

PRESS RELEASE

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National Library to host series of events for teen historians and budding researchers

The [National Library of Ireland](#) (NLI) has today (06.07.16) announced that it will host a number of free events aimed at teenagers and children throughout the month of July.

Events will include a one-day study camp for budding teenage historians who are interested in investigating the NLI's collections and exploring different research methods. The '**Hands on History**' study camp will take place from 10.00am-4.00pm on Tuesday, 19th July in the Library's main building on Kildare Street. The event is free but booking is required at learning@nli.ie or 01-6030259 / 01-6030346; lunch is not provided.

Further events will include a series of workshops for children of all ages, entitled 'Treasures, Trails and Tales', and a workshop by children's author Debbie Thomas.

- **Children's Workshops: Treasures, Trails and Tales.**
 - Thursday, 7th July, 2:30pm-4.00pm. The first in this series of workshops will focus on the ancient art of heraldry and the world of the knights. No booking required
 - Thursday, 14th July, 2:30pm-4.00pm. This workshop will teach participating children about the Library building itself, encouraging them to draw what catches their eye. No booking required.
 - Thursday, 21st July, 2:30pm-4.00pm. As part of the workshop, book covers through the years will be examined and children will get to design their own futuristic book covers. No booking required.
- **Children's Workshop: "Once upon a wonder..."**. Thursday, 28th July, 2.00pm-3.30pm. Children's author Debbie Thomas will lead children into the wonderful world of stories. Free admission. Age group: 8 – 12 years. Booking required at learning@nli.ie or 01 6030259.

Speaking about the events, Brid O'Sullivan of the Library's Education and Outreach Department said: "One of the NLI's core objectives is to offer events and services for people of all ages, including children and teenagers. All of our exhibitions have special trails for young people to explore and, as schools have finished for the summer, we have put a special focus on events for young people in our July programme. We're particularly excited about hosting a one-day camp for students, some of whom who may go on to study history at leaving cert level."

Full details about the NLI's events in July can be found at www.nli.ie.

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Note to Editors

About the Library: The mission of the National Library of Ireland (NLI) is to collect, preserve, promote and make accessible the documentary and intellectual record of the life of Ireland and to contribute to the provision of access to the larger universe of recorded knowledge. It is open, free of charge, to all those who wish to consult the collections. The Office of the Chief Herald in Kildare Street and the National Photographic Archive in Temple Bar are both part of the National Library. Further information is available at www.nli.ie. Follow the NLI on Twitter [@NLIreland](#), Facebook [National Library of Ireland](#), [Flickr on the Commons](#) and [Vimeo](#).