasurer: Pat Lonergan, Retired

Committee: Emer Donoghue, Mayo County Library

Sharleen McAndrew, Galway County Library

Jacqueline McIntyre, Offaly County Library

Mary Murphy, Meath County Library

Brendan Teeling, Dublin City Libraries

The Committee met on several occasions during the year, both actually and virtually.

The main business of meetings was the planning of the Section's Annual Conference.

With the lifting of Covid-related restrictions, the Committee was delighted to once again arrange our Conference, the first in-person Conference since 2019. The Conference was held at the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill from 8th to 10th November, and was attended by over 160 delegates, from library services throughout the country including library trade representatives.

The theme of the Conference was *It's not easy being green: Libraries, SDGs & Climate Change*. Under this banner, speakers addressed many of the ways in which libraries can play a positive role in addressing climate change, ranging from the buildings we use to the services we provide and the communication tools we support. Also included were sessions on pressing issues such as the new library management system and the challenges associated with e-book provision. Delegates also partook of the Westside Wonderland Experience during a visit to Westside Library, facilitated by the staff of Galway Public Libraries.

Speakers at the Conference included LAI President Cathal McCauley; Louise Cotter of Cotter & Naessens Architects; Laura Dixon, Climate Action Officer, Mayo County Council; Gesche Kinderman, Lecturer at the School of Natural Sciences, NUIG; and RTÉ producer Alan Swan. The after-dinner speaker at the Conference Dinner was writer and broadcaster Sophie White, who was also a panelist in the final Conference session 'My Life in Books', in the company of actor Tara Breathnach and award-winning novelist Mike McCormack.

The Committee would like to thank: all the delegates who attended; our speakers; the staff of Galway Public libraries for assistance with organisation and logistics and in particular Bernie Kelly, Galway City & County Librarian; and, especially, our exhibitors and sponsors, without whose continuing support the Conference would not happen.

We would like to pay tribute to John Treacy of International Education Services, who left us on World Book Day 2023. John was a long-time supporter and sponsor of the

Public Libraries Section, and enlivened many Conferences with his smile, wit and good humour. He will be affectionately missed. Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann.

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Rare Books Group

Committee

- Officers: Chair, Evelyn Flanagan (University College Dublin); Secretary, June Rooney, Interim Secretary, Sarah Timmins (Royal College of Surgeons); Treasurer, Elaine Harrington (University College Dublin).
- Members: Celine Ward (Chester Beatty); Elizabethanne Boran (Edward Worth Library); Sarah Timmins (Royal College of Surgeons Ireland); Máire Ní Chonalláin (National Library of Ireland); Sue Hemmens (Marsh's Library); Marie Boran (NUI Galway); Stephanie Breen (Trinity College Dublin); Margaret Irons (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies); Alexandra Caccamo (Maynooth University), Anita Cooper, Royal Irish Academy

During 2022, June Rooney resigned as Secretary and committee member and was replaced as interim secretary by Sarah Timmins

Meetings

The committee met five times during the year:

12 January

1 April

4 May

8 July

2 September

Events

AGM

The AGM took place on 7th March. Evelyn Flanagan was re-elected as Chair and Elaine Harrington was elected Treasurer.

Following the AGM, Dr Kathryn Milligan of UCD Special Collections gave a presentation entitled '*Researching Painting Dublin: Using Special Collections for Art History Research.*' This has been made available on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGiDVz7jDJI>) and through our website.

Workshop

The Annual Workshop entitled, *A Toolkit for Promoting Your Collections* took place online on 7th June 2022

'Blog me this!'. Now to start writing it... - Meadhbh Murphy (Royal Irish Academy Library)

Bricking it! Building online engagement with Lego and animation. - Sophie Evans (Bristol Libraries)

Gif making with heritage collections. – Aleksandra Strzelichowska (Europeana)

Creating videos on a budget. – Brian Kelly (UCD)

#ByPopularDemand: a physical exhibition of social media favourites - Amy Boylan (Marsh's Library)

Promoting collections through Instagram – Leah Leslie, (National Library of Ireland)

IFLA

A promotional pull-up banner, focusing on the Library Association of Ireland's Rare Books Group, was originally created for Library Boulevard, part of the [87th IFLA World Library & Information Congress](#) held in Dublin in July 2022.

Library Boulevard displayed a large number of pull-up banners to showcase what libraries and library staff do in Ireland.

To share more about the rich and diverse collection images of maps, manuscripts, bookbindings, prints, libraries, printed works and illustrations used within the pull-up banner a blog was written for the Rare Books Group webpage.

Annual Seminar

The 2022 Annual Seminar entitled *Uncovering Sources for Researching 19th – 20th Century Irish female writing* took place on Friday 25th November. The seminar took place in the Chester Beatty Library and comprised the following presentations:

'Maria Edgeworth and the construction of girlhood in the Pollard Collection of Children's Books' - Margaret Masterson, PhD candidate, Trinity College Dublin

'Unearthing Women's Voices in the Benjamin Iveagh Library at Farmleigh House' - Dr Nora Moroney, Munby Fellow in Book History and Bibliography, University of Cambridge

Forgotten fiction of Ireland c.1920s-1950s: where and how to find it' - Dr Caitriona Clear, School of History and Philosophy, University of Galway

'Avant Garde Presses and Connoisseur Editions: the [re]search for the Gayfield Press' - Dr Deirdre Brady - Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

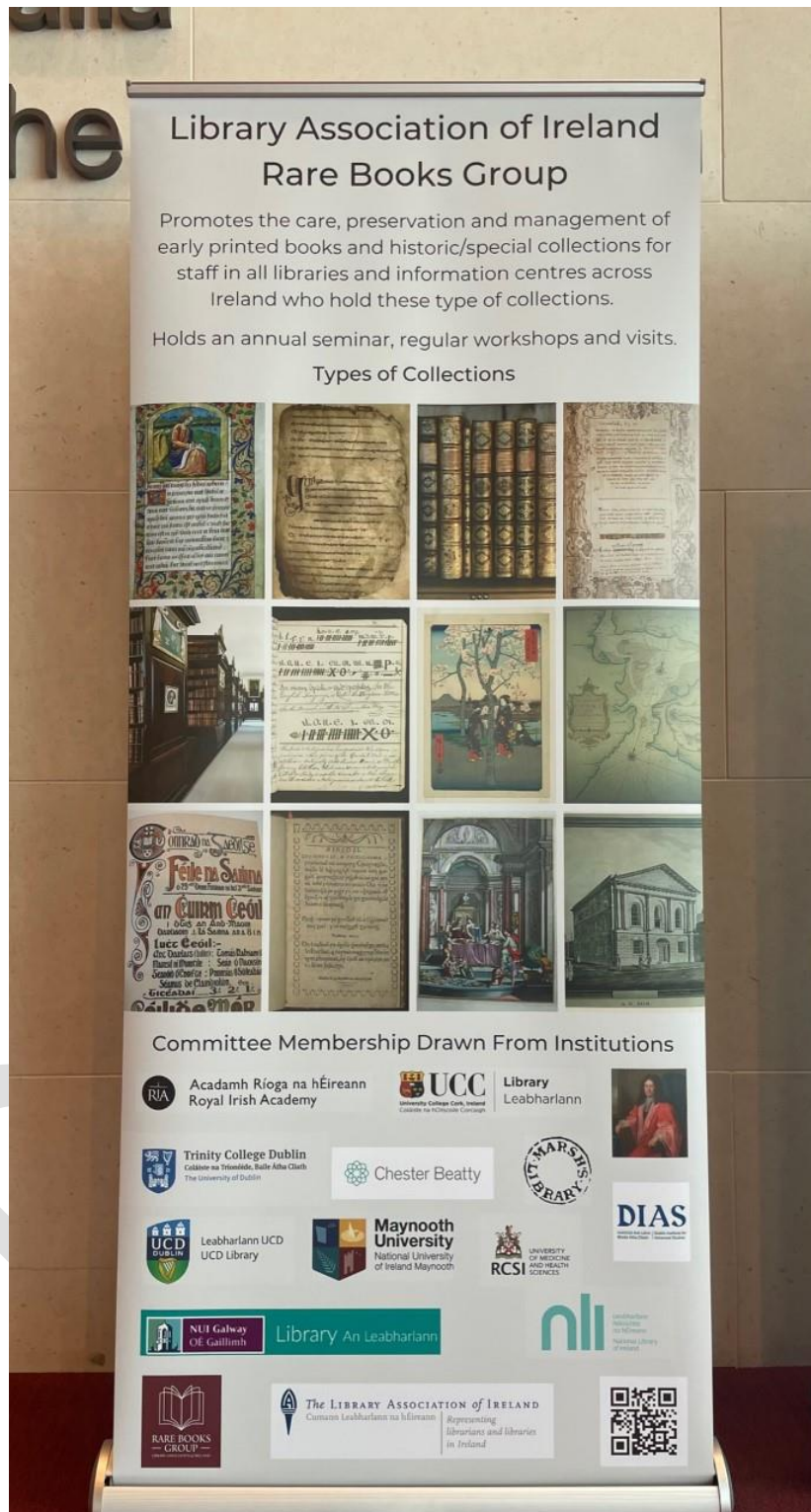
Writing from the margins: Twentieth-century Irish-language women's writing' - Associate Professor Riona Nic Congáil, University College Dublin

'Peig Sayers in folklore and in print' - Dr Éilís Ní Dhuibhne

Locating women's literature of the Irish revolution: hidden narratives, forgotten novels' - Dr Ailbhe McDaid, University College Cork

'Buried Treasure or Fool's Gold? Some considerations on the Somerville and Ross archive' - Dr Julie Anne Stevens, Dublin City University via Zoom





Website and social media

<https://rarebooksgroup.wordpress.com/>

Twitter: @LaiRBG

<https://www.facebook.com/rbgLAI>

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School Libraries Group

Officers and committee members

- Kathleen Moran, Chairperson, JCSP Libraries,
- Andrea Dillon, Secretary, Blackrock College
- Robin Stewart, Treasurer, JCSP Libraries Marino College,
- Aileen Ivory, GRA Coordinator, Loreto on the Green,
- Linda Kerr, social media, JCSP Libraries, Killinarden Community College,
- Jane O'Loughlin, Website Officer, Clongowes Wood College,

We would like to thank the following members for their contribution to the committee last year: Penny Wiggle: Treasurer; Katie Dickson: Website and Joan Kelly: GRA Coordinator and we wish the best of luck to our new officers this year

Meetings held during 2022

- 10th February 2022
- 16th May 2022
- 12th September 2022
- 26th September
- 10th October 2022
- 24th October 2022

Introduction

It has been another very busy year for the School Libraries Group. We continue to campaign for school libraries and we were delighted to have our first in Person conference in November 2022. We are very grateful for the support the Library Association has given us.

Great Reads Award

March 2022: Great Reads Awards ceremony took place virtually on World Book Day. This is a School Library Group award, and its aim is to highlight new authors and to diversify the reading of young adults and young people. Congratulations to this year's winners: Sue Devin, who won the senior category for *Guard Your Heart* and Caroline O'Donoghue who won the junior category for *All Our Hidden Gifts*.



School Libraries Campaign

April 2022: LAI unanimously passed a motion calling on the Council to formally call on the government to expand the JCSP Library Project. LAI President Cathal McCauley and SLG Chair Kathleen Moran met with Department of Education officials and presented the case for school library expansion. Discussions are ongoing.

May 2022: LAI SLG made a submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Innovation, Research and Science on the subject Leaving Certificate Reform. The Committee's final report was published in May 2022 and included key recommendations on school library services expansion:

7. Senior Cycle Students will be significant users of school library services when they enter Senior Cycle, in terms of increased Assignments and Project Work. The Department of Education should establish a *National Advisory Group on School Library Provision* by the end of September 2022, to develop a *National Strategy for School Libraries* with the key aim of ensuring there is a School Library, School Librarian and full access to the Digital Library Service in all Primary and Post Primary Schools by end of 2024. In the interim, it should expand both the Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP) Demonstration Library Project and JCSP Digital Library Service as an urgent national priority.

Key recommendation from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Report on Leaving Certificate Reform May 2022

June 2022: Kathleen Moran attended a round table discussion with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Education on how school libraries can support displaced Ukrainian students. This [report](#) was published in July 2022 and includes the expansion of the JCSP Libraries Digital Library Service as a key recommendation.

November 2022: Kathleen Moran attended a round table discussion with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Education on how school libraries can provide Mental Health support in schools. This [report](#) was published in January 2023 and includes expansion of school library services among its key recommendations.

Conferences

- July 2022: European Literacy Conference Dublin
 - Kathleen Moran presented on the subject of YA Readers and Sexuality in YA Fiction
- July 2022: IFLA WLIC Conference Dublin
 - Kathleen Moran and Andrea Dillon gave a presentation on the future of school libraries and attended several talks and meetings
 - Andrea Dillon attended the School Libraries Section satellite meeting on Enquiry Models
 - Robin Stewart and Andrea Dillon worked as volunteers for the conference
- November 2022: The LAI SLG hosted their first in-person conference which took place in Mount Carmel Secondary School Dublin 1 with the theme: Friendly Faces, Supportive Places: Understanding and Supporting Displaced Students in Irish Schools. Author Jane Mitchell and Places of Sanctuary were guest speakers and some JCSP librarians gave a presentation on what they have done to support displaced students.

Social Media

- Twitter: @SLG_LAI @greatreadsaward
- Instagram: schoollibrariesgrouplai, thegreatreadsaward
- Website: <https://schoollibrariesireland.com/>

The committee would like to thank the LAI Council and in particular LAI resident Cathal McCauley, for their help and support over the past year.

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Western Regional Section

Officers and committee members

Chair/Treasurer: Celine Peignen (TUS Midlands)

Secretary: Niamh O' Brien (TUS Midlands)

PRO: Emmet Keoghan (TUS Midlands)

Members: Michelle Breen (UL)

Stephanie Ronan (Marine Institute)

Michael Doheny (TUS Midlands)

Ailish Larkin (Shannon School of Hotel Management)

Carolyn Tunney (Roscommon County Libraries)

ACTIVITIES IN 2022

WRSLAI had a pop-up banner in the library boulevard at WLIC22 in Dublin in July.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: @WRSLAI

Blog: <https://wrslai.wordpress.com/>



Youth Libraries Group

Officers and committee members

Chairperson: Martina Needham (Longford County Library)

Vice Chair: Noelle Sandilands (Donegal County Library)

Secretary: Karen McCague (Monaghan County Library)

Asst. Secretary: Kayleigh Murphy (Mayo County Library)

Treasurer: Patricia Nolan (Carlow County Library)

Assistant Treasurer: Katie Dickson (Schools Librarian)

Social Media Officer: Ciara Mc Gurl (Fingal County Library)

YLG Network Rep: Samantha Morrissey (Clare County Library)

Committee:

Emma Doran (Kildare Library Service)

Kim Taylor (Leitrim County Library Service)

Liz Keane (Galway Public Libraries)

Kim Sterritt (Donegal Library Services)

Karen Lambe (Laois County Library)

Clare Doyle (Cork City Libraries)

Kathleen Moran (JCSP Demonstration Library Project)

The Committee met on four occasions in 2022, three of which were via Microsoft Teams and one in-person meet up for the AGM in Athlone on 25th April 2022.

Throughout the year much of the communications were via email and collaborative work was completed online.

Branding

The YLG Logo which was developed in 2021 continues to be used on all YLG related communications.

IFLA Bursary 2022

After two years of delay due to COVID, the YLG committee were able to award three bursaries for an LIS student, LIS professional and Library Staff member to attend the IFLA conference which took place in July 2022. The winners of the bursaries were Emily Daly, Niamh Gaskin and Esme Baldwin. Winners will present their learnings at the upcoming YLG AGM in May 2023.

Annual Seminar Series: Recommending with Confidence

A five-week programme of talks took place in January-February 2022 with topics such as Bibliotherapy for children, Supporting LGBTQI+ youth, Fighting Words, Book clubs and Encouraging a reading culture. All talks were accompanied by a presentation of library projects which applied the principles of the selected topics. These topics are very relevant to the provision of library services to children and

young people and are aligned with current and future funding programmes. There were 381 unique attendees across the five-week series.

The Youth Libraries Group spent the latter months of 2022 planning for the 2023 Online Seminar Series with a focus on the following areas:

- **Let's Play @ the Library** – how library activities can be designed to support child development
- **#Booktoking** – using TikTok to engage young people
- **Thriving with Dyslexia** – how to support children & young people with Dyslexia
- **Climate Action through Literacy** – how libraries can encourage youth engagement in climate action through their resources

The YLG are also working to deliver an in-person conference on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 in Edgeworthstown Library, Co. Longford. This will be a round table sharing and learning event focusing on the following:

- STEAM
- LGBT services for youth.
- Literacy & Reader Development programmes.
- Sensory Resources & ASD programmes.
- Climate Action
- Tabletop activities for teens -Warhammer and Dungeons and Dragons games

AGM:

The Annual General Meeting for the group will take place in Edgeworthstown Library at 2pm on Wednesday 3rd May 202

Social Media

Website: www.libraryassociation.ie/youth-libraries-group/

Twitter: @LAI_YLG_Ireland (484 followers)

Facebook: YLG Facebook private group

www.facebook.com/groups/173194554615276/?ref=share.

Librarians and library staff with an interest in library services for children and young people are welcome to the private Facebook group. Requests to join the group are monitored and approved by the committee members. We now have 50 members.

Acknowledgements

The LAI acknowledges with thanks the support of the many organisations, institutions and individuals without whose cooperation and support the Association could not have functioned this year and every year.

Thanks in particular to the following:

Dublin City Public Libraries for providing a correspondence address and for making facilities available for meetings.

The very many other library organisations that accommodated committee meetings, CPD events and activities throughout the year.

The Heads of Library Services and other leaders who have facilitated staff to act as Officers of the Association and engage on Council, Committees, Groups and Sections.

The Royal Irish Academy, Dublin City Public Libraries, Fingal Libraries, South Dublin County Libraries and Waterford City and County Council Libraries for providing storage for Association records.

The library business sector and other friends of the Association that support its work through sponsorship of meetings, seminars and other activities.

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Appendix 1 – Organisation of the Association

The Library Association of Ireland (LAI) is a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the Association is a shareholder. The Council acts as the company Board of Directors.

The Constitution establishes the methods and capacity of the Association to manage its business. These are the foundation documents for all action by the Association and they outline procedures in place.

Membership of the Association is open to individuals and institutions. Participative membership is encouraged to benefit both the profession and the individual.

The annual report illustrates the range of opportunities for active participation that are open to members currently. The Articles of Association describe the procedure to initiate other relevant activity. Activities can be at individual and group levels. Activity at individual level can include research, writing, mentoring, training, further education, advocacy or contributing a specialist expertise. Group work can include all the above in community with others. Membership of Groups and Sections is a benefit of LAI membership. Participation at Committee level in a Group or Section can be a particularly valuable learning and networking experience.

Committees are elected at the Annual General Meetings of each Group and Section. The election process is advertised to members in advance. Groups and Sections have documented procedures which operate within the parameters of the overarching Memorandum and Articles of the Association, sometimes with refinements to suit local circumstances. For example, groups and sections can create time-specific, focused sub-committees or working groups in response to their own priorities.

If you wish to join a group or section, select it when joining or renewing your Association membership.

If you are interested in joining the committee of a group or section, please contact its chair or secretary.

Membership of the LAI Council and election to the offices of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer is open to all personal members in good standing. The procedures are outlined in the Memorandum and Articles.

The Council has a range of committees and may form panels or taskforces to address topical issues. In general, panels and taskforces are of a temporary nature and their membership may include individuals who are not members of Council.

The Association sometimes provides nominees to a range of external organisations. These are listed in the annual report. The selection of nominees varies depending upon the organisation involved.

Appendix 2 - Committees

Management and Administration

- Council
- Management Committee

Developing the Profession

- Education Committee: Professional Standards
- Education Committee: Continuing Professional Development
- Library Ireland Week Taskforce
- Literacies Committee

Communications

- Website development and social media
- Editorial Board of An Leabharlann: The Irish Library

Supporting Co-operation Between Libraries and Library Organisations

- North/South Liaison [with CILIP Ireland]
- Annual Joint Conference Committee [with CILIP Ireland]

Groups and Sections

Sectoral

- Academic and Special Libraries Section
- County and City Librarians Section
- Government Libraries Section
- Public Libraries Section

Regional

- Western Regional Section

Special Interest [Cross-Sectoral]

- Career Development Group
- Cataloguing and Metadata Group
- Genealogy and Local Studies Group
- Health Services Libraries Group
- Library Publishing Group
- Open Scholarship Group
- Rare Books Group
- School Libraries Group
- Youth Libraries Group

LAI Council is responsible for the correct and effective running of the Association. Consequently, all committees, groups and sections submit regular reports to the honorary secretary for consideration at Council meetings.

Appendix 3 – List of Abbreviations

The following abbreviations may be found within the text of the report.

General

AGM – Annual General Meeting

ALAI – Associateship of the Library Association of Ireland CPD – Continuing Professional Development

FLAI – Fellowship of the Library Association of Ireland G&S – Groups and Sections

GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations

ILI – Internet Librarian International Conference

LIS – Library and Information Studies

MLIS – Master of Library and Information Studies SIG – Special Interest Group

Library Association of Ireland Groups and Sections

A&SL – Academic and Special Libraries Section

CCLS – County and City Librarians' Section

CDG – Career Development Group

CMG – Cataloguing and Metadata Group

GenLoc – Genealogy and Local Studies Group

GLS – Government Libraries Section

HSLG – Health Sciences Libraries Group

MRS – Munster Regional Section

PLS – Public Libraries Section RBG – Rare Books Group

WRSLAI – Western Regional Section

YLG – Youth Libraries Group

Other abbreviations

AMNCH – Adelaide, Meath, and National Children’s Hospital

ANLTC – Academic and National Library Training Co-operative

ARLIS – Art Libraries Society

Athlone IT – Athlone Institute of Technology

BIALL – The British and Irish Association of Law Librarians

CCT – CCT College, Dublin

CDETB – City of Dublin Education and Training Board

CILIP – Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

CONUL – Consortium of National and University Libraries

CRANN – Centre for the Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and Nanodevices)

CSSO – Chief State Solicitor’s Office

CUAL – Connacht Ulster Alliance Libraries

DBS – Dublin Business School

DCC – Dublin City Council

DCPL – Dublin City Public Libraries

DPER – Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

DCU – Dublin City University

DIAS – Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies

DIT – Dublin Institute of Technology

DLRCOCO – Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown County Council

DPP – Director of Public Prosecutions

EBLIDA – European Bureau of Library Information and Documentation

Associations

ETBI – Education and Training Boards Ireland

GMIT – Galway Mayo Institute of Technology

HRB – Health Research Board

HSE – Health Services Executive

IADT – Institute of Art, Design and Technology

IBAT – IBAT College, Dublin

IFLA – International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

IMI – Irish Management Institute

IT Carlow – Institute of Technology Carlow

ITT – Institute of Technology Tallaght

JCSP – Junior Cycle Social Inclusion Programme

KDCOCO – Kildare County Council

L2L – Library Staff Learning to Support Learners Learning (NF Project)

LAI – Library Association of Ireland

LISC – Library and Information Services Council

LGMA – Local Government Management Agency

LIR – HEANet User Group for Libraries

LYIT – Letterkenny Institute of Technology

MIE – Marino Institute of Education

MLI – Media Literacy Ireland

MTU – Munster Technology University

MU – Maynooth University

NCAD – National College of Art and Design

NCEC – National Clinical Effectiveness Committee

NCI – National College of Ireland

NF – National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning

NLI – National Library of Ireland

NUI – National University of Ireland

PKSB – Professional Knowledge and Skills Base (CILIP UK)

QQI – Quality and Qualifications Ireland

RCPI Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

RCSI – Royal College of Surgeons Ireland

RDS – Royal Dublin Society RIA – Royal Irish Academy

RIA – Royal Irish Academy

SJOG – Saint John of God's

TCD – Trinity College Dublin

TU Dublin – Technological University Dublin

TUS – Technological University of the Shannon

UCC – University College Cork

UCD – University College Dublin

UCD SICS – University College Dublin, School of Information & Communication Studies

UL – University of Limerick

WIT – Waterford Institute of Technology

WLIC – World Library and Information Congress

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