



Chartered Institute of Library
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ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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Committee 2009

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Elga Logue

Report for the Committee for the year ended 31st December 2009

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting,

To the members of cilip Ireland. The Branch Committee submits herewith its report and financial summary for 2009.

Membership

The membership of the Branch in 2009 (31 December) was 223. Of these 13 are affiliated members.

Annual General Meeting

Members' Day was held on Wednesday 25th March 2009 in Ulidia Resource Centre, Belfast.

Committee Meetings

The Committee met five times during the year.

Guy Daines acted as CILIP Liaison officer from June 2009.

Programme

Annual Joint Conference 2009

The Joint Conference took place in the Hilton Hotel, Belfast, 29th April – 1st May 2009. The theme was Managing Change in the Information Age, which attracted more than 100 delegates from all sectors and from across the island – as well as representatives from England, Wales and Scotland, plus some 20 exhibitors from a wide range of library suppliers.

There were presentations on the new Northern Ireland Library Authority, Library and Research Services, Houses of the Oireachtas and the European Digital Heritage Project; the LAI Presidential Address and a Vice Presidential Address from CILIP; the COLICO Annual Lecture on Small Nation Publishing; and visits to the Bangor Carnegie Library and Belfast Central Library.

Workshops were many and varied. They covered professional competencies and CPD; strategic planning, service evaluation and Government support; building refurbishment, digitisation and One Book projects; partnerships between libraries and the BBC and provision of business information.

A definite highlight was the Conference Dinner hosted by the Lord Mayor and Belfast City Council, at which the Lord Mayor, Tom Hartley, spoke from the heart about the power of books and libraries to facilitate learning.

Overall, the Conference was extremely well organised, interesting and informative, with Elga Logue as the Conference Secretary and Mary Murphy, Programme Secretary. All the speakers showed real passion for libraries, in their numerous guises. There was something for everyone, with a lot packed into just a short time and it was very enjoyable too.

cilip Ireland News

cilip Ireland News continued its publication with a special autumn edition devoted to the Annual Joint Conference, Members' Day and the Framework of Qualifications Mentoring scheme, offering Chartered Librarians the opportunity to become Mentors.

cilip Ireland Members' Day

cilip Ireland held its annual Members' Day on Wednesday 25 March 2009 in Room 3, Ulidia Resource Centre, Somerset Street, Belfast. The event commenced at 10.00am with Registration, tea, coffee and scones, followed by the Annual General Meeting. The Chairperson, Katherine McCloskey, welcomed everybody and asked Elga Logue, Executive Officer, to commence the AGM. E. Logue highlighted the numerous events which had been successfully run throughout 2008, including, three workshops on the competency based interview in response to staffing requirements for the new Northern Ireland Library Authority and the Annual Joint Conference which took place on 15th – 17th April 2008 in Athlone, Ireland with its theme - Future- Proofing the Past: 80 years commitment to access and co-operation; a half-day course entitled Responding to the Needs of Internationally Recruited Workers which explored, through examples of good practice, how a library service can

respond to the needs of internationally recruited workers - migrant workers – who are increasingly using a wide range of library and information services. E. Logue also drew attention to the new CILIP HQ Liaison Officer, Guy Daines, Director, Policy and Advocacy and on behalf of the cilip Ireland committee, welcomed Guy and thanked Bob Mc Kee for his support and dedication to the branch over the years.

cilip Ireland Bursaries

cilip Ireland welcomed the opportunity again in 2009 to be in a position to provide financial support to students accepted on the librarianship courses with the University of Ulster. Notification of the availability of application forms was distributed.

Libraries and the Digital Revolution

On Monday 7th December, cilip Ireland ran a course entitled: Libraries and the Digital Revolution in the impressive new library, Queen's University, Belfast. The course had three aims: Firstly, to explore the impact of digitisation on all library and information sectors; Secondly, to highlight digital resources available in four very different library and information sectors and, thirdly, to facilitate a healthy debate on both the impact of digitisation and future developments. Four excellent speakers delivered most informative presentations, clearly demonstrating the impact of digitisation which their libraries have embraced.

The first speaker, representing the public library sector, was Jennifer Crossland, Belfast Central Library, who delivered a most impressive account of Central Library's response to digitisation, highlighting such initiatives as The People's Network and ECDL. It was stressed that prior to these, the library and information sector had embraced PRESTEL and MINTEL. So too, resources such as the British Standards, Britannica, Dictionary of National Biography, Grove Art, Grove Music, Who's Who and Who Was Who have all been made available and accessible through digitisation. So too, Local History resources have been made easily accessible through such sources as ANCESTRY.COM, street directories, newspapers and periodicals. Family history is a huge market and embraces both digital resources as well as paper based resources which can be used to compliment each other. In particular, attention was drawn to the 1911 Irish Census which is an excellent example of a digitisation project. Attention was drawn to the importance of virtual exhibitions which are an excellent way of advertising resources and obtaining awards. It was stressed that public libraries are not the drivers of the digital revolution, rather they are the responders. Through networking and partnerships, digital projects can be embraced by the public library sector. Such initiatives with the British Library, Queen's University and the Arts Council can ensure that digital projects are both funded by such organisations and hosted by public libraries. These opportunities ensure that digital resources raise both the use of libraries as user figures increase in an age when book issue figures are falling.

The second speaker was Dr. Ann Mc Veigh from the Public Record Office Northern Ireland (PRONI). Her presentation was entitled New For Old: Accessing the Archives On-line. A demonstration of the PRONI website, clearly illustrated how PRONI is the portal to the world through its electronic catalogue available twenty-four hours. The catalogue offers a subject search facility, name search and area search. So too, attention was drawn to PRONI's website

databases, including: The Ulster Covenant, the Freeholders' List, Street Directories from 1890 onwards, Will Calendars, Names Search, Guides and Leaflets, Church records, Townlands records, Political Interest and a series of leaflets on How to trace your family tree. Ann drew attention to the fact that 70% of PRONI's customers come to trace their family tree. PRONI is moving from its existing premises in Balmoral Avenue to the Titanic Quarter and it is hoped that it will open in May 2011.

Deirdre Farry and Fionnuala Casey delivered a presentation highlighting the digital resources available at the Northern Ireland Assembly Library. This again broadened the debate as a further sector was represented. The Northern Ireland Assembly Research and Library Service exists to support the work of the Assembly. Attention was drawn to its wealth of online resources, including ASSIST – The Assembly Information Store which is the Research and Library Service Intranet. This facility is accessible to all secretariat staff in the constituency offices and Parliament Buildings. The most heavily accessed resources are: LEXIS NEXIS – News and business information; Justis Parliament – a comprehensive index of all UK Parliamentary information; ADVICE Finder Online – a comprehensive database provided by the Northern Ireland Citizens Advice Bureau; Academic Search Premier – a multidisciplinary database; Planning Online; DOD Online – a database that provides complete information on the people and institutions that make up the UK Parliaments, Assemblies, Civil Service and the EU; KNOW UK; HORIZON – an online current awareness tool and AIMS – the Assembly Information Management System which is a portal developed by the Information Services Office and which provides information on Assembly Members, Assembly Questions and Assembly Plenary Business. In conclusion, it was stated that the website is currently under development by an outside company.

The course concluded with Trevor Lyttle providing a comprehensive overview of project managing the new library building at Queen's University Belfast. The presentation emphasised the key roles of the new library as a collection of resources in both print and non-print formats; as a place to get help; as a place to study with opening hours to accommodate the university year and a most comprehensive overview of the services available. A tour followed which enabled all participants to have a first-hand look at this most impressive building.

Reports from Representatives

Career Development Group

The Career Development Group is one of the few Special Interest Groups of Cilip that is active in Northern Ireland. As with previous years, the Committee attempted to raise awareness of matters of interest to the local LIS community through visits, events and LINK, the divisional newsletter.

The Committee ran a number of interesting visits throughout the year and ticked off the 2009 calendar with a visit to UTV studios and library. Feedback on this visit was very positive as the visit allowed for opportunities to watch news rehearsals, meet production teams, website teams and graphic designers, tours of UTV studios and radio station, and last but not least, the UTV library – making all those unable to attend very jealous and wanting a return visit. The calendar also included three visits to the Assembly Library; one as a follow-up to a previous visit, and the other two in order to meet demand. The visit included a tour of the Chambers as well as an opportunity to see the Assembly sitting. The visit rounded off with a look round the library and a talk by Ingrid Mercer, Senior Librarian, and her team. Traditionally the Committee does not hold any visits during the summer due to holidays etc, so the latter part of the year included a tour round the library of the Law Society of Northern Ireland, and a talk by the Librarian, Heather Semple. The year concluded in December with a visit to the Learning Resource Centre at the University of Ulster, Belfast campus. This visit also included a talk by art historian, Mike Catto. All visits were well attended and well received by those attending.

In liaison with Cilip in London, the Career Development Group continued to support those candidates registered for chartership. The Candidate Support Officer (CSO) provided support and advice to registration candidates, helping and encouraging them to make the often difficult final push towards submission of their report/portfolio. This was facilitated by a chartership event with Michael Martin, and a series of informal evening ‘meetings’. However as with previous years, the CSO has continued to deal with general enquiries about Cilip’s Framework of Qualifications, including accreditation and revalidation. The CSO held an informal morning event to register interest in mentoring; permitting those interested to chat with those currently mentoring. There is a shortage of mentors in Northern Ireland so anyone interested should either make contact with the local committee of the Career Development Group or Cilip Ireland.

LINK, the divisional newsletter, produced three issues throughout 2009. As well as the commentary on our visits, there have been other interesting reports on a wide variety of topics including: the new Library Authority for Northern Ireland, the international work of the Career Development Group, an E-learning conference report and Northern Ireland libraries and local studies information. As always Lorna Reid, editor of LINK, tracked down people willing to give a synopsis of their job; 2009 included an Information officer at Voluntary Arts Ireland, and a look back at a long career at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown campus.

The divisional webpage can be found on the main Career Development Group webpage on the Cilip website (<http://www.cilip.org.uk/cdg>). From here, you can find out general

information about the Group or link to our webpage by clicking on the link for Divisions. From our divisional webpage, you will find information on divisional contacts, including our newly appointed New Professionals Support Officers, as well as visits for the forthcoming year.

As a final note, the Career Development Group would like to thank all those people who make our visits, events and LINK possible – without people willing to give up their time to either show people round, spend time talking to groups or writing about experiences for LINK, the role of the Career Development Group would be much harder to fulfil. Likewise, we would like to thank all those who showed an interest in, or were able to attend, the courses and visits organised by the group. We would ask that you continue to show your support by attending those events arranged.

cilip Ireland Financial Summary 2009

INCOME**	
cilip capitation	£1385.00
Courses**	£245.00
TOTAL	£1,297.00

EXPENDITURE	
Committee	£873.92
Members' Day	£189.75
NSLC	£65.00
Postage	£129.26
Seminar	£161.20
Stationery & Printing	£355.00
Bank Charges	£35.82
TOTAL	£1809.95

SUMMARY	
Income**	£1,297.00
Expenditure	£1809.95
Bank Balance	£16,841.86

**Annual Joint Conference Income to be finalised.