

# Sligo County Library EVENTS 2007



## SLIGO LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2006 - 2010

In October 2005 Sligo County Council commissioned the development of a Library Development Plan. This plan focused on two key areas, the medium to long term nature of the Plan and the physical and operational aspects of the Library's service. To reference and consult the finalised plan in PDF format please log onto [www.sligococo.ie](http://www.sligococo.ie) and select the link 'development plans.'

## NEW SLIGO CENTRAL LIBRARY – ARCHITECTS BRIEF

Sligo County Council, in partnership with Sligo Borough Council, have proposed to develop a new Centre to include a Library Headquarters and a Central Library in Sligo City, which will serve all of the citizens of the City and County. The Centre will be a substantial building of 2660 sq. metres which will house the County Library (Administration), a Community based Central Library and a range of visitor facilities to include meeting rooms, activities areas and exhibition spaces. The purpose of this development is to provide the citizens of Sligo and visitors to the area with a modern community based library service and cultural resource while enhancing the architectural landscape of the city.

## INCREASE IN OPENING HOURS

Sligo Libraries continues to increase its level of service and commitment to the public by increasing its opening hours in 2007. Opening at 9.30am, remaining open through the lunch hour and providing

late openings until 8pm, on Tuesday nights in Tubbercurry Community Library and Thursday nights in Central Library, Sligo town, ensure that the public have varied options to suit their needs and lifestyles. In addition Ballymote Branch Library has increased its opening hours from 11.5 hours to 22 hours per week from December 2007.

## DISABILITY ACCESS

Disabled access was a priority for Sligo Libraries in 2007. As such disabled parking, disabled toilets, ramps, induction loops and directional signage were all realised in selected branches. These infrastructural changes already complemented other facilities in situ, such as reading magnifiers at all desks and software such as JAWS and ZOOMTEXT available in all branches on selected public computers.

## MULTICULTURAL POLICIES

Sligo Libraries are committed to multiculturalism and recognize the importance of the various non Irish National Communities in our society as a whole. In recognition of this we have implemented various strategies.



## COLLECTION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE TITLES

A policy of collection development aimed specifically at Foreign Language material, Adult and Juvenile, Fiction and Non-Fiction, has been ongoing throughout 2007. Material can be found in Central Library, Stephen Street and Tubbercurry Community Library, Humbert Street, Tubbercurry.

## COLLECTION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS

Sligo Libraries provide access to electronic resources which enable non Irish nationals' access to a wide range of news media. In all five Branch Libraries readers can enjoy over 500 full content digital replicas of newspapers and magazines from 70 countries in 37 languages. To access simply type in the web address <http://library.pressdisplay.com> on any of the public access computers in the various branches.

## WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

Sligo's first writer-in-residence was appointed in September. Niall Williams, twice IMPAC-nominated author, will run a series of writing workshops and literary appreciation courses with writers, readers and library staff for a six-month term. Mr Williams has an office in the Museum building on Stephen Street and will be in Sligo every Wednesday and Thursday for consultation. For appointments please contact Niall at [nwilliams@sligococo.ie](mailto:nwilliams@sligococo.ie)

## SLIGO LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

To further encourage reader development among our customers, Sligo Libraries have a number of Book Clubs set up in various branches. These clubs

**TUBBERCURRY COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
Teach Laigne, Humbert Street, Tubbercurry,  
Co. Sligo  
Mon: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm  
Tue: 10.00 am to 8.00 pm  
Wed: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm  
Thurs: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm  
Fri: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm  
Sat: 9.30 am to 4.00 pm  
Sun: Closed  
Email: [tubberlibrary@sligococo.ie](mailto:tubberlibrary@sligococo.ie)  
Phone: 071 9111705  
Fax: 071 9120446  
Library Catalogue: [www.sligolibrary.ie](http://www.sligolibrary.ie)

## ENNISCRONE BRANCH LIBRARY

Pier Road, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo  
Mon: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Tue: 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
Wed: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Thurs: 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
Fri: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
Sat: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm & 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
Sun: Closed  
Email: [enniscronebranchlibrary@sligococo.ie](mailto:enniscronebranchlibrary@sligococo.ie)  
Phone: 071 9111653  
Library Catalogue: [www.sligolibrary.ie](http://www.sligolibrary.ie)

## BALLYMOTE BRANCH LIBRARY

The Courthouse, Ballymote, Co. Sligo  
Mon: Closed  
Tue: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
Wed: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm & 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Thu: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
Fri: 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm  
Sat: 9.30 am to 1.30 pm  
Sun: Closed  
Email: [ballymotebranchlibrary@sligococo.ie](mailto:ballymotebranchlibrary@sligococo.ie)  
Phone: 071 9111663  
Fax: 071 9183969  
Library Catalogue: [www.sligolibrary.ie](http://www.sligolibrary.ie)

## LOCAL HISTORY & REFERENCE LIBRARY

Westward Town Centre, Bridge Street, Sligo  
Mon to Fri: 9.30 am-12.45 pm & 2.00 pm-4.45 pm  
Sat & Sun: Closed  
Email: [sligocentrallibrary@sligococo.ie](mailto:sligocentrallibrary@sligococo.ie)  
Phone: 071 9111675  
Library Catalogue: [www.sligolibrary.ie](http://www.sligolibrary.ie)

## CENTRAL LIBRARY

Stephen Street, Sligo  
Mon: Closed  
Tue: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm  
Wed: 9.30 am to 8.00 pm  
Thurs: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm  
Fri: 9.30 am to 5.00 pm  
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Fax: 071 9146798  
Library Catalogue: [www.sligolibrary.ie](http://www.sligolibrary.ie)

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## LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

The Local Studies Department increased its extensive collection by taking possession of the Harbour Board Archive in 2007. The first steps in the Down Survey Mapping Project were taken when all the maps were digitised in May of this year. It is expected that all maps will be viewable on our web-site late next summer. This project will complement the already completed 1837 Ordnance Survey map collection which is available on the website [www.sligolibrary.ie](http://www.sligolibrary.ie). Computerisation of all Local History material is ongoing with various records viewable in the aforementioned catalogue.

Library members at Arts & Crafts Workshop



## PLUS 2007

A major marketing survey took place in all public libraries around the country during the third week in September. The aim of the Public Library User Survey was to assess how well Sligo Library Service meets the needs of its members. Almost 1,000 PLUS questionnaires, which were available in 5 languages in order to obtain the views of as wide a range of users as possible, were issued to adult members during the week throughout the county. Sligo Central Library issued 544 questionnaires alone over the week, during the Plus 2007 survey, making it the 8th busiest library in the county in terms of adult visitor count.

'Teddy Bears Picnic' storytime



To provide a responsive, accessible and inclusive library service for all our customers, which fosters reading, stimulates the imagination and contributes to lifelong learning and cultural recreation.

## SLIGO LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

### MARCH 2007

World Book Day: *Thursday 1st March*  
**Sligo Central Library:** Adult Literacy Student visit  
**Tubbercurry Community Library:** Artist John Leonard illustrated various readings  
 National Tree Week: *March 5th to 11th*  
**Tubbercurry Community Library:** Selection of sapling broadleaf trees distributed to Library customers  
 Seachtain na Gaeilge: *March 5th to 16th*  
**Sligo Central Library:** *Monday 5th;* Coffee Morning 'as Gaeilge'.  
*Monday 12th;* Sligo Central Library sponsored the Gael Scoil to attend Comortais Amhranaíochta in the Hawks Well Theatre, Temple Street, Sligo  
**Tubbercurry Community Library:** *Tuesday 6th;* Traditional music session with the 'Border Collies'  
*Wednesday 7th;* Coffee Morning in Irish with Sean Owens  
*Thursday 8th;* Presentation of prizes for Irish writing competition.  
 Anti Racism week: *March 20th to 25th*  
**Sligo Central Library:** *Wednesday 21st;* Artists from globe house displayed various works from all age groups.

### APRIL 2007

**Tubbercurry Community Library:** ENFO exhibition displayed for month of April: "Whales and Dolphins in Irish Waters"  
*Tuesday 3rd;* Easter Arts & Crafts Children's Workshop with Ailish O'Donnell

### MAY 2007

Bealtaine Festival: *May 1st to 31st*  
**Sligo Central Library:** *Thursday 17th;* Susie Minto, Storyteller held workshops throughout the day entitled "Stories That Make Me, Me".  
*Saturday 19th;* Introduction to internet and email workshop tuition.  
*Saturday 26th;* Introduction to internet and email workshop tuition.  
**Tubbercurry Community Library:** Bealtaine Festival: Art Classes held every Tuesday evening throughout May  
 RTE Weather Photo Exhibition: Finalist entries displayed from 3rd to 31st May

### JUNE 2007

**Sligo Central Library:** *Tuesday 12th;* Class Visit & Library Tour, Junior Infants, Mercy Primary School  
*Thursday 14th;* Storytelling for Junior Infants, St Patrick's Primary School, Calry & Junior Infants, Carbury Primary School  
*Friday 15th;* Storytelling for Junior Infants, Scoil Ursula Primary School & Junior Infants, St Edwards's Primary School  
*Wednesday 27th;* Class Visit & Library Tour, Fifth Class, Mercy Primary School  
**Tubbercurry Community Library:** ENFO Exhibition displayed for month of June: "Flytraps - Carnivorous Plants"  
*Monday 14th;* Leyney Writers Book Launch "Thursday Thoughts" in co operation with Sligo County Libraries  
*Saturday 28th;* Art Class and Workshop for children with Ailish O'Donnell

### JULY 2007

**Sligo Central Library:** *Friday 6th;* Storyboard and Song Workshop for children by Wayne O'Connor.  
*Friday 20th;* Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Pre-Launch fancy dress event.  
 Children's Summer Camp 2007  
*Tuesday 24th;* Music Workshop with world renowned fiddle player & multi instrumentalist Steve Wickham.  
*Wednesday 25th;* Storyboard Animation Workshop with Ailish O'Donnell.  
*Thursday 26th;* Craft Workshop with Rosaleen Holland.  
*Friday 27th;* Fancy Dress Teddy Bear's Picnic with Tanya Walsh. Sponsored by Cosgrove's Fine Food Store, Market Street, Sligo.  
**Tubbercurry Community Library:** *Tuesday 17th;* "The Irish in Britain" lecture and slide show presented by Ultan Cowley to coincide with South Sligo Summer School for traditional music.  
*Thursday 26th;* Western Regional Section meeting of Library Association of Ireland

### AUGUST 2007

**Sligo Central Library:** *Thursday 2nd;* Eddie Lenihan, Seanchai - Storyteller  
 'Tales of Myth, Magic and Mystery for Children'  
**Tubbercurry Community Library:** *Wednesday 7th;* Prize giving function for Tubbercurry Literary Festival  
*Thursday 23rd;* Puppets & Stories Workshop with Chris Thompson  
*Friday 24th;* Reading Tree Prize giving  
 Heritage Week: *August 25th to September 2nd*  
**Sligo Central Library:** *Tuesday 28th;* Patricia Gardiner hosted a talk which discussed 'Enjoy Walking in the Local Community'  
*Thursday 30th;* Joe McGowan presented a slideshow entitled 'Gale stone and fire, customs, cures and beliefs on Innismurray'  
*Tuesday 28th;* Joe McGowan presented a slideshow on Innismurray Island  
*Tuesday 25th to Sep 2nd;* heritage display displaying Artifacts from Sligo County Museum  
*Thursday 30th;* Your Man Puppet Show 'The Salmon of Freedom.'

### SEPTEMBER 2007

**Sligo Central Library:** *Thursday 20th;* Open University Information evening

### OCTOBER 2007

Positive Ageing Week: *October 1st to 7th*  
**Sligo Central Library:** *Thursday 4th;* 'Taxation, Issues in Later Life' - Talk by Paul Coughlan  
*Saturday 6th;* Beginners E-mail & Internet Tuition  
*October 3rd to 26th*

Children's Book Festival 2007:  
**Sligo Central Library:** *Tuesday 9th -* Author Visit - Andy Stanton  
*Wednesday 10th -* Storyboard Workshops - Wayne O'Connor  
*Friday 12th -* Bunnyhop Shows - Chris Thompson  
*Wednesday 17th -* Animation Workshops - Ailish O'Donnell  
*Thursday 18th -* Author Visit - Brian Gogarty  
*Friday 19th -* Animation Workshops - Ailish O'Donnell  
*Wednesday 24th -* Magic & Stories - Chris Thompson  
*Tuesday 30th -* Masks & Mask Making  
**Tubbercurry Community Library:** *Wednesday 3rd;* Author Visit - Niamh McGrath  
*Tuesday 9th;* Author Visit - Andy Stanton  
*Friday 12th;* Rap Workshop  
*Wednesday 17th;* Author visit - Brian Gogarty  
*Monday 22nd;* Author visit - Mary Arrigan

### NOVEMBER 2007

Science Week: *November 11th to 18th*  
**Sligo Central Library:** *Friday 16th;* Ecology talk by Robin Barry for secondary school students  
*Tuesday 27th;* "Science is Magic" by Michael Moylan  
**Tubbercurry Community Library:** *Monday 26th;* "Science is Magic" by Michael Moylan  
*Tuesday 27th;* Christmas Cake decorating with Sharon Sweeney

### DECEMBER 2007

**Tubbercurry Community Library:** ENFO exhibition displayed for month of December: "life in a shell"  
*Tuesday 4th;* Storytelling for children organized by Sligo County Childcare Committee  
*Tuesday 4th;* Switching on Christmas Lights and presentation of Bookmark Prizes  
*Thursday 20th;* Christmas Decorations Workshop



Storytelling activity in Central Library, Sligo

## STATISTICS AND EXPENDITURE

The following tables show Sligo Libraries expenditure for the fiscal year 2007 (Table 1) and how Sligo Libraries compared with the national average using the five related service indicators (Table 2).

By studying this data we find that Sligo Libraries are in 27th position nationally and 4th in comparison to the other counties in Connacht in relation to annual expenditure (Table 1). In addition we find that in four of the five service indicators, Sligo Libraries outperform the national average in the sectors outlined below (Table 2). As such by Sligo Local Authorities continuing its support for the Library Service we hope to maintain this high standard of excellence. In all five branches, on average over four and a half thousand items are borrowed each week during the year and over 600 people per week access Internet Services.

Table 1: Public Library Authority Estimates of Expenditure 2007

National Position	County	Operation & Maintenance	General Stock	Primary Stock	Total Stock Fund	Contribution to Library Council	Loan Charges	Other	Total
8th	Galway	€3,475,938	€520,000	€80,000	€600,000	€46,000	€0	€0	€4,121,938
11th	Mayo	€2,780,844	€480,000	€69,450	€549,450	€37,706	€0	€0	€3,368,000
22nd	Roscommon	€1,265,000	€309,000	€29,000	€338,000	€19,000	€0	€198,000	€1,820,000
27th	Sligo	€1,192,827	€195,000	€30,000	€225,000	€20,673	€85,000	€35,000	€1,559,000
30th	Leitrim	€1,165,996	€95,000	€14,000	€109,000	€7,800	€65,000	€21,000	€1,368,796

Table 2: Service Indicators 2006

Sligo pop. 58,200	Service Indicators	Sligo Total	National Average
L1	Public opening hours Average hours per week for full time libraries Average hours per week for part time libraries	36.8 15	38.0 16.7
L2	Number of registered members as percentage of local population	22%	21%
L3	Number of items issued per head of population Books Other items	3.59 0.43	3.4 0.2
L4	Percentage of Libraries that offer internet access to the public	100%	100%
L5	Number of internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	572.56	463.8

Cathaoirleach Cllr. Seamus Kilgannon welcomes Sligo's first Writer-In-Residence, Mr. Niall Williams to Sligo County Library. Also pictured are Mr. Donal Tinney, County Librarian and Mr. Fran Hegarty, Executive Librarian.

