Libraries NI celebrates
Creativity Month

March 2014

“...you can’t use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.”
Maya Angelou.
For the fourth successive year, Libraries NI is participating in Creativity Month, an initiative of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure. Creativity Month is held annually to stimulate new thinking, new collaborations and help creative people, creative ideas and creative businesses emerge and flourish.

Our programme offers the opportunity to participate in what promises to be an exciting and diverse range of free events in libraries across Northern Ireland, with something for everyone: from ‘hi-tech’ mobile movie making, smartphone photography and recording sessions, to poetry and creative writing workshops, author visits, heritage sessions, art demonstrations and flamenco dance, as well more traditional crafts such as lacemaking and baking.

We would be delighted to see you at any of these events during March. You don’t have to be a library member to attend, but why not take this opportunity to find out more about the range of services available? – you might be pleasantly surprised!

Irene Knox
Chief Executive
Introduction Chief Executive

Film and photography

Writer in residence

Literature

Art

Music and dance

Heritage

Lifestyle and craft

Children’s activities

At a glance
Movies - Go Mobile
Workshops

Got an idea for a short film or trailer? Need a storyboard, camera crew, edit suite, special effects unit, title generator and soundtrack?

This comprehensive workshop in mobile movie-making puts everything you need at your fingertips, making your ideas a reality.

Using iPads and a host of creative applications, you will storyboard, shoot, edit and showcase your short film in one day.

You will leave equipped with the skills to expand your film production knowledge.

Booking essential

Larne Library
Saturday 1 March
10:30am – 4:30pm
t: 028 2827 7047
e: larne.library@librariesni.org.uk

Magherafelt Library
Saturday 8 March
10:30am – 4:30pm
t: 028 7963 2278
e: magherafelt.library@librariesni.org.uk
During this workshop, photographer Geoff McGrath will take you through the steps on how to unleash your creative flair using your smartphone.

Geoff will cover the basics on capturing a great image and how to process your images using apps.

He will also cover basic photo-editing processes and enlighten you as to how to get your work ‘out there’ using various social media platforms.

Booking essential
Brian McGilloway is the bestselling author of the critically acclaimed Inspector Benedict Devlin series. He was born in Derry, Northern Ireland in 1974. After studying English at Queen's University, he took up a teaching position in St Columb’s College in Derry, where he was Head of English.

His first novel, *Borderlands*, published by Macmillan New Writing, was shortlisted for the CWA New Blood Dagger 2007 and was hailed by *The Times* as ‘one of (2007’s) most impressive debuts.’ The second novel in the series, *Gallows Lane*, was shortlisted for both the 2009 Irish Book Awards/Ireland AM Crime Novel of the Year and the Theakston’s Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2010. *Bleed A River Deep*, the third Devlin novel, was selected by Publishers Weekly as one of their Best Books of 2010.

Brian’s fifth novel, *Little Girl Lost*, which introduced a new series featuring DS Lucy Black, won the University of Ulster’s McCrea Literary Award in 2011 and was a UK No.1 Bestseller. The follow-up novel, *Hurt*, was published in late 2013 in the UK by Constable and Robinson. Both books will debut in the USA in early 2014.

Brian’s books have been translated into Thai, Japanese, German, Italian, Hungarian, Polish, and Finnish and both the Devlin and Black series are currently in development for television. Brian lives near the Irish borderlands with his wife, daughter and three sons.
Revealed . . .
Published crime author Brian McGilloway introduces himself as our Writer In Residence for Creativity Month 2014

Belfast Central Library
Saturday 1 March
2:00pm - 3:00pm
t: 028 9050 9150
e: belfast.central@librariesni.org.uk

Meeting Points!
Brian McGilloway meets the reading groups. Come along and join in the lively discussion.

Cregagh Library
Tuesday 4 March
11:30am - 12:30pm
t: 028 9040 1365
e: cregagh.library@librariesni.org.uk

The Scene of the Crime
Creative writing workshops

Strabane Library
Thursday 6 March
6:00pm - 8:00pm
t: 028 7188 3686
e: strabane.library@librariesni.org.uk
Booking essential

Lurgan Library
Tuesday 11 March
7:00pm - 8:00pm
t: 028 3832 3912
e: lurgan.library@librariesni.org.uk

Holywood Arches Library
Thursday 13 March
6:45pm - 7:45pm
t: 028 9050 9216
e: holywoodarches.library@librariesni.org.uk

Enniskillen Library
Thursday 20 March
7:00pm - 9:00pm
t: 028 6632 2886
e: enniskillen.library@librariesni.org.uk
Booking essential
The Clinics
Creative writing clinics

Published author Brian McGilloway will provide one to one advice, guidance and feedback to budding writers and those more experienced.

Participants should submit their work 1000 words (short fiction or novel extract) by date detailed at venue. Submissions to elizabeth.mcaleer@librariesni.org.uk

Dates for submission -
Belfast Central: Thursday 6 March
Cookstown: Wednesday 19 March

Booking essential
Meetings are in 30 minute slots

Belfast Central Library
Thursday 13 March
12:30pm - 5:00pm
t: 028 9050 9150
e: belfast.central@librariesni.org.uk

Cookstown Library
Wednesday 26 March
4:00pm - 8:00pm
t: 028 8676 3702
e: cookstown.library@librariesni.org.uk

On Home Ground
The interviews

Writer in Residence Brian McGilloway interviews other crime writers on their home ground.

Claire McGowan
Newry City Library
Monday 3 March
7:00pm - 8:00pm
t: 028 3026 4683
e: newrycity.library@librariesni.org.uk

Eoin McNamee
Kilkeel Library
Tuesday 4 March
7:00pm - 8:00pm
t: 028 4176 2278
e: kilkeel.library@librariesni.org.uk

Stuart Neville
Armagh City Library
Tuesday 25 March
7:00pm - 8:00pm
t: 028 3752 4072
e: armagh.library@librariesni.org.uk
The Next Chapter
A series of workshops with Brian McGilloway

This innovative workshop trail will begin in Banbridge. Brian will present the group with the first chapter and task the group with writing the next chapter, which will then make its way to Ballymena who will create chapter three, Derry Central chapter four and finishing off in Omagh for chapter five. Everyone taking part will have an opportunity to give their input and the end result will be a complete work of five chapters created across Northern Ireland and available online at www.librariesni.org.uk

These workshops are suitable for both beginners and the more experienced writers and will give participants the opportunity to learn from each other and the published author.

There will be a break for lunch

Banbridge Library
Saturday 8 March
11:00am - 3:30pm
t: 028 4062 3973
e: banbridge.library@librariesni.org.uk
Booking essential

Ballymena Central Library
Tuesday 18 March
11:00am - 3:00pm
t: 028 2563 3950
e: ballymena.library@librariesni.org.uk
Booking essential

Derry Central Library
Saturday 22 March
11:00am - 3:30pm
t: 028 7127 2310
e: derrycentral.library@librariesni.org.uk
Booking essential

Omagh Library
Saturday 29 March
11:00am - 3:30pm
t: 028 8224 4821
e: omagh.library@librariesni.org.uk
Booking essential
Inspiration - Where Does it Come From?
Poetry workshops

This poetry workshop, with poet Moyra Donaldson, will look at how to draw on a well of experience that each of us carries within. We will explore the process of turning this experience into poems and stories.

Suitable for both beginners and more established writers.

Booking essential

Newcastle Library
Tuesday 4 March
6:00pm – 8:00pm
t: 028 4372 2710
e: newcastle.library@librariesni.org.uk

Limavady Library
Wednesday 12 March
6:00pm – 7:45pm
t: 028 7776 2540
e: limavady.library@librariesni.org.uk
The Creative Mind of a Genius: Samuel Beckett
Discussion with Dr Kathryn White, University of Ulster

Dr Kathryn White discusses Beckett the man and artist, his ethos and his contribution to literature, exploring the reasons why Beckett is considered one of the most important and influential writers of the twentieth century.

Coleraine Library
Sunday 9 March
2:30pm – 3:30pm

t: 028 7034 2561
e: coleraine.library@librariesni.org.uk
Share in Julian Friers’ World
Acrylic painting workshop

Renowned landscape painter Julian Friers will provide insight into how he paints exciting, lifelike images.

Join in and take home your own masterpiece.

Refreshments provided.

Booking essential

Limavady Library
Saturday 8 March
11:00am – 1:00pm
t: 028 7776 2540
e: limavady.library@librariesni.org.uk

Ormeau Road Library
Saturday 22 March
11:00am – 1:00pm
t: 028 9050 9228
e: ormeauroad.library@librariesni.org.uk
Julian Friers
Art demonstration and talk

Enjoy a talk and demonstration by renowned landscape painter Julian Friers.

Opportunity to view an exhibition of the artist’s work.

Light refreshments provided.

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e: limavady.library@librariesni.org.uk

Ormeau Road Library
Saturday 22 March
2:00pm - 3:00pm
t: 028 9050 9228
e: ormeauroad.library@librariesni.org.uk
Watercolour Workshop
by Mary O’Brien MBE

Not a Leg to Stand On – join Mary for an introduction to her work as a watercolour painter and take home your own little masterpiece.

Light refreshments provided.

Booking essential

Enniskillen Library
Saturday 22 March
11:00am – 1:00pm
t: 028 6632 2886
e: enniskillen.library@librariesni.org.uk
Mary O’Brien MBE
Exhibition and talk

Mary O’Brien talks about her autobiography *Not a Leg to Stand On* and how she overcame the problems that arose after losing both legs in a farm accident at the age of three. She has become an inspiration to many having achieved triple gold in the 1990 Amputee Games. She is an occupational therapist, musician, artist, basket weaver and, now, author.

Be inspired!

Opportunity to view an exhibition of the artist’s work.

Light refreshments provided.

**Enniskillen Library**
**Saturday 22 March**
2:00pm - 3:00pm
t: 028 6632 2886
e: enniskillen.library@librariesni.org.uk
Music and dance

Mixed - Enjoy Your Own Recording Session In Our Soundproof Recording Booth!

We will record you singing, playing an instrument or reciting poetry, in just 15 minutes – and at last you will have the opportunity to hear yourself professionally recorded on CD!

**Booking advisable**

**Derry Central Library**  
**Saturday 15 March**  
11:00am – 4:00pm  
t: 028 7127 2310  
e: derrycentral.library@librariesni.org.uk

**Belfast Central Library**  
**Saturday 22 March**  
11:00am – 4:00pm  
t: 028 9050 9150  
e: belfast.central@librariesni.org.uk

**Newry City Library**  
**Saturday 29 March**  
11:00am - 4:00pm  
t: 028 3026 4683  
e: newrycity.library@librariesni.org.uk

Mixed – Your Own Recording Session!
Flamenco

The art of the Spanish flamenco dance comes to Omagh Library.

Experience the traditions, colour and glamour of this Spanish folk dance from the region of Andalusia in southern Spain.

Avail of the opportunity to take part and learn a few Latin moves.

This is an intergenerational event, suitable for all.

Omagh Library
Thursday 13 March
7:00pm – 8:00pm
t: 028 8224 4821
e: omagh.library@librariesni.org.uk
Why You Can’t Find Your Ancestors Even Though They’re There

Workshop

Enjoy this event with genealogist and author John Grenham.

Among his publications is *Tracing your Irish Ancestors* (4th edition).

John will give an illustrated presentation followed by a workshop on how to find your elusive ancestors.

He is Ireland’s best known genealogist and writes the weekly *Irish Roots* column in The Irish Times as well as running the Irish Times Ancestors website.

Booking essential

Belfast Central Library
Wednesday 12 March
12:30pm – 2:30pm
t: 028 9050 9150
e: belfast.central@librariesni.org.uk

Armagh Irish and Local Studies Library
Wednesday 19 March
12:30pm – 2:30pm
 t: 028 3752 7851
e: armaghirishandlocal@librariesni.org.uk

Enniskillen Library
Friday 28 March
12:30pm – 2:30pm
 t: 028 6632 2886
e: enniskillen.library@librariesni.org.uk
Women in the Irish Census of 1911

How much has changed in 100 years?

Talk

Catriona Crowe, Head of Special Projects in the National Archives of Ireland, will combine her knowledge of the history of Irish women and how the 1911 Census of Ireland can be used for finding information on their living conditions at the turn of the twentieth century.

Booking essential

Ballymena Central Library
Friday 14 March
1:30pm - 2:30pm
t: 028 2563 3950
e: ballymena.library@librariesni.org.uk

Newry City Library
Friday 21 March
12:45pm – 2:30pm
t: 028 3026 4683
e: newrcity.library@librariesni.org.uk
The Great Parchment Book

Talk

A talk by Edward Montgomery from The Honourable The Irish Society on the significance of its recent discovery, its restoration and digital presence.

Described as forming ‘almost a Domesday Book of Derry’ it is an early 17th century survey of the City and County of Londonderry.

Edward Montgomery has served as The Honourable The Irish Society’s Representative in Northern Ireland since 1996 and, together with a small team, has managed its regional assets, local relationships and charitable operations.

Limavady Library
Wednesday 26 March
12:30pm – 2:30pm

t: 028 7776 2540
e: limavady.library@librariesni.org.uk
Creative Cup Cakes

Workshop

Come along and enjoy a workshop facilitated by The Little Cupcakery, where you will create and go away with four beautifully decorated afternoon tea treats.

Booking essential

Bangor Carnegie Library
Saturday 1 March
10:30am – 11:30am
t: 028 9127 0591
e: bangorcarnegie.library@librariesni.org.uk
The Timeless Art of Lacemaking

Demonstration

A demonstration by Máire Treanor, author and well-known teacher of Irish Crochet/Clones Lace.

Máire has been crocheting Clones Lace since 1988. Clones Lace, an Irish Crochet, was named after the town where it was marketed in the nineteenth century, developing its own character since 1847.

Booking essential

Bangor Carnegie Library
Saturday 1 March
12:00pm – 1:00pm

Phone: 028 9127 0591
Email: bangorcarnegie.library@librariesni.org.uk
Creating a Stir

Talk and tea

SD Bells have been selling tea and coffee in Belfast for 125 years.

Join us for afternoon tea and hear Robert Bell tell the story of this successful family business.

Music by pianist Alyson McDowell.

Booking essential

Bangor Carnegie Library
Saturday 1 March
2:00pm – 3:00pm

t: 028 9127 0591
e: bangorcarnegie.library@librariesni.org.uk
Sharing Books With Your Children

By prizewinning children’s author Sally Grindley

Sharing books with your children is one of life’s most enjoyable and beneficial experiences. This is your opportunity to take part in a workshop especially created and delivered by Sally to meet this challenge.

Booking essential

Dungannon Library
Wednesday 12 March
10:00am - 11:30am
t: 028 8772 2952
e: dungannon.library@librariesni.org.uk
Leading Children’s Authors Visit Schoolchildren Across Northern Ireland

A trio of leading children’s authors - Gill Lewis, Sally Grindley and Terence Blacker - will speak about their books, writing, and being an author to invited school classes in various libraries across Northern Ireland.

Gill Lewis

Sally Grindley

Terence Blacker
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If you would like to give feedback on these events or provide ideas for future events please email feedback@librariesni.org.uk

There are 96 public libraries in Northern Ireland and you can use your library card in any of them. Check our website to find out how you can join. Library membership is free - this entitles you to borrow a range of books, eBooks and audio books and gives you access to an exciting programme of events and activities.
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Creativity Month
March 2014

find out more
www.librariesni.org.uk/creativity-month