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Summit to debate promotion of Scotland's literature and books overseas

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 AT 11:08AM

A Summit to debate how Scotland's literature sector should promote its writing and writers overseas is set to take place on Wednesday 23 November 2016 at the Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh.

Taking place during Book Week Scotland, the Summit is hosted by Literature Alliance Scotland (LAS), Scotland's largest network of literature and languages organisations and of which CILIPS is a member.

Dr. Alasdair Allan MSP, Scotland's Minister for International Development and Europe, will open the event that brings together – for the first time - writers, publishers, literature organisations and the main public agencies in Scotland with a responsibility for the international promotion of Scotland's literature and languages.

Author and publisher James Robertson will deliver a keynote speech. Speakers also include non-fiction award-winning writer Dr. Gavin Francis, poet Kathleen Jamie and children's author Vivian French, publishers Canongate and Birlinn, literature organisations Publishing Scotland, Edinburgh International Book Festival and Association of Scottish Literary Studies, and public bodies and agencies Creative Scotland, British Council and Scottish Development International.

The 'by invitation' Summit responds to recommendation 31 of Creative Scotland's Literature and Publishing Review, published in June 2015, to 'lay the groundwork for a strategic and coordinated international presence.'

Minister for International Development and Europe, Dr Allan said: "The Scottish Government is committed to supporting Scotland's literature internationally. This event will bring together for the first time public agencies, writers and literary organisations to discuss ways to strengthen the presence of Scotland's literature and publishing on the international stage.

"I look forward to opening this event and being part of the discussions on how we can work together to promote our literary culture at every possible opportunity."

Donald Smith, Vice-Chair of LAS said: “The issue of Scotland’s international presence has been discussed a great deal over the years. This Summit marks the first time that the key players will be together in the same space with the same goal of agreeing what needs to be done and how we might work together to do it.

“We’re honoured to welcome Dr Allan MSP to open the day and look forward to hearing from a range of different voices across the sector - both speakers and delegates. We don’t expect to find an answer in only one day, but we’re ambitious to reach a consensus of how we move forward practically, which is a step in the right direction.”

Jenny Niven, Head of Literature, Languages and Publishing at Creative Scotland, said: “Writing from Scotland, both historic and contemporary, is recognised worldwide for its excellence. However, a stronger, more visible and better coordinated international presence would bring benefit for Scottish writers, publisher and organisations alike, which in turn is of benefit to Scottish culture and society as a whole. This view was voiced across the sector during the consultation commissioned by Creative Scotland in 2015, so it’s terrific to see that work is being made tangible via the upcoming summit. There is a range of partners with a vested interest in working towards this goal and having everyone brought together is of enormous value. I look forward to a vibrant discussion, which foregrounds the strengths on which we can build, and lays the foundations for a practical approach in the future.”

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The first Libraries Week to take place in October 2017

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016 AT 1:42PM

CILIP has today announced plans for the first Libraries Week, a week-long celebration of Britain’s much-loved libraries. Libraries will showcase the best they have to offer, encouraging people to discover what libraries can do for them on the week of October 9th to 14th, 2017.

Libraries Week will replace National Libraries Day, previously held in February. The countdown to the inaugural Libraries Week will launch on Saturday 4 February 2017 and libraries with activity already planned for 4 February 2017 are encouraged to continue with their plans as the transition to a new date gets underway.

Nick Poole, CILIP CEO said: "Libraries Week is an opportunity to celebrate the very best that libraries have to offer across the UK. During the second week in October, we want to ensure that as many people as possible are inspired to visit a library, discover what's on offer & encourage their friends & family to get involved.

I am delighted that we have been able to respond to feedback from the library community by expanding from a single day to a week-long celebration of libraries, enabling us to include more partners and develop a really exciting programme for the public.

CILIP and our national partners are committed to ensuring that Libraries Week receives widespread visibility and support. Whatever type of library you work in, we need you to join us and help ensure the success of Libraries Week."

More details about Libraries Week will be announced in February along with a call for UK libraries to sign up and commit to planning, delivering and locally promoting high quality co-ordinated experiences during Libraries Week.

The event is open to all types of library, with public libraries encouraged to showcase their strongest services and activities across themes such as digital, creative, family, inspirational, health, employment collection-based or education. Libraries can also become supporters, helping to promote Libraries Week in their region or service. There will be support for libraries to get the most from Libraries Week.

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Edinburgh City Libraries' VIP initiative wins major award

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016 AT 3:19PM

City of Edinburgh Libraries' [Visually Impaired People \(VIP\) Service](#) has won in the 'Tackling Inequality and Improving Health' category at the [COSLA Excellence Awards](#).

Sight loss is predicted to double over the next two decades in Scotland, affecting almost 400,000 people. This service is designed with citizens at its centre, targeting people who face challenges using libraries and local services, employing technology, specially trained staff and volunteer support to support independent living.

The project was developed in part to meet the ambition of the Scottish Government **Success In Sight** strategy 'to enhance the inclusion, participation and independence of blind and partially sighted people', while working towards implementation of a UK wide initiative to improve access to library services.

The impact of the service was immediate, resulting in over 150 people accessing library services, many of whom had never used libraries before and the setting up of new groups to combat social isolation.

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EU Code Week

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016 AT 10:35AM

EU Code Week is a week of activity starting on the 15th October. During the week, thousands of coding events will be held all over the world including libraries.

Events will aim to show the young, adult or elderly how to bring ideas to life with code, demystify these digital skills and bring motivated people together to learn. EU Code Week is a grassroots movement with thousands of events and hundreds of thousands of people getting in touch with coding and new digital skills.

The week is being organised by [Pulic Libraries 2020](#) and they are inviting all libraries to get involved in EU Code Week and start fun coding and other digital making activities in their libraries.

Their [toolkit for librarians](#) gives you some ideas of how to start and explains how to sign up on the EU Code Week platform.

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Save Scotland's School Libraries - Petition Update

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016 AT 7:19AM

The [Save Scotland's School Libraries petition](#) was, once again, discussed by the Public Petitions Committee last week. After a short discussion the committee decided that they would write to both the Scottish Government and the Scottish

Library and Information Council before deciding what further action should be taken. You can watch a video of the session [here](#) (forward to 41 mins).

CILIP in Scotland have previously submitted evidence to the petition and recently wrote to the Cabinet Secretary for Education, MSP John Swinney, to request a meeting and are awaiting a response.

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'A library is not a library without a librarian'

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 AT 8:11AM

Pupils from Tobermory High School in Argyll and Bute, where all school librarians have been removed from their posts, have created a video highlighting their disappointment and the impact the decision will have on them. The video is available online and states that a 'A library is not a library without a librarian': <https://vimeo.com/182447907>

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Scottish Government support for public libraries

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 AT 3:00PM

The Scottish Government announced £450,000 project funding for libraries as part of the Programme for Government. 21 projects, including two national initiatives are to be awarded funding to encourage increased library use and highlight libraries' role in literacy, reading, culture and digital participation. The remaining funding will be used to support national initiatives including:

- The Scottish Government's 'Read, Write, Count' initiative.
- The 'Every Child a Library Member' programme.
- A pilot to try out a new single library card.
- Book Week Scotland events in libraries and national reading activities.

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Julia Donaldson writes open letter to First Minister

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 AT 8:37AM

The Herald [reports today](#) that former Children's Laureate and celebrated children's author, Julia Donaldson, has written an open letter to Nicola Sturgeon asking her to intervene in the decision by Argyll and Bute Council to remove all school librarian posts.

Ms Donaldson has asked the First Minister to try and persuade the Council to reverse the decision saying, "It seems obvious that the result will be a decline in literacy. I feel sure that as the instigator of the First Minister's Reading Challenge you are aware that reading broadens the mind and feeds the imagination, and that you would rather increase than decrease school pupils' access to books and author visits and the caring and inspiring advice which a school librarian can provide.

When I was on an Australian book tour recently, I attended a dinner for school librarians...my dinner companions were almost incredulous when I told them that in the U.K. there were hardly any primary-school librarians and that many of those in secondary schools were losing their jobs.

I am worried that the situation in Argyll and Bute might set a precedent for the rest of Scotland, and I would urge you to persuade the councillors to reverse their decision.

With so many public libraries disappearing or being run by volunteers it is surely vital that children have access to books and to professional advice."

The letter from the Gruffalo author follows a [recent request](#) from CILIPS President Theresa Breslin formally asking the Council to reinstate the posts.

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Renfrewshire Libraries in running for CILIP Libraries Change Lives Award

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 AT 9:38AM

Renfrewshire Libraries have made the 2016 shortlist for the annual CILIP award for best practice in UK library services. The award recognises library services that are reaching people in the community to help people self-manage their health conditions and actively promote a healthy way of life.

[Skoobmobile](#) is Renfrewshire's specially adapted mobile library outreach service which travels around the county to schools, nurseries and community events to encourage early years' wellbeing through combined reading, play and exercise. Over the school holidays, 'Play In the Park' takes the mobile to parks and green spaces and encouraging families to get onboard to listen to a story and complete an outdoor activity trail. Working with community groups, third sector organisations and health agencies, the primary aim of the service is to help improve children's life chances by encouraging a lasting interest in reading, literacy, physical activity and learning, bringing the opportunities of the public library service directly to children and families where they are gathered in the community.

Also in the running are Norfolk Library and Information Service, run by Norfolk County Council, who are shortlisted for their Healthy Libraries initiative and Sefton Library service, for their work in going out into homes and care homes to record the life stories of local people in the first stages of memory loss, to provide a reminiscence tool for the patient's care and a valuable primary history.

Dr Ann Wales, Programme Director, Knowledge Management at NHS Education Scotland said, “There is a growing evidence base that links literacy and reading to improving health and wellbeing. As the examples in this shortlist illustrate, public libraries are increasingly becoming key partners with health and social services in helping to prevent ill-health and supporting people to fulfil their potential, live well with any conditions they may have. Within Scotland, libraries’ community-centred, enabling approach is central to delivering Scotland’s national goals of helping people to become successful learners, and to live longer, healthier lives in resilient and empowered communities.”

The CILIP Libraries Change Lives Award is judged by CILIP’s Community, Diversity and Equality Group (CDEG). The winner will be announced on Thursday 29 September and will receive a £4000 investment from CILIP. Ongoing initiatives recognised by the award include the City of Edinburgh’s HMP Edinburgh Library Partnership, an initiative that has transformed engagement among the prison population, tackling social exclusion and providing education and employment opportunities for a better transition to community life.

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First Minister's Reading Challenge

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 AT 9:25AM

Scottish Book Trust, on behalf of the Scottish Government, have launched an exciting new reading initiative for children in Primary 4 – 7: [The First Minister's Reading Challenge](#).

The First Minister’s Reading Challenge aims to build on the work already taking place in schools across the country to encourage children to read widely, explore a range of books and develop a love of reading. The main focus of the Challenge is to encourage reading for pleasure and support schools, libraries and communities to build reading cultures.

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CILIPS Election to Trustee Board and for Vice-President 2017

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 AT 9:22AM

CILIPS invites nominations from members for the following positions:

Vice President

CILIPS is seeking nominations for the position of Vice-President to serve from 1st January 2017. Candidates serve for two years firstly as Vice President, then President in Year Two. A full specification is available [here](#).

Prospective candidates must be members of CILIPS. Nominations can be submitted electronically or by post and should be signed by the nominee and countersigned by

two members of CILIPS.

Nominations open on 2nd September and close on 30th September. In the event of more than one nomination an election will be held during October with the result being known in November.

Trustees

CILIPS is seeking nominations for 4 places on the Trustee Board to serve from 1st January 2017 - 31 December 2019. The Trustee Board meets 4 times a year and determines CILIPS policy as well as benchmarking progress against the annually agreed business plan. A full specification is available [here](#).

Prospective candidates must be members of CILIPS and willing to commit to trustee duties as prescribed by the [Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator \(OSCR\)](#). Nominations can be submitted electronically or by post and should be signed by the nominee and countersigned by two members of CILIPS. All trustees are offered training for their role.

Nominations open on 2nd September and close on 30th September. In the event of over-subscription an election will be held during October with the result being known in November.

[Guide to being a Trustee](#)

A nomination form for both positions and further details can be viewed here: <http://www.cilips.org.uk/trustee-board-nominations-2017/>

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CILIPS President formally requests reinstatement of school librarian posts

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016 AT 9:43AM

The CILIPS President, Theresa Breslin, has written to every Argyll and Bute Councillor formally requesting they pass a motion to reinstate school librarian posts. The full text of this is as follows:

From Theresa Breslin to Argyll and Bute Councillors - Email sent 23rd August 2016

Headed:- Formal Request Re: School pupils plea re School Librarian posts in Argyll & Bute

Dear Councillor of Argyll and Bute,

I am writing to you again on behalf of Argyll and Bute school pupils who asked for my support in their protest against the deletion of the posts of school librarians within their secondary schools.

In addition to the information which [I sent you previously re the crucial role of the School Librarian](#) I would also like to make you aware of recent events re reading initiatives involving school pupils.

- The First Minister's Reading Challenge has just been launched on the 19th August. It mentions the "...the excellent work going on in schools and communities..."
- Learning and Teaching Scotland are rolling out the 'Scotland Reads' programme which includes promoting "Book Buddies" where senior pupils mentor younger ones.

Combined with the case made by a number of other groups including the Literature Alliance Scotland - **and most especially the points made by the pupils themselves who will shortly be future voters** - I propose that the above constitute a material and distinct change to the evidence upon which the original decision was made.

I note also that Argyll and Bute is offering incentives to young families to become residents. Deleting posts which provide a key component of education undermines this initiative. School provision is a high priority when parents consider relocating. Argyll and Bute could become the only authority in Scotland failing to provide a dedicated library service within their secondary schools. Perhaps some of this money could be allocated to fund the posts?

I would like to officially progress this matter and so I am formally requesting that a full Council Meeting is convened immediately and that this evidence, and all previous correspondence from all sources, be presented to the Councillors with a motion to reverse the decision and reinstate the posts of Secondary School Librarians.

Yours sincerely,

**Theresa Breslin, Carnegie Medal Winning Author
2016 President of CILIPS (Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals in Scotland)**

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Sir Kenneth Calman joins National Library as Board Chair

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016 AT 8:06AM

The National Library of Scotland have announced that Professor Sir Kenneth Calman will lead its governing Board.

Sir Kenneth has had an outstanding career of public service which saw him hold the position of Chief Medical Officer in both Scotland and England in the 1990s. He is Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, a former chairman of the National Trust for Scotland and led a review into Scottish devolution — the Calman Commission — which paved the way for greater powers for the Scottish parliament. The library sector is also one he knows well, having previously served as Deputy Chair of the British Library.

National Librarian Dr John Scally said: 'It's a great coup for the Library to have attracted someone of Sir Kenneth's stature to lead our Board. His wide range of interests, ability and experience will be of enormous benefit as we bring our plans to fruition. We are all delighted to welcome him to the Library.'

Literature Alliance Scotland write to Argyll and Bute Council

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016 AT 9:52AM

The following open letter has been sent by Literature Alliance Scotland members to the Leader and Councillors of Argyll & Bute Council in support of the [plea by pupils in the area to their Council to save their school librarians and their school libraries](#). This follows on from the recent active engagement by our President, Theresa Breslin.

Letter of 11 July 2016 to Councillor Dick Walsh, Leader of Argyll & Bute Council

Dear Councillor Walsh

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL: SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND SCHOOL LIBRARIANS IN ARGYLL & BUTE

We wrote on 21 April 2016 on behalf of the members of Literature Alliance Scotland earnestly to ask you to restore the school librarian posts from schools in Argyll and Bute, which had been recommended for withdrawal by a decision of Council earlier in the year.

Now that pupils in Argyll and Bute have recently written to Theresa Breslin, author and current President of the Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals in Scotland (CILIPs), and to other children's authors, seeking their support in keeping their school librarians and their school libraries, we are writing again as an alliance of Scotland's literature organisations to plead with you to rescind this decision.

We will not restate here the case for the importance of school libraries staffed by trained school librarians, as set out in our letter of 21 April 2016, but we firmly stand by all the points made in our letter. We would only point out again that our neighbours in the Nordic countries and in The Netherlands have already recognised and acted upon the essential role that their school libraries and professional school librarians play in encouraging and training pupils to read, investigate, research and, by these means, to attain in the digital age in which we now live.

Scotland has long been admired elsewhere for the strong network of school libraries that was built up across the country over successive decades in the late 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s by dedicated effort, enthusiasm and support from all sides. As you will know, COSLA produced its very important **Standards for School Library Services in Scotland** in 1998. We are certain that all of us wish to ensure that such an essential service is sustained and maintained for the young people of today and tomorrow and that its fragmentation, which denies opportunity to those affected, is avoided.

The plea from pupils in Argyll and Bute is more eloquent than any words that we can write (<http://www.cilips.org.uk/news/2016/6/30/heartfelt-plea-from-argyll-and-bute->

[pupils-to-keep-their-sch.html](http://www.cilips.org.uk/news/2016/6/30/heartfelt-plea-from-argyll-and-bute-pupils-to-keep-their-sch.html)). We implore you to listen to them and to protect the school library service they consider so important to them. The future success of our young people will determine the future success of our country.

We request that our letter is laid before all Councillors in Argyll & Bute Council.

Dr Ann Matheson (Chair)

Dr Donald Smith (Vice-Chair)

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CILIPS President writes open letter to Argyll and Bute Councillors

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016 AT 11:03AM

Following the plea received from school pupils in Argyll and Bute where all school librarian posts are being deleted here is the text of 2016 President Theresa Breslin's letter to the Council:

Dear Councillor of Argyll and Bute,

I am writing to you on behalf of Argyll and Bute school pupils who have asked for my support in their protest against the deletion of the posts of school librarians within their secondary schools. *see below this email for a list of previous protests about this

The pupils contacted me last week. I replied to them personally - but also responded publicly. Please read the email from the pupils and my response which I hope will give you major insight into the situation. You can access the two documents here:

<http://www.cilips.org.uk/news/2016/6/30/heartfelt-plea-from-argyll-and-bute-pupils-to-keep-their-sch.html>

An added point (as OHS pupils mention) is that the geographical nature of the area makes this situation more critical. Immediate action is needed. It is essential that the school librarians are in the secondary schools to welcome, instruct and support students when they return after the summer break. Otherwise - from first year, where orientation in information skills is required, to exam years, when open access to materials is essential - the pupils will be seriously disadvantaged.

On behalf of the young people I am asking you as a Councillor who represents the people of Argyll and Bute to act at once and overturn this decision, or at the very least defer it until there has been full consultation with those affected.

Please answer this email so that I am able to get back to the pupils and bring them up to date with what is happening.

Thank you.

Best wishes

**Theresa Breslin, Carnegie Medal Winning Author
2016 President of CILIPS (Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals in Scotland)**

PLEASE READ THE LIST OF PREVIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THIS DECISION

The professional organisation for librarians in Scotland CILIPS (Chartered Institute of Librarians and Information Professionals in Scotland) responded to the original proposal made by Argyll and Bute. A copy of their statement is on their Website here:

http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/825826/26732848/1450100570477/Argyll_Bute_CILIPS_ResponseDec2015.pdf?token=iK6sj5GP1zPakYXEcPCFEKaufHs%3D

After the decision was made there was widespread outcry, especially in view of the removal of mobile services in some areas.

On 26th April 2016 the Literature Alliance Scotland sent a response to the decision taken by Argyll & Bute Council – a copy of which is here: <http://literaturealliancescotland.co.uk/las-letter-to-argyll-bute-council-about-school-librarians-26-april-2016/>

A petition was started here: https://www.change.org/p/shout-out-for-school-librarians-in-argyll-and-bute?recruiter=444240034&utm_source=share_petitio

with a Facebook Page: SABSL Supporter of Argyll & Bute School Libraries: <https://www.facebook.com/SABSL-Supporters-of-Argyll-and-Bute-School-Libraries-212317715766541/>

In addition to above there are many comments on Twitter, Facebook and other Media sites asking for the decision to be overturned.

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Heartfelt plea from Argyll and Bute pupils to keep their school librarians prompts response from Theresa Breslin, CILIPS President 2016

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016 AT 7:29PM

The following letter has been received by CILIPS President, Theresa Breslin, from pupils in Argyll and Bute:

"Recently announced cuts to the council budget in Argyll and Bute mean that, along with other high schools in the region, our school librarian has lost her job and our school library is to be closed as a result.

Obviously this will have a massive impact on the amount of reading that pupils do as we will no longer have access to books or dedicated library periods. But our librarian does so much more. She promotes the library and reading for pleasure, running a book club and a poetry club. She organises library inductions for all pupils. She organised visiting authors as well as taking us on trips to the Edinburgh Book Festival, to Authors Live and to the finals of the Children's Book Awards. We live in Oban, so these opportunities are not on our doorstep."

We know that you are very busy, but we feel like something should be done. If you get the chance, please would you mention our situation to reinforce the importance of school librarians and school libraries and to try to stop this happening anywhere else. As school pupils we feel as if we don't have a voice, but we were hoping you might speak on our behalf."

The following statement was released in response by Theresa Breslin:

"In addition to the promotion of literacy, literature, knowledge and information retrieval skills, a professionally delivered library service within a school embeds the joy of reading in our young people - building self awareness, articulate self expression, confidence, validating their life and culture, and leads to social and emotional literacy.

It is within their school that a young Scot has, in the company of their peer group, the best chance of accessing the historical and current culture of their country which is absolutely crucial to their development as a mature well-informed citizen of the world. Nowhere else is able to provide this service at that level.

Via extension activities: Buddy-Reading schemes with local primary and nursery schools, book clubs, poetry slams, arranging author visits, taking pupils to Book Festivals, and liaising with key organisations such a Scottish Book Trust, the pupil is exposed to a multitude of experiences which would otherwise be inaccessible to them.

The School Librarian is the linchpin to deliver the Curriculum and in raising attainment.

Children living in remote areas have great difficulty accessing a library service. Cuts to transport and mobile library services have reduced this provision even more. To delete the post of professional Librarian within the Secondary Schools will have a serious detrimental effect on the education and well-being of the school pupils living within the Local Authority area of Argyll and Bute."

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Carnegie & Greenaway Medals winners and Amnesty CILIP Honour announced

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016 AT 9:54AM

Yesterday our colleagues at CILIP held a hugely successful award ceremony for the CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway children's book awards, and this included the announcement of the inaugural Amnesty CILIP Honours.

The winners were:

CILIP Carnegie Medal: **One** by Sarah Crossan

CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal: **The Sleeper and the Spindle** illustrated by Chris Riddell

Amnesty CILLIP Honour (Carnegie): **The Lies We Tell Ourselves** by Robin Talley

Amnesty CILIP Honour (Carnegie): **There's a Bear on my Chair** by Ross Collins

The Amnesty CILIP Honour is a new commendation for writing and illustration that celebrate and illuminate our human rights and freedoms.

More about the award

winners: http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/press.php?release=pres_2016_winner_announce.html

Well done to all the winners from CILIP in Scotland!

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Moira Methven MBE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016 AT 3:23PM

Huge congratulations from all at CILIPS to Moira Methven, SLIC Honorary Secretary, who has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to libraries in Dundee and across Scotland.

Moira is an Honorary Vice President of CILIPS and is a trustee on the Board of Leisure and Culture Dundee. Until 2015, Moira was a trustee of the National Library of Scotland and served on the governance committee. When she retired in 2011 Moira Methven was Head of Libraries, Information and Cultural Services with Dundee City Council.

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University of Edinburgh's Centre for the History of the Book gains CILIP accreditation

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016 AT 12:43PM

CILIP have announced that that the Book History and Material Culture MSc from the University of Edinburgh's Centre for the History of the Book has received CILIP accreditation.

The taught Master of Science was granted formal accreditation following the institution's assessment visit on 29thApril. The programme brings together theory and practice in new and innovative ways and is distinctive for its integration of traditional bibliography, training in special collections, and advanced theoretical approaches.

Helen Berry, CILIP's Development Officer for Learning Providers said: "With our first accredited programme in this field, the University of Edinburgh is a valuable addition to a growing global network of learning providers that offer quality assurance for those pursuing a career in the wide ranging library, information and knowledge profession."

The [MSc in Book History and Material Culture](#) is a taught postgraduate degree (taken over one year full-time or two years part-time). Students complete a range of core and option courses covering debates in book history, research methods, and essential skills in library and information management, before completing a 15,000-word dissertation. Optional work placements are available in a range of libraries and other cultural institutions around the city.

CILIP's learning provider accreditation programme is designed to help students choose academic information courses that cover essential skills and knowledge, and have been rigorously assessed by CILIP. Accredited programmes are assessed using the CILIP PKSB which identifies the core knowledge and skills of a very broad profession.

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North Lanarkshire Council announce closure of 4 libraries

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016 AT 10:53AM

The Herald has [reported](#) that Culture NL, the arms at length body of North Lanarkshire Council responsible for libraries, plans to close 4 library branches at Petersburn, Old Monkland, Craigneuk and Newarthill.

In addition to this the number of mobile library services in the authority will be reduced from five to three.

A council spokesperson revealed to the newspaper that the decision was based on usage figures for the libraries.

CILIP in Scotland continue to [monitor cuts to services in Scotland](#) and respond where possible to [consultations](#).

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CILIP in Scotland launch 'A Manifesto for Libraries'

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 AT 2:10PM



CILIP in Scotland have produced a [Manifesto for Libraries](#) that sets out the key messages of their [election campaign](#).

This Manifesto has been sent to all the main political parties with a request for a response to the achievable asks contained within it.

We now ask that our members download the document and use it to contact their own local candidates standing for election on the 5th May. Use our [guide to engaging candidates](#) and find out what their plans would be for libraries and librarians in the next Parliament. Use our [blog](#) for more evidence and arguments.

We believe Scotland's Libraries are the #inspirationforthenation and we urge as many of you to join with us to ensure that message is heard all across Scotland.

The Manifesto can be downloaded and printed [here](#).

The Campaign asks candidates standing for election to the Scottish Parliament on May 5th:

1. To support and call for the full implementation of the National Strategy for Public Libraries in Scotland, agreed last year with the Scottish Government and COSLA including

- Taking forward a national reading strategy with libraries at its heart

- Rolling out and sustaining the every child a library member project
- Providing high-speed wifi in all community libraries
- Rolling out a national digital skills programme with shared resources
- Developing local, regional and national partnerships to support employability

2. To work to ensure that all learners in school and further education have on site access to full time professional library staff.

3. To support development of a new national strategy for school libraries which recognises their vital role in supporting pupils' literacy and research skills.

4. To work closely with Local Government to ensure that all libraries are fully supported.

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National Strategy Generates £1.4 Million for Scotland's Public Libraries

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 AT 8:07AM

The Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) today [announced](#) that over [£1.4 million of funding](#) has been allocated to public libraries across Scotland as a result of the first national public library strategy.

[Ambition and Opportunity: A Strategy for Public Libraries in Scotland 2015-2020](#) was launched in June 2015 to re-invigorate the role and perception of libraries and to address the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. The strategy sets out six strategic aims to build on the strong heritage of Scotland's libraries and to promote reading, literacy and learning; digital inclusion; economic wellbeing; social wellbeing; culture and creativity; and delivery of excellent public services.

SLIC, which led development of the strategy with Carnegie Trust UK, has been working with partners, including Scottish Government and Creative Scotland, to implement projects to meet the strategic aims of the strategy. In total, £1,464,000 of funding has been used to fund initiatives in libraries since work on the strategy began:

- £450,000 for the Public Library Improvement Fund, which is open to all libraries across Scotland to fund projects to support all parts of the strategy.
- £400,000 for the installation of WiFi in libraries to support digital inclusion (strategic aim 2).
- £198,000 for Read, Write, Count to support reading, literacy and learning (strategic aim 1).
- £190,000 for film education projects to support culture and creativity (strategic aim 5).
- £80,000 for Every Child A Library Member to support reading, literacy and learning (strategic aim 1).
- £76,000 for 3D printers in libraries to support culture and creativity (strategic aim 5).
- £70,000 for 'Appiness', a project to teach young people and parents to use apps for literacy, numeracy and other subjects to support reading, literacy and learning (strategic aim 1).

Pamela Tulloch, Chief Executive at SLIC said:

"It's great to see so much progress being made against the aims of the strategy just nine months after launch, with a number of innovative projects underway in libraries across Scotland involving different partners. This represents what's being done at a national level. Alongside these initiatives, library services are also working at a local level to improve and build on their service, tailored to the needs of their communities."

CILIP in Scotland are [campaigning](#) on behalf of libraries and librarians in the lead up to the May 5th elections and will shortly be releasing a manifesto that calls on the next Scottish Government to maintain support for the full implementation of the National Strategy for Public Libraries in Scotland.

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Orkney Librarian wins major award

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016 AT 3:23PM

Stewart Bain, Senior Librarian for Orkney Library and the man behind their [world renowned Twitter account](#), has been awarded 'Librarian of the Year'. The award was made by the [Publishers Publicity Circle](#) and is jointly shared with Sam Everett, Librarian for the London Borough of Hillingdon.

Stewart told the [Orkadian newspaper](#), "I am delighted to be voted Librarian of the Year by members of the PPC. I have worked with some fantastic publicists over the past year to bring a number of top authors to Orkney.

"This award is recognition of the quality service provided by all staff at Orkney Library and Archive. It also highlights the vital role libraries play in promoting books and introducing readers to new authors."

The Orkney Library Twitter account is often cited as a best practice example of how a library should approach social media and they have amassed an incredible 22,000 followers, Stewart's award follows on from Orkney Library being named Library of the Year by the UK Bookseller Awards last year.

The library also recently had a very [high profile surprise visitor](#).

Stewart will be speaking at this year's [CILIPS Conference](#) 6-7 June 2016.

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Libraries Change Lives Award 2016

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 AT 3:53PM

Entries are open for the [CILIP Libraries Change Lives Award](#) 2016, the highest accolade a library service in the UK can win.

Now in its twenty-fifth year the Award is open to all UK-based library, information and knowledge-based services or initiatives that have a positive and demonstrable impact on their user community. Entries are welcome from any sector such as education, prisons, health Government, private companies and public libraries.

CILIP is seeking applications from practitioners representing library and information services or initiatives which can clearly demonstrate the value added to their organisation or community and which reflect innovation, intelligent service design or best practice delivery. Three finalists will be selected and a £4,000 prize will be donated by CILIP to support the continued delivery of the winning service.

Chair of Judges, John Vincent said: "Libraries Change Lives is recognised as a key evidence base highlighting the vital contribution good library and information services make and the many ways in which libraries and information services play a fundamental role in public good. I would encourage anyone in the sector who is proud of their work to apply. It really is a great opportunity for advocacy and investment in vital work that makes a difference."

The 2015 winner was North Ayrshire's 'Appiness' initiative, a digital learning service that provides pre-school children with online learning in a range of areas whilst giving parents crucial guidance about online safety controls.

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Fife Council approve closure of 16 libraries

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016 AT 11:17AM

A meeting of the [full Fife Council](#) has voted by 35 votes to 34 votes to close 16 libraries within the next year.

Despite an [active local campaign](#) and a response from [CILIPS](#) library closures will proceed with the exception that eight of libraries have been allowed to stay open for a year while 'alternative delivery models' are explored.

Five of the libraries are scheduled to close at the end of March.

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Falkirk Council confirm cuts to school library service

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016 AT 8:12PM

Falkirk Council have confirmed their [2016/17 budget](#) with the following changes made to school library services in the area:

"The school library service will be reorganised to provide a decentralised model of provision to all early years and primary establishments from each of our secondary schools. A further action is to reduce and replace a number of librarians with library assistants. These changes will save £0.390m."

CILIP in Scotland are running a [campaign](#) in the lead up to the election, highlighting the value of librarians and [supporting our members](#) to engage MSP candidates.

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Argyll and Bute will no longer provide school librarians

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016 AT 7:28AM

Argyll and Bute Council have [confirmed](#) that they will no longer be providing school librarians in the local authority in addition to moving the public library service to a charitable trust.

The initial proposals resulted in a campaign group called [Supporters of Argyll and Bute School Libraries](#) being set up and the cuts have received widespread criticism on social media. CILIP in Scotland [responded](#) to the original proposals and we maintain that the availability of access to full time professional school librarian expertise contributes to successful delivery of curriculum outcomes, promotion of literacy and reading, and should be retained.

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Most Borrowed Book in Scottish Libraries Revealed

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016 AT 11:30AM

Scottish author Ian Rankin's, **Saints of the Shadow Bible** was the most borrowed book in libraries in Scotland during 2014/15, it was revealed today by Public Lending Right. Scottish born and raised author Peter May also had three titles appearing in the Top 10. Overall, crime fiction and thrillers are hugely popular in Scotland with all of the Top 10 Most Borrowed Books in Scotland belonging to this genre.

Data released by the Public Lending Right (PLR) office shows exactly which books and authors proved most popular with library borrowers between July 2014 and June 2015.

TOP 10 LIBRARY BOOKS: SCOTLAND

1. Saints of the Shadow Bible - Ian Rankin
2. Personal - Lee Child
3. Entry Island - Peter May
4. Never Go Back - Lee Child
5. The Silkworm - Robert Galbraith

6. Unlucky 13 - James Patterson
7. Extraordinary People - Peter May
8. The Chess Man - Peter May
9. Invisible - James Patterson
10. The Target - David Baldacci

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Young Writers Back School Libraries

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016 AT 9:08AM

A number of young writers have spoken out in support of school libraries in an [article](#) published by the Sunday Times (paywall may apply).

The Scottish Parliament is currently considering a [petition](#), backed by many national bodies such as the Scottish Book Trust and the Literature Alliance Scotland, asking for a national strategy for school libraries and some writers aged 14-17 have described how pivotal they feel school libraries are to education.

Ribh O'Neill, 14, from Cove Bay, Aberdeenshire, who specialises in travelogue and fiction writing, said: "School libraries are vital because literacy is so important in our world and especially important for the future generation. They provide free access in an educational environment, and the fact that they are free to all means that everyone has an equal shot at life as everyone has the chance to use library resources."

Erin Morrissey Gillman, 17, an aspiring poet from Newport-on-Tay in Fife, said that for her a library was "a wonderful place to discover and broaden my tastes" and played a vital role in achieving her Advanced Higher English".

She added: "The freedom to pick and choose the literature I borrow is a brilliant and undervalued joy. I am so grateful to have free and easy access to such a wealth of positive influence, as a former student, a reader, and as a writer. It is disheartening to think that young people across Scotland may not have a chance to reap the benefits of a library in their school."

The writers are part of the [What's Your Story](#) project, run by the Scottish Book Trust, that is supporting 10 youngsters selected from an application process, who over eight months are exploring Scotland's literary and creative scene with the help of a professional mentor.

CILIP in Scotland will be campaigning on a number of library issues across all sectors in the lead up to the Scottish Parliament elections in May, full details will be announced in early February.

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Carnegie Library Lab - Apply by 29 January

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016 AT 12:43PM

The Carnegie UK Trust are looking for applications for [Carnegie Library Lab](#) from individual library staff working in early and mid-management roles across the UK and Ireland. Successful applicants will work as Carnegie Partners for 18 months (May 2016-October 2017).

Carnegie Library Lab is a programme created to support and develop innovation and leadership in the public library sector.

Carnegie Library Lab offers participants:

- Project funding
- Online learning programme
- Mentoring
- A network
- Evaluation

The application period will close on Friday 29 January 5pm.

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National Libraries Day 2016

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016 AT 10:46AM

Now in its fifth year, the annual [National Libraries Day](#) event takes place this year on Saturday 6th February. As always, libraries of all types across the country will be running events that help promote all the wonderful things that they do.

If your library is thinking of running an event and need some ideas there is this [handy guide](#). There is a [map of events](#) across the country and you can add to this.

There is also a new hashtag that has been set up for the event this year so remember to use #librariesday when posting anything to social media.

In previous years, CILIP in Scotland has gathered together [activity taking place in Scotland via Storify](#) and we would like to do the same again so, if possible, also add the tag #NLDScot to any social media posts so we can gather these.

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16 Fife Libraries to close

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015 AT 8:43AM

Fife Councillors met yesterday and agreed to close 16 libraries in Fife. The decision came after a public consultation and library review which sought to save £813,000. More than 25 full time equivalent posts will also be lost as a result of the closures.

Fife born author Ian Rankin called the announcement “horrible news” while fellow Fifer, Val McDermid, suggested the closures were “a sure route to cultural

impoverishment” pointing out that “I wouldn’t be a writer if it wasn’t for the public library system.”

Council Leader David Ross explained that members had no choice other than to vote for closure because of the scale of savings required.

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Result of Obligatory Revalidation Ballot

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2015 AT 2:29PM

CILIP have announced the result of the recent ballot was that 51% of members voted against the proposal to introduce annual obligatory revalidation and 49% voted in favour.

Following discussion on the 25th November, CILIP Board has decided to postpone the decision about revalidation until next year and will use the time to get a better understanding of the views of members and particularly what they can do to increase advocacy for the skills and professionalism of CILIP members while developing a revalidation scheme that helps achieve this.

Further information can be found on the [CILIP website](#).

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Purchase of Library Books in Scotland Decreases

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2015 AT 11:30AM

A [BBC report](#) has revealed that book expenditure by public libraries in Scotland has decreased over the past 3 years.

The data, acquired via Freedom of Information requests, shows a reduction in spending of £854,000 between 2012 and 2014 with the purchasing of new library books falling by 10% across Scotland to £7.6m.

The statistics also show that a third of Scottish councils, or managing bodies, increased their spending on physical books in the last three years with East Ayrshire council investing the most (a 35% increase).

CILIP in Scotland recognises that many services are facing difficult budget choices as a result of significant financial pressures. However, we hold that a well resourced public library service is essential to the well being of communities, providing a positive experience for local people and demonstrating the value a local authority places on its community. It is our view that libraries are vital to improving literacy in Scotland with over a quarter of adults living in Scotland having issues with literacy.

CILIP in Scotland recently participated in the development of the [National Strategy for Public Libraries](#) in Scotland and continue to work with the Scottish Library and Information Council and other partners to support the implementation of this.

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Result of Trustee Board elections

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2015 AT 11:24AM

CILIP in Scotland recently held elections for places on our Trustee Board from 2016 with the following persons elected:

Vice President (from 1st January): Liz McGettigan

Honorary Treasurer (from 1st December for 2 years): Audrey Walker

Trustees (from 1st January for 3 years): Richard Aird, Helen Robinson, Duncan Wright

Shayna Conn and Robert Ruthven will be leaving the Board on December 31st and we thank them for their excellent contributions.

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Save Scotland's School Libraries Petition

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2015 AT 7:44AM

Yesterday (24th November), the organiser of the Save Scotland's School Libraries group, Duncan Wright, and Chair of the CILIPS School Library Advocacy Group, Yvonne Manning, met with the Public Petitions Committee to discuss the petition submitted asking for a national strategy for school libraries. A full report from the meeting will be available on the Parliament [website](#) next week but the Save Scotland's School Libraries group say they are '[cautiously optimistic](#)' following discussions. Audio from the meeting (start at 1:28) is available [online](#).

Many [leading Scottish writers](#) including poet and playwright Alan Bissett, James Robertson and Christopher Brookmyre, signed the petition. A number of Scottish Local Authorities are proposing cuts to [school library services](#) including Falkirk, East Renfrewshire and Argyll and Bute whilst others have previously made savings in this area.

Chancellor George Osborne's Autumn statement will be announced later today (25th) and is expected to contain unprecedented cuts to public services. [Reports](#) have suggested that the knock-on effects of these ongoing cuts could lead to a 9.2% reduction in local government spending in Scotland by the end of the current UK Parliament.

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Carnegie UK Trust invites Applications to Carnegie Library Lab

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015 AT 8:00AM

Carnegie Library Lab is a programme created by the Carnegie UK Trust to support and develop innovation and leadership in the public library sector. They are currently looking for applications from individual library staff working in early and mid-management from across the UK and Ireland. Successful applicants will work as Carnegie Partners for 18 months (May 2016-October 2017).

Carnegie Library Lab offers participants:

Project funding: £5000-£15,000 to help develop and implement innovative projects in your public library or library service.

Online learning programme: An online modular programme to support your skills development. Facilitated by an experienced learning guide, topics covered includes innovation, leadership, managing change and transition, and power and hierarchy.

Mentoring: A personal mentor to assist with project management and personal development.

A network: There will be communication and networking opportunities for participants via online platforms and a small number of face-to-face meetings.

Evaluation: An external evaluation of the projects to help participants to identify successes, challenges and how to take their work forward. This will also enable the Trust to share learning and experience from supported projects with policy makers, practitioners and funders.

Full details of how to apply are on the Carnegie UK Trust [website](#).

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First Minister opens relocated Glasgow Women's Library

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015 AT 3:41PM

Glasgow Women's Library launched its newly refurbished building, with a visit from First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. The stunning new purpose-designed spaces will be home to unique and fascinating archives and artefacts celebrating women's writing, history and achievements in Scotland and beyond.

In reaching this landmark achievement, Glasgow Women's Library has benefitted from capital grants and public donations of over £1 million to revamp the Grade B-listed Carnegie public library building with purpose-built spaces for its innovative programmes of cultural and learning events.

As the only accredited museum in the UK dedicated to women's history, Glasgow Women's Library now also boasts purpose-built stores in which to preserve its rare collections of artefacts and archives, including a substantial collection of original Suffragette memorabilia. Equipped with exhibition spaces and provision for a forthcoming cafe and shop, the building will also be available for community use with

a dazzling events programme celebrating Scotland's women's culture, achievements, learning and heritage.

First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon said:

“Glasgow Women's Library is truly a national treasure and I am thrilled to officially open the new premises after the recent renovation. As well as excellent resources, the library also offers vital support to women – and makes a real difference to so many people's lives. The Scottish Government was happy to support the library by contributing over £500,000 to the renovation so their work could continue.”

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Scottish Poetry Library Reopens

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015 AT 3:15PM

After an extensive renovation, the [Scottish Poetry Library](#) reopens its doors to the public on Thursday 29 October. The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs Fiona Hyslop will officially open the Library alongside the National Poet of Scotland Liz Lochhead on Wednesday 28 October.

The now larger Scottish Poetry Library will provide more space for books, a soundproofed space, a space for recording as well as more places to work and read comfortably and the Sound Lounge for listening to recorded poetry.

MSP Fiona Hyslop, said, 'The Scottish Poetry Library on Edinburgh's Royal Mile is truly unique. As the only independently constituted and housed poetry library in Britain, and Europe, it stands for the importance of poetry in Scotland and highlights our exceptional literary talent.'

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Amnesty CILIP Honour Announced

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015 AT 2:21PM

CILIP and Amnesty International have tonight announced a major new partnership which will commend human rights in children's literature. The human rights partnership will span both the Carnegie fiction and the Kate Greenaway picture book awards.

The news was announced this evening at the Youth Libraries Group Conference, taking place at the Beardmore Hotel in Glasgow.

Beginning with the 2016 medals, a title from each of the prestigious shortlists will receive the Amnesty CILIP Honour, a commendation for the books that most distinctively illuminate, uphold or celebrate freedoms. The books receiving the commendation will be able to carry an Amnesty CILIP Honour logo.

The inaugural Amnesty CILIP honour judging panel will include last year's Carnegie medal winner, Tanya Landman whose book **Buffalo Soldier** dealt with issues including racism, slavery and gender discrimination.

The winners will be announced at the Medals ceremony in June 2016.

Nick Poole, CILIP Chief Executive, said: "Amnesty International and CILIP both oppose censorship and support the right to intellectual freedom, so this is a very natural partnership. The Amnesty CILIP Honour will highlight the fact that so many of the books chosen by expert youth librarians for the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals have human rights at their heart."

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School Library Advocacy Film

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 AT 10:20AM

The advocacy film produced for the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) stand at the Scottish Learning Festival can now be viewed [online](#).

The film was mainly the work of school librarian Julie Sutherland, a member of the CILIPS school library advocacy group. Julie gathered content including video and images from school libraries across Scotland that highlighted the varied and vital work that school librarians do on a day to day basis.

The film was a great success during the festival with delegates from all over the world visiting the SLIC stand to view it.

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Book Week Scotland 2015

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015 AT 3:04PM

Book Week Scotland 2015 was today (6th October) launched in Edinburgh and will take place from Monday 23 – Sunday 29 November 2015.

During Book Week, people of all ages and walks of life will come together in libraries, schools, community venues and workplaces to share and enjoy books and reading. They will be joined in this celebration by Scotland's authors, poets, playwrights, storytellers and illustrators to bring a packed programme of events and projects to life.

This year's Book Week Scotland will once again be underpinned by a rich and varied [events programme](#) for all tastes and ages. Several new strands have been introduced for 2015, including Libraries Transformed, a selection of creative events across Scotland designed to challenge the public's perceptions of what libraries are.

Scotland's best-loved writers and illustrators will be visiting libraries in every local authority during a programme funded by The Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) featuring appearances from such as **Diana Gabaldon, Kate Mosse, A.L. Kennedy, Michel Faber, Val McDermid** and **The Girl on a Train** author **Paula Hawkins**.

As part of the theme of transformation a new campaign called [#ThankBooks](#) will be launched, encouraging members of the public to share how books or people from the world of books have inspired them or changed their life. Celebrities and authors such as Alan Cumming, Ian Rankin, Louis De Bernieres, Andy McNab and Greg Proops will also reveal their own #ThankBooks.

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CILIPS Statement - School Librarians

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AT 11:07AM

CILIP in Scotland has released the following statement:

We support the Government's ambition for Scotland to be the best place to grow up and learn and contend that professional school librarians are integral to its realisation. High quality learning opportunities should include access for all school pupils to a professionally trained librarian and information expert with a knowledge of learning styles who is:

- located within the school and available throughout and beyond the school day;
- managing a safe, secure and supportive environment for formal and informal learning;
- responsible for curating resources to support the curriculum;
- partnering teachers in supporting delivery of the Curriculum for Excellence;
- engaging pupils in information seeking and discussion;
- promoting information literacy across the curriculum; and
- developing critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers and ethical users of information.

CILIPS continues to advocate for the retention of school libraries and school librarians in every secondary school in Scotland.

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North Ayrshire Libraries win UK-wide award

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 AT 6:19PM

North Ayrshire Libraries have won the CILIP Libraries Change Lives Award for their Appiness project.

The SLIC funded project is a digital learning service that provides pre-school children with online learning in a range of areas whilst giving parents crucial guidance about online safety controls.

Teaching the safe and informed use of digital technologies including PCs and tablets to access a special collection of learning materials and apps, the digital education programme kick-starts very young children's learning in a range of areas including literacy, numeracy, art, music, science and technology. Parents also take part in the programme, learning about online safety controls and how to use technology to support their child's development.

The targeted initiative was developed by North Ayrshire Council's library staff as an early intervention against challenges around poverty and attainment in the area, which has Scotland's highest level of youth unemployment.

Lisa Morton and Mhairi Cook, the two pioneering Council employees behind 'Appiness', accepted the award from CILIP President Jan Parry on behalf of North Ayrshire Council. The Council will also receive £4000 prize money from CILIP to invest in the continued running of the initiative. Representatives from runners up, Portsmouth City Library Services and St. Helens Library Services, were presented with finalist certificates at the ceremony.

The long-running CILIP Libraries Change Lives annual award highlights the expertise of professional library staff in developing high quality, innovative services which transform life in their communities.

[Watch a short film about the project.](#)

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Save Scotland's School Libraries - Rally **17th October**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 AT 6:16PM

The campaign group '[Save Scotland's School Libraries](#)' has announced details of a protest march and rally taking place in Edinburgh on Saturday 17th October. Meeting in Parliament Square at 10.45am attendees are being encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. This follows the launch of a [petition](#) urging the Scottish Government to set out a new strategy for school librarians.

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National Library launch new strategy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 AT 11:54AM

The National Library of Scotland (NLS) has set out a series of plans which aim to make it one of the leading national libraries in Europe.

Its [new strategy, 'The way forward 2015-2020'](#), contains six key objectives which aim to increase the number of people who use and benefit from the Library's internationally renowned collections. There are plans to transform the Library into a national digital library and put a third of its 24 million items online in the next 10 years in one of the biggest programmes of its kind anywhere in Europe.

At the same time, in its future plans the Library reaffirms the importance of the physical book and of the Library as a physical destination.

Other priorities include promoting and encouraging research, and using its collections to support learning and education for people of all ages across Scotland and further afield.

National Librarian Dr John Scally said: 'We are the guardian of the published and recorded memory of Scotland for current and future generations and our aim is to make the knowledge held within our collections as widely available as possible.'

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Authors back campaign to Save Scotland's School Libraries

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 AT 1:00PM

A [petition](#) has been submitted to the Scottish Parliament urging the Scottish Government to set out a new national strategy for school libraries which recognises the vital role of high quality school libraries in supporting pupils' literacy and research skills.

Supported by the campaign group [Save Scotland's School Libraries](#) the petition highlights its belief that young people in Scotland are now subject to a postcode lottery in regards to the level of school library service they receive and as a consequence pupils in Scotland's schools are suffering educational inequality.

The group believes that if local authorities continue to withdraw services it is very likely to lead to a drop in literacy rates and a widening of the attainment gap, which runs counter to Scottish Government policy.

Leading Scottish novelists James Robertson, Christopher Brookmyre and Alan Bissett have voiced their support for the petition.

Two time Saltire Society Book of the Year Award Winner James Robertson commented: "Libraries in our communities and in our schools are vital signs of a civilised society. If we allow them to close or not to be staffed by professional librarians, we are sending out a message that we don't care about our young people's education or their future."

Christopher Brookmyre said: "School libraries are where pupils learn a lesson for life that books are for pleasure, not just for homework."

In addition Alan Bissett commented: "I'd hope all would agree that libraries provide an invaluable service to our communities, but perhaps many are not aware that there

are specialist kinds of librarians. The users of school libraries, for example, have very different needs from those of public libraries. School libraries have an integral function in any child's education and we should be respecting the skills which school librarians provide."

In addition to this independent campaign, CILIP in Scotland has a school library advocacy group that recently produced an [advocacy document](#) and facilitate a school library strand at the [Autumn Gathering](#).

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Conditions and status of public library staff in Scotland: Joint CILIPS and CILIP Statement

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 AT 1:18PM

The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) welcomes the publication of the Unison in Scotland '[Read it and weep](#)' report and the challenging issues it raises about the working conditions and professional status of public librarians in Scotland.

We are concerned to note the issues in the report which touch on the safety and wellbeing of library staff, and particularly lone workers. All employers have a duty of care to their staff, which includes making adequate provision for their health, safety and welfare at work. In the case of lone workers, this means undertaking an adequate assessment of the risks and taking clear steps to minimise them. It is never acceptable for public library workers to fear threat or injury resulting from anti-social behaviour in their place of work.

The public needs and expects a modern, high-quality library service delivered by qualified library and information professionals. As information and reading take a more central role in all our lives, a qualified librarian is able to help people help themselves, learn, find work, get online and improve their life chances. This is the service that our members want to deliver, but the message from this report is that they are being prevented from doing so by a lack of resources and the under-valuing of their professional skills.

We commend the aims set out in the strategy for public libraries in Scotland and call on authorities and policymakers to ensure that this opportunity is not lost and that library workers are not put at risk through systematic under-investment.

CILIP in Scotland were full participants in the development of [Ambition and Opportunity](#), the National Strategy for public libraries in Scotland, and are part of the Implementation Group, where we will be working alongside local authorities and policy makers to ensure its aims are realised.

We call on library employers to operate with due regard to their legal and professional responsibilities to ensure that decisions on staffing and resourcing do not worsen the issues highlighted in the report.

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Edinburgh City Libraries in running for Design Award

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015 AT 3:10PM

Edinburgh City Libraries have been nominated for an [International Design Excellence Award](#) for their new Children's Library.

A public vote will be used to help decide the winner and you can vote for them [here](#).

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North Ayrshire Libraries a finalist in 2015 Libraries Change Lives Awards

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AT 10:16AM

North Ayrshire Libraries have been shortlisted for this year's Libraries Change Lives award from CILIP. The awards demonstrate how professionally-led library services make a dramatic difference to life in their communities; driving better social, health and economic wellbeing and supporting councils in delivering their agendas.

Now in its 24th year, the award highlights transformative initiatives developed by library staff and delivered via the library service. The 2015 finalists are North Ayrshire Libraries, Portsmouth Library Services and St. Helen's Library Services. The winner will be announced on Thursday 24 September at CILIP's AGM and awards in London.

North Ayrshire's 'Appiness' project co-ordinates a programme of educational apps and digital learning for very young children and their parents or carers, enabling the safe and informed use of technologies to kickstart their child's learning, in areas including literacy, numeracy, art, music, science and technology. Parents also take part, learning about safety controls and how to evaluate age-appropriate content. The programme was built to offer the earliest possible intervention against considerable problems around poverty, personal attainment, health and employment experienced in the region. Fuelling increased personal and educational attainment from preschool age, local schools also benefit as these young digital leaders come to school already engaged in learning and demonstrating valuable transferable skills across the curriculum.

[Watch the short film](#)

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Dundee Library & Information Services a finalist at Scotland's Dementia Awards 2015

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 AT 10:12AM

Dundee Library & Information Services, Leisure & Culture Dundee, hope to win a prestigious award after it was announced that their [Dementia Information Service at Central Library has been short-listed as a finalist](#) in the “Best dementia friendly community initiative” category at Scotland’s Dementia Awards 2015.

The winners will be announced at the [awards ceremony](#), which will take place on Thursday 24 September 2015 at the Marriott Hotel in Glasgow, in celebration of World Alzheimer’s Day.

The service will be featured in the [CILIPS Autumn Gathering](#) programme on November 19th.

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Scots Scriever appointed

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015 AT 12:32PM

[Creative Scotland](#) has, in partnership with the National Library of Scotland, [announced the appointment of Hamish MacDonald in the role of Scots Scriever](#). A first for Scotland, this role is a two-year residency based at the [National Library of Scotland](#), supported with funding from Creative Scotland.

The purpose of the role is to produce original creative work in Scots, its variants and dialects, across any art-form, as well as raising awareness, appreciation and use of Scots across the country and amongst all parts of the population.

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Speaking Volumes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015 AT 11:51AM

The Carnegie UK Trust are looking for support with their [Speaking Volumes resource](#).

The resource looks at the vital role public libraries play in delivering on social, economic, cultural and education policy goals, all of which contribute to individual and community wellbeing.

The resource, created in 2014, consists of a leaflet-poster and four databases of evidence that together demonstrate how libraries contribute to these four policy goals. They show the continuing relevance of public libraries, and their potential to contribute to many of the policy goals which governments are seeking to achieve.

This year they are updating the resource and are asking for the help of the library and information community. If you work in a public library, [let them know about the activities that your library or library service runs by filling out the form below by 7 October 2015](#).

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National Student Survey shows a high satisfaction rate for Scotland's HE libraries

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015 AT 8:55AM

The [2015 National Student Survey](#) has been published by the UK Higher Education Funding agencies.

The results of the survey show that 89% of full time students in Scotland in 2015 felt library services and resources were good enough for their needs and this figure was up from 88% in 2014. This result is higher than the UK average of 86%

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Review explores use of volunteers in libraries

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015 AT 8:49AM

A [review](#) commissioned by the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) has concluded that volunteer-run libraries without professional and local authority input are not a preferred option for library services in Scotland.

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£1.5 million announced to boost free Wi-Fi in public spaces

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015 AT 2:01PM

Additional funding is being made available to extend Wi-Fi in Scotland's libraries, as part of the public wireless programme, it was announced today.

The £1.5 million funding for 2015/16 is part of the Scottish Government's wider drive to enhance digital participation, improve rural connectivity and the uptake of online public services across Scotland.

The Programme for Government 2014-2015 contains a commitment to: 'promote easier access to free Wi-Fi, particularly through Wi-Fi in public buildings, promoting effective access to the benefits of internet for all' and the recent National Strategy for Public Libraries, lead by the Scottish Library and Information Council, has 'Libraries promoting digital inclusion' as a strategic aim.

In 2014-15, £300,000 was made available to the Scottish Library and Information Council, which enabled 125 libraries to install Wi-Fi access for the first time. The £1.5 million funding will be used to support a range of public building and public space Wi-Fi and wireless network projects within the Public Wireless Programme.

Extending Wi-Fi to those public libraries that are currently without Wi-Fi is one element of the Programme.

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Salary survey for UK Information industry

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 AT 11:06AM

Sue Hill Recruitment and TFPL, recruitment consultancies for libraries and information in the UK, have released the results of a salary survey covering the UK library, archive, knowledge, information and records management industry

The survey covers information-related roles across all sectors and enables the benchmarking of salaries by sector and location as well as discipline.

Results can be read [here](#).

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Edinburgh City Libraries win award

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015 AT 12:06PM

Edinburgh City Libraries recently won the annual [Jodi Awards](#) for best use of technology to widen access to information, learning, collections and creativity for disabled people in museums, libraries, archives and heritage.

These awards are given in memory of Jodi Mattes, a tireless champion of equal access to culture for disabled people.

A full report is available on the [CILIP website](#).

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Survey for school library workers

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015 AT 3:03PM

If you you work in a school library we would like to ask for your help with an ongoing piece of work that we are keen to support.

The survey aims to gather information about what kinds of information about politics is available to school students through school libraries, what involvement libraries and library workers have with the citizenship and political education that takes place in schools more widely, and what kind of support students asked for from library workers during the General Election and Scottish Independence Referendum.

Full details of the project including the link to the survey are all available here as well as contact details for the primary researcher, Lauren Smith:

<https://learninglendingliberty.wordpress.com/2015/07/09/survey-for-school-library-workers/>

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Creative Scotland Literature & Publishing Sector Review published

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015 AT 8:22AM

A review of the Literature and Publishing sector in Scotland has been published.

The independent study provides an overview of contemporary literature provision, reflecting the successes and the distinct qualities of Literature and Publishing in Scotland whilst at the same time identifying development needs, future challenges and opportunities which will help inform the future work to best support literature and publishing in Scotland.

The Review has produced a broad spread of recommendations aimed at improving the health of literature in Scotland and sustaining the sector as a vibrant and resonant form of cultural expression, and as an important creative industry. It covers a range of areas including individual writers, partnerships with libraries, the publishing industry, developing readers, the sector ecology and the international promotion and development of Scottish writing.

Publication of this review will be followed on 30 July with a summit of over 150 individuals, sector representatives and partner bodies to discuss the recommendations, agree our individual priorities and set out next steps. CILIPS will be represented at the summit.

To read the Literature and Publishing Sector Review in full, please click [here](#).

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iRights Coalition Continues to Grow

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015 AT 11:09AM

[Young Scot](#) highlighted their work as strategic lead on the iRights coalition at a recent Parliamentary Reception.

The UK wide iRights coalition aims to make the internet and surrounding digital world a better and more empowering place for all children and young people. Recognising that digital technology is a fundamental part of young peoples' lives, iRights and Young Scot believes that these technologies must be designed and delivered with young peoples' needs specifically in mind.

[iRights](#) is a framework of five clear and simple principles to enable children and young people to access the internet creatively, knowledgeably and fearlessly.

Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People, Tam Baillie, became the first signatory for the coalition in Scotland.

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Consultation on the future of Falkirk Libraries

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015 AT 8:44AM

Falkirk Council area residents and other interested parties have the chance to shape the future of the area's [libraries](#), as they are invited to have their say on a [consultative draft Library Development Plan](#).

On 27 May 2015, the Board of Falkirk Community Trust approved the consultative draft. The Trust says that the purpose of the plan is to "shape a library service that is valued by the local community, appropriate to customers' expectations, well used and yet affordable for the Trust to deliver."

The consultation asks that staff, users, non-users and library advocates become involved as it is an opportunity for debate, discuss and generate ideas and suggestions that will help give direction to the way ahead for library services in Falkirk.

The consultation will run from 19 June - 11 September 2015 and you can respond [through this online questionnaire](#).

You can [download the draft Development Plan here](#).

The libraries team at Falkirk Community Trust are hopeful that lots of people contribute to what they expect to be a lively discussion.

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Aberdeen City Libraries wins award

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015 AT 9:49AM

Aberdeen City Libraries has received a Silver Award from the CILIP Publicity and Public Relations Group for their 'A School of Dolphins' project.

In Summer 2014, Aberdeen City Libraries participated in the Wild Dolphins project which saw life-sized sculptures appear on the streets of Aberdeen. They volunteered to display small sculptures designed by schoolchildren in libraries and created the Library Dolphin Trail to encourage families to visit and find out more about library services and resources.

The judging panel loved the high level of community engagement in the campaign and the development of a wide variety of partnerships. Aberdeen were able to use a number of non-library channels and spaces to help promote their School of Dolphins, achieved incredible success and impact, and came in under budget.

Well done to Aberdeen from all at CILIPS!

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Proposed Library Cuts in Fife

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015 AT 9:28AM

Fife Council is to consider a 'rationalisation' of its library estate (run by Fife Cultural Trust) when it meets on 23rd June.

The proposals, which the Council says are necessary to meet savings required by March 2018, would result in the loss of 16 of the area's 51 libraries in a phased closure programme. Although no compulsory redundancies are proposed, the Council anticipates that voluntary severance will result in the loss of 15.5 FTE posts.

A new service specification based on a hub and spoke model would replace the current service. The Trust say 'this model makes operational sense, takes account of current usage patterns, is more cost effective, and delivers a library service which is fit-for-purpose and sustainable, providing greater clarity and an improved customer experience.'

Fife Council plans a community engagement exercise to inform the public of the plans.

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CILIPS Vice President wins Children's Book Award

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015 AT 9:45AM

We were delighted to hear that our Vice President, Theresa Breslin, has won the 2015 James Reckitt Hull Children's Book Award (Key Stage 2) for her book **Ghost Soldier**.

The award is now in its 9th year and is funded by the bequest of James Reckitt, a philanthropist who died in 1924. The award is voted for by children and is decided on the day of the award.

On receiving the award Theresa declared that she was "stunned, totally stunned." She added this was because for "a hardback book about historical fiction to win this prize, that is voted for by the children, is really amazing."

The [book](#) is a poignant story of hope and loss set during World War 1.

You can hear more from Theresa on winning the award [here](#).

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CILIP in Scotland AGM: Revised Rules and Regulations approved

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2015 AT 9:26AM

The AGM of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland was held at the Apex Hotel, 1 West Victoria Dock Road, Dundee, DD1 3JP on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 10.15am.

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations and the Bye Laws of CILIP, all persons resident or employed in Scotland who are members were entitled to vote at the AGM.

At the meeting a revised version of the CILIP in Scotland Rules and Regulations was approved and this can be read [here](#).

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National Strategy for Scotland's public libraries launched

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015 AT 10:38AM

'Ambition & Opportunity: A Strategy for Public Libraries in Scotland 2015-2020' is the first national strategy for Scotland's public libraries and was launched at the CILIP in Scotland Annual Conference by Amina Shah, Chief Executive of the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) on the 2nd June.

The strategy sets out a vision for strengthening the role of libraries in communities and responding positively to the digital and information age.

SLIC convened an independent working group, chaired by Martyn Evans, Chief Executive of Carnegie Trust UK, to produce the strategy. The group included a number of organisations, including library bodies, Scottish Government, local authorities and third sector organisations, who considered evidence from experts within and out with the library profession, as well as views from members of the public. The group also visited a number of libraries across Scotland in both rural and urban settings. The strategy has the support of the Scottish Government and COSLA.

The strategy has been developed to re-invigorate the role and perception of libraries and in particular sets out how libraries can address the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. It builds on the strengths of public libraries as a network of over 600 library service points, visited over 28 million times a year and increasingly online, with a further 13.8 million virtual visits.

You can view a copy of the strategy at <http://scottishlibraries.org/advocacy/national-strategy/>

If you would like a hard copy, please email your details to info@scottishlibraries.org

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CILIP in Scotland announce £10,000 Professional Development Fund

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015 AT 10:47AM

CILIP in Scotland announce £10,000 Professional Development Fund

CILIP in Scotland President, Jeanette Castle, used her welcome to delegates at CILIPS Annual Conference on the 2nd June to launch a £10,000 professional development fund to support members in Scotland.

From 1st July members in Scotland will be able to apply to the Fund for assistance in attending conferences and events.

Ms Castle said that the fund “is a demonstration of CILIP in Scotland’s clear commitment to the objectives of the CILIP Professional Knowledge and Skills Base.”

Funding for the initiative is being sourced from accrued profits earned from CILIPS Annual Conference and supplier exhibition.

For further information contact: Sean McNamara, CILIPS Policy and Digital Officer - sean.mcnamara@cilips.org.uk

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1. CILIP in Scotland (www.cilips.org.uk) was formed in 1908, is a charity registered in Scotland and is affiliated to the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, the leading body for the library, information and knowledge profession.

2. CILIP Professional Knowledge and Skills Base - <http://www.cilip.org.uk/cilip/jobs-andcareers/professionalknowledgeandskillsbase>

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Education (Scotland) Bill: CILIPS Response

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015 AT 9:16AM

[The Education \(Scotland\) Bill](#) was introduced in Parliament on 23rd March 2015 and seeks to legislate on a range of educational matters including attainment. With recent research linking school library services with educational attainment CILIPS has an interest in ensuring this aspect is fully considered during progress of the Bill and this work is remitted to our [School Library Advocacy Group](#). The Education and Culture Committee put out a call for evidence and the School Library Advocacy Group made the following [submission](#).

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Orkney Library wins 'Library of the Year' award

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 AT 8:21AM

Orkney Library and Archive has been named as ['Library of the Year' at this year's Bookseller Industry Awards](#). The annual accolade, awarded in association with the Reading Agency, aims to find the best library in Britain, to spotlight the individual librarians that make it such a success and to celebrate the vital role that libraries play in encouraging reading. The service also has an award winning Twitter account that is hugely popular.

Congratulations to everyone at Orkney Library and Archive for this well deserved achievement!

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Education Scotland 3-18 Literacy and English review

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015 AT 4:58PM

Education Scotland have published the latest in a series of Curriculum Reviews with a review of literacy and English. These reviews are designed to build up a comprehensive picture of how children and young people are experiencing learning in different areas of the 3-18 curriculum across the country and evaluates current practice and sets out key areas for improvement.

The review features a case study of Liberton High School (p41), focusing on the work of the librarian in supporting literacy and English. It highlights various pieces of work that the librarian, Christine Babbs, carries out and says that "Liberton High School places a strong emphasis on promoting a reading culture across the school. The school librarian plays a key role in this. She works closely with young people to organise a wide range of stimulating and motivating events...(and) works closely with staff across the school to develop literacy-rich contexts for learning" whilst also pointing to her pivotal role in helping with assignments and qualifications.

The full review and case study can be read [here](#).

This work follows [a report](#) from the Standing Literacy Commission that looked at the implementation of the Scottish Government's Literacy Action Plan.

The report emphasised the importance of school librarians in literacy and learning and referred to the research carried out by Dr. Dorothy Williams that showed the impact school librarians have on educational attainment. The work of libraries is featured throughout with SLIC's Every Child a Library Member pilot, National Libraries Day, school libraries, prison libraries and the fact that "libraries are fundamental in supporting good literacy development and promoting the importance of reading for pleasure" all mentioned.

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Angus Book Award 2015

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 AT 9:34AM

Reading for the 2015 Angus Book Award is now underway. Now in its twentieth year, this annual event is aimed at promoting reading for enjoyment by teenagers in Angus. It gives both committed and less enthusiastic readers the chance to engage with new, rewarding and accessible books for teenagers.

This year the shortlist features novels by two authors new to the Angus Book Award and the return of two previous shortlisted authors, Alan Gibbons and Chris Priestley.

The books in the running are:

Raining Fire by Alan Gibbons;

Through Dead Eyes by Chris Priestley;

Infinite Sky by C. J Flood;

Cross My Heart by Carmen Reid.

The 2015 winner will be announced at the award ceremony at Montrose Town Hall on 19th May 2015.

Further information can be found on www.angus.gov.uk/bookaward and by following @AngusBook.

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Off the Page

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 AT 9:21AM

Off the Page, the Stirling Libraries Book Festival, is now in its 10th year and will run from Friday 8th May to Tuesday 19th May.

[Full adult and children's programme is available here.](#)

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Education (Scotland) Bill

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015 AT 9:13AM

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With recent research linking school library services with educational attainment CILIPS has an interest in ensuring this aspect is fully considered during progress of the Bill and this work is remitted to our [School Library Task and Finish Group](#).

However, given the current scale of cuts to school library services being implemented by local authorities we urge all members to use the links in our advocacy pages to make their

Parliamentary representatives aware of the link between school libraries and attainment and ensure that this evidence is given proper consideration as the Bill progresses.

[Here is a link to the SPiCE briefing on the Bill.](#)

CILIPS Trustee Board has written to Scottish Ministers on this matter and is awaiting a response.

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New Scottish Government report highlights the value of libraries

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015 AT 3:45PM

The Standing Literacy Commission (SLC) have published [a new report](#) that looks at the implementation of the Scottish Government's Literacy Action Plan.

The report shows that the picture for literacy in Scotland is improving but more work is needed. The work of libraries is featured throughout with SLIC's Every Child a Library Member pilot, National Libraries Day, school libraries, prison libraries and the fact that "libraries are fundamental in supporting good literacy development and promoting the importance of reading for pleasure" all being highlighted.

The SLC is made up of representatives from national education partners and oversees the delivery of the actions contained within the Scottish Government's Literacy Action Plan.

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Edinburgh Collected: Share your memories

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015 AT 9:02AM

[Edinburgh Collected](#) is a new website featuring memories of Edinburgh and acts as a community archive for the city, past and present. It allows individuals and groups to add content that builds on existing digital heritage collections www.capitalcollections.org.uk and www.ourtownstories.co.uk whilst complementing the collections Edinburgh Libraries currently hold.

Edinburgh Collected is free, and easy to use anywhere as it will work on desktops and on a range of mobile devices. Individuals and groups can add their memories to this new community archive for Edinburgh as it is easy to create an account and start adding and sharing memories and making scrapbooks.

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World Book Night 2015

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015 AT 8:58AM

Tonight marks the return of World Book Night, an annual celebration of reading and books. It sees passionate volunteers give out hundreds of thousands of books in their communities to share their love of reading with people who don't read regularly or own books.

World Book Night is run by The Reading Agency, a national charity that inspires people to become confident and enthusiastic readers to help give them an equal chance in life.

Events are happening all across Scotland tonight as well as further afield. If you want to find out more about what is going on then [click here](#).

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A visit from Norwegian prison librarians

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015 AT 3:20PM



CILIPS were delighted to welcome 4 prison librarians from Norway to our office today. The group, led by Knut Egil Gunderson, had been visiting prisons and public libraries in Glasgow and Edinburgh and were coming to the end of their trip. We are delighted they enjoyed their time in Scotland and thoroughly enjoyed hearing about their work!

Winner of Great War Dundee Children's Book Prize Competition Announced

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015 AT 3:19PM



Image courtesy of GSR Photographic

John Fulton has been announced as the first winner of the Great War Dundee Children's Book Prize competition at a ceremony in Dundee's Central Library.

The winning story, *The Wreck of the Argyll*, will be published by Cargo Publishing later this year on 25th September.

The competition came about after Dundee Library and Information Service made a successful bid to the Scottish Library and Information Council for funding to support a children's book prize competition to mark Dundee's experience of the Great War. Entries from published and unpublished authors were requested, writing for children aged 9 to 12. School children from across the city voted for their favourite alongside celebrity authors Allan Burnett and Theresa Breslin and schoolgirl blogger, Martha Payne.

Judy Dobbie, Head of Library and Information Services with Leisure & Culture Dundee, said:

"As newcomers to the world of sponsored writing, we were delighted to receive a considerable number of entries and were pleased by the range and variety of approach and style".

The winning author, John K. Fulton, was born in 1970 in Scotland, the son of a lighthouse keeper, which meant that for the first eighteen years he lived all around the coast of Scotland, from the Firth of Forth to the Isle of Skye. These remote and lonely locations instilled in him a life-long love of books and the sea. He started writing at primary school, and has written for pleasure ever since. While at university in St. Andrews and Dundee, he had short fiction accepted for publication with small press magazines. He currently works as a technical writer, and lives in Leicester with his partner Sandra.

Theresa Breslin, Vice President of CILIPS and Carnegie Award winning author, announced the winner and presented him with his prize of a cheque for £2,500.

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Orkney Library in running for major award

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015 AT 1:48PM

Orkney Library is in the running to be voted the best in the country as part of the [Bookseller Industry Awards 2015](#).

The library the only one in Scotland listed in nominations for the Library of the Year award.

Manager [Gary Amos told STV News](#): "I guess it is not an understatement to say it would be the equivalent of a film star winning the Oscars. It is the library equivalent!"

The winner of the library of the year award will be announced in May. Orkney Libraries are also well known for having a hugely popular and award winning Twitter service.

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School Library research project to focus on Scotland

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015 AT 1:43PM

CILIP Information Literacy Group have announced funding for a study, **Learning, lending, liberty? Can school libraries be engines for youth citizenship?** The research project will analyse how school libraries in Scotland are serving to support young people's participation in two major political events: the Scottish Independence Referendum 2014 and the UK General Election 2015. It will look at young people's information and information literacy (IL) needs outside of the school environment and identify how IL skills are vital in helping them become informed and meaningful participants in politics.

The project will run from May to October 2015. Principal Investigator Lauren Smith (@walkyouhome) from the University of Strathclyde will work in partnership with [YoungScot](#), [SLIC](#), [The Right Information](#), and CILIPS.

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Nick Poole confirmed as new CILIP Chief

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015 AT 10:27AM

Nick Poole will become Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals from 22 June 2015. Nick is currently CEO of the Collections Trust, an independent UK charity working with libraries, archives and museums.

Nick said, "I am honoured and excited to be taking up the role as CILIP's Chief Executive. Library and information professionals have a profoundly important role to play in a modern digital economy and a productive society. I want to ensure that the skills and expertise of our members is championed as widely as possible, nationally and locally.

These are challenging times for our community, and CILIP needs to be able to offer leadership, support and encouragement to professionals working to promote information literacy across industry, media, education and Government.

I know CILIP as a member and as a former Trustee and Treasurer and I cannot wait to work with our members, Trustees, committee members, staff and partners to build a strong and positive future for our community."

Martyn Wade, Chair of CILIP Council, said, "We're delighted that Nick will be the new Chief Executive. The recruitment panel agreed that Nick has the experience, passion and strategic ability to lead CILIP at this important time. On behalf of all Trustees I would like to congratulate Nick, we look forward to working with him. I'd like to thank Jill Colbert, who will continue in the role of interim Chief Executive until Nick starts."

About Nick

As CEO of the Collections Trust Nick is responsible for the strategic direction and management of the organisation. In this role, Nick has been responsible for developing UK and international standards for information management, advising agencies on digital programmes and leading partnership initiatives with a range of leading digital companies.

Nick is former Chair of the Europeana Network and provided representation to the European Commission.

Prior to joining the Collections Trust in 2005, Nick held a number of roles at the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA), including responsibility for Regional policy development and as a National ICT Adviser. In addition to his role within CILIP, Nick is a former Councillor of the Museums Association and the former Chair of the UK part of the International Council of Museums.

Nick is a regular lecturer at several Universities and has published on subjects ranging from the economics of cultural services to international Copyright and Cultural Property law. He studied Languages at Cambridge University and holds postgraduate qualifications in Historical Linguistics and Fine Art & Illustration. He also studied the History and Philosophy of Science at Birkbeck College.

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Scottish Parliament debate on the importance of libraries

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015 AT 2:35PM

The Scottish Parliament held a debate on the importance of libraries on the 12th March. The debate was led by Colin Beattie MSP who pointed to the value of libraries, the success of National Libraries Day and added that "No debate on our libraries would be complete without highlighting the staff who work in them. Librarians and their staff are in a unique position as they support our communities and continue the tradition of dedicated services from which we all benefit. Without them and their commitment, our libraries would not be the success that they are."

The debate featured a number of MSPs highlighting the value of both school and public libraries as well as the National Strategy for public libraries and initiatives such as the SLIC pilot that aims to give every child in Scotland a library card.

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs, concluded the debate by saying "libraries are an important and powerful part of our communities. Their offer is universal and democratic, and we should be very proud to support them as a cornerstone of our society."

The full text of the debate can be read [here](#).

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Aberdeenshire Libraries receive a COSLA Gold Award for service in prisons

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015 AT 12:38PM

Aberdeenshire Libraries have been the recipients of a COSLA Gold Award for providing a ground breaking local library service in the new HMP and YOI Grampian in Peterhead.

Building on evidence that access to reading, learning and literature contributes to reducing reoffending rates, plans were drawn up for an entirely new approach to local authority library provision within HMP Grampian as part of the construction of a new prison building. The new library service is designed to operate like a local library in any of the communities, offering the same services. Belonging to the prison library enables library users to use any of the Aberdeenshire libraries when they return to their home community.

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Workforce Mapping Project

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015 AT 11:52AM

We need your help to map the UK's libraries, archives, records, information and knowledge sectors.

There are about 270,000 people in the UK working in these sectors but currently a clear profile of the workforce does not exist. We ask that you complete the short survey below and help us accurately map these sectors.

Organised by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) and the Archives and Records Association (ARA) the research findings will help with advocacy, targeting governments and employers, to develop relevant and robust policies and to develop better and targeted services.

By completing the survey you could also win £200 worth of vouchers of your own choice.

Put yourself on the map, complete the survey

<http://bit.ly/workforcemap>

We are interested in the views of all people working in the sector, whether in paid or unpaid employment.

Your anonymity is guaranteed, only aggregated findings will be used in analysis and reporting. Individuals will not be identifiable from the report of the study. The survey is being conducted by a team of researchers from Edinburgh Napier University.

We hope that you can help us with this important work. The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and can be found at <http://bit.ly/workforcemap>.

The survey has been designed so that it can be completed on a range of devices, but it is most accessible on a desktop, laptop or tablet computer.

The survey has the support of the UK Commission for Employment and Skills as it fills the gap following the closure of the Learning and Skills Improvement Service; providing essential data which will support workforce development.

We want to reach as many people as possible, so please help us by forwarding this on to anyone you know working in the sector. The success of the survey is entirely dependent upon the level of responses received. This is a pivotal point in library, information and archive services and we need all of the knowledge we can gather on the workforce to advocate on your behalf.

News

'A Vision for Glasgow Libraries'

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015 AT 9:04AM

A Glasgow Life study is underway into how people use the city's libraries with a view to creating 'A Vision for Glasgow Libraries'. Glasgow Life has said that they want to "identify and articulate the role Libraries can play in the future of Glasgow and improving the lives of its citizens."

The work will be carried out via a consultation within libraries and online survey, this will gather views and help create the vision which is due to be published early summer. Glasgow Life have insisted there are no plans to close any of the 33 branches in the city and they hope this will help secure the future of the libraries by identifying exactly how and why residents use them.

Full details and the consultation are available [here](#).

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New research on digital exclusion in Scotland

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015 AT 7:42AM

The Carnegie UK Trust and Ipsos MORI have today published [new research](#) on digital exclusion in Scotland

The report points out that access to the internet is an increasingly critical social inclusion issue. The new study examines barriers to internet use and how these barriers can be overcome. The findings are based on 400 in-depth interviews with internet users and non-users in Dumfries and Kirkcaldy and the conclusions set out the central issues that Carnegie feel must be considered in any effective strategy to tackle digital exclusion.

Please [click here](#) to download a copy of the research study.

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“Pupils are off the table”

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015 AT 12:03PM

A spokesperson for East Renfrewshire Council has confirmed that plans to use pupils to run school library services have been dropped.

However, a proposal to move from 7 full time school librarians to 4 is going ahead. In [a report published in the Herald newspaper](#) the spokesperson confirmed a reduced library service in all 7 schools but stressed that how the staff cuts would be made had not yet been decided.

As the professional body for the library and information sector CILIP in Scotland maintains that access to a well resourced school library and the services of a professionally qualified school librarian should be a right for every pupil in Scotland's schools.

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Save the Children: All children should be reading well by 2025

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015 AT 2:43PM

Save the Children released a report called 'Read On, Get On' in September 2014 and this sets the goal that all children should be reading well at the age of 11 by the year 2025.

You can download a copy of the report [here](#). The report highlights the fact that currently 25% of children aged 11 in the UK are not at the expected literacy level. Within this the lowest are white British boys with 45% of them not reaching required levels.

These low literacy levels translate into several problems for adults, for example, 47.5% of adults with low literacy skills are unable to read medical instructions correctly on pill bottles while this is only the case for 11.5% of adults with adequate literacy.

The report is part of a campaign and you can get involved with this in various [ways](#).

[Our advocacy strategy](#), launched in February, highlights school librarians' impact on literacy. This document aims to advocate for school librarians who are currently faced with [various cuts to their services](#).

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East Renfrewshire Council confirms cuts to public and school library services

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015 AT 2:34PM

Following a public consultation process East Renfrewshire Council have agreed to make all the library related savings outlined in their [2015-18 budget proposals](#).

CILIP in Scotland previously sent a response to these proposals which can be viewed [here](#).

The saving for public libraries is £325,000 and will involve a 'review and redesign' of the service from 2016/17. This includes an assessment of how to deliver services differently in smaller libraries with 'co-locating' and the use of 'community volunteers' being considered.

The proposals relating to the school library service were amongst the top five issues of concern cited in a survey of residents and staff but the Council has confirmed that cuts will go ahead.

Cuts, scheduled to begin until 2016, will see the school librarian services halved across the authority. In its [published response to the consultation exercise](#) East Renfrewshire Council stated "We are looking at how we sensitively manage any change to the school librarian service."

News

Crime writers continue to be most popular in Scottish libraries

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015 AT 7:56AM

Inferno by Dan Brown was the most borrowed book in Scottish libraries during 2013/14. Overall, crime fiction and thrillers are hugely popular in Scotland with all of the Top 10 Most Borrowed Books in Scotland belonging to this genre.

Four titles by James Patterson also feature in the Top 10. It was announced today that the US thriller writer was the Most Borrowed Author in libraries across the UK as a whole for the eighth year running.

Data released by the Public Lending Right (PLR) office shows exactly which books and authors proved most popular with library borrowers between July 2013 and June 2014.

Scottish Top 10

	Title	Contributor	Publisher
1	Inferno	Dan Brown	Bantam

	Title	Contributor	Publisher
2	Never go back	Lee Child	Bantam Press
3	Six years	Harlan Coben	Orion
4	A wanted man	Lee Child	Bantam
5	Private down under	James Patterson, Michael White	Century
6	Alex Cross, run	James Patterson	Century
7	Second honeymoon	James Patterson	Century
8	12th of never	James Patterson and Maxine Paetro	Century
9	The black box	Michael Connelly	Orion
10	The hit	David Baldacci	Macmillan

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West Dunbartonshire Council withdraws library closure proposals

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015 AT 10:19AM

After considering responses to a public consultation into cutting libraries and staff in West Dunbartonshire, the Council has withdrawn closure plans.

Instead, The Council set a one year budget which includes £500k to refurbish Clydebank Library and £20k to install a public WC in Balloch Library. Free wi-fi is also due to be installed in all branches over the next couple of months.

The full Council report on budget proposals and decisions can be read here:

http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk/media/4271560/delivering_for_the_future.pdf

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National Libraries Day 2015 - get involved!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015 AT 12:38PM



National Libraries Day takes place on Saturday 7 February 2015. The day is a grassroots campaign organised by CILIP and over 20 other organisations such as The Reading Agency. Events will be taking place in libraries across the country on Saturday, and the week leading up to it, to celebrate all types of library.

Now in its fourth year, it is a national celebration of libraries and library staff in public, school, college, university, and workplace libraries, highlighting their work providing vital and valued services.

CILIP in Scotland photo collection: We need your help

Last year we collected photos of people holding signs up saying what they were doing in a library that day and these can be viewed [here](#). This was a great way to gather a Scotland specific advocacy tool.

This year we want people across Scotland to take photos of all the exciting activities taking place across Scotland, shelfies or more signs and to post them to Twitter or Instagram with the Hashtag #NLDScot so we can collect them on our website. We want any image that shows how wonderful libraries of all kinds in Scotland are!

Just remember to get permission from anyone you take a picture of for use on our website and the National Libraries Day site.

Alternatively, just e mail photos to us at admin@cilips.org.uk.

How else can my library get involved?

On Saturday 7 February 2015 and all this week

- Organise a local event and add it to the [map](#)
- Visit a library or event – find out [what's on](#)
- Share the love on social media using [#NLD15](#) and #NLDScot
- Snap a shelfie – post to the [NLD Flickr](#) pool!

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Happy Birthday to Langside Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015 AT 12:01PM



Langside Library today celebrated its 100th Birthday and we are sure you will agree it is still looking fantastic! The event was attended by library users, library staff, local councillors, school children from Battlefield Primary as well as SLIC and CILIPS amongst others.

A special cake was cut by the Lord Provost Sadie Docherty to mark the event and the Provost was presented with a copy of an original Glasgow Herald article from 1915 which described the then new library as a "Glasgow experiment" as it was the first community library to offer open access to the public. We think we can safely say the experiment was a success!

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School Librarianship - an advocacy strategy

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015 AT 10:47AM



CILIPS has launched a new publication: School Librarianship - an advocacy strategy. A copy of the strategy is being sent to every school in Scotland. We hope the publication will send a clear message to local authorities about the positive and essential contribution school librarians make in supporting the curricular and development needs of young people.

Research by Doctor Dorothy Williams and published by SLIC has found that schools with libraries and professional librarians achieve higher exam scores; higher quality project work; successful curriculum and learning outcomes; positive attitudes towards learning and increased motivation and self-esteem among pupils.

Introducing the publication at a special event in Liberton High School, Edinburgh, CILIPS Vice President, Theresa Breslin, commented:

“This publication is an important and a timely reminder of why school librarians matter and how they contribute to educational attainment. Having access to a well resourced school library and the services of a professionally qualified school librarian should be a right for every pupil in Scotland’s schools.”

You can download the document [here](#).

<http://www.cilips.org.uk/storage/advocacystrategy.pdf>

News

Falkirk School Library Proposals

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015 AT 11:14AM

Falkirk Council have released proposals to cut 10 posts from the Falkirk Council school library service to save £325,000. The option specifically states: "By reorganising our current provision and resources we could provide a decentralised service within each of our secondary schools which would also serve all cluster schools."

There is now a consultation on the website and this is open until the 10th January. We would urge anyone who is able and willing to submit a response to do so this week. The link is <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/council-democracy/consultations-surveys/budget-consultation/education-services.aspx>

CILIP in Scotland have responded with this [document](#).

This service carries out a wide variety of different work including:

- efficiently sharing over 120,000 high quality resource with family centres, nurseries, primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, home educators, foster parents, student and probationer teachers, Speech & Language professionals, health professionals, Community Education workers, staff and students at Forth Valley College;
- managing Bookbug within Falkirk Council, this includes promoting the Bookbug programme and proactively delivering the message of the importance of sharing books with babies and young children;
- being a key player in each workstream to deliver the Falkirk Council's Literacy Strategy;
- being a key partner in delivering active literacy;
- advising on resources;
- reading for enjoyment, e.g. Learning to Love Books' sessions with pupils, RED Book Award, an added value offer to support the Scottish Children's Book Award, leading on national initiatives within the Council – Book Week Scotland, Storytelling Festival, National Poetry Day, World Book Day - enabling author visits to nurseries and schools;
- delivering storytelling and information literacy sessions with nursery and primary school children;
- delivering a suite of training sessions for teachers and support staff on 'Creating a Reading Culture';
- creating vibrant, organised environments to motivate children to engage with reading;
- working with hard to reach families as well as looked after and accommodated children & young people, young offenders in partnership with
- Community Learning & Development, Social Work Services and the Polmont Young Offenders Institute.

Trustee Board 2015

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015 AT 9:52AM

The full list of the CILIP in Scotland Trustee Board can now be viewed [here](#).

We are pleased to welcome 4 new Trustees on to the board this year:

Theresa Breslin

Theresa is well known as an active campaigner for libraries, served as a professional librarian responsible for Young Peoples Services before becoming a full-time writer.

For distinguished services to Children's Literature and Librarianship she was awarded Honorary Membership of CILIPS and is a Fellow of the Association of Scottish Literary Studies. She has served on the Society of Authors in Scotland Committee and the Board of Scottish Book Trust and was an Ambassador Author for the Summer Reading Challenge. She project managed the BAFTA nominated Scottish Writers Award. As a writer she has published 40 books, been awarded the Carnegie medal and had her work adapted for tv, stage and radio.

Carole Gray

Carole Gray started her career as a school librarian before moving to the FE sector working in Glasgow, Dundee and New College Lanarkshire. Throughout her career she has been involved in professional groups, serving on Scottish and National Committees of AAL, CoFHE and now ARLG. Through her group and committee work Carole has developed her interests in CPD and quality standards, organising conferences and events and contributing to the SLIC Quality Standards for College Libraries and the CoFHE Guidelines for Colleges.

Craig Green

Craig is currently Head of Community and Information Services at Glasgow Kelvin College and like Carole, served on the SLIC FE Working Group which produced the Quality Toolkit. He has a long involvement with education and public libraries and authored the 'Developing Cross Sector Library Services Report' and served as Strategic Lead on the JISC MANDATE project.

Rebecca McKellar

Rebecca completed her Library and Information Masters at Strathclyde in 2002, before moving to London to work as a rare books cataloguer at the British Library. She then worked as an Art Librarian in the V&A, at the National Art Library. Her desire to return to Scotland in 2006 saw her work as children's and reference librarian for Inverclyde Council for 6 years. Rebecca spent an illuminating year and a half as a school librarian before returning to public libraries. She is now Children and Families Development Officer at East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust.

Better World Books launch Stirlingshire Book Banks: Finding new homes for pre-loved books

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014 AT 2:27PM

Better World Books, a social enterprise which supports literacy will be at the [Allan Centre](#), Bridge of Allan to launch 3 book banks on Saturday 13 December 12noon to 4pm. The public can meet the team to learn about the book bank programme and donate books on the day. There will also be a selection of books for sale.

Book banks offer convenience to consumers with unwanted books and provide Better World Books with a steady stream of good quality books to sell or donate, raising funds for literacy and keeping books out of landfill. An average book bank saves 126 trees per year which is equivalent to around 10,000 books. Any books that can't be sold or donated are recycled. There are currently 15 Better World Books book banks in Scotland which are serviced by [Junk Ants](#)(<http://www.betterworldbooks.co.uk/go/donate-list>).

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Book Week Scotland

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014 AT 11:07AM

Today marks the start of Book Week Scotland. During Book Week, people of all ages and walks of life will come together in libraries, schools, community venues and workplaces to share and enjoy books and reading. They will be joined in this celebration by Scotland's authors, poets, playwrights, storytellers and illustrators to bring a packed programme of events and projects to life.

Full details are available on the [Scottish Book Trust website](#).

The Director of the Scottish Book Trust, Marc Lambert, has called for every child in Scotland to be automatically enrolled in their local library in today's [press](#).

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Local Authority announces consultation into budget cuts affecting libraries

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014 AT 9:37AM

East Renfrewshire Council has announced a consultation exercise regarding budget cuts across its services.

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/pupils-to-help-run-libraries-as-full-time-staff-face-axe.25838033>.

The proposals have implications for libraries across the authority. These include:

- outsourcing the public library service;
- using volunteers to manage aspects of service delivery;
- co-locate library services with other services;
- reduce opening hours; and

- cut the number of school librarian posts and replace them with pupil volunteers;

You can also view the proposals on the Web <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/budget>

Individual responses can be made at <http://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/>

The consultation closes on 5th December.

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Copyright Training Module

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014 AT 12:35PM

Jisc Legal has recently updated their copyright training module for higher education to reflect changes in copyright law. The service has also created a module specifically for the further education sector. The modules can be accessed online or downloaded and embedded within a VLE. To read more or download, please visit Jisc Legal for further information at: <http://www.jisclegal.ac.uk/ManageContent/ViewDetail/ID/3687/Copyright-Training-for-Lecturers--Updated.aspx>

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New board members sought for Scotland's National Library

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014 AT 2:52PM

The National Library of Scotland (NLS) is looking to complete recruitment to its board of management by appointing up to five new members who will help shape the future of one of Scotland's premier cultural institutions.

This is a unique opportunity open to individuals who have the skills to help the NLS achieve its objectives. Board members are responsible for determining the strategies, policies and priorities for the NLS as it seeks to make the knowledge and information held within its world-class collections as widely available as possible.

The NLS recruited seven new board members last year and is now looking to add up to five more members to fill the remaining positions. Candidates should have experience of at least one of the following - library development; finance, audit and risk; human resources and organisational development; and capital project delivery and estates management.

Board members should be able to contribute to the NLS's future vision and strategic direction, to analyse and challenge information and proposals constructively, to communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders in one-to-one and group situations using excellent interpersonal skills, and to demonstrate an understanding of the principles of effective corporate governance and public accountability. The posts are not paid but travel and subsistence costs will be met.

The closing date for applications is Friday 14 November, 2014. An application pack and full details can be found at the [public appointments website](#). Information is also available on the [Library website](#).

The NLS's collections span the centuries from early times to the digital age, housing millions of books, manuscripts, music and maps covering virtually every subject. Through these collections, NLS charts the global and historical influence of Scots at home and abroad, while also recording and reflecting the ideas and cultures of the world. It exists to advance universal access to knowledge about Scotland and in Scotland. It employs 300 people and has a current annual budget of £17.5 million.

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Shared Library System for the Republic of Ireland

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014 AT 2:23PM

An award of 452,000 Euros for a single Library Management System for the Republic of Ireland has been awarded to Innovative Interfaces.

The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government; the Local Government Management Agency, and the City and County Managers' Association have agreed that as part of the new national strategy for public libraries a shared services approach to a single library management system for all local authority public libraries will be implemented. The national single LMS will include a single shared library catalogue, facilitate a single national library membership card and provide the capacity for shared acquisitions, management and integration of print and digital material.

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Literature and Publishing Sector Review

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014 AT 10:06AM

Deadline for feedback: 14 November 2014

From today, Scottish writers, storytellers, publishers, literature services professionals, booksellers, translators, book festivals and the general public are invite to have their say as part of a wide-ranging review of the Literature sector in Scotland.

Creative Scotland has commissioned Nordicity in association with Drew Wylie Ltd. to undertake a review of Scotland's literature and publishing sector. As part of the review process, the team is keen to consult with a wide range of organisations and individuals with a critical role to play in Scotland's Literature sector via an online survey.

The survey can be completed from today, Wednesday 22 October, 2014 and will close on Friday 14 November, 2014, and is quick and easy to complete. For further

information and to take part please visit: <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/Scottish-Literature-and-Publishing/>

Carried out for, and on behalf of the Literature sector in Scotland, the study is intended to provide an overview of contemporary literature and publishing provision in Scotland; identify areas of strength and gaps in provision, and to make recommendations to help inform Creative Scotland's future funding policy and strategic approach to literature, languages and publishing.

Jenny Niven, Portfolio Manager for Literature, Publishing and Languages at Creative Scotland, said:

“We're in the process of consulting with literature and publishing professionals across Scotland and beyond as part of this review. The online survey is a vitally important part of this process. Giving us an unprecedented opportunity to hear from everyone connected to literature in Scotland – and hopefully that is very many of us - this is a chance to contribute, and to help us build a comprehensive contemporary picture of the sector.

“As well as industry professionals we're interested in canvassing the general public of Scotland, including representatives from book clubs, readership associations, library goers and individuals interested in literature and reading. The more people who contribute their thoughts, opinions and experiences, the more accurate a portrait we're able to paint, and in turn the more useful our recommendations will be. I hope as many people as possible will take a few minutes to contribute.

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SLIC - Vacancy for Policy and Projects Officer

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014 AT 10:13AM

SLIC are currently recruiting for a Policy and Projects Officer. To support the development and implementation of the strategic and business plans of the Scottish Library and Information Council through the delivery of key projects, programmes and policies. Reporting to the CEO, the Policy and Projects Officer will be part of a small flexible team contributing to the development of quality library and information services in Scotland.

[Full details.](#)

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National Strategy for Scottish Public Libraries

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014 AT 1:39PM

The National Strategy for Scottish Public Libraries Working Group has been tasked with the development of a National Strategy for Scotland's public libraries. The group

is chaired by Martyn Evans, Chief Executive of the [Carnegie UK Trust](#), and comprises members with expertise from within the library profession and from other sectors and backgrounds relevant to the issue such as digital and the third sector. The secretariat is provided by the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC). Please see the [full list of group members](#) for more details.

The National Strategy for Scottish Public Libraries Working Group aims to present a draft strategy proposal to COSLA in the first quarter of 2015.

To help work towards this the group have created an [online form](#). Please respond to as few or as many of the 11 questions as you wish. The group would be happy to hear about anything that you feel falls within the scope of the questions. The deadline for responses is **5pm Tuesday 2 December**.

For full information on the group please visit the [SLIC website](#).

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Call for Nominations

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 AT 10:31AM

CILIPS invites nominations from members for the following positions.

Trustees

CILIPS is seeking nominations for 3 places on the Trustee Board to serve from 1st January 2015. The Trustee Board meets between 4 and 6 times a year and determines CILIPS policy as well as benchmarking progress against the annually agreed business plan.

Prospective candidates must be members of CILIPS and willing to commit to trustee duties as prescribed by the [Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator \(OSCR\)](#). Nominations can be submitted electronically or by post and should be signed by the nominee and countersigned by two members of CILIPS.

Nominations close on 10th October. In the event of oversubscription elections will be held with the result known by November 12th.

Vice President

CILIPS is seeking nominations for the position of Vice-President to serve from 1st January 2015. Candidates serve for three years firstly as Vice President, then President in Year Two and Immediate Past President and Chair of Consultative Council in Year Three. A full specification is available.

Prospective candidates must be members of CILIPS and meet [OSCR regulations](#) relating to trustee. Nominations can be submitted electronically or by post and should be signed by the nominee and countersigned by two members of CILIPS.

Nominations close on 10th October. In the event of more than one nomination an elections will be held during October with the result being known by 12th November.

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Carnegie Library Lab launched today

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 AT 12:33PM

The Carnegie UK Trust's new programme, [Carnegie Library Lab](#), is now open for applications. The programme is aimed at early to mid-career individuals working in public libraries and offers funding, mentoring and learning.

The application period for Carnegie Library Lab opens today and closes on 30th September. For more information about the programme and application materials please click [here](#).

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Royal Society of Edinburgh Report: Spreading the benefits of digital participation. Our recommendations

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2014 AT 9:40AM

CILIP in Scotland welcomed the April 2014 final version of the RSE Report entitled '[Spreading the benefits of digital participation](#)'. We are pleased to note that libraries are recognised as venues to help train the digitally excluded and that the need of information literacy skills for all is recommended. We are keen that the findings of the report are taken forward by all relevant parties and are happy to support this in whatever way necessary.

We have now published a set of key points and recommendations that we believe will help achieve the recommendations held within the report and these can be read [here](#).

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Autumn Gathering 2014: Booking now open

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014 AT 11:41AM

Booking is now [open](#) for this year's Autumn Gathering. The event once again returns to the John McIntyre Conference Centre in Edinburgh on October 30th and we have a great programme of speakers lined up. The event sold out in record time last year so please book early.

The full programme will include talks for all sectors and will be announced in the coming weeks featuring the following:

- Jan Parry, CILIP Vice President, discussing her work with the Hillsborough Independent Panel;
- The return of a full strand for school librarians looking at advocacy, best practice and more;
- Alan Bissett, author and playwright, providing the final keynote talk;
- A spotlight on various excellent services including JISC RSC Scotland, the Scottish Poetry Library and Share the Vision;
- A talk looking at all the recent changes to Copyright Law;
- 10 things, a great new initiative to encourage use of social media;

- Wikipedia expert Brian Kelly showing how easy it is to become involved in Wikipedia editing;
- Neil MacInnes, head of Manchester Libraries, talking about libraries and partnership working;
- Showcase from JISC RSC Scotland;
- Carnegie UK Trust talking about their new Library Lab.

[To book a place click here](#). The prices are as follows:

- Member earlybird rate (until Sep 12) £60 + VAT
- Institutional Member (earlybird) £70 + VAT
- Member rate (after Sep 12) £70 + VAT
- Institutional Rate £80 + VAT
- Non member rate £95 + VAT
- Bursary rate (student, unwaged) limited availability £45 + VAT

News

Draft Gaelic language plan 2014-19

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014 AT 10:47AM

The Scottish Funding Council (SFC) has opened a consultation on its second Gaelic language plan (2014-19). The draft plan covers their proposed actions to support the National Gaelic Language Plan (NGLP) in their work with Scottish colleges & universities, and in their role as an employer. It can be found [here](#).

SFC is one of many Scottish public bodies working through their own areas of responsibility to support the national aim of securing “an increase in the number of people learning, speaking and using Gaelic in Scotland”. Gaelic language plans, drafted under the Gaelic Language Act (Scotland) 2005, lay out the detail of the proposals. This draft plan will inform discussions with colleges and universities about how they address the NGLP in their Outcome Agreements.

The deadline for responses to SFC is **Monday 29 September 2014**. These can be made by writing to SFC at the address below, by email to gaidhlig@sfc.ac.uk or by filling in the [online web form](#).

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13th Annual eBooks Conference

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014 AT 9:55AM

SLIC in conjunction with SCURL and Jisc RSC Scotland present the 13th Annual eBooks Conference on Friday the 5th September, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

Early bird booking closes on the 31st July!

Book your place here now

www.formstack.com/forms/?1743277-rdaczhVOcG

[Programme details here](#) (scroll to bottom of page)

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Speaking Volumes: The Impact of Public Libraries on Wellbeing

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014 AT 2:43PM

The Carnegie UK Trust has today published a leaflet called '[Speaking Volumes: The Impact of Public Libraries on Wellbeing](#)': The leaflet also folds out to become a poster.

The leaflet aims to raise awareness about the impact public libraries can have on individual and community wellbeing. It is designed to demonstrate in a clear graphical way the potential of libraries to contribute to wellbeing, and to support the case for the continuing relevance of libraries in the digital age. The content of the leaflet is based on examples of practice in the UK and Ireland, and on published evidence of impact. An online database that compiles the evidence of public libraries' impact on wellbeing can be found at the above link.

Together the leaflet and database are intended for use as an advocacy resource.

Carnegie are keen for people to:

1. Download the leaflet
2. Share the leaflet with any of your colleagues, stakeholders or networks who you think may find it useful

If anyone would like any further information or a hardcopy of the leaflet please contact Carnegie UK Trust directly at info@carnegieuk.org.

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MmITS Funding Available

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014 AT 9:32AM

MmITS will shortly be opening their new funding stream for 2014, helping three individuals attend premier training and conferences related to the use of technology within the Library and Information Sector.

As MmITS is a group concerned with the organisation, delivery and exploration of information through modern media including graphic forms, video and web-based applications, they are funding 1 place at each of the following conferences / training sessions:

1. Internet Librarian International

(applications opening soon)

2. A course or conference of your choice - up to £500 only

(applications open at the end of July 2014 for courses or conferences in

keeping with the themes of MmITS)

3. CILIPS Autumn Gathering

(applications open in August 2014)

To be eligible for a MmITS grant you must:

- Be based in Scotland
- Be working within the Library and Information Sector for between 5 - 20 years
- Must use, or want to use, technology within your role
- Must not have received any MmITS funding in the past 3 years

Applications for the Internet Librarian International funding will be opening soon. Keep an eye on our blog

(<https://mmitScotland.wordpress.com/author/mmitScotland/>) and the MmITS Twitter account (@MmITScotland) to keep up with details. Alternatively, to be emailed when applications open, get in touch by email: mmitScotland.cilips@gmail.com

Please note that only session entry fees will be paid for by MmITS. All travel, subsistence and accommodation fees will be the responsibility of the successful applicants. Fees will be paid by invoice to the provider only, and not directly to the successful applicant.

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CILIP invites nominations for Honorary Fellowship

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 AT 8:59AM

Nominations are now open for Honorary Fellowship, CILIP's highest level of recognition for those with an outstanding contribution to the library and information world.

[Full information and guidance on nominating is now available here.](#)

Honorary Fellows are nominated by CILIP members, and can be members of CILIP or others from outside the information profession who have supported its development and profile. The criteria asks for people whose work or activity has raised the profile of the information profession, has significant and positive impact on the profession or has made a difference to the world of libraries, information and knowledge. It may also be awarded as a reflection of the respect and regard of colleagues for a particularly important contribution over a long period.

CILIP Vice President and Honorary Fellow Jan Parry said: **“After spending my professional career working in various roles in Government I was touched to be nominated for an Honorary Fellowship following my work for the Hillsborough Independent Panel. I was delighted to accept the Fellowship and felt honoured and privileged that my work had been recognised in this way.**

CILIP Chief Executive Annie Mauger said: **“Honorary Fellowship is the highest recognition that CILIP can give to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the library and information world. It is also the means by which CILIP can recognise those people who are not in the information profession but have supported and contributed to its development and profile”.**

The nomination period runs from 1 June to 11 July 2014 and the awards will be announced at CILIP's AGM on 20 September in Bristol.

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Proposed Constitutional Change in Scotland

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014 AT 11:05AM

Statement from CILIP Council and CILIP in Scotland Board of Trustees

CILIP is a UK wide organisation established by Royal Charter. CILIP in Scotland (CILIPS) has devolved governance, staff and offices to ensure that members have relevant services and the right representation in our dealings with Scottish Government and a range of other bodies.

In the context of the proposed constitutional change in Scotland, the trustees of CILIP and CILIPS have met to discuss any implications.

The following statement reflects our joint position:

In line with our charitable status, CILIP and CILIPS remain entirely neutral in the debate on Scottish independence.

We are committed to the terms of our Royal Charter and to the delivery of the highest standard of professional qualifications which are recognised worldwide.

Whatever the outcome of the referendum in Scotland, members of CILIP, wherever they live, will continue to access full membership benefits and be fully recognised for their professional registration: Certification, Chartership and Fellowship.

CILIP and CILIPS trustees are fully committed to their aims to continue to deliver the best possible services to members in all devolved nations, maximising their relevance through devolved governance and shared planning.

Martyn Wade, Chair, CILIP Council

Professor Peter Reid, Chair, CILIPS Board of Trustees

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Annual Conference now sold out!

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014 AT 11:44AM

We are delighted to announce that our Annual Conference in Dundee is now sold out!

The conference has some excellent keynote speakers including writer and broadcaster Iain Macwhirter, Rolf Hapel who is Director of the ground breaking Aarhus Libraries and Ben Showers, Head of Library Futures at JISC. We are also delighted to welcome Martyn Evans, Chief Executive of Carnegie UK who will provide our opening keynote.

These forward thinking speakers will be joined by many others such as Alan Gibbons, Tim Riches and Judy Dobbie, Head of Dundee Libraries. The [full programme](#) covers topics such as open education, public library marketing, school library advocacy, government libraries, reader development, open badges, professional registration and much more.

We are still taking names for the [waiting list](#) if anyone has missed out.

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Spreading the Benefits of Digital Participation: Report

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014 AT 1:30PM

The Royal Society of Edinburgh have today released their report on the subject of digital participation. The report provides an evidence backed study into levels of digital participation as well as recommending what steps should be taken next.

CILIPS provided evidence for this report and are pleased to note that the importance of information literacy skills is highlighted. Both libraries and information professionals are vital in reducing the digital divide and getting more people online with the required skills and this report addresses this. The report also points to the high level of funding needed to meet the challenge and spread the benefits of digital participation. CILIPS continue to engage with our members and various partners to help increase levels of digital participation and improve information literacy skills.

[The full report is available here.](#)

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Join the Let Libraries Lend Ebooks campaign

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014 AT 12:49PM

CILIP UK are campaigning for public libraries in the UK to be able to lend ebooks free of charge to the public, as they do printed books.

At the moment the choice of ebooks available to borrow is very limited and not all local authorities lend ebooks. Current European copyright law means that publishers do not need to license libraries to lend ebooks at all. We believe this is wrong and must change.

Out of the six major trade publishers in the UK only three offer some of their ebooks to libraries and over 85% of ebooks are not available to public libraries in the UK. Our [infographic](#) explains how limited library e-lending is.

You can [become a campaign supporter](#) as an individual or an organisation.

Barbara Band, CILIP UK President, said:

“There have been positive steps to make more e-books available for lending, through e-lending pilots and the Sieghart Review of e-lending. But we are still failing to take advantage of the benefits ebooks can bring – to develop essential literacy skills, to interest more people in reading, and to build a knowledgeable, informed and connected society. Libraries should have the same statutory right to lend ebooks as they do physical books.”

[Find out more about the campaign](#) and how you can help support.

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East Branch Meet the President

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 AT 3:29PM

CILIPS President Robert Ruthven will be talking about his career and experience in various library sectors at this East Branch event on 23rd April 6-8pm.

Location: Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

The Quaker Meeting House is accessed from the top of Lawnmarket or from the George IV Bridge/Victoria Street. Look for the blue pointers. There is metered parking nearby (free on Sundays) in Johnston Terrace, Victoria Street and Grassmarket. Buses 23, 27, 41/41A, 42, and 45 pass nearby.

Access to the meeting house along Victoria Terrace from George IV Bridge is restored.

To book please fill in the bottom of this [form](#) and e mail: a.leslie@nls.org.uk

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Carnegie UK Trust release new report on digital participation

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 AT 10:17AM

The Carnegie UK Trust has published a new report called [Making Digital Real: Case Studies of How to Help the Final Fifth Get Online](#).

Having access to the internet is now an essential service and the report looks at the fact that a fifth of UK households remain offline.

The report sets out 7 Digital Participation Tests that local authorities, housing providers and other public, voluntary and community organisations can use to help plan their activities to support more people to gain access to the internet. The report also provides Case Studies of successful digital participation initiatives in areas of the UK including Glasgow and Fife, illustrating a wide range of different approaches that can be used to tackle digital exclusion.

The important role of libraries in tackling digital exclusion is also discussed within the report.

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Library of Mistakes open on World Book Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014 AT 11:41AM

A new library in Edinburgh is to open to the public on World Book Day called The Library of Mistakes. The library will open to the public between 10am-8pm on the 6th March.

Visitors to The Library of Mistakes—Edinburgh's newest public resource—will have an opportunity to study and understand financial, economic and business mistakes of the past with the idea being to avoid their repetition. It exists to allow students, professionals and members of the general public to study financial history to understand how finance has worked rather than how it should work if key unrealistic assumptions are made.

A website is coming soon but all are welcome to head along on the day to 4a Wemyss Place Mews, Edinburgh, EH3 6DN and have a look. Details of the catalogue are [available online](#).

[More information on World Book Day](#).

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CILIP Libraries Change Lives Award

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014 AT 8:39AM

Entries have opened for the 2014 CILIP Libraries Change Lives Award.

[Enter online.](#)

Now in its 23rd year the award highlights and rewards library, information and knowledge partnership work that changes lives, brings people together and demonstrates innovation and creativity. The judges welcome entries from all library, information and knowledge sectors based in the UK. From the entries the judges select three finalists, who all receive greater recognition and profile.

Once the judges have visited the shortlisted organisations, a winner is selected and will be announced at CILIP's Big Day event in September 2014. The winner receives a cheque for £4,000 and a trophy.

The CILIP Libraries Change Lives Award is organised by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals' Community, Diversity and Equality Group.

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CILIPS West and GLTU present: **Travelling Librarians**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014 AT 8:29AM

CILIPS West Branch and GLTU (Glasgow Library Tweetups) invite you to hear from Kirsten McCormick on Collecting the Commonwealth Games and Michael Charlton on Project Peru. This event takes place on Wednesday 12th March 15.30-18.00 and Glasgow Caledonian University.

As the recipient of the CILIP / ESU Travelling Librarian Award for 2013, Kirsten spent a month travelling around Australian libraries researching ways in which they record major sporting events and their legacies for the social record. This experience has had an immediate beneficial impact on her professional development and on the work that she does at Glasgow's Mitchell Library. Kirsten will also give tips on applying for this year's award. Her blog about her experiences can be read [here](#).

In 2012 Michael spent 5 months in Zapallal, Peru, where he created a library and learning centre for the 40 children, aged 5-18, who live in the Project Peru children's refuge. The children at the refuge come from communities of extreme poverty and where there is no culture of reading for pleasure and studying for educational and vocational purposes. Michael will be speaking about his experience working with the children and the community of Zapallal, and showing how the library developed from an idea into an real place of learning and fun.

Refreshments and Registration will be available from 15.30 with the event starting at 16.00. If there is sufficient interest, a traditional Glasgow Library Tweetup Curry will be organised after 18.00 - you are welcome to sign up for the curry alone if you are unable to make the event. There is no need to be on Twitter to join in, but if you are this is #GLTU12.

[Sign up for this event.](#)

School Library Camp

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014 AT 1:39PM

A [School Library Camp](#) is to take place on 14th June in the Andersonian Library at Strathclyde University. A library camp is basically an 'unconference' meaning the day is more informal and the content and discussion is guided by what the delegates wish to discuss rather than set speakers. The [Library Camp Glasgow](#) in 2013 was a great success and lots of fun for all involved.

This event is being organised by school librarian Jennifer Horan and is aimed at school librarians and those with an interest in school libraries in Scotland.

[Click here to book a FREE place.](#)

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PLR Releases Data on Scotland's Favourite Library Books

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2014 AT 10:05AM

The Affair by Lee Child was the most borrowed book in Scottish libraries during 2012/13, it was revealed today.

Overall, crime fiction and thrillers are hugely popular in Scotland, with the Top 10 Most Borrowed Books belonging to the genre. Scottish writers Ian Rankin and Stuart MacBride appear in 5th and 7th places respectively.

Three titles by James Patterson also feature in the Top 10. It was announced today that the US thriller writer was the Most Borrowed Author in libraries across the UK as a whole for the seventh year running.

Data released by the Public Lending Right (PLR) office shows exactly which books and authors proved most popular with Scots library borrowers between July 2012 and June 2013.

TOP 10 LIBRARY BOOKS: SCOTLAND

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. The Affair | Lee Child |
| 2. A Wanted Man | Lee Child |
| 3. Kill me if you can | James Patterson & Marshall Karp |
| 4. I, Michael Bennett | James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge |
| 5. The Impossible Dead | Ian Rankin |
| 6. 11th Hour | James Patterson & Maxine Paetro |

7. Birthdays for the Dead **Stuart MacBride**

8. Zero Day **David Baldacci**

9. The Drop **Michael Connelly**

10. The Innocent **David Baldacci**

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Serials Forum: Helping you manage your journal collections

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2014 AT 9:56AM

A free half-day event focusing on some of the key issues in journal management is coming up in March featuring presentations and discussion of the overarching themes and successful approaches in addressing them.

An opportunity to learn more about developments in EDINA activities in this area - covering the redeveloped National Union Catalogue of Serials, SUNCAT (<http://www.suncat.ac.uk>), as well as community initiatives such as the UK LOCKSS Alliance (<http://www.lockssalliance.ac.uk/>) and Keepers Registry (<http://thekeepers.org/>), focussing on long-term access to journal content.

Presenters: Zena Mulligan (SUNCAT), Fred Guy (Keepers Registry, SUNCAT) and Adam Rusbridge (Keepers Registry, UK LOCKSS).

Date: Monday 21 March 2014

Location: Main Library, University of Edinburgh

[Full details and booking.](#)

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Discovery Day: Booking open with earlybird rate

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 AT 9:18AM

Earlybird rates now available for this event until 14th March – only £40 + VAT for CILIP members. Special rate of £35 + VAT is also available for students/unwaged.

The day will focus on various research projects and look at how the results and findings can be applied by delegates in their day jobs to inform good practice, advocacy and more.

The Discovery Day will be presented in partnership with Information Science Scotland (<http://infosciscotland.ac.uk/>) and will be a showcase for the research carried out by the Information Science departments in 4 of Scotland's universities (Glasgow, Napier, Strathclyde and Robert Gordon).

[Full details.](#)

[Booking is now open](#) and please note places are limited so move fast!

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MmITS Visit to the BFI Mediatheque at Bridgeton Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014 AT 8:49AM

The CILIP Multimedia Information and Technology Group, Scotland invites you to attend a visit to the BFI Mediatheque at Bridgeton Library at 1.30pm on Wednesday 26th of February 2014.

The [BFI Mediatheque at Bridgeton Library](#) is a fantastic new facility, unique to Scotland and housed within the newly renovated Olympia Cinema site. It holds a specially commissioned collection of Scottish film and television, entitled 'Scottish Reels', covering more than a century of Scottish life and culture drawn from the BFI National Archive and the Scottish Screen Archive.

Join the MmITS group for a tour of this exciting new venue and the chance to learn from a hands-on workshop using the bespoke viewing stations, accessing over 2,000 clips that range from home movies, to children's television, to documentaries, many of which have not been seen since they were first broadcast.

Venue: Bridgeton Library at the Olympia 16 Orr Street, Glasgow, G40 2QH

Date/time: Wednesday 26th February 2014, 1.30pm (Meet at the Library Cafe)

Map : [Bridgeton Library, Glasgow](#) [Link to Map] Trains run regularly from Glasgow Central to Bridgeton Station opposite the library, a journey time of approximately 5 minutes.

Note: This is a free event, but places are limited to 15, so please email Leigh.Bunton@glasgow.ac.uk to book your place.

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National Libraries Day 2014

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014 AT 12:17PM

On Saturday 8th February it was National Libraries Day and there were loads of great events running across the country. Many events and libraries used the hashtag #NLDScot and Anabel Marsh gathered what was going on via a Storify in the form of [part one](#) and [part two](#).

If anyone asked their users "What did you do in the library today?" then please email us the photos to admin@cilips.org.uk or send us a link to the site or social

media they are held on and let us know if we can use them to show all the great things happening on Saturday!

Roll on NLD 2015!!

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Annual Conference - booking launched

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014 AT 10:38AM

Booking is now open at a special earlybird rate for our conference.

The Conference returns to Dundee for the third year running with an exciting programme of presentations featuring thought leaders and field experts on this year's theme which is **Challenges, Choices and Opportunities**.

[Full details and booking information.](#)

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Open Educational Resources - two events coming up!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014 AT 2:01PM

There are two different events coming up in February for people who want to learn more about OER. Both events are free.

Firstly, on the 5th February, there is an [event](#) in Stirling aimed at FE library staff with an interest in OER, those seeking to find out more information about the current open educational development landscape and any staff involved in supporting OER in their organisation, including MOOCs.

This is followed on the 12th February with a [workshop](#) at Glasgow Caledonian University that will give a practical introduction to OER for teaching information literacy. Though a mixture of presentation, group work and hands-on activity participants will learn to find, evaluate and consider adopting OER for use in their own practice. Participants are invited to identify opportunities where OER can enhance their current teaching and to bring their own materials along to the session to release as OER.

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The Travelling Librarian

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014 AT 11:44AM

Last year Kirsten McCormick, Librarian General Services at The Mitchell Library in Glasgow, was the recipient of the [CILIP Travelling Librarian award](#).

In 2014, Glasgow will host its first ever Commonwealth Games with Glasgow Life, the body that Glasgow Libraries are a part of, delivering key elements of the Games on behalf of the organising Committee.

Kirsten chose to visit Australia to learn from its experience of hosting the Commonwealth Games more times than any other country. Kirsten was keen to find out about the use of web archiving software to capture online content, building electronic collections and the use of social media to share information and to target unofficial materials that are created in the context of major international events.

[Read Kirsten's blog.](#)

[Read more about Kirsten's award and travels.](#)

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CoPilot Scotland event

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014 AT 10:23AM

Glasgow Caledonian University have a workshop coming up that will give a practical introduction to Open Educational Resources for teaching information literacy. Though a mixture of presentation, group work and hands-on activity participants will learn to find, evaluate and consider adopting OER for use in their own practice.

Participants are invited to identify opportunities where OER can enhance their current teaching and to bring their own materials along to the session to release as OER.

At the end of this session participants will:

- Gain an overview of Creative Commons licencing and be able to add a chosen licence to a resource
- Be introduced to the OER repositories to find existing resources and to add their own
- Reflect on personal attitudes and behaviour in relation to Open Practice

A free sandwich lunch and drinks will be provided. [The booking information for the Glasgow event is now live on Eventbrite.](#)

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RSE Report: spreading the benefits of digital participation

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014 AT 10:07AM

[The Royal Society of Edinburgh has released their interim report on spreading the benefits of digital participation.](#)

We believe that digital participation is vitally important and are pleased to note that the report highlights the key role libraries play. However, [as we pointed out in our response last year](#), we feel that this inquiry does not recognise anywhere near strongly enough the importance of giving people the skills to understand, evaluate and use the information available online. These skills are vital and often lacking at all

levels of education and beyond and we feel it is a very dangerous practice to concentrate too much on the technological aspects of digital participation.

We have written to the RSE asking that they take another look at our previous response and consider including additional content within the report that focuses on information based skills. If others wish to respond then the deadline is the 8th of February.

[Our e mail and the response we received is here.](#)

News

Tayside Branch

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014 AT 8:32AM

After setting up a West and a North regional branch last year CILIPS are looking for support in setting up a Tayside branch to complete the branch network across Scotland. Tayside branch would cover Angus, Dundee and Perth and Kinross.

Branches require at least **six committee members**, including a treasurer, secretary, chair and representative to council.

CILIPS will host an information session at Dundee & Angus College's Gardyne Campus on **Friday 14th February at 2.30pm**. Sean McNamara, Policy and Digital Officer for CILIPS will be in attendance to go over what is involved.

[Full details.](#)

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South Ayrshire Council - School library proposals

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014 AT 12:37PM

South Ayrshire Council have passed their [budget for 2014-17](#) and this includes a plan to "rationalise school library provision in secondary schools." This would create a saving of £121,302.

Further details of how this rationalisation will take place are still to be confirmed but CILIP in Scotland maintains that the availability of access to full time professional school librarian expertise contributes to successful delivery of curriculum outcomes, promotion of literacy and reading, and should be retained.

School librarians support pupil preparation for the challenges of life in the 21st century in areas such as internet safety, information and digital literacy and the encouragement of reading for pleasure. They are unique in their ability to support teaching and learning and should be the central resource of the school, open every day and staffed by a professionally trained librarian.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide further updates and responses as required.

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CILIP in Scotland New Year message

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 AT 8:31AM

Happy New Year to all our members, followers and supporters from the CILIPS team.

2014 promises to be a year of challenges and opportunities for our profession.

In preparation, we spent much of last year strengthening our governance framework, broadening our democratic structures and reducing our financial deficit.

Consequently, we begin 2014 in a financially sound position leaving us to concentrate on continuing our advocacy work in support of our members' professional role.

Some tough challenges lie ahead as austerity measures continue to threaten library services and we resolve to be active, responsive and accountable to our membership in all of our activity.

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Christmas and New Year

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013 AT 11:59AM

CILIP in Scotland will be closed 23rd December - 3rd January (inclusive). If you have an enquiry please e mail admin@cilips.org.uk and we will reply when we return.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us in 2013 and look forward to working with our members and the wider library and information profession in 2014.

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Clackmannanshire Council Consultation

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013 AT 10:33AM

Clackmannanshire Council have released a list of potential savings that include changes to the school library service. The proposal is to "redesign secondary school library provision in partnership with community libraries with effect from August 2014" with a possible saving of £22,000.

As the professional body for library and information professionals, we maintain that school libraries are unique in their ability to support teaching and learning and should be the central resource of the school, open every day and staffed by a professionally trained librarian.

We will continue to monitor the situation and work with our [school library advocacy group](#) to provide support where required. Full details of the savings are available [here](#) and there is an opportunity to respond [here](#).

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Consultative Council Election Result

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013 AT 9:47AM

The following two people were successful in the recent election for the CILIPS Consultative Council in 2014:

Rebecca McKellar

Carole Gray

However, a vacancy for Youth Library Group Scotland representative to council has become available in the last couple of weeks and Rebecca McKellar has kindly agreed to take up this role as she is a member of the group's committee.

This means that the next placed person in the election, Shayna Conn, is now also able to take a place on the council in 2014. The full list for the [Trustee Board](#) and [Consultative Council](#) are now available on our website.

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Twitter discusses proposed school library cuts for Edinburgh

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013 AT 11:00AM

Edinburgh Council recently engaged in a Twitter question and answer session on its budget proposals currently out for [consultation](#).

Writer and library supporter, [Lari Don](#), lost no time in questioning the proposal to cut the number of school librarians in the city and reduce the service to part-time support in schools.

During the exchange the Council conceded that a positive case for full time librarian support in schools had been made in the 70 responses they have received so far on this matter. As a consequence it appears that the Council is actively considering options including how the public and school service can be linked up to retain a full time service for schools.

CILIPS maintains that full time school libraries are unique in their ability to support teaching and learning and should be the central resource of the school, open every day and staffed by a professionally trained librarian. [CILIPS response to the council can be read here](#).

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Scottish Independence: White Paper launched

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013 AT 1:21PM

The Scottish Government launched its [white paper on independence](#) this morning ahead of the September 18th 2014 referendum. On that date voters in Scotland will be asked 'Should Scotland be an independent country?'

Mindful of the potential impact of constitutional change on our organisation, CILIP and CILIPS Councils have set up a joint working group to ensure we are fully prepared for the outcome of the vote.

A full report from the Group will be delivered in June 2014.

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CILIPS Consultative Council Election

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 AT 9:44AM

The deadline for voting in the election for the CILIPS Consultative Council 2014 is November 30th. If you are a CILIP in Scotland member please vote using [this link](#) or return your paper ballot if you received one.

The persons you elect will represent the views of the general membership at the council meetings throughout the year and we will be announcing who was successful in the ballot on or before the 6th December.

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Moray Libraries Update

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013 AT 8:58AM

Moray Council has voted to reverse the initial decision to close seven libraries in the area and will save three of the branches earmarked for closure at Cullen, Burghead and Dufftown. The latest decision made on Wednesday 20th November sees closure of four libraries at Hopeman, Findochty, Portknockie and Rothes.

A bid by the opposition SNP group to keep all seven libraries open was defeated by one vote after the Tory and Independent administration decided to cut the number of libraries facing closure because of the threat of legal action.

The Save our Libraries Moray Campaign have released a statement on their [website](#).

CILIPS Council previously stated in an open letter to Moray Council that closures will "diminish the service in such a way that it may well fail to meet the requirement of an adequate strategic network delivering core provision. The cuts will be significant and damaging, impacting on the ability of the service to continue delivering innovative work with partners to attain key policy goals such as employability, digital participation, lifelong learning and health promotion" and that "a good public library

service is essential to the well being of communities, providing a positive experience for local people and demonstrating the value a local authority places on its community."

News

We have a North Branch!!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013 AT 2:52PM

CILIPS are delighted to announce that we now have a [North Branch](#) set up! Following on from the set up of our West Branch earlier this year we now have branches covering the vast majority of Scotland.

Branches are a vital part of the CILIPS network and help by organising social events, visits, training and more for members of CILIPS in a particular area.

The branch covers the diverse area of:

Highland

Moray

Orkney

Shetland

Western Isles

If you are a CILIP member who lives or works in one of the above areas then you are part of the North Branch. Watch the branch [web page](#) for more information about the branch but if you would like to ask any questions or perhaps join the branch committee in the meantime then please contact admin@cilips.org.uk.

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CILIPS Council Election

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013 AT 8:29AM

We are pleased to announce that due to being over-subscribed for our 2014 Consultative Council we will be holding an election. There are two consultative council places that are elected by members and three candidates have been nominated.

An electronic ballot paper has been sent to CILIPS members who have given us their e mail address and a paper version has been sent to everyone else. The deadline for responses is 4pm on the 30th November. If you are a CILIPS member and have not received your ballot paper please vote via this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6N9H3DQ>

If you have any questions please e mail admin@cilips.org.uk or call us on 0141 222 5785.

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Library Camp

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013 AT 10:55AM



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Lynn Corrigan

On Saturday 26th October CILIPS part sponsored and attended the first ever Library Camp Glasgow. Organised by Anabel Marsh, it was a fantastic day for sharing ideas in an 'unconference' setting. Attendees were invited to pitch ideas before groups were formed and further discussion had on the pitches.

[More information on the discussions can be found here.](#) Our Digital and Policy officer, Sean McNamara, co-presented a pitch with Anabel Marsh on gathering ideas for National Libraries Day 2014. The full write up of this discussion is available here: <http://gltweeps.wordpress.com/2013/10/30/library-camp-glasgow-national-libraries-day/>

In the run up to the Christmas holidays we will be featuring more about National Libraries Day on this site but in the meantime follow the discussion on twitter via [#NLDScot](#).

All in all, the day was a massive success and will hopefully lead to more camps in the future. For more information or advice on setting one up contact [@AnabelMarsh](#) on twitter.

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Dyslexia Awareness Week

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2013 AT 10:42AM

It is Dyslexia Awareness Week between the 4th and 9th November. We have attached a Dyslexia Awareness Blue Ribbon 'Twibbon' Campaign to our twitter page and you can do the same by clicking [here](#).

[Learn more about the Blue Ribbon Campaign.](#)

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CPD Course: How to be a social media champion

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013 AT 9:35AM

CILIPS have announced a new CPD course for 2012 called **How to be a social media champion**.

This course would be suited to anyone who wants to learn more about social media in a practical sense. It would be ideal for someone who has a social media focus in their workplace or would just like to know more. It will involve discussion, practical examples and group work and should be a really fun and informative day.

[Full details here.](#)

News

Edinburgh School Library Proposals

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013 AT 12:58PM

Edinburgh City Council have announced proposals for saving money in 2014/15 and included in this are proposals for two schools to share one librarian. [Full details are available here.](#)

As [stated in 2012](#) when we responded to proposed cuts in North Lanarkshire, CILIPS maintains that school librarians and educational resource service expertise are key factors in the improved delivery of curriculum outcomes, attainment of the goals of education, promotion of literacy and reading, information literacy and technology use and should be retained.

[A recent report by the Society of Authors](#) also highlighted the importance of school library activities.

The next meeting of the CILIPS school library advocacy group is on November 14th and will be discussing these and any other potential cuts as well as planning future advocacy. More details about this group can be found [here](#).

If anyone would like to respond to the Edinburgh proposals they can click [here](#) to do so.

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Congratulations to our Honorary Members and CILIP Mentor of the Year

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013 AT 11:05AM

At this year's Autumn Gathering we were delighted to present honorary memberships to Rosemary Goring, Anabel Marsh, Kathy Penfold and Peter Reid as well as the CILIP Mentor of the Year award to Jennifer Findlay.

For more information about our honorary members click [here](#)



Anabel Marsh, President Audrey Sutton and Jennifer Findlay

Rosemary Goring, Peter Reid,



Honorary member Kathy Penfold

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Reply from Councillor Allan Wright - Leader of the Moray Council

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013 AT 11:29AM

We received this reply from Allan Wright, Council Leader of the Moray Council last week. A part of the response has been removed at the request of Councillor Wright:

I have your recent 'open letter' protesting about library closures in Moray. I note all you say which is what I would expect from a body representing librarians and I would simply emphasise that our council, like many in Scotland, is facing unprecedented financial pressures and that I do believe that we have mitigated the issues raised by the equalities impact assessment and that we are retaining a libraries network that I believe can serve the communities of Moray.

Yours sincerely

Allan Wright

Council Leader
The Moray Council

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Cuts to Moray Libraries - Open letter from CILIPS Council

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 AT 11:58AM

The following open letter has been sent to Allan Wright, Leader of the Administration Group and to Roddy Burns, Chief Executive of Moray Council in response to the proposed cuts to the public library service:

CILIPS Council are deeply concerned by the decision of Moray Council to close so many libraries after dismissing the advice of its own officials, public protest and the Equalities Impact Assessment which highlighted that the closure would disadvantage communities affected.

CILIP in Scotland is the professional body for library and information professionals. We hold that a good public library service is essential to the well being of communities, providing a positive experience for local people and demonstrating the value a local authority places on its community. Our views are supported by evidence based research carried out by the Scottish Government which concluded that participation in culture is significantly linked to good health and life satisfaction. For example, those who visited a library were almost 20% more likely to report good health than those who had not visited a library in the previous 12 months (i).

Libraries also play a key role in supporting the current digital strategies in Scotland (ii) and across the UK (iii) by providing free access for people unable to get online at home. This is particularly important in Scotland where broadband take up is still lower than the UK as a whole and in rural areas where mobile connectivity is often reduced (iv). Evidence from Carnegie UK shows that online access delivers substantial social and economic benefits to citizens and communities. These benefits include: improved educational attainment; better job prospects; better access to public services; cheaper goods and products; access to advice, information and knowledge improved communication with family and friends; and enhanced democratic and civic participation (v).

In addition, it is CILIPS's view that libraries are vital to improving literacy in Scotland. Over a quarter of adults living in Scotland has issues with literacy (vi) and libraries tackle this by providing adult learning and promoting access to reading at a community level. Local authorities have a statutory duty under the s.163(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and supplementary library and local government legislation to secure the provision of adequate library facilities for all persons resident in their area.

In conclusion, It is CILIPS's view that the closures will diminish the service in such a way that it may well fail to meet the requirement of an adequate strategic network

delivering core provision. The cuts will be significant and damaging, impacting on the ability of the service to continue delivering innovative work with partners to attain key policy goals such as employability, digital participation, lifelong learning and health promotion.

Yours Sincerely,

CILIPS Council

- i. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/publications/2013/08/9956>
- ii. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00404183.pdf>
- iii. <http://www.publications.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/digital/strategy/>
- iv. <http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/market-data-research/market-data/communications-market-reports/cmr13/scotland/>.
- v. <http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/CMSPages/GetFile.aspx?guid=7324c775-a74a-47d6-b9ad-4a4c173087a3>).
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JISC Technical Review

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 AT 9:20AM

There is currently a “technical review” of the proposed changes to copyright exceptions for disabled people. This could have a direct impact on you and your colleagues’ work.

Jisc TechDis and Jisc Legal have worked with partners to make it as easy as possible for you to respond to the consultation by picking out the key issues in a [simple 5 question survey on the 5 key areas](#) they have identified as most relevant to your work.

Jisc would value your response to this short survey by 8th September so they can compile the results in time for the response deadline which is Wednesday 11th September.

Survey url - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/copyconsult>

Jisc will compile these results and submit them as a Jisc response from the library and disability communities they serve.

News

Call for nominations for Trustee Board and Consultative Council members, for Vice-President and for Honorary Treasurer

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2013 AT 9:27AM

Following adoption of the revised rules and regulations at its AGM last June CILIPS invites nominations from members for the above positions.

[Please click this link for the nomination form.](#)

Trustees: CILIPS is seeking nominations for 9 places on the reconstituted Trustee Board (formerly Policy and Resources Committee) to serve from 1st January 2014. The Trustee Board meets between 4 and 6 times a year and determines CILIPS policy as well as benchmarking progress against the annually agreed business plan.

Prospective candidates must be members of CILIPS and willing to commit to trustee duties as prescribed by the [Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator \(OSCR\)](#). Nominations can be submitted electronically or by post and should be signed by the nominee and countersigned by two members of CILIPS.

Nominations close on 1st October. In the event of oversubscription elections will be held with the result known by November 30th.

Vice President: CILIPS is seeking nominations for the position of Vice-President to serve from 1st January 2014. Candidates serve for three years firstly as Vice President, then President in Year Two and Immediate Past President and Chair of Trustee Board in Year 3. A full specification is available.

Prospective candidates must be members of CILIPS and meet [OSCR regulations](#) relating to trustee. Nominations can be submitted electronically or by post and should be signed by the nominee and countersigned by two members of CILIPS.

Nominations close on 1st October. In the event of more than one nomination an elections will be held during October with the result being known by 30th November.

[More information about the presidential role is available via this link.](#)

Honorary Treasurer: CILIPS is seeking nominations for the role of Honorary Treasurer to serve from 1st December for a 2 year period. Prospective candidates must be members of CILIPS and meet OSCR regulations relating to Trustees. Nominations can be submitted electronically or by post and should be signed by the nominee and countersigned by two members of CILIPS.

Nominations close on 1st October. In the event of more than one nomination an election will be called during October. The result of the election will be announced by 30th November.

Consultative Council: CILIPS is seeking nominations for 2 places on the Consultative Council (formerly Council). The Consultative Council meets 3 times each year and candidates will serve for 3 years from 1st January 2014.

Prospective candidates must be members of CILIPS and meet OSCR regulations relating to trustees. Nominations can be submitted electronically or by post and should be signed by the nominee and countersigned by two members of CILIPS.

Nominations close on 1st October. In the event of more than two nominations an election will be held during October with the result being known by 30th October.

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ETNA Survey Reports

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013 AT 1:52PM

The latest ETNA (Enhanced Training Needs Analysis) survey reports are now available. The survey is conducted by the JISC Regional Support Centre Scotland and focuses on further education. It is intended to support the identification of training needs, and inform strategic planning and decision making. The surveys over the years have provided an overview of the use of ICT within colleges in Scotland, looking at how technology is used, how it might be used in the future and the skills necessary to continue the huge progress already been made.

The report is available [here](#).

Key findings report, giving a summary of emerging technologies and needs in Scottish FE is available [here](#).

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CILIPS North Branch

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013 AT 11:17AM

CILIP in Scotland are hoping to establish a new North Branch. A CILIPS West Branch was recently set up and there is growing interest in a North of Scotland branch. Branches function to keep CILIP members in a particular area in touch, share practice, attend/organise events and develop their professional knowledge.

An initial information session is being held on the evening of 24th September (6-8pm) in Inverness College. Everyone is welcome and CILIPS staff will explain how it will work and what is involved in a branch. There is no commitment as the evening is an informal opportunity to meet other interested people and ask any questions. There will also be the option for attending via video conferencing.

If you would like to attend or even just find out more please e mail admin@cilips.org.uk.

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It's official - libraries are good for your health

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013 AT 8:48AM

New research has found that participation in culture is significantly linked to good health and high life satisfaction in Scotland. A detailed study carried out by Scottish Government analysts confirms that cultural engagement has a positive impact on the nation's health and life satisfaction.

The study, based on data from the Scottish Household Survey 2011, considered the impact on health of both culture and sport. It found that those who participate in culture or access cultural activities in libraries or by attending events are more likely to report good health and life satisfaction than those who do not. This remains true even when other factors such as age, economic status, income, area deprivation, education qualification, disability or long standing illness and smoking are accounted for.

[Full findings are here.](#)

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Autumn Gathering 2013 - Booking Now Open

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2013 AT 8:30AM

Booking is now open for this year's Autumn Gathering. The event will take place in the John McIntyre Conference Centre in Edinburgh on October 10th. The event has gone from strength to strength in previous years where it was held in Dunfermline and it is now bigger and better than ever. The diverse programme has something for everyone with the main strands being school libraries, digital and information literacy and professional development. To see more details and book a place please click [here](#).

News

CILIP Mentor of the Year Award 2013

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2013 AT 9:10AM

If you have been helped, inspired and guided by a mentor who has had a positive impact on your personal and professional development, you can now nominate them for 2013 CILIP Mentor of the Year Award.

Advice, support and having a critical friend can make a real difference to your career, from applying for your first job, to taking high-level strategic decisions. The Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) mentor scheme also gives

those further in their careers the chance to shape their sector and share their wisdom.

As the leading voice of the library and information profession, we are looking to highlight the dedication of those who give their time and knowledge to help others develop.

In a CILIP Mentor of the Year we are looking for somebody:

- Approachable and accessible.
- Committed to aiding personal development.
- Who values and respects their mentees' professional views.
- Willing to share the breadth of professional knowledge and understanding they have gained from their experiences across the library and information community.
- Helping their mentee to develop the confidence to understand and deal with professional challenges.

All nominees must be current CILIP members, CILIP registered mentors and working with at least one professional registration candidate/candidate working towards Certification, Chartered Membership, Fellowship and Revalidation.

Those wishing to nominate their mentor can by writing in 500 words or less on how their mentor meets the criteria above. Entries must be received no later than 6th September 2013.

[Nominate a mentor](#)

[Further information about the award](#)

The winner of the CILIP Mentor of the Year Award will be announced at the CILIP AGM in Birmingham on 21st September 2013.

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The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation ATLA

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2013 AT 9:03AM

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is currently accepting applications to its 2014 Access to Learning Award (ATLA), which recognizes the innovative efforts of public libraries and similar institutions outside the United States to connect people to information and opportunities through free access to computers and the Internet. The award is given by Global Libraries, an initiative of the foundation's Global Development Program. The recipient of the Access to Learning Award will receive \$1 million.

The deadline for applications is September 30th. Full details [here](#).

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Travelling Librarian

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2013 AT 8:47AM

ESU and CILIP yesterday announced that Kirsten McCormick of Glasgow Life is the recipient of the 2013 Travelling Librarian Award. Kirsten works at the Mitchell Library as the General Services Librarian.

She will use the award to complete a tour of Australia to learn about the process of building and maintaining collections around an international sporting event, this is mainly relevant as Glasgow will be hosting the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Run in partnership between ESU and CILIP the Travelling Librarian Award builds relationships between library and information professionals in the UK and their counterparts in the US and across the Commonwealth through a professional development study tour.

The award of £3000 and normally the visits last 2-3 weeks and take place during the autumn. Kirsten will be keeping a blog of her travels. CILIP in Scotland would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Kirsten.

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Autumn Gathering 2013

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2013 AT 8:45AM

CILIP in Scotland are now putting the finishing touches to the programme for this year's Autumn Gathering. This year's event will take place at the John McIntyre Centre in Edinburgh on the 10th October. The 2012 event was a huge success and when you see this year's programme we hope you will agree that we have plenty to look forward to again.

The themes for this year are school libraries, digital and information literacies and professional development so there is something for everyone. We will be announcing the full programme and opening booking on the 1st August via this website. For up to the minute news follow us on [twitter](#) and the hashtag is [#CILIPSAG13](#).

Hope to see you there!!

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Library Camp Glasgow

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013 AT 9:00AM



After the notable success of Library Camps in England we are delighted to tell you that there is one coming to Scotland soon! Hosted by our friends at GLTU (Glasgow Library Tweet Ups) the first Camp will take place on the 26th October at the Mitchell Library.

Now, don't worry if you don't know what a Library Camp is (and also don't panic, you won't need a tent)! A Library Camp is a form of 'unconference', an event where attendees are invited to generate content rather than a set list of speakers. They are also free and open to anyone who is interested in libraries.

More details will be confirmed soon but you can express your interest [here](#) and follow what's happening on twitter via #libcampgla.

News

Announcement from SLIC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013 AT 1:58PM

The following is an announcement from Fiona McLeod, the Chair of the Scottish Library and Information Council:

Dear All,

In my capacity as Chair of the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC), I am contacting you, the library community, to advise of the resignation of Elaine Fulton from her role as Chief Executive of SLIC.

Elaine's career with SLIC spanned 15 years during which time she also held the position of Director of CILIPS. On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish her all the best for the future. Moira Methven will continue as interim CEO, whilst the Board seeks a permanent successor. The post will be advertised in due course.

Best Wishes,

Fiona McLeod

Chair, SLIC

Jodi Awards for Accessible Digital Culture - Call for Nominations

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013 AT 7:42AM

The Jodi Awards are presented by the Jodi Mattes Trust to organisations that demonstrate excellence in accessible digital culture. The “Jodi’s”, as they are affectionately known, recognise the best use of digital technology in widening access to information, collections, learning and creativity for disabled people in museums, galleries, exhibitions, libraries, archives and other heritage sites. Previous winners include Tate Modern, Whitney Museum of American Art, Berlin für Blinde, Museum of London, Victoria & Albert Museum, New York Beyond Sight, National Trust, and National Archives. For the 10th anniversary year, the Jodi Awards will be presented in partnership with the Museums Association (MA) at the MA Annual Conference in Liverpool on Monday 11 November 2013.

This year, three Public Engagement awards will replace the previous award categories for 'Digital Access Online' and 'Digital Access Onsite'. These new Awards will be for:

- Access planning and user involvement – granted to projects demonstrating exemplary levels of user involvement in a digital heritage project.
- Innovation – awarded in recognition of innovative technical solutions which increase access to heritage for disabled people.
- Legacy and Impact – awarded to projects that are actively developing and increasing access to heritage for disabled people.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday 2 August 2013**. For more information about the Jodi Awards 2013 or to download a nomination form, please visit www.jodiawards.org.uk. For any queries, please contact info@jodiawards.org.uk

#GLTU10

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013 AT 12:30PM

CILIP in Scotland headed along to the latest and tenth Glasgow Library Tweet Up on Friday and it was another worthwhile and interesting visit. The venue this time was the Glasgow School of Art and we were treated to a talk from the Graduate Library Trainee, Jennifer Higgins and a tour of the archives by Susannah Waters, the archivist.

The group learned about the various gems in the archives, the new plans for the library and the internal study tool called Infosmart that ensures the students are fully information literate.

The Tweet Ups generally involve a tour of an interesting venue followed by some optional food and drink in a nearby place. For more information on the event have a look on twitter for #GLTU10 or see this site set up by the GLTU organiser Anabel Marsh [here](#).

We are also delighted to see that the first Edinburgh Tweet Up happened recently (#ELTU1) at the Scottish Poetry Library and we hope to make it along to the next one!

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Summer Reading Challenge Launch 2013

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013 AT 1:31PM

CILIPS had the pleasure of attending the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge in Scotland at the Scottish Parliament last week. The launch was hosted by MSP Fiona McLeod and included a speech by Malorie Blackman, the Children's Laureate and author of the hugely popular Noughts and Crosses series of books.

The challenge is organised by The Reading Agency and is supported by libraries across the country. The challenge is for children to read six books over the summer and the theme this year is Creepy House. For all the fun and spooky info have a look [here](#).

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Congratulations to the Advocates Library!!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013 AT 9:03AM

CILIP in Scotland would like to offer it's warm congratulations to the Advocates Library in Edinburgh on receiving the award for Best Legal Information Service (Non-Commercial Sector) from the LexisLibrary Awards recently announced at the 2013 BIALL Conference.

The Advocates Library has been in existence since 1689, providing information to services to members of the Scottish Bar the whole time. For full details see here: <http://www.biall.org.uk/pages/halsburys-awards.html>

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CILIPS Conference 2013 Photos

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013 AT 8:15AM

All of our photos from this year's conference are now available to view online. The photographs were taken by two student photographers from John Wheatley College, Tomasz Zima and Graeme Hamilton. Due to the volume of photos we have placed

them on our Flickr via the link below. If you are unable to view these in then we will be providing a conference report with a small selection of photos on this site soon.

[Link to Photos \(opens on Flickr in a new window\)](#)

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CILIPS West Branch

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013 AT 9:48AM

CILIP in Scotland are delighted to confirm that we now have a West Branch established. The new branch will cover the West of Scotland and a chair, a secretary and treasurer have been appointed along with other committee members. If you are a CILIP member in the West of Scotland then check out our new page for the branch [here](#).

The first committee meeting is being held later this month so there should be plenty more news to come from the branch after that. Watch this space!

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CILIPS Conference 2013

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013 AT 2:37PM

Our annual conference took place in Dundee on the 3rd and 4th of June. The conference was a complete sell out with nearly 250 delegates and 20 sponsors represented. The conference crowd heard keynote speeches and attended parallel sessions on a variety of topics with the overall theme of 'Making a Difference'. A number of the sessions are available at the following link:

[CILIPS Conference Presentations](#)

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CILIPS releases statement on cuts and closures in Moray

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2013 AT 4:34PM

The following statement was released last Friday:

CILIPS is deeply concerned about the potential impact of public library closures and service reductions on communities, families and individuals.

Libraries are important community hubs offering users free access to information resources, ICT and informal learning and reading opportunities. Professionally trained library staff are best placed to deliver these services due to their extensive understanding and practice in areas such as literacy, use of information and technology.

The cuts proposed in Moray will be significant and damaging, impacting on the ability of the service to work with partners to deliver key policy goals such as employability, digital participation, lifelong learning and health promotion. CILIPS acknowledges the community-led campaigns which have been launched in support of the library service demonstrating the clear value and impact its loss will have on the lives of Moray residents.

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Conference packages are now SOLD OUT!

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013 AT 8:02AM

CILIP in Scotland are delighted to announce that our inclusive 2 day packages for the Annual Conference are now sold out. The conference has been hugely popular this year and is set to welcome information professionals and speakers from across the sector to our excellent venue in Dundee. We still have day packages available so please visit to [here](#) to book.

News

New Policy and Digital Officer in Place

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013 AT 9:25AM

We are delighted to announce that our new Policy and Digital Officer, Sean McNamara, started on Monday the 22nd of April. Sean's previous role was with Inverclyde Libraries as their Learning Services Librarian.

As part of his new role Sean will be maintaining the website and social media as well as engaging with members in various ways. Sean will work closely with branches and groups and will also be supporting the CILIPS Director to develop, plan and deliver CPD and large events throughout the year.

If anyone would like to contact Sean this can be done via e mail on sean.mcnamara@cilips.org.uk or by calling 0141 222 5785.

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Belarusian Balsam smooths the way!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013 AT 1:25PM

Jill Evans SCURL (<http://scurl.ac.uk/>) hosted a study tour from Belarusia recently. The tour involved 20 librarians from the Belarusian Library Association (www.bla.by) who spent the day with higher education colleagues and learning more about the university library sector in Scotland. The visits were organised by SCURL Development Manager, Jill Evans, who escorted the visitors throughout the day.

After a morning spent at Queen Margaret University Library, the Belarusians enjoyed lunch and a tour of Edinburgh University Library before offering some presentations on their own library practice. The visitors were keen to toast their hosts and share their national drink before heading south to Oxford and CILIP in London where their tour will end.

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Award for Stirling Council Libraries and Archives

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013 AT 1:03PM

Stirling Council's Information, Libraries and Archives were recently awarded the Investing in Volunteers Standard.

Volunteering provides people with the opportunity to be involved in the development and delivery of the service. Volunteers support local Librarians to run basic computer courses in libraries, assist in Archives and deliver books to housebound.

The value offered by volunteers is recognised by staff who said "with over 300 housebound readers, we couldn't provide this service without them. Our volunteers' input is invaluable to us". Another said, "It is a great thing we have volunteers, they offer services we would find difficult to deliver without their time, motivation, enthusiasm, skills and sense of community engagement".

Volunteers are supported by a designated staff member working alongside the volunteers in different areas of Stirling Council's Information, Libraries and Archives.

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Tweet for National Libraries Day

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013 AT 2:40PM

National Libraries Day 2013 takes place on 9th February.

Would you like to help create an online record of what goes on in Scotland's libraries? Here's how:

What do you use your library for?

What does your library mean to you?

A group of librarians known as GLTU (Glasgow Library Tweetups) is asking people to tweet the answers to those questions on National Libraries Day, or in the week running up to it. All sorts of libraries count, e.g. public, academic, special, and those working in libraries can also join in to tweet about what they do. Use the hashtag

#nldScot, as well as the official one #nld13, so that they can gather the tweets together into a document which it is hoped will form the start of a larger project celebrating Scottish libraries. Make sure you mention the word **library** or **libraries** and consider adding a picture to make your tweet even better – though if you include anyone else in it, you must have their permission. If you don't want your photograph online, you could take a picture of your hand holding the books you have borrowed or a card saying what you did in the library, e.g. "I used the computers to search for information." (For ideas, see [here](#))

Not on Twitter? Maybe you have a blog you could post on? Leave a link on the [GLTU blog](#) , or just leave a comment and the Group will tweet it for you!

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Induction of CILIPS President

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2013 AT 2:25PM

CILIPS is pleased to announce that Dr Audrey Sutton has been inducted into the role of CILIPS President 2013. Audrey holds the position of Head of Community and Culture at North Ayrshire Council and her presidential theme for the year is 'libraries – making a difference'.

Audrey's local authority is organising an event in February to celebrate her inauguration. The details are here:

Date of event: 7th February 2013

Time of Event: 7-9pm

Location of event: Greenwood Conference Centre, Greenwood Gate, Dreghorn, KA11 4GZ

Title of Event: Meet the President: An Evening at Home with Audrey Sutton, CILIPS President 2013. Speaker Professor Peter Reid, CILIPS President 2012

Cost of event: Free

How to book a place: Please email name to RhonaArthur@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Contact for more information: Rhona Arthur, RhonaArthur@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

News

Changes to the joint working arrangement between SLIC and CILIPS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013 AT 9:23AM

Following a period of discussion and consultation, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland (CILIPS) and Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC) announce a separation of their joint working arrangements, shared staffing and office. Both organisations aim to continue working in tandem to benefit Librarians and Library Services in Scotland with the new arrangements allowing each organisation to maintain a clear focus on their distinctive missions.

"The Trustees of CILIPS are pleased to announce that Catherine Kearney will be the new Director of CILIPS from 1st February 2013," said Sheila Miller, Chair of CILIPS Council, "We look forward to working with Cathy in this new post to continue to provide CILIP members in Scotland with high quality and relevant services, support and representation. We would like to thank Elaine Fulton for all her work and assistance to CILIPS and wish her well in her work for SLIC."

"The Trustees of SLIC welcome the transfer of Elaine Fulton into the post of CEO for SLIC from the 1st February 2013, working alongside Gillian Hanlon and Morag Andrew in the SLIC office. We would like to thank Catherine Kearney for her hard work on behalf of SLIC and look forward to working with her in her new post of Director of CILIPS." (Fiona McLeod MSP, Chair of SLIC Board).

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