

World Book Day: Exhibition of publications by IT Tralee staff and researchers

The Institute Library is highlighting publications by staff, past and present, with a display of books in the LIRC North Campus. In addition we are highlighting recent journal publications by staff, researchers and postgraduate students in the Institute. The Display runs until the 24th of March.



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New Library Management System KOHA—goes live in IT Tralee in July 2017

The tender process for a new Library Management System for the IoT sector concluded in December. At the end of the Competitive Dialogue procurement procedure, the Tender Evaluation Team nominated the bid for the KOHA library management system from Interleaf/PTFS.

The system that was chosen - Koha - is an advanced open-source Integrated Library System. Koha will be supported by Interleaf who are based in Bray. Implementations will commence shortly with IT Tralee in phase 1C of the implementation schedule along with Athlone, Letterkenny, IADT and Blanchardstown. We will commence implementation in IT Tralee in June and we will go live with the new system in July.

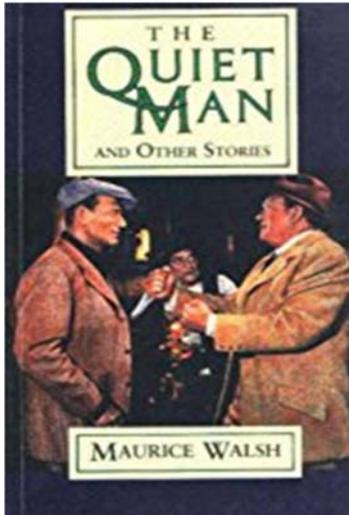
Koha will give us access to a wide range of different software, much of which has not been previously available to us, including: Koha, Coral, EDS Discovery, DSpace, Exam Papers Database, Booked, Piwik, Banner Interface, Integration with Self-Issue Systems, Authentication, PC Reservation, Advanced Opac Customisation, Ezyproxy, Wordpress, Rebus:list Reading Lists and Data Uplift via BDS.

For more information on Koha see

<http://www.koha.org/about>



Maurice Walsh



We will have an upcoming display on the writings of Maurice Walsh. We recently received his complete works via a donation. The Listowel author was behind the short story that inspired the much-loved film *The Quiet Man*, and had a successful literary career that spanned his life. Born in Ballydonoghue in 1879, his interest in reading was much encouraged by his father John and primary school teacher Michael Dillon. Much of his adult life was divided between Ireland and Scotland while he was working in the civil service. Both landscapes served as prominent inspirations to him, and consequentially both Kerry and the Highlands were the primary settings of the majority of his works. He returned to Ireland in 1922, followed by his wife Caroline in 1923 once the fighting from the Civil War had subsided. Following the success of his short stories in *The Irish Emerald*, his first full novel *The Key Above The Door* appeared in 1926. It was the beginning of a long fruitful career as a novelist, and in 1933 the success of his novels enabled him to retire from his post in the civil service to write full-time. Later in 1933, the now-famous *The Quiet Man* was printed in the American newspaper *The Saturday Evening Post*. It was read by none other than John Ford, and this was the beginning of the popular story's journey to its worldwide audience and place in film history. The original manuscript for the short story was temporarily moved to Listowel in 2013 to celebrate the 80th birthday of the story. It is now on display in the University of Limerick Special Collections. Walsh remained a prolific writer until his death in 1964.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 1-17 Márta 2017 (tógtha ó www.snag.ie)

An fhéile Ghaeilge is mó in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain! Is féile idirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í Seachtain na Gaeilge, atá ar an gceiliúradh is mó dár dteanga agus dár gcultúr dúchais a bhíonn ar siúl in Éirinn agus in go leor tíortha eile gach bliain. Is féidir imeachtaí na féile a aimsiú anseo:

<http://www.peig.ie/>

Library Staff & Student Surveys 2017

This year's surveys will run online from March 20th to March 31st . Our last Survey was run in 2015 and the results are available in our Newsletter from Spring 2016 which can be accessed on the library website at:

<http://www.ittralee.ie/en/Library/Information/LibraryNewsletter/>

Ebrary

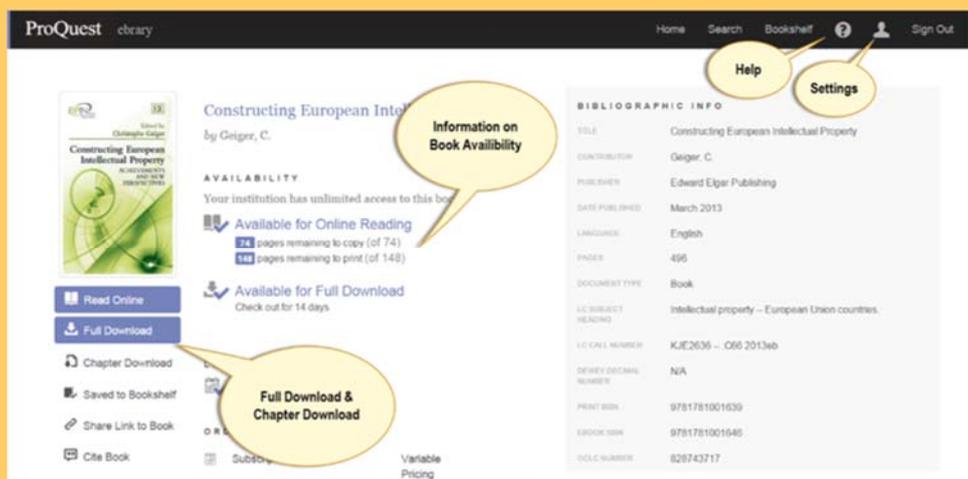
Ebrary Academic Complete offers over 100,000 e-books from respected publishers in all subject areas and is available via the Library website at:

<http://www.ittralee.ie/en/Library/Resources/OnlineBooks/>

(You will need to have set up your library account to access Ebrary and the other online resources) You can search the books online and copy/print a selection of pages as determined by the publisher. It is recommended to set up an Ebrary account that will allow you:

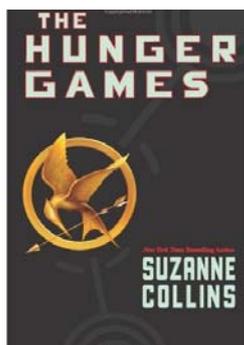
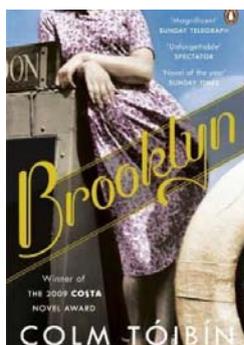
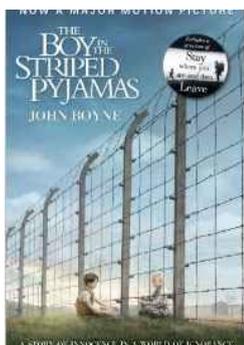
- ◆ Download the full document or chapter to a laptop or any device once you have an "Ebrary" account set up.
- ◆ Save the frequently used books to the virtual bookshelf and annotate or highlight sections of the books.

If you would like to find out more information about Ebrary, speak to the Library staff.



Fiction Collection on Ground Floor of Library

Our Fiction Collection, which is now located on the Ground floor of the North Campus Library, continues to prove very popular with library users. A sample of some recent additions to the collection can be seen below. If you have any fiction titles that you have read and would like to donate to the Library then we would be very grateful to accept them to add to our collection.



Some facts and figures for annual usage in IT Tralee Library

1,000 hours of booked student meeting hours in the library.
100,000 plus full-text online downloaded articles.
124,000 e-book section requests downloaded.
46,000 book issued from the library.
Over 800 students availed of Information Skills classes in 2015/16.
60-plus Information skills classes held in 2015/2016.

As can be seen from the statistics above on annual library usage, a lot of research activity involves accessing e-books and articles sourced through our databases. Consequently our online training classes are of vital importance if students are to make the most of our online resources.

We would like to remind staff and students that Research Skills classes can be booked at any time by academic staff for a class group. In addition one-to-one tutorials with specialist librarians are facilitated for postgraduate and undergraduate students (1-2 hour sessions) and can be booked online or at the library desk.

Theses Collection

Theses held in IT Tralee are available for consultation purposes only and may only be viewed in the library on a short term loan basis (2 hour loan). The same rules apply for theses borrowed on Inter Library Loan.

Theses may only be viewed at the Reference Desk in the North Campus Library. To ensure access, requests to view a thesis should ideally be made in advance.

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An additional History display focuses on the many additions to our historical area located Dewey region 940 to 976 in our Main Collection. Many are courtesy of staff/student donations and warmly welcomed in what proves a popular takeout option for summer and recreational reading.

Thematically the display focuses on the 20th century and reflects a strong focus on the Second World War and world affairs.