

# Check It Out!

## Roxboro Library **FREE** Newsletter – Vol. 6 No. 1 January 2008

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**Roxboro Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 10.00am-5.30pm (Closed 1-2pm)

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Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 10.00am-8.00pm, Saturdays 10.00am-1.00pm

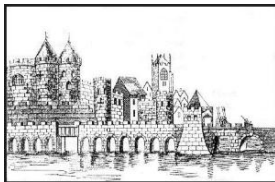
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Closed Bank Holiday Weekends

## What's on? @ your library®

### *Limerick City Library Evening Lecture Series*



On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Brian Hodkinson will give an illustrated lecture on “*The Development of Medieval Limerick*”. The lecture will take place in the Granary beginning @ 8.00pm.

Admission is free & all are welcome.



### **Gramophone Circle**

If you are interested in music why not come along to

the *Gramophone Circle*. It meets the first Monday of the month in the Granary @ 11.00am

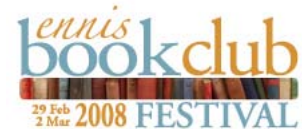
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**Congratulations to all of the Children's Book Festival 2007 prizewinners.**

**The winners received their prizes from the deputy mayor, Cllr. James Houlihan, at a special presentation on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

**The winning entries are currently on display here in Roxboro Library so; feel free to call in to have a look at them!**



The provisional programme for the 2008 Ennis Book Club Festival has been released. The Festival will take place from Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> February to Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008. The full details are available on

[www.ennisbookclubfestival.com](http://www.ennisbookclubfestival.com) Some of the people taking part in the programme include Roddy Doyle, Joanne Harris and Morgan Llewelyn. The programme will consist of talks, discussions and readings and there will be an opportunity for book club members to meet and chat! While the emphasis is on book / reading there are also other events like a cookery demonstration with Neven Maguire & chocolate tasting at “*Chocolat*”. Tickets for the events will be on sale from the

7<sup>th</sup> January at the Glor Theatre  
Box Office, Tel. 065 6843103  
or email [info@glor.ie](mailto:info@glor.ie)



For all you  
amateur  
playwrights

### The 2008 P.J. O'Connor Awards

The details for the 2008 Awards were released on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and 2008 will be the 27<sup>th</sup> year of the competition. The competition is open to amateur playwrights with the aim of encouraging new writers and increase awareness of the use of radio as medium for drama. The closing date for entries is the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008. To get an entry form and find out more about the rules of the competition go to:

[www.rte.ie/radio1/pjoconnorawards](http://www.rte.ie/radio1/pjoconnorawards)

### 2007 Reading Group Book of the Year

For the second year in a row, Khaled Hosseini's novel, *The Kite Runner*, (Bloomsbury) has been voted as the Reading Group Book of the Year. Votes were collected via the Penguin and Orange websites and from reading groups entering the 2007 Penguin/Orange Broadband Readers' Group Prize.

So far, since our first meeting in October 2007, our own Book Club have read **John Boyne** – *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* & **Azar Nafissi** – *Reading Lolita in Tehran* (ANF) & *the Constant Gardener* – **John Le Carré**.

If you would like to read any of these books there are copies available in all our branches.



### Costa Book Awards

The category winners of the Costa Book Awards were announced on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008. The winners included:

First Novel – *What Was Lost* by Catherine O'Flynn  
Novel – *Day* by A.L. Kennedy  
Children's Book – *The Bowerbird* by Ann Kelley  
Poetry – *Tilt* by Jean Sprackland  
Biography – *Young Stalin* by Simon Sebag Montefiore

For more details about the books & all the news got to [www.costabookawards.com](http://www.costabookawards.com)



### New Books in Roxboro Library!

#### Teenage

*Hood* – Stephen R. Lawhead,  
*Avalon High* – Meg Cabot.

#### Adult Non-Fiction

Peter Richmond - *Fever: the life & Music of Miss Peggy Lee* (927.8242), Ruairi Quinn - *Straight Left a Journey in Politics* (923.2415), Leila – *Married by Force* (920.72) Nigel Havers – *Playing With Fire* (927.9145), M. Griffiths & L. Stanfield - *Party Knits* (746.432), Tony Fahey – *Best of Times?: the Social Impact of the Celtic Tiger* (330.9415), Mary Roach -

*Six Feet Over: Adventures in the Afterlife* (133.9013), Torey Hayden – *Somebody Else's Kids* (371.93).

#### Adult Fiction

Stella Rimington – *Illegal Action*, Andrew Gross – *The Blue Zone*, Tami Hoag – *The Alibi Man*, Catherine Coulter – *Point Blank*, Amy Pirnie – *Lesser Creatures*, Arnaldur Indridason – *The Draining Lake*, Adrian Hyland – *Diamond Dove*, Robin Pilcher – *Starburst*, Anne Perry – *At Some Disputed Barricade*, Robert Holdstock – *The Broken Kings*.

### What Not to Read!!!!

Usually you get lists of books that people really enjoyed and would recommend but we have taken a slightly different approach!

Here are some books that borrowers & staff didn't really enjoy reading!!!!

#### Reading Lolita In Tehran

(ANF) – Azar Nafisi, *The Emperor's Children* – Claire Messud, *The Inheritance of Loss* – Kiran Desai, *The Bookseller of Kabul* – Asne Seierstad (ANF), *Francesca's Party* - Patricia Scanlan, *Hurler on the Ditch* (ANF)– Michael Mills, *RyanLand* (ANF)– Philip Nolan, *The Gathering* – Anne Enright, *P.S. I Love You* - Cecilia Ahern, *Middlemarch* – George Eliot, *The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency* – Alexander McCall Smith, *Wuthering Heights* – Emily Bronte

Let us know whether you agree or disagree with the books on the list or indeed if you have any suggestions for the list yourself. You can email any feedback or suggestions to [city\\_librarynews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:city_librarynews@yahoo.co.uk)