

Poetry at the National Library



The Yeats exhibition offers something for everyone, from poems read by well-known people, to a family trail and theatre masks.

Poets from WB Yeats to Seamus Heaney have used the National Library's reading rooms, and the literary papers of many poets are now part of our manuscript collections.

We celebrate Irish poets and poetry in our much-loved WB Yeats exhibition, and we'll be marking the 75th anniversary of the poet's death on 28 January with a special tour of the exhibition. There's no need to book, just come along on the day.

We also encourage the speaking of poetry as a living experience with the competition Poetry Aloud. Together with Poetry Ireland, we organise this competition for post primary schools throughout Ireland every year, and over 1500 students took part in 2013. More details about how to get involved in this year's competition will be on our website later in the year.



Poetry Aloud Winners 2013, left to right: Aoife Fitzgerald, St Michael's Holy Faith Secondary School, Finglas, Dublin (Junior Category); Niall Ó hAnnagáin, Coláiste Ailigh, Letterkenny, Co Donegal (Intermediate Category and Overall Winner); Barry Pierce, St Colman's College, Fermoy, Co Cork (Senior Category).

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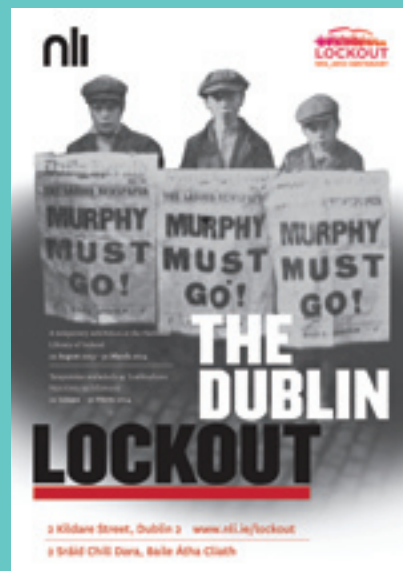
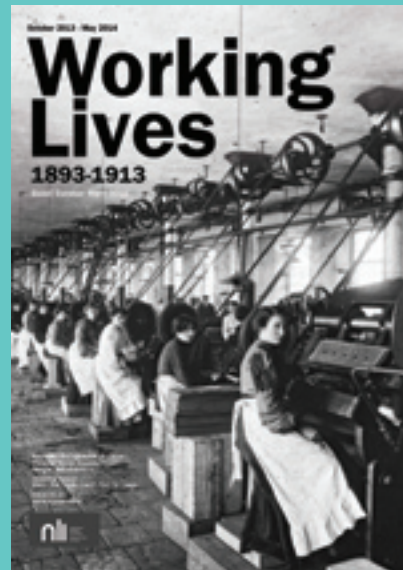
Temporary Exhibitions: Don't Miss Out!

Travel back in time with two of our current exhibitions, *The Dublin Lockout* and *Working Lives, 1893-1913*, which draw on the National Library's collections to bring the past to vivid life.

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

Meanwhile, in our National Photographic Archive in Temple Bar, guest curator Mary Jones has drawn on the Mason and Poole collections of photographs to create *Working Lives*, which runs until May 2014. An industrial "family album", the exhibition offers rare glimpses of Irish men, women and children at work, between 1893 and 1913.

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



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Opening hours:

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)

National Photographic Archive

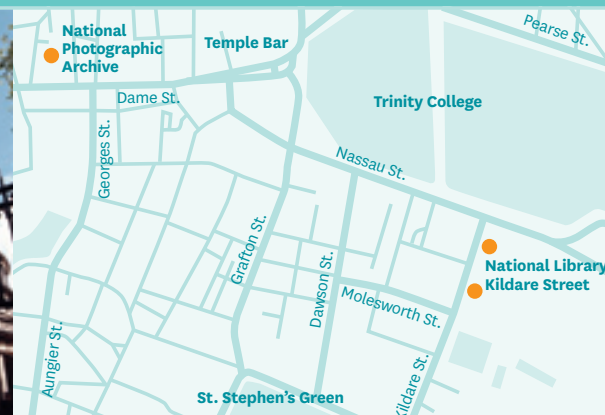
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Opening hours

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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Cover image: Drawing of poet WB Yeats as a young boy, by his father John Butler Yeats, from our collection of prints and drawings.

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When College Green really was green - hand-coloured engraving of College Green in Dublin by artist Joseph Tudor, from around 1753.



Photographer Colman Doyle captures two young boys gazing admiringly at a model standing on Dublin's Winetavern Street.

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Whether you're on Kildare Street, at home, or on the move, many of the resources of the National Library are available to you all the time.

For a start, you can enjoy more than 55,000 items from the collections that have been digitised and are freely available online through our catalogue, at <http://catalogue.nli.ie>. Our online exhibitions, focusing on 1916, the Lockout, WB Yeats and more, are always open, and can be accessed through our website, at www.nli.ie. We also have lots of great resources for students and teachers – check out the learning area of the website to see what's available.

You can also follow us on Twitter, Flickr and Facebook to get news, information and gorgeous pictures hot off the presses; the two images here are those our Facebook followers have liked most.

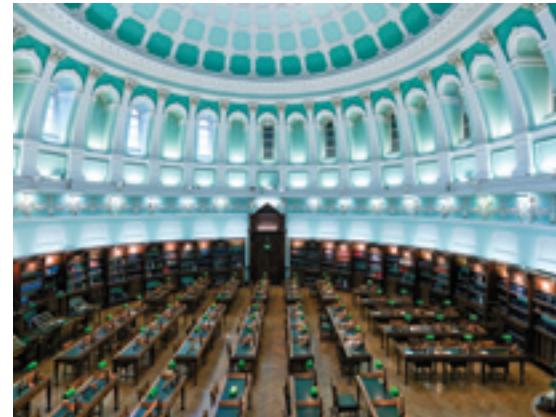
Pay us a Visit

Would you like to find out more about the National Library's history and heritage, and discover what we can offer you, while meeting our friendly staff?

This year's Adult Learner's Festival from 24 February to 1 March is a good time to do just that, as we're offering a free introduction to the NLI, a guided visit to our Yeats exhibition, and a curator's tour of *The Dublin Lockout*.

Through the spring, we're also introducing our First Saturdays. Join us in our main Reading Room on Saturday 1 February, 1 March or 5 April from 2 – 4.30pm, for an informal visit to enjoy and photograph the beautiful architecture, discover more about the millions who have passed through the room, and ask us any question you like about the National Library – go on, try and come up with one we can't answer!

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The National Library's beautiful domed reading room...



...welcoming visitors since 1890.

Calendar of Events

January – April 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. Please contact learning@nli.ie to make a booking, allowing at least two weeks notice.

January

Tuesday 21 Jan, 7pm

History Ireland Hedge School: 'To hell or to Kimmage': planning outcomes of the 1913 Church Street disaster

Join us for this lively panel discussion led by History Ireland editor Tommy Graham with Ellen Rowley, Ruth McManus, Mary Daly and Chris Corlett exploring the impact of the 1913 Church Street disaster, when tenement buildings collapsed with fatal consequences.

Tuesday 28 Jan, 2.30pm

Special tour of the award-winning exhibition *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats*

To mark the 75th anniversary of the poet's death in 1939.

February

Saturday 1 February, 2-4.30pm

First Saturday

Explore our beautiful reading room and find out more about the history and services of the National Library from our friendly staff.

Wednesday 5 February, 7pm

BiblioFiles Lecture: *Dubliners* and *Ulysses*: Arthur Griffith's influence on James Joyce

In this talk, part of our occasional BiblioFiles series, Dr Anthony Jordan reflects on the 20-year relationship between James Joyce and Arthur Griffith, and the influence of Griffith's newspapers *The United Irishman* and *Sinn Féin* on the writer in exile.

Starting 4 February, 8 Tuesday mornings from 10am - 12.30pm

UCD Adult Education Course: Regional Genius: Place and Identity in Irish Writing

This course examines the role of place, locality and landscape in Irish writing. Throughout, students will be encouraged to explore how authors respond to and shape notions of place and community within Ireland.

To book a place register at www.ucd.ie/adulted/ or contact UCD Adult Education Centre on (01) 716 7123.

Starting 5 February, 8 Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12.30pm

UCD Adult Education Course: Irish War of Independence, 1919-1921

Booked out. To add your name to the cancellation list, contact UCD Adult Education Centre on (01) 716 7123.

**Adult Learner's Festival
Tuesday 25 February, 2.30pm**

Guided Tour

Join us for a tour of Yeats: *The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats*.

**Adult Learner's Festival
Tuesday 25 February, 6-8pm**

Seminar – Lifelong Learning Stories: A collage of past, present and future learning

This workshop, in which participants will reflect on their past, present and future selves as learners, is led by Dr. Debora Nelli, Continuing & College Education Program, Washington University, USA. Booking required; please email learning@nli.ie to reserve a place.

**Adult Learner's Festival
Wednesday 26 February, 2.30pm**

Curator's Tour

Join curator Nikki Ralston for a special tour of *The Dublin Lockout*, and discover how a National Library exhibition is put together.

**Adult Learner's Festival
Thursday 27 February, 11.30am**

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.

March

Saturday 1 March, 2-4.30pm

First Saturday

Explore our beautiful reading room and find out more about the history and services of the National Library from our friendly staff.

Wednesday 5 March, 7pm

Public Lecture: Adventurous Irish Women

To mark International Women's Day on 8 March, author Mary Russell celebrates adventurous Irish women like Sophie Peirce, the first woman to fly solo from Cape Town to Cairo - in an open-cockpit aircraft.

Tuesday 18 March, 6.30pm

Public Lecture: The Irish genealogies – Irish history's poor relation?

Dr Nollaig Ó Muraíle, Roinn na Gaeilge, NUI Galway, delivers this year's annual Irish Texts Society Breandán O'Buachalla Memorial Lecture.

April

Saturday 5 April, 2-4.30pm

First Saturday

Explore our beautiful reading room and find out more about the history and services of the National Library from our friendly staff.

Dublin will celebrate poetry throughout April, with a particular emphasis on the poetry of places captured in this year's *One City One Book* choice, the poetry anthology *If Ever You Go: a map of Dublin in poetry and song*. Poems by WB Yeats featured in the volume include: "Easter 1916", "Beautiful Lofty Things" and "The Municipal Gallery Revisited". The programme for *One City One Book* is announced in March, so check our website www.nli.ie then, for details of events at the National Library.