Easier resource discovery

E-Knowledge enables you to locate an online information source alphabetically, by keyword or by subject, using the Find E-Resource feature. You have the option to display descriptive text about each resource too.

More search options

You can search more than one source at once using the Cross-Search feature. This gives you the simplicity of Google but you are searching mainstream databases for your subject rather than the open Web.
On 19th May the Library hosted the launch of the seminar ‘1916 – Local Dimensions’. This two-day seminar was launched by Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh. The focus of the seminar was on tracing the Rising in Galway and in conjunction the Library ran an exhibition of related material.

Among the highlights from the Library’s collections is a special edition of the Connacht Tribune reporting on ‘wild rumours’ of a rising in Ireland. Also on display is a copy of Liam Mellows’ last letter to his mother and a copy of the statement given by Mons. Patrick Browne, then President of University College Galway, to the Bureau of Military History 1913-1921.

Other material on display includes 1916 commemorative publications and books relating to the Rising. There are some items on loan from the Military Museum in Rameinmore, including the motorbike which was owned by Liam Mellows and which he saved for transport when organising the volunteers around Galway.

The 2005 research support survey identified a range of priority actions. Here is a brief update on progress to date on some of these.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Priority</th>
<th>Action</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Increased</td>
<td>E-Knowledge portal developed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Simplify and</td>
<td>Library launched, negating the need</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>promote off-campus</td>
<td>for browser configuration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>access</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Develop the online journals collection,</td>
<td>IRUL, coverage expanded; collection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>increasing duplication of format</td>
<td>management policy revised</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Market-Roll: further with clearer</td>
<td>IRUL logo developed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>branding of its resources</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Surveys have shown that researchers have a range of library and information needs that will occur during the research cycle. Here we look at just a few services that we can offer the research community.

Information Skills
Researchers may need training on databases, upskilling on new resources or simply a general introduction to the Library’s information sources.

Your Information Librarian will be pleased to help with any of these needs and the Library is keen to take part in any seminars or events aimed at facilitating researchers within the University. For more information contact: Halí McCahon, Head of Information Services, ext. 3913.

Inter-library Loans
The Library’s Inter-library Loan Service (ext. 2541) supplements our existing collections and ensures access to a wider world of research.

With the online form and the provision of quick electronic delivery of journal articles by the British Library, this is an invaluable service to the research community.

Survey Actions continued from page one

On 19th May the Library hosted the launch of the seminar ‘1916 – Local Dimensions’. This two-day seminar was launched by Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh. The focus of the seminar was on tracing the Rising in Galway and in conjunction the Library ran an exhibition of related material.

Among the highlights from the Library’s collections is a special edition of the Connacht Tribune reporting on ‘wild rumours’ of a rising in Ireland. Also on display is a copy of Liam Mellows’ last letter to his mother and a copy of the statement given by Mons. Patrick Browne, then President of University College Galway, to the Bureau of Military History 1913-1921.

Other material on display includes 1916 commemorative publications and books relating to the Rising. There are some items on loan from the Military Museum in Rameinmore, including the motorbike which was owned by Liam Mellows and which he saved for transport when organising the volunteers around Galway.
Deirdre Garvey, Geraldine Clarke placing orders with suppliers within an average of 8 working days of receiving the order request, compared to an average of 10 weeks last summer. Please keep the orders coming as the financial year is drawing to a close.

Jonathan Richardson, Rioghna Moggan, Book Ordering and Receiving Staff;

Number of departments affected 25

28,326 €

76,626 €

Funds clawed back to Faculty 2004/2005 2005/2006

Success of the University’s first “Buy-a-Book Day” on March 9th. We raised 5,809 which will be divided equally between the Student Union and the SU officers, Paddy Reilly and Adam Baker, both of whom will be sadly missed when we attempt to better this next year!

in an unprecedented deluge of ordering during the last weeks of May 2005. With 45% of the year’s order requests submitted during this period, we have reason to report a significant drop in the number of departments affected by clawback and the amount of money clawed back.

From Eoin Newell, a grand-nephew of a former President of University College Galway, while on a recent visit from the US. While on his recent visit to the Diocesan Church Council to the University on long-term loan. We shall feature this very special Library in a later issue.

Early Ordering a Success!

We were delighted to receive some very special Irish-language manuscript material, donated by Eoin Newell, a grand-nephew of a former President of University College Galway, while on a recent visit from the US. This was in response to the Library’s invitation to contribute to the University’s first “Buy-a-Book Day” on March 9th. We raised 5,809 which will be divided equally between the Student Union and the SU officers, Paddy Reilly and Adam Baker, both of whom will be sadly missed when we attempt to better this next year!

Even with the range of electronic resources, researchers may need to visit other libraries and avail of specific resources. The Library participates in a number of excellent schemes such as ALCID and SCONUL Researcher Log in which ensures that researchers can have easy access to other institutions. For more information contact Readers Services at ext. 3353.

We report last year that the threat of the Library’s clawback procedure resulted in an unprecedented deluge of ordering during the last weeks of May 2005. With 45% of the year’s order requests submitted at that time, the knock-on effect was a much slower than desirable rate of ordering by the Library last summer. This year we promoted early ordering from the start of the academic year and academic staff have responded very positively. We are delighted to report a significant drop in the number of departments affected by clawback and the amount of money clawed back.

This more even spread of ordering has meant that the acquisitions staff are now placing orders with suppliers within an average of 8 working days of receiving the order request, compared to an average of 10 weeks last summer! Please keep the orders coming as the financial year is drawing to a close.
A Vision for the James Hardiman Library:

The Library Space Planning Group, chaired by Dr. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick from the Archaeology Department and mentioned in the last newsletter, presented an interim report to Library Committee in May. The Group has worked hard to present a new vision for the Library as a vibrant learning space – a quality space responsive to the needs of our increasingly diverse community. It will be busy, buzzy and noisy – but it will also have quiet zones. It will offer inspiring work space for the researcher and will be a stimulating environment for staff and students alike. It will not be a monolith; our vision is fully grounded in the reality and impact of technology, but for the University it should be a flagship building on Campus – a cultural centre in which we can showcase our treasures, and record our achievements for future generations.

We don’t think this unrealistic for a university with serious research intentions. Virtually it will be THE library for off-campus users – whether at home, in placement, on sabatical or learning from a distance. Most importantly we see the “new” James Hardiman library as a key strategic asset for the University.

“Taking the crucial step now to create a library designed for modern learning... will raise NUI, Galway to a new level”

— Robin Adams (TCD). (front row) Marie Reddan (NUI, G), Seán Phillips (UCD), Mary Hanafin, TD, Paul Sheehan (DCU), Agnes Neligan (NUI, M), Hugo Kelly (TCD), Eileen Neary (NUI, M).

Big visions do not come cheap, and we are realistic. We know that there are other demands on University capital budgets. We do need a champion and we need the support of the academic community. In the next semester we will be consulting widely, and will seek every opportunity to engage with all of our constituencies. Meanwhile, the interim report is at http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/avaxvision.

Rethinking the Library

The Library through its NetLibrary subscription offers 16 titles online which are completely full-text and searchable. These high demand books cover a range of subjects, from law to management science and psychology.

New Resources

E-Knowledge

E-Knowledge is a comprehensive bibliographic database indexing over 3,700 titles in the biomedical and pharmaceutical fields. Produced by Elsevier, it is funded through the IReL initiative.

International Political Science Abstracts

Produced by the International Political Science Association, this database provides abstracts of political science articles published in scholarly journals and yearbooks worldwide from 1989 onwards.

JSTEL (Law Reports)

Provides access to a complete range of Irish and UK Law reports reproduced perfectly online including for the first time, the Irish Reports from 1979 onwards.

Sociological Index with Fulltext

This full-text database covers sociology and encompasses all sub-disciplines and closely related areas of study. It includes journal articles dating back to 1895 as well as books and conference papers.

Out-of Print Books (Snippet view)

The Library through its NetLibrary subscription offers 16 titles online which are completely full-text and searchable. These high demand books cover a range of subjects, from law to management science and psychology.

Global Books in Print

Published by James Hardiman Library, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Tel: +353 91 492540

E-mail: library@nuigalway.ie

National University of Ireland, Galway.

The Parliamentary Gazetteer of Ireland’s

Contd.

Including the expenditure on IReL, the Library spends almost 44.5 million euro on online information, primarily
e-journals, databases and e-books. Usage of these resources continues to increase. For example, our survey of researchers in 2005 showed that over 77% of respondents access online services at least weekly, an increase of 10% on the 2003 survey.

Big visions do not come cheap, and we are realistic. We know that there are other demands on University capital budgets. We do need a champion and we need the support of the academic community. In the next semester we will be consulting widely, and will seek every opportunity to engage with all of our constituencies. Meanwhile, the interim report is at http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/avaxvision.

Big visions do not come cheap, and we are realistic. We know that there are other demands on University capital budgets. We do need a champion and we need the support of the academic community. In the next semester we will be consulting widely, and will seek every opportunity to engage with all of our constituencies. Meanwhile, the interim report is at http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/avaxvision.

Out-of Print Books (Snippet view)

The Library through its NetLibrary subscription offers 16 titles online which are completely full-text and searchable. These high demand books cover a range of subjects, from law to management science and psychology.

Global Books in Print

Published by James Hardiman Library, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Tel: +353 91 492540

E-mail: library@nuigalway.ie

National University of Ireland, Galway.

The Parliamentary Gazetteer of Ireland’s

Contd.