

East Midlands Branch Newsletter

From the Editor

A belated happy new year to all our branch members.

Details of this years members' day and AGM are inside. Book now to confirm your place.

Also we will be saying farewell to our long-serving branch chair Joan Bray and offering a warm welcome to the new chair Mary Bryceland

Cheryl Brooker

East Midlands Branch Members' Day & AGM

The East Midlands branch will be holding its annual members' day on Tuesday 22 March 2011 at the QUAD in Derby.

Chief Executive of CILIP **Annie Mauger** will be holding a keynote session of the future role and structure of CILIP in the morning. While past president **Biddy Fisher** will be holding an afternoon session on Information Literacy, the challenge for the future.

The day will run from 10.00am-4.00pm and the branch AGM will take place at 1.30pm.

The cost of attending the day for CILIP Members and Non-members is £10 payable with booking form. There will be no fee for unemployed

CILIP Members. Lunch is also included. The programme for the day is as follows

- 9.30 Coffee
- 10.00 Opening remarks
- 10.15 Annie Mauger, Chief Executive CILIP
The future structure and role of CILIP
- 11.00 Coffee
- 11.30 Discussion groups based on Annie Mauger's paper
- 12.15 Feedback
- 12.45 Lunch
- 1.30 Branch AGM
- 2.00 Biddy Fisher, Past President of CILIP Information Literacy, the challenge for the future
- 2.45 Discussion

groups on Biddy Fisher's paper during which tea will be available

- 3.30 Feedback
- 4.00 Finish

For a copy of the booking form contact: emboc@bc-d.co.uk or visit the branch website <http://tinyurl.com/q6n9j5>

Booking deadline 8th March 2011

Both keynote speakers give a taste of their sessions below:-

Annie Mauger, Chief Executive CILIP

The future structure and role of CILIP

"The priorities for CILIP can be summarised in a few words – advocacy and leadership, networking and professional development. The next
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step is to use these findings to help rebuild the organisation to ensure that it is fit for purpose and for the future. Between January and March Council will consider proposals for the future structure of CILIP and a five year budget designed to restore reserves as well as a review of branches and groups. The proposals for the new shape of

CILIP will then be put out for consultation."

Annie Mauger will visit Members Day to outline the proposals and then give you as members of CILIP in the East Midlands an opportunity to comment and be part of the consultation.

Biddy Fisher, Past President of CILIP

Information Literacy, the challenge for the future

'Information Literacy' is a key area for all library and information professionals. Within CILIP 'IL' receives a considerable amount of interest and activity, but it is dispersed and fragmented and thus lacks the authority or status that it deserves. As one of her Past Presidential roles, Biddy is leading a policy initiative that aims to bring together the various strands of activity across all the

various sectors to provide more coherence for members. Perhaps more importantly this work aspires to offer a clearer picture of the way in which this critical skill can benefit all the communities served by the LIS profession and provide a powerful tool for advocacy beyond it.

It's sure to be a thought provoking day so make sure you book early!

Farewell from the Branch Chair...



Professional involvement has been part of my library world throughout my career: it has been a real help in my personal development and has helped me to build networks of colleagues in many sectors often through being involved on national committees – AAL, Local Studies and recently Branch

and Groups Forum. I have now decided that it is time to move on and having retired from Nottingham City Libraries last year I am now handing on the role of Chair of the Branch.

Some of the most memorable occasions for me have been locally – there are 2 which stand out for me – the first was when I stood in front of 60 people in Nottingham Central Library all of whom were interested in Local Studies, and by the end of the meeting the Midlands and Anglia group was born. The second was 3 years ago when we held the first Branch

Members Day in the East Midlands. To the delight of the Committee 70 people turned up and the response was really positive and all levels of the profession were represented. It has been great to meet so many people as Chair. The next few years are going to be difficult for the library profession not only in my own field of public libraries but libraries in all sectors will be affected by the squeeze on spending. CILIP itself has undertaken a review of its role and is now looking at a re focus of its role with an increasing input to advocacy being top of

the list. We will need that advocacy and CILIP will provide some focus for this work. I would like to wish my replacement Mary Bryceland all the best for her period as Chair of the Branch. I am sure she will ensure the work of CILIP in the East Midlands will go on and that there will be an exciting programme of events to support local members of CILIP.

Finally I would like to thank all those with whom I have worked over the years for their contribution to the work of CILIP in the East Midlands.

Joan Bray, Past Chair

...and hello from the new Branch Chair



I was surprised, honoured and a little apprehensive when your Branch Council asked me to take over as chair from Joan Bray; a decision which I hope you will approve at the AGM on 22 March. Joan will be a hard act to follow as she has been very active nationally for CILIP and is well known in our profession. She was an excellent chair and has encouraged members to become

active in the branch and to develop their skills.

I started in libraries as a library assistant, trainee and librarian with the London Borough of Lambeth in the 1970s, I then continued working in public libraries with Leicestershire County Council. In 1992 I was appointed to run the Multicultural and RE Centre for teachers across the County, and since 1997 for Leicester City. It came as something of a shock when, in 2009, it was decided that the library should be run by a clerical assistant; as I refused to be that person, I then spent a

few months in a clerical role at City HQ. Happily, a year ago I was appointed as senior library assistant at South Leicestershire College and was pleased to be back in a library.

By the time this newsletter is published we will have had Save our Libraries Day on 5th February. I am planning to visit my local public library and hope that many of you will have taken the opportunity to go to yours.

I am reminded of the saying attributed to Pastor Niemoller *"First they came for the communists, and I*

didn't speak out because I wasn't a communist." It ends *"Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me."*

Whatever sector you work in, we all need to support each other and promote the value of our library and information services. Your branch, together with special interest groups, is a link between the East Midlands and CILIP HQ. Please do contact me if the branch can support you in any way.

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Get involved in your branch

We are always on the look out for new Committee members and it is a great opportunity to develop your professional skills and have your say in how the Branch is run. We are a friendly bunch who come from a variety of library sectors across the East Midlands although Northamptonshire is

not currently represented. If you think that you might be interested in getting involved contact either Mary Bryceland pmmbr@googlemail.com or Linda Dawes emboc@bc-d.co.uk.

Mary Bryceland,
Chair
Linda Dawes,
Honorary Secretary

Follow your branch online

East Midlands Branch learns how to tweet! You can now follow your local Branch on the following:

Twitter ♣
<http://twitter.com/CILIPEMBranch>

Netvibes ♣
<http://www.netvibes.com/cilipembranch>

Blog ♣
<http://cilipembranch.blogspot.com>

Flickr ♣
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/emboc>

Facebook ♣
<http://tinyurl.com/embocfacebook>

My Guilty Secret

It was just before Christmas that I did it. I confess it made me feel really guilty. First there was the amount of money I spent on it. Then there was the feeling that I was being unfaithful.

I'd always said I would never do it, but when someone showed me theirs, I was smitten. Well I did hesitate for a bit before the temptation got too much for me. I had to have it, and before Christmas.

OK, I'll come clean – I bought a Kindle™. The chance of taking lots of books in my hand

luggage on a flight to Edinburgh was not to be missed.

My first downloads? I downloaded "Pride and Prejudice" free and paid for Alexander McCall Smith's "The charming quirks of others" and "The girl with the dragon tattoo" by Stieg Larsson.

Having got hooked on Stieg Larsson I then had to download the other two books in the trilogy whilst away.

So who was I being unfaithful to? Buying the Kindle meant that I didn't use my local library to borrow a bag full of books to see me

over the Christmas break. When I did go back, I only borrowed three titles instead of the usual six or more. The county library service doesn't offer e-books yet so they won't get my custom that way. I'll still need my local library for maps, holiday guides, other non-fiction and anything I don't want to buy for the Kindle. The Kindle is very handy to use when eating lunch at work; unlike a paperback it stays open leaving your hands free to eat. It's also handy to carry around. So the answer

to my moral dilemma has been to ration my use of the Kindle and use it just at work and when travelling; I'll try to stick with proper books for home reading. However what will happen when I have an unputdownable book on the Kindle? Will I have the willpower to keep to my resolution?

**Mary Bryceland
Branch Chair**

Comments from other members would be welcomed for our next newsletter

East Midlands Events

The branch is looking to hold bi-monthly visits to libraries of interest across the region through out the year.

These will hopefully include a health library, a records office and a university library among others. As well as an opportunity to see libraries from other sectors they provide an opportunity to network with other professionals in the region.

Details will be publicised through the branch newsletter and the monthly branch email once confirmed.

If you don't already receive our branch email please register at

www.cilip.org.uk. This will allow you to gain access to a range of member only information & services, including subscriptions to our eBulletins.

YLG East Midlands: Why Stories Matter to the Under 5s – A practical and inspirational workshop about engaging children and their carers in libraries.

Writer and Storyteller Alison Davies will lead the day with practical activities using picture books and storytelling. Author and illustrator Mini Grey will conclude with an inspirational

insight into creating picture books. At: Derbyshire School Library Service, 184 Kedleston Road, Derby, DE22 1GT. When: Thursday 17th February 2011, 9.30-4.30. Cost: £10 including lunch, with thanks to the Wendy Drewett Bequest. Contact: jean.burbridge@leicester.gov.uk.

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The Social Web: Opportunities in Difficult Times

Tue 22 Feb 2011
10.00–16.00 at
University of Leicester

There are still free places available at the UKOLN one-day workshop on using the social web and Web 2.0 for the cultural heritage sector. It is free to attend and lunch is included. This workshop is aimed at members of the museums, libraries and

archives communities working in the cultural heritage sector. Booking closes 14th February 2011 <<http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/cultural-heritage/events/social-web-leicester-2011-02/>

'Pancakes and Mash' - a library technology un-conference

Tue 8th March 10.00-16.30 at the University of Lincoln. Costs £12. Booking is now open to all, via:

<http://lincn.eu/gmx>
<http://mashlib.blogs.lincn.ac.uk/>

"Mashed Library is about 'bringing together interested people and doing interesting stuff with libraries and technology' - feel free to join if you have an interest in libraries, technology, or both." ~ taken from: <http://mashedlibrary.com/>

There will be social events the night before (and possibly the night after) the conference.

University of Leicester, Leicester Teaching Skills for Library staff

Tue 5 Apr 2011 at Leicester Creative Business depot, Leicester. The sixth LIEM 'Teaching Skills for Library Staff' course is to be held at the Leicester Creative Business Depot on Tuesday 5th April 2011. Early booking is advised for this very popular course. Further info and booking form can be found at www.liem.org.uk/events

Managing Change in Libraries and Information Services

Fri 13th May 9.30-16.45 At Nottinghamshire Archives Office. Cost per participant will be £95 for LIEM members and £130 non-members.

LIEM is offering a one-day training event aimed at team leaders and operational managers working in library,

information and archives services to help them:

- Reflect on some of the drivers for change in the Libraries and Information Sector
- Recognise and understand responses to change
- Provide direction and communicate changes in a clear and constructive way
- Gain greater commitment to change by involving staff and encouraging feedback
- Identify actions they can take to support people through change
- Develop a plan to support their organisational or team changes.

Lunch will be provided and coffee and refreshments will be available on arrival from 9.15 am.

Twelve places are available and a booking form can be found at www.liem.org.uk/events

Contact Us

We welcome contributions whether it's articles, events, book reviews or letters. If you have anything you would like to include in the next issue please forward to the editor by 25th May 2011. Feedback on the newsletter and suggestions for content also welcomed. Contact details for the editor are below

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Information about the branch and committee are available here as well as our monthly new bulletin and quarterly newsletter