



What's On

MAY – AUGUST 2014

*Leabharlann
Náisiúnta
na hÉireann*

National Library
of Ireland

Calendar of Events



May – August 2014

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are free, and no booking is required.

Guided tours and workshops for groups can be pre-booked for Tuesdays and Thursdays during May, June and July. Please contact learning@nli.ie to make a booking, allowing at least two weeks notice.

May

Starting 6 May, four Tuesday mornings from 10am – 12.30pm

UCD Adult Education Course: Joyce in the National Library

Looking at *Dubliners*, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* and extracts from *Ulysses*, this course explores key concerns in Joyce's work, his revolutionary approach to language, and how Joyce's family life provided material for some of the most important texts in literary history. To book a place, register at www.ucd.ie/adulted or contact UCD Adult Education Centre on (01) 716 7123.

Bealtaine Festival

Tuesday 6 May, 2.30 – 4pm

Memoir Lecture: Memories into Memoir

Join Irene Graham, founder of The Creative Writer's Workshop, for an interactive lecture as part of the Bealtaine Festival on how to write your memoir. Learn how to include your family history, how to handle truth in memoir writing and what a retrospective voice is. Book your place by emailing learning@nli.ie or phone 01 603 0259.

Bealtaine Festival

Wednesday 7 May, 7pm

Public Lecture: Working Lives 1893-1913 – Introducing the Mason Photograph Collection

Mary Jones, guest curator of the exhibition *Working Lives*, discusses the photographs in the exhibition that show Irish men, women and children at work between 1893 and 1913.

Tuesday 13 May, 7pm

Hedge School: Brian Boru, Emperor Scotorum – Myth and Reality

Join History Ireland editor, Tommy Graham, as he leads a lively panel discussion with Denis Casey, TCD, Pat Wallace, former Director of the National Museum, Clare O'Halloran, UCC and Seán Duffy, to explore the myth and reality behind Brian Boru, Emperor of the Irish.

Thursday 15 May, 6.30pm – 9pm

Words on the Street –

European Literature Night

Eleven Countries, Eleven Voices, Eleven Venues – One Great Evening. We welcome guest reader, Jon McGregor, winner of the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award in 2012 for his novel *Even the Dogs*. A Dublin UNESCO City of Literature project.

Bealtaine Festival

Monday 19 May, 2.30pm

Getting to know the NLI:

An Introductory Session

Are you curious about the National Library? Learn how to get a reader's ticket, how to discover what we have, and what the NLI offers you.

Bealtaine Festival

Thursday 22 May, 2.30pm

Public Tour: Guided Tour

Discover the award-winning exhibition *Yeats: The Life and Work of William Butler Yeats* followed by afternoon tea in our Joly Café (10% discount in the café). Book your place by emailing learning@nli.ie.

BiblioFiles Lecture

Wednesday 28 May, 7pm

Public Lecture: Quenching the Prairie Fire: The National Collapse of the GAA in 1890s Ireland

Join Dr Richard McElligott, Lecturer in Modern Irish History, University College Dublin, for a public lecture on the collapse of the GAA in 1890s Ireland. All welcome.

June

Wednesday 11 June, 6.30pm

Public Event: The Muse & Mister Yeats – A Play for Voices

The Muse & Mister Yeats is a 'play for voices' performed by Tegolin Knowland and Seán Coyne, written and produced by Eamon Grennan. Presenting WBY's muses, the play sketches a portrait of Yeats-in-love. Admission: €5, at the door. Booking not required.

Monday 16 June, 3pm & 7pm

Bloomsday: A One Woman Show - JOYCED!

This one-woman show performed by Katie O'Kelly and written by Donal O'Kelly takes us on a whirlwind journey of Joycean Dublin, catapulting the audience through 1904, the year which Joyce would later make famous in *Ulysses*. Admission: €10, at the door. Booking not required. For those not able to make it on Bloomday, there will be a performance on Tuesday 17 June at 7pm.

Friday 20 June, 7pm

Public Lecture: The Joseph Hassett Yeats Lecture

Professor John Kelly, Emeritus Research Fellow in English, St John's College, Oxford will deliver the inaugural Joseph Hassett Lecture in which he discusses Yeats and Heaney as 'National Poets'. All welcome.

Thursday 26 June, 1.05pm

Place in Poetry: Poetry Reading with Australian Poet Simon West

Simon West explores how place influences poetry, reading from his own work and that of other Australian poets, and leading a discussion where you're invited to share a favourite poem about a place that means a lot to you.

July

Thursday 3 July, 11.30am – 1pm

Children's Coat of Arms Workshop

Learn about the ancient art of heraldry and look at the ways coats of arms are used today. Children can design their own imagined coat of arms at this fun workshop! Age group: 7 – 12 years. Booking required. Book at learning@nli.ie

Thursday 10 July, 2.30 – 4pm

Medieval Monkie Fun

Join Debbie Thomas, author of *Monkie Business* for an afternoon reading followed by fun and a treasure hunt. Age group: 8 – 12 years. Booking required. Book at learning@nli.ie

Thursday 17 July, 2.30 – 4pm

Thursday Tales

Join us for some tall tales and create your own tall tale through art. Ages 5 – 8 years. Admission free, booking not required.

Saturday 26 July, 1– 2pm

Storytelling with Niall De Burca

Enjoy a fun filled hour in the delightful company of storyteller Niall De Burca - prepare to be enthralled! All ages, booking not required.

August

This August at the National Library of Ireland, Eneclann and Ancestor Network will host a feast for family history fans! Twenty 20-minute talks will offer a short introduction to a key area, essential source or genealogy research method, followed by a Q&A session offering you direct access to an expert to take the mystery out of family history. Talks start after 1 pm every weekday in August. See genealogy article for more details, and check out our website at www.nli.ie for final lineup and dates.

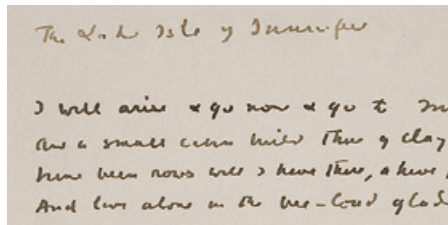
Heritage Week

Heritage Week takes place from 23 – 31 August 2014. The programme for Heritage Week will be announced shortly, so check our website www.nli.ie for details of events taking place at the National Library of Ireland.

Exhibitions

Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats

Our award winning exhibition, *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats* explores the life and works of one of Ireland's greatest writers. Visit our main building on Kildare Street or explore the exhibition at your leisure with our interactive online exhibition at www.nli.ie/yeats



Signed draft of WB Yeats' "Lake Isle of Innisfree".

The Dublin Lockout

The Dublin Lockout chronicles the story of a dramatic industrial conflict in 1913-14, against a backdrop of Irish social and political conditions. A partnership between the National Library and the 1913 Commemorations Committee of ICTU, the exhibition runs throughout 2014. You can also explore the content at www.nli.ie/lockout



Crowd of workers gathered on the Dublin docks during the Lockout.

National Photographic Archive, Meeting House Square, Temple Bar

There are several exhibitions to enjoy at the NPA this summer. Up to the end of May, travel back in time with our *Working Lives* exhibition, to catch a glimpse of the day-to-day life of industrial workers in Ireland over one hundred years ago. In June, we'll be hosting the annual **DIT Photography Graduate Show**, and from 19 June to 29 July we're delighted to host an exhibition from **BeLong To**, the national organisation for LGBT young people. From 1 August until December, **Shaped by History** will bring Gerry Anderson's photographs of Limerick's Milk Market to Dublin, in an exhibition previously displayed at the Hunt Museum in Limerick.



The gallery space at the NPA, which will host several exhibitions this summer

All exhibitions are free and open every day: see the back cover for details of opening hours.

Your National Library

Over 10,000 newly digitized items from the collections have recently gone online, amounting to over 23,000 new images in total, freely available for people worldwide to enjoy.

This exciting material includes all sorts of surprises, ranging from posters, pamphlets and playbills that tell the story of the Decade of Commemorations, to thousands of portraits of Irish people up to the 19th century, and family photographs of Thomas Clarke, one of the signatories of the 1916 Proclamation. We even have a collection of French prints – one of the great legacies of our original donor Jaspar Joly, whose extraordinary collection of material formed the foundation collection of the National Library in 1877.

Explore these images and over 50,000 more via our online catalogue, at <http://catalogue.nli.ie/>

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for information about events as well as insights into our digitized collection.



Celebrated 18th century beauty Nelly O'Brien, from the Elmes Portrait Collection (EP OBRI-NE (1) I).



Kathleen Clarke, widow of 1916 signatory Tom Clarke, with their sons (TC 14).

Pay us a Visit

This summer, there's food for body and soul at the National Library!

The Bealtaine Festival which celebrates creativity in older people is an ideal time to visit us, with a programme of events taking place throughout May. If you're trying to keep children entertained during the long summer holidays, why not drop into the NLI in July when we have activities once a week. Heritage Week takes place in August with a programme of events and lectures at the library. Visit www.nli.ie for more information.

During your visit, take a well-earned break in our Café Joly. Bronwyn Bailey and Micheal O'Malley have created a delicious menu emphasising local, seasonal, and artisan produce, including Irish cheese and charcuterie boards, smoked fish plates and patés, homemade soups and sandwiches, plus hot dish specials. The 'Cup and Crust' (half soup, half sandwich) is a lunchtime favourite, while great coffee and teas, and home-baked cakes, scones and tarts are available all day. 10% discount to NLI Readers.



Our Café Joly, named after Jasper Joly, whose collections helped to create the NLI.

Genealogy

Your genealogy research starts with you and your immediate family. Find out what you can from family members and papers, establish approximate dates (of births, marriages and deaths) as well as names and places of residence.

Following that initial research, why not visit our free Genealogy Advisory Service for advice on exploring your family history further? No appointment is necessary.

This August, we are delighted to welcome Eneclann and Ancestor Network to the NLI, with a programme of “Twentyx20” lunchtime talks unlocking the richness of Irish family history. Each talk is a short introduction to a key area, essential source or genealogy research method, followed by a Q&A session with the expert. Talks start after 1pm every weekday in August.

Twentyx20 Lunchtime Talks

- ▶ Dan Bradley, Trinity College Dublin: *Niall of the Nine Hostages and the genetic architecture of Irish surnames.*
- ▶ Else Churchill, Society of Genealogists: *The Irish poor in Victorian London.*
- ▶ Rev Patrick Comerford, CITI, author & blogger: *Hatch, Match and Beyond... finding trails and tales in parish records.*
- ▶ Brian Donovan, Eneclann: *The Digital Revolution: new sources online.*
- ▶ Prof. Ray Gillespie, N.U.I. Maynooth: *Doing local History.*
- ▶ Lar Joye, National Museum of Ireland speaking on the Irish in European armies up to the 19th century.
- ▶ Mary McAuliffe, N.U.I. Dublin: *Finding Women in the Records.*
- ▶ Paul Mac Cotter, N.U.I. Cork: *How to use surnames as one of your research tools.*
- ▶ Hilary McDonagh, Ancestor Network: *Genealogy and Sporting Records – from Sporting Laurels to Family Trees.*
- ▶ John McTierney: *Reading Headstones: Primary Sources Carved in Stone.*
- ▶ Brian Mitchell, Author, Derry City Archive: *Derry/Londonderry: Gateway to a new World.*
- ▶ Lorna Moloney, N.U.I. Cork & Merriman Research: *The Genealogy of Gaelic Clans: sources, records and evidence from the 11th to 17th Centuries.*
- ▶ Rhona Murray, Ancestry: *Using Ancestry.com to trace your family history.*
- ▶ Aoife O'Connor, author: *Tracing records on Irish Childhood.*
- ▶ Jacinta Prunty, N.U.I. Maynooth: *“Did you come from Dublin, dear?” Understanding the city through maps.*
- ▶ Dr. Jim Ryan, Flyleaf Press: *Ghosts of the Estates – tracing your ancestors in private land- rentals*
- ▶ Damian Shiels, author: *In search of our Forgotten Emigrants: the Irish of the American Civil War.*
- ▶ Ian Tester, Findmypast: *Digitising Irish Newspapers: how we bring Ireland’s past stories back to life.*

All talks are free and no booking is required. Check out our website at www.nli.ie for final details and dates.

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Monday - Wednesday 9.30am to 7.45pm

Thursday - Friday 9.30am to 4.45pm

Saturday 9.30am to 4.30pm (Reading Room closes at 12.45pm)

Sunday 1.00pm to 5.00pm (exhibitions only)

Open bank holidays 12.00pm to 5.00pm (exhibitions only)

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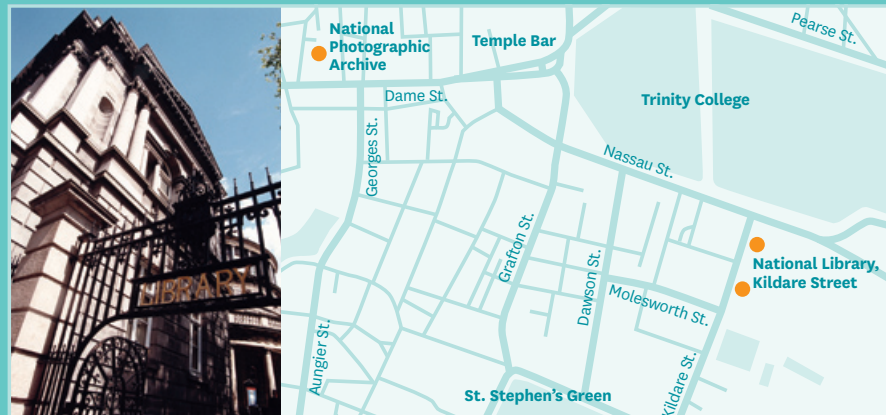
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Monday - Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm (exhibitions only)

Sunday 12.00pm to 5.00pm (exhibitions only)

The NPA Reading Room is open from Tuesday to Thursday between 10.00am and 1.00pm by prior appointment only.

Free admission



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