

# Research Newsletter

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As we conclude the academic year 2010/11 it is an appropriate time to reflect on the Library's challenges and successes.

A number of 'new and additional services' were introduced:

- (1) BLU Libraries complex group study rooms, 8 bookable rooms, 2 equipped with laptop and Smartboard for notetaking, and 2 casual-ad-hoc-use study pods ;
- (2) Hamilton Library refurbishment which improved study facilities and access to reading materials.
- (3) additional spaces in the 120 place 24-hour Ussher Library study room;
- (4) the Automated Stack Request (ASR) system implemented and extended to further Closed Stack locations;
- (5) YouTube videos made available to provide Library tours/orientation to new students;
- (6) presence of the library on Facebook providing timely and pertinent reader information, and we also have a Twitter presence;
- (7) extended opening hours to accommodate the Scholarship candidates and to facilitate pre-exam library use.

We also launched two new 'collections-related' services:

- (1) The Digital Resources & Imaging Services department's new Digital Collections Repository <http://digitalcollections.tcd.ie> providing access to digitised materials from the Manuscripts & Archives, Early Printed Books, and general collections. A few clicks of the mouse or taps of a touch screen are provides easy, intuitive, access to the wealth of teaching & learning and research materials that sit at the centre of our historic university;
- (2) MARLOC – the new Manuscripts & Archives Research Library Online Catalogue <http://marloc.library.tcd.ie> which lists a percentage of the foremost research collections in the country, with currently 8,000+ records in its database, and growing.

We all survived the snowstorms, battling to keep the Library open and our readers safe, wondering if the pictures of our snow-filled campus would be the highlight of our year. But these photographs were eclipsed with those of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Prince of Edinburgh visiting the Book of Kells and the Long Room. It was a historic event which the College photo gallery will attest: <http://www.tcd.ie/Communications/news/photogallery/gallery.php?headerID=1830&galleryArchive=2011>

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So we end our year on a high note but with a number of challenges to address, including:  
(1) producing plans for the replacement of the Santry Book Repository to address our critical storage

needs; (2) dealing with the ongoing moratorium on replacing staff by continuing to limit the effects on readers' services; (3) seeking funding by launching our Patrons of the Library programme, which we hope will provide collections growth of Early Printed Books & Special Collections and the Manuscripts & Archives Research Library, as well as the renewal of our Old Library preservation programme.

## Launch of the Digital Collections

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## DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

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The Digital Resources & Imaging Services department, Trinity College Library Dublin, is delighted to announce the first preview of our new Digital Collections Repository. This new digital resource will provide free Internet access to our growing collections of digitised library materials.

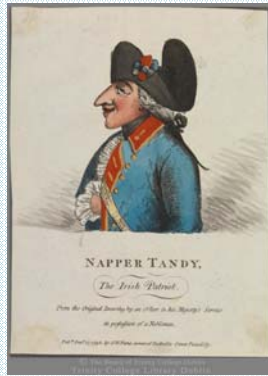
Over the past few years the Library's Digital Resources team has been hard at work digitising materials from the Library collections, as well as designing and programming a unique new online repository interface. With the launch of the first version of the Digital Collections Repository we are for the first time providing remote access to the remarkable treasures of our library for students, researchers, and armchair scholars anywhere in the world.

To date we have digitised more than a thousand important collections from the Manuscripts & Archives, and Early Printed Book holdings. A few highlights from our digital collections would include:

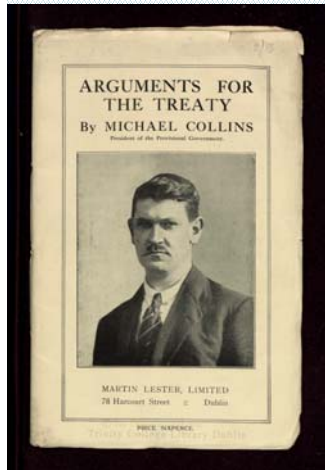
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## Early Printed Books

The **Robinson Collection**, compiled over a period of thirty years by Nicholas K. Robinson. Its focus is on caricatures of Ireland and the Irish. (right)



The **Samuels Collection of Printed Ephemera** consisting of printed ephemera of the 1916 Rebellion, World War I, the War of Independence and the Civil War. (below)



## Manuscripts & Archives

**Alumni Dublinensis: A Register of the Students, Graduates, Professors, and Provosts of Trinity College, in the University of Dublin 1593-1860, and the college entrance books** **Descriptive catalogue of the Greek manuscripts**, collection of medieval Greek manuscripts up to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Compiled by Dr Barbara Crostini and

coordinated by Felicity O' Mahony.



## International Collaborations

We are also pleased to highlight the library's first addition to the Europeana Digital Library through our participation in the **Europeana Travel Project**. (right) Our contribution to this international project includes two collections, the first is a collection of travel journals and books dating from the late-eighteenth to the mid-nineteenth centuries. The second collection includes the personal papers of Major Richard William George Hingston (1887- 1966), surgeon, author, naturalist, geographer and an adventurer.

The formal announcement of this new Library resource is scheduled for the first half of July, with a launch event planned shortly after the start of the term in September. In the interim we would like to invite you to join us and preview our remarkable digital library collections at: <http://digitalcollections.tcd.ie>

**New Resource: Chicago Manual of Style Online (CMSO) – Clíona Ní Shúilleabháin, Electronic Resources Digital Services Librarian, [cosullvn@tcd.ie](mailto:cosullvn@tcd.ie)**

The Chicago Manual of Style Online provides convenient access to the latest edition of the popular style guide.

This 16th edition of the CMOS provides recommendations on editorial style and publishing

practices in the digital age. The database incorporates tools such as, sample correspondence, proofreaders' marks, and a quick guide to citation and also the Chicago Style Q & A. This edition also includes an introduction to Unicode, tips for citing blogs, podcasts and other electronic resources.

This new resource can be accessed via the Databases and E-Books link from the Library home page or directly via this url:

<http://www.tcd.ie/Library/collections/databases.php#nr-c>

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## TOP 25 Hottest Articles Select your interest

One of the many useful tools on the Science Direct database is the Top 25 Hottest articles. This tool provides researchers and students quick and straightforward access to the latest trends and enables them to discover what their peers and colleagues are reading. The Top25 allows you to see which articles have been downloaded the most, either from any of the 24 subject areas and/or from any of the 2,500 journals on ScienceDirect. While this is not a measure of quality i.e. citation analysis, the Top25 lists do provide an authoritative reflection of readership habits of ScienceDirect's 11 million regular users.

The Top25 is very prominent on the home page. Users simply select, from the drop down menu, the subject area they are interested in and they will be brought into a separate web page listing the relevant articles. The information can then be further interrogated by picking specific journal titles, relevant to that subject and particular, quarterly, date ranges. A quick example would be to find out the articles being downloaded from the European Journal of Pharmacology from July to September 2010. By using a series of drop down menus starting with the subject area of Pharmacology, toxicology and Pharmaceutical Science these articles can be viewed within seconds. While one would expect the results to be very recent articles several are from 2006 and one from 2001.

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- [Safari Books Online](#)
- [Sage Journals Online](#)
- [ScienceDirect \(now on SciVerse platform\) - EndNote Info](#)
- [SciFinder Scholar](#)

All articles are included in Top25 lists, including Articles in Press. This means that because Articles in Press are available online in ScienceDirect before their print publication, Top25 lists may include articles which

have only just been published in the print journals. Lecturers should also note that this is a great resource for undergraduates to use in terms of seeing the latest trends in their subjects.

Access the Science Direct from the Library's website : <http://www.tcd.ie/Library/collections/databases.php>