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Information for librarians & information professionals working in Edinburgh – Wed 7th September 2011

News

ELISA's Training and Development Group are interested in expanding the range of library visits on offer.

If you work in a library and would be willing to host a visit please get in touch.

Or if you have suggestions about any local libraries that you would be interested in visiting do let us know.

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Elections for the ELISA Business Committee will not now be held in September. The new election date will be confirmed when it is available. See below for more information.

Proposed new ELISA homepage design can be seen at http://www.edinburghlibrariesagency.info/?page_id=1007
Comments please to alison.stoddart@edinburgh.gov.uk



Val Walker valerie.walker@ea.edin.sch.uk from the ELISA Staff Development and Training group would like to hear from a **Chartership candidates in Edinburgh.**

The **deadline for nominations for CILIPS Branch Committees** is 30th September. See <http://www.slainte.org> for details.

Forthcoming Events

Working Place and Social Space: The Scots Herring Girls
Mon 5th September
http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/assets/files/RCAHMS_lunchtime_lectures_2011.pdf

Blackwell's Book Quiz
Mon 5th September
<http://www.cityofliterature.com/whats-on-results.aspx>

Inspiring Voices Educators' Day
Sat 10th September
<http://www.cityofliterature.com/whats-on-results.aspx>

Discussion: 'In Conversation on banned books'
Mon 12th September 18:00
<http://www.nls.uk/events>

Talk - Poetry & Perfume
Thurs 15th September 19.00
<http://www.spl.org.uk/events/index.html>

Talk: 'Scotland: A DNA history'
15th September 18:00
<http://www.nls.uk/events>

Talk - Eugen Gomringer
Fri 16th September 17.00
<http://www.spl.org.uk/events/index.html>

Reading group - Nothing But the Poem - Jackie Kay
Sat 17th September 11.00-12.30
<http://www.spl.org.uk/events/index.html>

Society of Authors Conference
Sat 17th September
<http://www.cityofliterature.com/whats-on-results.aspx>

Writing for Children with Lee Weatherly
Sat 17th September
<http://www.cityofliterature.com/whats-on-results.aspx>

Talk: Fee-paying schools of Edinburgh
Tues 20th September 18:00
<http://www.nls.uk/events>

D.D. Johnstone
Thurs 22nd September
<http://www.cityofliterature.com/whats-on-results.aspx>

Doors Open Day
Sat 24th September 10.00-17.00
<http://www.spl.org.uk/events/index.html>

Reading: 'Writers in exile: Celebrating freedom of expression'
Tues 27th September 18:00
<http://www.nls.uk/events>

Royal College of Physicians Library Tour
Tues 27th September 15.30
gilly.dennis@edinburgh.gov.uk

Writers in Exile
Tues 27th September
<http://www.cityofliterature.com/whats-on-results.aspx>

Talk: 'The secret of East German censorship'
Thurs 29th September 18:00
<http://www.nls.uk/events>



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Love Scottish Libraries Campaign
<http://www.lovescottishlibraries.org/>

edinburgh libraries & information services agency
www.edinburghlibrariesagency.info

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Poetry Society Poetry Surgeries with Kona Macphee

Sat 1st October 11.00

<http://www.spl.org.uk/events/index.html>

Starting with Stories 2

Sat 1st October

<http://www.cityoflitterature.com/whats-on-results.aspx>

Blackwell's Book Quiz

Mon 3rd October

<http://www.cityoflitterature.com/whats-on-results.aspx>

Talk: 'Scotland: Mapping the nation'

Tues 4th October 18:00

<http://www.nls.uk/events>

National Poetry Day

Thurs 6th October 14.00–18.00

<http://www.spl.org.uk/events/index.html>

Stories for Children with Complex Needs

Sat 8th October

<http://www.cityoflitterature.com/whats-on-results.aspx>

Poems aloud for wellbeing

Mon 10th October 3pm

<http://www.spl.org.uk/events/index.html>

CILIPS SGM

Wed 12th October DUNFERMLINE

<http://www.slainte.org>

ELISA Open Forum – November 17th

This year's theme is "the indispensable librarian"

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ELISA Business Committee COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

NB: Deadline extended – there's still time to submit nominations.

If you'd like to chat informally about the possibility of serving on the committee first, email julie.johnstone@spl.org.uk or call her on 0131 557 2876. She'll be very happy to talk to you.

ELISA will hold a meeting of the Full Committee in early 2012 at which members will be able to vote for a new Business Committee. Sent out with this issue of TACIT you'll find a nomination form to submit. This is your chance to come forward as a potential committee member – or to approach someone else you think would be suitable and nominate them. Just complete the form attached and submit by 30 November 2011. In this new stage of ELISA, the new Business Committee will have an important role. We'll be looking for 7-10 individuals with different skills and perspectives from across the many different sectors that make up the ELISA

membership and the Edinburgh information and libraries services landscape. It's a special opportunity to be able to work alongside colleagues from across the profession to help sustain both libraries and their staff throughout Edinburgh. You'll be able to get involved in strategic decisions, future planning, advocacy, and event organisation - among other things. So if you're just starting out with your Chartership, or find yourself wanting a new challenge, or just feel like giving some of your time to support the future of Edinburgh's libraries, becoming a member of the Business Committee is a positive way to do this.

If you're not from a Member organisation (see list) but are interested in a role on the committee, do get in touch with us to express your interest in serving. We'd like to hear from you too.

ELISA needs you! We look forward to receiving your nomination forms.

Nominations/nominees must be from Member organisations:

Age Concern Scotland Library
ASH Scotland: Action on Smoking & Health (Scotland)
British Geological Survey Library
Edinburgh Napier University Library
Edinburgh University Library, Museums and Galleries
Edinburgh's Telford College
French Institute
Heriot Watt University Library
Historic Scotland Library
Historic Scotland TCRE
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
Jewel & Esk Valley College
Moray House Institute of Education
National Archives of Scotland
National Galleries of Scotland
National Library of Scotland
National Library of Scotland
National Meteorological Office
National Museums of Scotland
Queen Margaret University Learning Resource Centre
RCAHMS
Royal Botanic Gardens Library Edinburgh
Royal College of Physicians
Royal College of Surgeons
Royal Observatory Edinburgh Library
Scottish Agricultural College Library
Scottish Catholic Archives
Scottish Centre for the Book
Scottish Language Dictionaries
Scottish Poetry Library
SCRAN
Stevenson College Edinburgh
VOCAL – Voice of Carers Across Lothian
Waverley Care HIV/BBV Information Service
Information & Learning Resources
Edinburgh City Libraries & Information Services
Outlook Project
City of Edinburgh Resource & Information Centre

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RAISING THE PROFILE National Museums Scotland

After 3 years of partial closure, the redeveloped National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh opened on 29 July 2011, with 16 new galleries, a new entrance hall, 50% more public space and over 8,000 items on display, many for the first time in generations. As part of the refurbishment, Information Services department has two new information points. The Research Library is based on level 3 of museum (at the rear of the Communicate! Gallery) and is now open to researchers, students and visitors who wish to consult the library collection for research and reference purposes. The Info Zone, adjacent to the Balcony Café on level 3 is a brand new service for visitors to the museum providing information on the museum's objects, collections and events.

Research Library

The Research Library offers the public the chance to browse part of our collection for the first time, with 30,000 items on open access shelves. No prior registration is required, although users will have to register if they wish to access some of our e-resources. The collection in the Research Library covers Scottish history, Northern European archaeology, decorative arts and museology. The library also displays 80 periodicals from its collection of over 400 titles, many of which are unique in Edinburgh. There are 12 study spaces (including 4 PC workstations) plus comfortable seating for a further 5 people.

The complete library collection consists of over 300,000 items. The collection reflects the strengths and variety of the Museums' collections and research past and present and covers archaeology, decorative arts, Scottish history and culture, history of science and technology, military history, natural sciences, world cultures and museology.

The major special collections include the original correspondence, notes and journals of renowned natural historians William Jardine, J.A. Harvie-Brown and William S. Bruce. Special collections in Scottish history and archaeology include the letters of William Smellie; the journals of Robert Riddell; drawings by James Drummond and Alexander Archer; and the scrapbook of Sir Daniel



Wilson. The library also holds the historical archives and manuscript collection of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and museum's own archive.

Items held in closed access storage in other parts of the building can be retrieved on demand and brought to the Research Library for consultation.

The library is open Monday to Friday 10:00 to 17:00. You can view an online version of our map and more detail about the new galleries and facilities on our website <http://www.nms.ac.uk/>. The online library catalogue can be found at <http://libcat.nms.ac.uk>

National War Museum Scotland Library

A part of the library collection is held in the National War Museum Scotland and concentrates on the history of the armed forces in Scotland at home and abroad from 1600 to the present day.

This library is open on Tuesdays from 10:00 – 13:00 or by appointment.

Info Zone

The Info Zone is a brand new service using a range of information sources to answer visitor enquiries during opening hours. The space contains

18 spaces for visitors using a range of soft, study and children's seating where visitors can consult a small library of books for all ages on the major themes of the museum's galleries and collections. The Info Zone also holds examples of our educational resources, a range of leaflets on our events and services, corporate information and plans, guides and trails of the museum. There are 6



PCs with access to a specially designed web portal giving visitors more information about the objects on display and the opportunity to further explore the galleries and exhibitions and educational resources. The Info Zone has been very popular in the first month of opening with over 3,800 people using the service to consult material in print and electronically and we have dealt with 1,700 enquiries

at the desk.

Tours of the new Research Library and Info Zone will be offered later in the year as part of the ELISA Staff Training and Development Working Group's programme of library visits. Please check future issues of TACIT for more details.

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