



EDINBURGH LIBRARIES FAIR 2007

The ELISA Access Working Group is pleased to authorise plans for the development of the Edinburgh Libraries Fair 2007. The ELISA Development Officer will gather an organising team together on a task and finish basis. This is an invitation to get involved in this ground-breaking venture, building on the success of 2006. If you would like to be a part of the organising team, please get in touch with Wendy wendy.ball@edinburgh.gov.uk to register your interest. A preliminary meeting is planned for some time in August, so it would be helpful to indicate your availability. All levels of skills and experience welcome, essential personal specification – enthusiasm and a belief that libraries are worth it.

The latest news at Edinburgh University Libraries, Museums and Galleries Service can be found at <http://www.lib.ed.ac.uk/news/> Note the presentation by Lorcan Dempsey, Edinburgh University Library, on Monday 3 July 2006 [The digital library landscape and trends in the world of Web 2.0.](#)

Have a look at *Discover NLS*, the National Library of Scotland's new free magazine, launched in May 2006. The quarterly publication carries **news** and **in-depth features** on the full range of NLS collections, services, events, exhibitions and initiatives. This issue contains a feature on the role of libraries in the digital age. <http://www.nls.uk/about/discover-nls/index.html>

Remember to consult the Slainte web site for a comprehensive listing of events and seminars for library and information professionals. <http://www.slainte.org.uk/events/EvntCalendarsummary.cfm>

Scottish Information Network Seminar: Usage statistics - measuring the value of online resources , July 3rd, 6pm Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh

How important are the usage statistics for your electronic resources? Do you keep usage statistics for all the electronic resources you subscribe to? Are these figures comparable to what the providers of the databases says your organisation uses? If not, how will you agree? **Remember** usage statistics can determine next year's subscription price!

Given the importance of this topic to anyone who purchases electronic data why not come along to our July 3rd event and hear about how Project COUNTER is changing the way in which the usage - and perhaps the value - of information is being considered? To confirm your attendance please e-mail Andy Hyde on andyhyde@blueyonder.co.uk

Edinburgh City of Literature

As usual, June has been a packed month in the City of Literature. Sign up to the mailing list by sending your details to edinburgh@cityofliterature.com and hear more. In July, find out about the City of Literature Trust's July lectures, and don't forget the salon gathering at the Traverse Bar, Cambridge Street, on Tuesday 25th July – the last occasion before the Festivals begin.

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The National Library of Scotland's chartership programme has been recognised as a positive example by the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals on their website <http://www.cilip.org.uk/qualificationschartership/FrameworkofQualifications/charteredmem/nlsprogramme.htm> . Fifteen members of staff have followed, or are following the programme, since its development in 2002. Five members of staff have achieved chartered status in this period. The programme is based around internal seminars with expert staff, project work and external visits. Candidates are mentored over the course of two years by colleagues. The NLS chartership coordinator is Chris Taylor who is a senior curator in the Foreign Collections Unit.



A NLS chartership seminar led by SCURL Service Development Manager Jill Evans.

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SCOTTISH BOOKS ONLINE

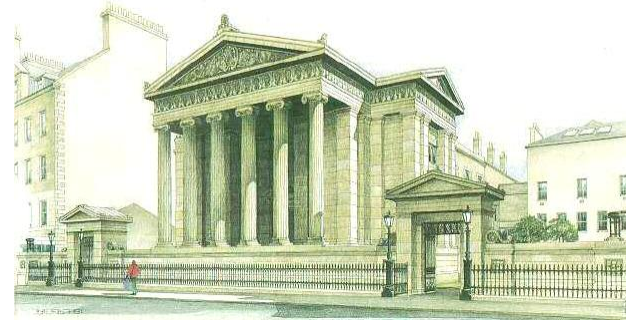
The 'Festival of Scottish Writing' 2006 has finished but Scottish Writing doesn't stop. One way to keep in touch with Scottish publications, including reviews, events, author information is through the web site Scottish Books Online. This site is operated on behalf of Scottish publishers by the limited company, BooksfromScotland.com, with the Scottish Publishers Association (SPA) as the majority shareholder. If you want to be on their mailing list contact: info@booksfromscotland.com.

Scots short course

Scottish Language Dictionaries (SLD) is about more than just lexicography! A significant part of our remit is outreach, with a view to supporting Scots in the communities where it is used. Our outreach programme includes visits to schools, social clubs and writers groups, giving presentations on Scots, its history and current use. **Dr Christine Robinson**, our Outreach Officer, has taught Scots language at the University of Edinburgh for 25 years and has considerable experience in education as well as work in the community. Chris would like to hear from libraries who are interested in collaborating on a Scots short course which would focus on studying Scots language in speech and in literature. If you think your library community would like to take part in a course on Scots, please get in touch! You can reach Chris on **0131 650 4147** or chris.robinson@ed.ac.uk. For more information on SLD, please visit our website: www.scotsdictionaries.org.uk and our website for children www.scuilwab.org.uk , or phone general enquiries 0131 650 4149.



RAISING THE PROFILE



The Library & Archive at Surgeons' Hall

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh is an independent medical educational institution founded in 1505 which trains, educates and examines surgeons. It is funded entirely by its membership and its activities, and from time to time as with all registered charities, it benefits from the generosity of its membership and others, through bequests and donations. It is open Royal College Fellows & Members and by appointment warmly welcomes any bona fide researcher or enquirer who has arranged this in advance, by phone, email or letter.

Its features are:

- 40,000 current & historical books and journals
- Books & manuscripts dating from the 15th century
- Archival records of the institution, including its early minute books, dating from the late 1400s
- Rare books and anatomical atlases
- 150 current periodicals
- Surgeons' Internet Café
- Substantial medical biographical records
- Information on the college history since the 1500s, the college's buildings, architects, portraits, paintings, busts, silver, furniture
- Large medical image library
- Important medical and pathological museums on site.
- Currently the exhibition is "Conan Doyle and Joseph Bell, the real Sherlock Holmes" which will run from July 5th – late December 2006
- 3 fulltime professional staff
- Current medical library and information services
- Historical research support available

The Royal College of Surgeons is pleased to announce its latest exhibition "**Conan Doyle and Joseph Bell, the real Sherlock Holmes**" which launches on Friday 30th June running until December 2006. Dr Joe Bell was a surgeon and a President of this College in the 1800s. He was renowned for his deductive powers and the College holds the archived papers and correspondence, including the actual letter from Conan Doyle to Bell, in which he says "It is most certainly to you that I owe Sherlock Holmes...." *Note that the ELISA Staff Development Group is planning a visit to the Royal College of Surgeons some time in the autumn. Keep in touch for further details.*



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