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MEDIA RELEASE - A delicious Autumn ahead at the National Library of Ireland ('NLI'), as we launch our new events programme

- Did you know that celebrity chefs were around long before television? Our **'Kitchen Archives'** event series will delve into peoples' relationship with food, recipes and culinary skills through the centuries. Join us to hear Darina Allen in conversation, to learn about recipes from the archives from food historian Dorothy Cashman, or for a lively panel discussion featuring some of Ireland's top food bloggers.

- Our **'BiblioFiles'** lecture series showcases writers and academics who have carried out research at the NLI. The topics covered will be diverse, ranging from the Irish Famine of 1845-52 to women in Irish politics in the 1970s and 1980's. We are also delighted to continue our hugely popular '**Hedge School'** series with History Ireland, which will reflect on the crisis of 1912 'The Ulster Covenant 1912**:** an exercise in mass- democracy or reaction?' Another debate will examine Home Rule 'Home Rule: Lost opportunity or sell-out?'
- From early October, **'Taking Stock'** celebrates 14 years of National Photographic Archive exhibits from when the archive first opened. The exhibition will offer evocative glimpses of Ireland between the 1840s and the late 20th century.

- Autumn 2012 will also see adult education courses - **'Reading in the National Library'** and '**Uncovering 1916'** - hosted by the NLI in conjunction with UCD Adult Education Centre. We're also offering a one-day immersion course for anyone who ever vowed to get to grip with **James Joyce's *Ulysses***, to celebrate our expanded online catalogue, which features a wide variety of digitized James Joyce manuscripts.

And there's lots more to keep you informed, entertained and inspired! Poetry Aloud, the annual poetry speaking competition for students, Culture Night celebrations, creative writing classes in our café, children's events, specialist advice for family history researchers…download our Autumn Newsletter for all the details. Visit us on Flickr , Facebook, Twitter, Flickr Commons

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