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IRISH AND LOCAL HISTORY collection is situated in Derry Central Library on the first floor and contains material that is mainly non borrowable reference only; however there is an extensive borrowable collection with copies of many of the titles.

Bookstock
The collection covers all aspects of Irish life from the earliest times to the present day. Specific emphasis is given to Ulster and in particular County Derry / Londonderry and Donegal. Publications by local authors and locally published items are collected and archived for future generations.

Journals/Periodicals
A significant number of historic and current journals are held and can be viewed in the department. The Ulster Journal of Archaeology, Waterside Voices, Fingerpost Community Mirror, An Tultach, Capuchan, and The Furrow, to name but a few, are all available for consultation.

Newspapers
The collection comprises of local County Derry / Londonderry newspapers available in bound copy or on microfilm. A microfilm reader may need to be booked to view the newspaper collection.

Maps
The map collection consists of the siege of Derry and Plantation maps of Derry. Ordnance Survey county series maps are held from 1830. Ordnance Survey town plans are held from 1873.

Cuttings files
A range of packs / Newspaper files are available on people, places and events of local interest.

Photographs
Extensive Bigger McDonald collection of photographs of local interest is available to browse. These can also be purchased.

Postcards
Historic and Political postcards from the local area.

Pamphlets
Some pamphlets of local interest.

Online resources —available free from www.librariesni.org.uk
- JSTOR Ireland Collection
  Includes contents of journals of Irish interest from the 18th-20th Centuries.
- DIPPAM (Documenting Ireland: Parliament people and Migration)
  Online virtual archives of documents and sources relating to the history of Ireland and its migration experience from the 18th to late 20th centuries.

Directories
The Derry Almanac, a long but incomplete run from 1871 – 1953 and various Trade directories.

Special Collections
Troubles collection, the Bloody Sunday Enquiry and assorted Donegal Inishowen books.

Tours and talks
Visits are welcomed from groups, societies and schools and staff are available to speak about the heritage collection and the wide range of local materials in the archives.

Exhibitions and events
The library welcomes exhibitions and events. It is advisable to book in advance as space is limited.