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The Leitrim branch library network was a hive of activity all through 2010. Activities and events were happening throughout the year and a summary of these can be seen at the end of this report.

Use of libraries in Leitrim continues to be high in national terms. There are thirty-two library authorities in the twenty-six counties. Figures released for 2009 by the Local Government Management Services Board show that:

Leitrim was in 8th place for the number of items loaned per head of population, Leitrim was in 2nd place for the number of library visits per 1000 of population, Leitrim was in 7th place for the number of internet sessions used per 1000 of population.

This is broadly in line with performances in recent years.

Borrowing from Libraries

2010 was a very good year for borrowing from Leitrim libraries. Overall, the number of items loaned decreased from **117,368** in 2009 to **114,462** in 2010. This was a decrease of 2%. This decrease was accounted for largely in the month of December when the weather affected libraries greatly. Kiltyclogher was closed for a number of days because the Branch Librarian could not reach there. Mohill was also closed due to frost damage to heating system. Use in Dromahair increased by 12%, Carrick on Shannon by 8%, Mohill by 6%. Six branches showed a drop in issue figures: Kinlough by 21%, Drumshanbo 15%, Kiltyclogher 15%, Carrigallen 5%, Ballinamore 5% and Manorhamilton by 5%.

Membership

At 31 December 2010 there were **6,247** people with in-date membership of the library. That was a decrease of **6%** on the previous year. Taking the population of Leitrim at 2006 figures, **22%** of the population hold current library membership. That is very high in national terms.

Public Internet Computer Use

Figures for public computer use showed an increase of **54%** but this is largely due to a change in the method of recording of performance indicators nationally. Previously, we recorded hours of use, now we were asked to give sessions of use. In other words if two different people use the same computer for half an hour each, this is now two sessions as compared to one hour recorded previously. There was increased use in all branches except Dromahair and Kinlough.

No of Visits to Libraries - Door Counters

Door count was up in Manorhailton but down in the other four branches that have door counters. Door counter wasn't working in Drumshanbo for over 4 months.

Ballinamore was the busiest branch in terms of items loaned, followed by Carrick on Shannon and Manorhamilton. The number of visits was highest in Ballinamore, followed by Manorhamilton. Public internet use was highest in Ballinamore followed by Manorhamilton and Carrick on Shannon.

EXPENDITURE - CAITEACHAS

Total spent on Libraries in 2010	€1,185,415
Amount spend on Books	€ 56,030

LEABHAIR NUA - NEW BOOKS

Total number of new books bought in 2010

Fiction	1,526
Non Fiction	947
Children's	1,758
CD's	48
Video	77
DVD's	47
Local Studies	201
TOTAL	4,604

DONATIONS

Total number of books donated to libraries in 2010

Fiction	1,115
Non Fiction	407
Children's	455
TOTAL	1,977

BOOKS BORROWED AT BRANCHES – LEABHAIR AR IASACHT – 2010

BRANCH	ADULT	CHILDREN	TOTAL
Ballinamore	19,806	6,927	26,733
Carrigallen	2,773	2,266	5,039
Carrick on Shannon	21,531	3,716	25,247
Dromahair	3,940	1,081	5,021
Drumshanbo	7,785	1,810	9,595
Kinlough	1,764	1,032	2,796
Kiltyclogher	2,104	2,586	4,690
Manorhamilton	16,319	4,366	20,685
Mohill	10,890	3,766	14,656
TOTAL	86,912	27,550	114,462

REQUESTS - IARRATAIS

Special requests supplied from our own holdings

YEAR	REQUESTS
2008	2,909
2009	3,213
2010	2,984

Requests supplied by libraries outside Leitrim to Leitrim

YEAR	REQUESTS
2008	304
2009	264
2010	149

Request supplied by Leitrim libraries to libraries outside Leitrim

YEAR	REQUESTS
2008	310
2009	374
2010	372

COMPUTER INTERNET USE - 2010

Public use of internet computer was as follows. Counted in hours up to end of 2009, counted in sessions in 2010.

BRANCH	2008	2009	2010
Ballinamore	6,642	6,510	9,111
Carrigallen	830	660	1,228
Carrick on Shannon	5,306	3,176	4,209
Dromahair	321	213	204
Drumshanbo	1,777	1,879	1,951
Kiltyclogher	540	677	929
Kinlough	166	183	139
Manorhamilton	6,085	3,699	8,902
Mohill	1,651	1,404	1,796
TOTAL	23,318	18,401	28,469

DOOR COUNT FIGURES - 2010

BRANCH	2009	2010
Ballinamore	48,694	47,093
Carrick on Shannon	38,211	32,069
Drumshanbo	18,244	10,189
Manorhamilton	35,200	39,496
Mohill	18,649	18,499
Total	158,998	147,346.50

Drumshanbo Door Counter not working for January, February, March, April and up until 15th May 2010.

MEMBERSHIP – LIBRARY USERS BALLRAÍOCHT

Membership decreased by **6%** in 2010. The registered members at the end of 2009 was **6,685**. At the end of 2010 it was **6,247**.

For the purpose of this report, membership is defined as the number of people who hold current, in date, membership cards at 31st December 2010. The total at that date was **6,247**. That is **21.58%** of the population. Of course many others use libraries regularly and do not have membership cards at all or their membership is out of date.

2,944 are given as female and **1,617** as males, with **1,686** unspecified.

People from surrounding counties registered in Leitrim branches are as follows:

Cavan	90
Donegal	2
Fermanagh	25
Longford	8
Roscommon	44
Sligo	5
Foreign Nationalities	366
TOTAL	540

LOCAL STUDIES ENQUIRIES 2010

The number of local studies enquiries decreased by 11% in 2010. The number of enquiries through personal caller and e-mail all decreased. The number of phone enquiries increased.

Local Studies Enquiries 2010

MONTH	PERSON	PHONE	EMAIL	POST	ARCHIVAL MATERIAL	TOTAL
January	67	83	24	4	1	179
February	84	61	34	5	1	185
March	88	74	24	5		191
April	80	69	20	5		174
May	87	83	36			206
June	77	68	42	6		193
July	109	82	36	5	2	234
August	108	87	42	3	3	243
September	88	85	43	2	2	220
October	85	66	41	3		195
November	77	55	64		2	198
December	39	37	29	1		106
TOTALS	989	850	435	39	11	2,324

Local Studies Enquires 2009

MONTH	PERSON	PHONE	EMAIL	POST	ARCHIVAL MATERIAL	TOTAL
January	78	47	22	1		148
February	93	69	22	4		188
March	113	111	30	2	1	258
April	112	116	47	2	2	279
May	125	78	37	7	3	250
June	96	112	41	3		252
July	138	107	42	4		291
August	151	65	35	7		258
September	102	55	41	1	1	200
October	99	55	38	1		193
November	104	68	36		5	213
December	41	45	18			104
TOTALS	1,252	928	409	32	12	2,633

Ballinamore Library – Activities 2010

Reader's Group	Meet monthly @ 7pm on Tuesdays.
Comhrá Gaelge	Starting on Tuesday 12 th Jan @ 8.30pm for 9 week duration.
4 January	Display of New Books .
22 Jan to 2 Feb	Exhibition of prizewinning Credit Union Posters.
28 January	Prize giving to the winners in the Credit Union Poster Competition.
3 February	Start of Keep Fit / Healthy Living display.
11 February	Community Garden Meeting.
25 February	Community Garden Meeting.
26 February	Class visit by Ballinamore B.N.S.
3 March	Start of Ireland Books display.
9 March	Rob Steinke Workshop for After School Group, (15 attended).
10 March	Storytelling with Bernadette Leyden. Three sessions starting 10am and finishing 12.45pm (138 children attended).
11 March	Rob Steinke Workshop for 1 st and 2 nd class Ballinamore Girls and Boys N.S., (30 attended).
12 March	Tráth na gCeist 5 th and 6 th class boys and girls, (38 attended).
3 April	Start of Exam Revision Books display.
13 April	Open night for Fás E-Learning.
20 April	Start of E-Learning classes. Two classes weekly on Tuesdays.
28 April to 13 May	Holocaust Exhibition.
28 April	Class visit by Ballinamore B.N.S., to Holocaust Exhibition.

3 November	Photography Book Display.
4 November	Eunan Sweeney Landscape Photography Lecture , (18 attended).
5 November to 27 November	Exhibition of Art from members of Fenagh Active Age Group.
19 November	Class visit / 1 st year English Class with teacher Eithne Banks.
25 November	Display of Christmas Books .
26 November	Class visit / 1 st year English Class with teacher Siobhain Convey.
10 December	Interactive Storytelling with An Naonaire playgroup, (15 attended).
14 December	First week of weekly Knitting Club with Eugenie Lobeck.

Carrick on Shannon Library – Activities 2010

- 6 January** **Readers Group Meeting in Library hosted by Hilda King** on the first Wednesday of each month throughout the year.
- 25 January** **A class visit from Rang Ceathair, Gael Scoil Liatroma** with Mary Donohue Farrell.
- 1 February** **Irish Conversation Classes** with Farrell McElgunn for six weeks.
- 22 February** **Information Clinic held by Leitrim Adult Education Centre** 11am – 1.30pm.
- 9 March** **Seachtaine Na Gaeilge Storytelling with Eithne Ni Bhraidaigh** 3rd and 4th Class from Girls N.S.
- 15 March** **Carrick Active Age Laptop Service** – new members commencing classes on Friday 19th.
- 21 June** **E-learning Computer Class with FAS** for eight weeks 3pm – 4.30pm.
- 29 September** **Lecture and DVD Presentation on the 50th Shannon Boat Rally** by Paul Garland, President of Inland Waterways Association of Ireland as part of Winter Lecture Programme.
- 4 October** **Leabhair Ghaeilge Week - Juvenile Book Display.**
- 18 October** **E-learning Computer Class with FAS** for eight weeks 3pm - 4.30pm.
- 20 October** **Michael Moylan Live History Show on Famine** for 5th & 6th Class Girls from Marist Girls N.S.

Carrigallen Library – Activities 2010

- 25 January –
22 January** **Photographic Exhibition by Julie Williams.** This was open to the public to come and view.
- 24 February** **Adult Education Information Clinic.** This event was by provided by Leitrim Adult Education Guidance Service and Leitrim County Libraries to provide information to those interested in getting involved in and going back to education.
- 3 March** **Seachtain na Gaeilge** - Display of Irish Books.
- 15 March** **Storytelling and Children Activities ás Gaeilge by Aoife Ní Mhaille.** This event was for 10 - 14 year olds and 12 children attended from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.
- 26 July –
7 August** **Exhibition of Local Studies Material.**
- 6 October** **Gaeilge do Pháistí** - Book displays and promotion of Irish books.
- 11 October –
6 November** **Working Through Image to Compile Storytelling Maura Williamson and Julie Williams.** Five one hour sessions where nine children and facilitators used still photographic images to tell stories using the art of creative writing. Maura combined the stories to create drama pieces which the children performed on the last day in front of their parents. Stories were compiled in to a book and each child got a copy.
- Reading Group** Group of 11 meet on a monthly basis in library.

Dromahair Library – Activities 2010

26 June

Story telling by Tony Cuckson.

Children's Reading Group.

Meet monthly in library, commenced in October.

Drumshanbo Library – Activities 2010

- 3 February** **Delivery of books to following national schools:**
Drumshanbo national school,
Drumcong national school,
St. Joseph's Outreach Drumshanbo.
- 5 February** **Delivered new selection of books to:**
Vocational school Drumshanbo.
- 24 February** **Delivered new selection of books to:**
Leitrim Village national school.
- 25 February** **Adult Education Information Clinic**
Presenter Jane Nolan 3pm to 5.30pm.
- 25 February** **Display of Teenage Graphic Novels**
- 4 March** **2 New window displays**
- 7 August** **Written word weekend for Children**
Facilitator Eileen O'Toole.
- 9 September** **Launch of Fr. Michael Judge Exhibition.**
- October** **All schools serviced again,** books collected and new
selection of books delivered.
- 7 October** **Irish books for children,** displays put in place and
children invited into the Library from 7pm.
- 13 October** **Window displays and in house displays** of new
selection of juvenile books just arrived.
- 1December** **Library decorated for Christmas,** window
displays, and in house displays of all seasonal books.

Kiltyclogher Library – Activities 2010

September	Storytelling and songs with children from 1 st and 2 nd class.
October	Promotion and Display of Irish Books.
December	Display for - Action against violence against women.
Once a Month	Adult Reading Group.
Fortnightly during School term	Junior Library Club with children from junior infants to second class from Kiltyclogher National School.
Fortnightly during School term	Shared Reading Project: Kiltyclogher Active Age Group and children from first and second class Kiltyclogher National School.
Fortnightly during School term	Senior Library Club with children from third to sixth class from Kiltyclogher National School.

Kinlough Library – Activities 2010

January & February	Library Promotions: printed posters and delivered local, DVD's for children.
March & April	Promotion and Display of Leabhair Ghaeilge, Irish Authors and all Irish Folklore & customs. DVD's for children.
May & June	Display of teenage books, DVD's for children.
July	Display of gardening books.
September & October	Book Festival – Invited children to participate in playing games e.g. Poldy's colour & shape, Poldy's colour & shape counting games, poldy's lacing cards, brain twisters, number games. Launch of Leabhair Ghaeilge: promoting reading Irish books to young children.
December	Christmas storytelling beside the Christmas tree.

Manorhamilton Library – Activities 2010

- January** **Readers Group** 1st Tuesday of each month.
- February** **Adult Education** display.
- March** **Trath Na gCeist** don Gaelscoil agus Scoil Naomh Clar, (85 pupils in total), 12th March.
- Lá Gaeilge:** Scoil Chiuimseach Naoimh Clar isteach. Introduction to library and Irish books in particular, 10th March.
- Trath Na gCeist** don Scoil Naomh Clar rang 5th & 6th agus Scoil Masterson.
- May** **Fás E-Learning** in library each Monday 3pm to 4.30pm.
- Celebrating “Bealtaine”** story telling, book reading and music for active age group followed by tea and scones, enjoyed by all.
- June** **Display of** Gardening books.
- Those Stone Fields Exhibition “Townlands of North Leitrim”** by active age group facilitated by Francis Kelly.
- July** **Fás E-Learning** each Monday afternoon 3pm to 4.30pm attended by older members of the Community.
- September** **Class visits** from the English class of St. Clare’s Comprehensive School.
- Knitting club** meet every Friday 7pm to 8pm.
- Readers group** meet 1st Tuesday of month in library at 6.30pm.
- October** **Class visits** from the English and History classes of St. Clare’s Comprehensive School.
- Malachy Doyle – 2 Cross Border events** with St. Columban’s National School from Belcoo and class from St. Clare’s National School, over 130 children attended.
- 50 second year pupils from Comprehensive School attended

creative writing with Malachy Doyle.

Gaelscoil Cluainin attended **readings with Eithne Ni Ghallchobair. Education roadshow** presented by Gerry Wynne attended by 150 Junior class children from four national schools – Diffreen, Leckaun, Masterson and St. Clare's.

Class visits from Comprehensive School English and History Classes – Introduction to library and facilities available.

Display of Leabhair Gaeilge do Phaisti.

Reader group meeting 1st Tuesday of month in library at 6.30pm.

November

Science week – Science and discovery roadshow. Over 150 children attended from local primary schools.

Fantastic Physics for primary schools. Over 230 children attended four shows.

Exhibitions - **“A sense of Place”** in library for 2 weeks.
“Violence against Women” 10 day display.

December

Winter Lecture Series – **Margaret Connolly** gave talk on Manorhamilton in story and verse.

Mohill Library – Activities 2010

- 24 February** **V.E.C. Open Day and Exhibition** with information providers: Information on adult education opportunities.
- 11 March** **Irish Question time** with students from Hunt School.
- 14 April – 23 June** **Irish Comhra** for adults and teenagers facilitated by Mossi Whelan.
- 14 – 30 June** **Holocaust Exhibition** - Students from all local schools were invited to attend with teachers.
- June** **Promotion of audio books** for Children.
- 27 August** **Installation and promotion** of listening post.
- 12 October** **Promotion and hosting Suicide Awareness** talk by Mary McTiernan S.T.O.P.
- 20 October** **Michael Moylan and History Live:** The World Wars.
- 23 October** **Mohill Storytelling Festival:** Sessions for under eights facilitated by Danielle Allyson: Storytelling workshop for over eights with Fiona Dowling and Mattu.
- November** Delivery and collection of library Books, Cloone and Aughavas National Schools.
- January – June**
Sept – December Bi weekly meeting of Foroige Drug and Awareness Youth Group
- January – September** Storytelling with Junior Classes, Hunt School.
- Weekly Outreach Clinic** by Citizen’s Information Service.
- Children’s Irish Library** Books Promotion.
- Various Exhibitions** on different themes were on display throughout 2010.