



# THE LINEN HALL LIBRARY

**What's On At The Linen Hall Library  
January - March 2012**

## Burns and Burnsiana Exhibition

10 – 31 January (Free)

**Featuring Burns' Night Supper on Friday 27 January at 6pm (£25)**

Scottish poet and lyricist Robert Burns (1759–1796) is celebrated worldwide. The Linen Hall holds the largest collection of Burns material outside Scotland. Featured amongst other archive items will be a collection of political and religious pamphlets belonging to the poet and presented in 1844 by his eldest son to the latter's daughter Eliza.

As part of this exhibition the Library will hold a Burns' Night Supper. The evening includes music, song and merriment to mark the Bard's Birthday. Ticket price (£25) includes a limited edition copy of the reprinted *Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect* by Burns (1787).

## Amra Choluim Chille Exhibition

*In association with Foras na Gaeilge*

1 February – 9 March (Free)

The oldest dateable poem in Gaelic, Amra Choluim Chille (translated as 'eulogy of Saint Columba'), was produced shortly after the death of Colm Cille in 597. This fascinating piece of Irish history is presented through a series of artistic interpretations including calligraphy by Donald Murray and paintings by award-winning artist Brian Ferron.

(Foras na Gaeilge is the governing body of the Irish language. Website: [www.gaeilge.ie](http://www.gaeilge.ie))

## Unearthing Hidden Treasures Exhibition

1 February – 9 March (Free)

Featuring a contemporary account of the Battle of the Boyne in the *London Gazette* 7–10 July 1690. This hitherto unknown material is the centrepiece of an exciting new look at Irish history and culture as we and our European neighbours experienced it.

## Titanic Belfast Connections Exhibition

10 March – 30 April (Free)

Marking the centenary of her tragic sinking, this exhibition of Titanic memorabilia focuses on the shipyard and the men who built her. Includes survivor Molly Brown's trinket box, keys from the ship and items from the Library's archives.

## Local Art by Local Artists

### Fiona Henry

Until 31 January 2012

County Down artist makes her first solo exhibition.



### Art 4 U

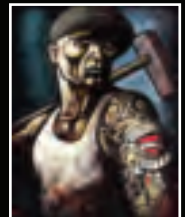
1 -29 February

Including works by Ronnie Burton, Graham Catney, and Mary Hamill-Booth.

### Terry Bradley

1 March to 30 April

Heavily influenced by Herge's *Adventures of Tintin*, this selection of Bradley's work is inspired by Titanic.



All Local Art by Local Artist exhibitions are Free.

## Children's Story Time

Saturdays 21 January & 18 February

All 4–7 year olds are welcome to come along and hear popular stories read by Library staff. Story Time is Free and begins at 11am.

### Saturday 24 March at 11am

This will be a special 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'. Eats and treats and a prize for best dressed *Alice in Wonderland* costume. This event is Free of charge, but advance booking recommended.

## Reading Group

Come along and debate, examine, explore and discuss books at the Library.

*The Little Stranger*, by Sarah Waters  
Thursday 26 January

*The Handmaid's Tale*,  
by Margaret Atwood  
Thursday 23 February

*All Quiet On The Western Front*,  
by Erich M Remarque  
Thursday 29 March

*Meetings are free and start at 1.10pm*

## Mary Ryan Trio

Performance (£10 and £8 for members)

Thursday 19 January and Thursday 9 February at 6pm


Mary is a gifted interpreter of traditional narrative song. She is accompanied by singer and guitarist Mark Braidner and ragtime pianist Simon Templeton. In January she will treat audiences to a selection of Robbie Burns' songs, and in February the programme will feature Irish/Scottish songs and Gospel Blues.

## Dickens 2012 Celebrations

Series of Talks

Wednesday 7 & Thursday 8 March  
at 6.30pm (£10)

Friday 9 March at 1pm (£7.50)




Dickens' expert Leon Litvack and actresses Rosie Pelan and Brigid Bates give dramatic readings from selected Dickens' novels.

## The Rape of Lucrece

Performance & Workshop (£5)

Tuesday 27 March at 4pm  
“...sensational...” Sir Trevor Nunn



Award-winning actor Gerard Logan brings Shakespeare's narrative poem to life with all its tense psychological twists and turns. Following the performance will be a workshop with the actor.

# LECTURES

## PRONI

### Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) Series of Talks at the Linen Hall Library

Back by popular demand, PRONI launches a new series of talks.

#### *Coughs and Sneezes Spread Diseases: Medical and Health Records at PRONI*

By David Huddleston

Wednesday 25 January at 1pm

#### *Holy Island: The Rathlin Catechism*

By Andrew Sneddon (UU)

Wednesday 29 February at 1pm

#### *Gone for Good: PRONI Sources on Emigration*

By Ann McVeigh (PRONI)

Wednesday 28 March

*These talks are free of charge, but advance booking is recommended.*

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### The Belfast Natural History & Philosophical Society



#### *The French Paradox's Irish Dimensions*

By Professor Emeritus Alun Evans

Wednesday 11 January

#### *Queer up North: F.J. Bigger, Roger Casement and Irish Historiography*

By Dr Mark Phelan

Wednesday 8 February

#### *Philip Henry and Edmund Gosse, Father and Son*

By Dr Max Wright

Wednesday 7 March

*Lectures are free and begin at 6.30pm.*

Front Cover:

*Dánta agus Duanága*, by Liam S Gógan  
From our Unearthing Hidden Treasures Exhibition

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