

The ending of the registration fee for children throughout the County from 1st January will facilitate in operating this system as it did not seem fair that children could borrow books freely up to now at their school Centre but had to pay 2/- if using the Branch.

It will also relieve the staff at Headquarters of a lot of work in connection with Centres and allow them to concentrate more fully on supplying Branches.

LIBRARY SIGNS: Library signs printed in Irish and English are now on hands and will be erected at each Branch Library, as soon as possible. We are grateful to the County Librarian of Dublin who presented us with two dozen of these signs which he had to spare.

STATISTICS: The number of books issued to readers at Branches for the six months ended 30th September is shown overleaf with comparative figures for same period last year. The number of registered readers to date at each Branch is also shown.

Figures of the number of books sent from Headquarters to Branches, Centres and to Bindery and the numbers returned from these for the six months period are also recorded. It will be noticed that the number of books sent to Branches and Centres shows an increase of 120% over figures for 1955 period and 72% for same period last year.

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STATISTICS OF BOOKS ISSUED TO READERS AT BRANCHES FOR  
HALF YEAR ENDED 30th Sept., 1957.

BOOK STOCK AND NUMBER OF REGISTERED READERS AT EACH BRANCH

NUMBER OF BOOKS SENT FROM HEADQUARTERS TO EACH BRANCH

BRANCH	Book Stock	Issues 1957	Issues 1956	Registered Readers	Books sent to Branches
Galway City	18,700	53,885	54,421	2,280	--
Abbeyknockmoy	1,245	1,742	2,024	91	495
Ahascragh	1,286	1,989	Not open	108	395
Athenry	1,517	2,936	1,954	156	575
Ballinasloe	3,487	8,430	12,316	265	1073
Ballygar	1,537	3,448	4,197	76	410
Carna	920	447	Not open	79	--
Carraroe	1,321	3,144	3,413	132	413
Clifden	2,023	4,113	2,828	100	721
Craughwell	1,198	1,416	783	57	395
Creggs	1,336	2,404	1,989	101	407
Dunmore	1,400	2,824	4,191	135	395
Glenamaddy	1,546	982	123	70	407
Gort	1,775	6,262	6,423	288	875
Headford	1,129	1,632	1,504	82	397
Kilconnell	1,145	2,191	Not open	102	351
Killimor	1,305	1,018	2,748	67	332
Kinvara	1,017	4,228	2,698	107	420
Loughrea	4,052	6,463	6,870	244	720
Moybough	1,588	2,347	2,388	120	385
Oughterard	1,769	2,739	2,798	129	710
Portumna	3,013	4,753	4,344	185	700
Roundstone	916	609	Not open	130	--
Spiddal	2,574	1,875	2,521	85	449
Tuam	4,480	6,459	7,305	257	884
Woodford	1,456	4,600	2,896	108	548
Kilronan	945	325	Not open	100	--
TOTALS:	64,680	137,161	130,734		
Increase in issues over 1956			6,427		
			137,161		

	1957	1956	1955
No. of Books sent to Branches & Centres	14,238	8,281	6,486
No. of Books returned from Branches & Centres.	10,380	7,443	6,817
Number of Books sent to Bindery	5,046	3,458	1,780
Number of Books returned from Bindery	4,305	2,180	--
Number of Books added to stock	3,718 F 2,872 J <u>1,450 NF</u>	2,434 F 1,751 J <u>1,103 NF</u>	1,531 F 773 J <u>671 NF</u>
	8,040	5,288	2,975
Number of Books withdrawn from stock and disposed of.	2,619 F 1,057 J <u>681 NF</u>	2,047 F 1,618 J <u>346 NF</u>	1,094 F 1,015 J <u>42 NF</u>
	4,357	4,011	2,151



The methods by which the service might be advertised were then discussed such as advertising through the Cinema, and the local papers, sign posting of the Branches and enlisting the support of teachers and clubs. The meeting agreed that all these methods should be adopted.

Map at next Meeting: The County Librarian was requested to have a map of the County available for the next meeting showing the Branches already established and the areas where it is proposed to provide new Branches so that the Committee might have a better general idea of the proposed extent of Branch Library coverage for the County.

The meeting then terminated.

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LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE  
Galway County Libraries

Minutes of Meeting of Library Committee held on Friday,  
8th November, 1957.

PRESENT:

Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn, County Councillors, M. Carty T.D., M. Kitt, T.D., John Dowd, Sean Glynn, R. Joyce, T. King, M. Mannion, M. Quinn, J. Ruane, Councillors, J. Riddell, F. Breathnach, P. Flood, Commissioner J. O'Connell, Thomas Clarke Esq., Sean Moroney Esq., Frank Mullin Esq., Tadhg O'Shea Esq., and L. O'Toole Esq.

IN ATTENDANCE:

S. Bohan, County Librarian,  
P.J. Moynagh, Assistant County Librarian.

7/57 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated to each member, be taken as read and that they be signed.

8/57 Canon Glynn expressed his thanks to the Committee for re-election during his absence, as Chairman of the Committee for the 1957/58 Session.

9/57 BRANCH LIBRARIES:

A map of the County showing the location of the present Branch Libraries and those still scheduled for opening was circulated at the meeting. Deputy Carty enquired as to why no steps had been taken to provide a Branch Library at Kilrickle, which had been on the list for a number of years. Councillor Quinn enquired as to the delay in providing a Branch at New Inn, which had also been on the list for a number of years. The County Librarian explained that there were still 12 areas where the Committee had recommended that Branches be established. In opening Branches up to the present the policy had been to give priority to those areas which were furthest distant from existing Branches and at present no two Branches were closer than 7 miles to each other. There were still a number of areas on the list from 8 to 12 miles from existing Branches, and these would still have to be considered before Kilrickle and New Inn, which were 5 to 6 miles from existing Branches. The County Librarian stated that it would not be possible to open Branches in all ten areas in the one year and requested that the Committee decide at the meeting on the areas which should be given priority apart from Eyrecourt and Williamstown where the Committee decided at a previous meeting that Branches should next be provided.

In reply to Councillor F. Breathnach the Co. Librarian explained that the cost of maintaining a Branch, when opened, was £100 per year in rent and salary, and approximately £200 for new books, together with other incidentals such as cost of inspection and delivery and return of books. Councillor Breathnach held that the number of registered readers at several Branches was too low and that Branches with around 100 registered readers did not justify the expenditure mentioned.

Councillor Quinn did not agree that Branches should be placed so close to the County Border, such as Creggs and Ballyger. Mr. Clarke felt that since so many Branches have already been located close to the County Border that exception should not now be made in the case of Clonbur and Leenane.

After further discussion it was proposed by Deputy M. Carty, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn and resolved that it be recommended to the County Manager that six Branches from the list outstanding be put into operation during the next financial year, preference to be given in the opening of these Branches to the areas which are 7 miles or further from existing Branches.

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE  
Galway County Libraries

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*Patrick Glynn*  
24 Jan., 1958.



LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE  
Galway County Libraries

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County Library Headquarters,  
Courthouse,  
Galway.

16th January, 1958.

A Chara:

A Quarterly Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held in the Bar Room of the Courthouse at 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 24th January, 1958.

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S. BOHAN,

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A G E N D A

1. Minutes of previous meeting (herewith)
2. Estimates for County Library 1958/59 (copy herewith)
3. Statistics for 9 months ended 31st December, 1957.
4. Correspondence.
5. Any other business.

To each member of the Committee  
To County Manager  
To Assistant County Manager  
To County Secretary  
To Town Clerks of Galway and Ballinasloe  
To Editors of Local Newspapers



LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE  
Galway County Libraries

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Books issued to Readers at Branches for 9 months ended 31st December.

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	
Galway	90,419	84,228	73,142	
Abbeyknockmoy	2,994	3,094	3,109	
Ahascragh	3,312	1,212	--	Opened Oct. 1956
Athenry	5,126	3,206	2,626	
Ballinasloe	13,889	17,562	11,894	
Ballygar	5,816	6,489	8,218	
Carna	1,167	--	--	Opened June, 1957
Carraroe	4,937	4,932	4,094	
Clifden	6,692	4,564	4,762	
Craughwell	2,275	1,760	--	Opened June, 1956
Creggs	3,632	3,194	--	Opened Feb., 1956
Dunmore	5,504	7,159	7,186	
Glenamaddy	1,900	805	2,166	
Gort	10,536	10,557	2,364	
Headford	2,713	2,510	2,572	
Kilconnell	3,608	218	--	Opened Dec., 1956
Killimor	2,047	3,867	2,871	
Kinvara	6,723	4,890	1,049	
Kilronan	2,020	--	--	Opened Sept. 1957
Loughrea	10,396	10,192	6,560	
Moylough	3,876	4,120	1,775	
Oughterard	4,979	4,241	5,136	
Portumna	7,163	6,681	5,340	
Spiddal	3,599	4,019	3,457	
Roundstone	2,560	--	--	Opened Sept. 1957
Tuam	11,268	11,466	11,197	
Woodford	<u>7,239</u>	<u>4,752</u>	<u>7,000</u>	
	226,390	205,718	166,520	



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	<u>to 31/12/57</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>
No. of Books sent to Branches and Centres	22,704	15,733	12,750
No. of books returned from Branches & Centres	16,776	13,277	9,676
No. of Books sent to Bindery	5,046	5,888	1,780
No. of Books returned from Bindery	8,165	5,200	100
No. of books purchased	5,196 F 4,286 J <u>2,129 NF</u>	3,284 F 3,943 J. <u>1,643 NF</u>	3,474F 1,474 J <u>1,022 NF</u>
	11,611	8,870	5,970
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LEABHARLANNA CHOMNDAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

Minutes of Meeting of County Libraries' Committee held on Friday,  
24th January, 1958.

PRESENT:

Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn; Very Rev. M. Canon McDonagh; County Councillors, M. Carty T.D.; John Dowd; Patrick Galvin; Thomas King; Michael Kitt T.D.; Martin Mammion; M. Quinn; J.J. Ruane; Councillors F. Breathnach & J. Riddell; Thomas Clarke Esq.; John Moroney Esq., and Tadhg O'Shea Esq.

IN ATTENDANCE:

T.F. McDermott, Assistant Co. Manager; S. Bohan, Co. Librarian; and P.J. Moynagh, Assistant County Librarian.

12/57 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated to each member be taken as read and that they be signed.

13/57 ESTIMATES FOR CO. LIBRARY 1958/59:

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After a lengthy discussion on the points raised by the Manager, during which Councillor T. King said he was opposed to any increase in the Estimate and Councillor J.J. Ruane and M. Carty stated that the present premises at Loughrea were suitable, it was finally agreed on the proposal of Councillor M. Carty, seconded by Councillor Kitt that the buildings proposed should be erected but that the necessary monetary provision should not be made in the Estimate for 1958/59.

LEABHARLANNA CHOMNDAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

County Library Headquarters,  
Courthouse,  
Galway.

24th April, 1958.

A Chara:

A Quarterly Meeting of the Galway County Libraries Committee will be held on Saturday, 3rd May in the Bar Room of the Courthouse, at 1 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of previous Meeting (herewith)
2. Annual Report of County Librarian for year ended 31st March, 1958. (herewith)
3. Nomination of Delegates to attend Annual Conference of Library Association of Ireland, in May 1958.
4. Correspondence.
5. Any other business.

To each member of the Libraries Committee  
To County Manager, Assistant Co. Manager, & Co. Secretary  
To Town Clerks of Galway and Bellinasloe  
To Editors of Local Newspapers.



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not be made in the Estimate for 1958/59.

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14/57 MOBILE LIBRARY UNIT

The County Librarian explained the necessity for a proper Delivery  
Unit to step up the exchange of books at Branches but to put such a unit  
to full time use it would be necessary to find other work for it. It  
was proposed to use the Unit as a Mobile Library similar to those already  
in use in Antrim and Monaghan Counties. Councillor Kitt thought the  
idea of providing a dual purpose vehicle a very good one. To a question  
from Very Rev. Canon MacDonagh, the Co. Librarian replied that it was  
proposed to serve those areas with the Mobile Unit where the Committee  
have already recommended that Branches be opened. Mr. Clarke was opposed  
to this method of serving rural areas, and after a full discussion on the  
advantages of the Mobile Unit Councillor M. Carty proposed that provision  
be made in the Estimates for the purchase and fitting of a Delivery cum  
Mobile Library Unit. The proposal was seconded by Very Rev. Canon MacDonagh.  
Mr. Clarke moved an amendment that nothing be done about providing it.  
This was seconded by Councillor King. The amendment was declared lost on  
the voting 5 for, 7 against. Councillor Carty's proposal that the Mobile  
cum Delivery Unit be provided was then carried. Councillor Kitt said that  
he still wanted to see the 6 Branches agreed to at previous meetings opened.

After further discussion on the Estimates the Manager agreed to  
consider the figures again with the Co. Librarian and to reduce them to  
the same as the previous year, if possible.

15/57 BRANCH LIBRARY IN SALTHILL:

The Secretary read a letter from the Town Clerk, Galway on behalf  
of the Galway Corporation requesting the Committee to consider the opening  
of a Branch Library in the west of the city and Councillor Breathnach made  
a strong plea in support of the Corporation's request. After some  
discussion on the matter it was proposed by Councillor Carty seconded by  
Councillor Breathnach and agreed that the Librarian should enquire into  
the possibility of establishing a Branch Library in the west of the city.

16/57 REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS:

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. L. O'Toole resigning from the  
Committee. The Chairman expressed his regret at losing the service of  
Mr. O'Toole and it was agreed that the Committee's regret should be  
conveyed to Mr. O'Toole.

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LEABHARLAINNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

Minutes of meeting of County Libraries Committee held on Saturday, 3rd May, 1958.

PRESENT:

County Councillors M. Carty T.D.; J. Dowd; S. Glynn; R. Joyce; T. King; M. Kitt T.D.; M. Quinn; J.J. Ruane; Councillors, F. Breathnach & J. Riddell; T. Clarke, Esq.; M. Higgins Esq.; S. Moroney Esq.; P. Mullin; and T. O'Sheaghda Esq.

IN ATTENDANCE:

T.F. McDermott, Esq., Assistant County Manager, S. Bohan Esq., County Librarian and P.J. Moynagh, Assistant County Librarian.

In the absence of the Chairman, Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn, the Vice Chairman Deputy M. Kitt took the chair.

17/57 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated to each member be taken as read and that they be signed.

18/57 BRANCH LIBRARIES:

Arising out of the minutes, Councillor Glynn enquired as to why a Branch Library was not being provided at Williamstown. The County Librarian explained that the Committee's resolution, at a previous meeting, that further Branches be provided in a number of areas including Williamstown still stood, but that at present the Manager was opposed to the opening of further Branches until existing ones were operating in a more satisfactory manner. The Assistant County Manager having stressed the Educational and Cultural Standards which should be aimed at, advised the Committee that the matter of further Branches be deferred until the present service would be improved when the Committee would be again free to resume further planning in regard to additional Branches. To a question from Mr. Clarke the County Librarian stated that he would regard 150 Registered Readers as the very minimum number to justify the maintenance of a Branch Library.

19/57 ANNUAL REPORT:

Proposing the adoption of the Annual Report, Deputy Kitt complimented the Library Staff on the progress made during the year. Councillor Dowd seconded the adoption of the Report.

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Councillors J. Ruane and F. Breathnach and Mr. Moroney associated themselves with the remarks of the proposer and seconder.

20/57 DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Councillors S. Glynn and M. Quinn were nominated to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland at Tralee on the proposals of Mr. M. Higgins and Councillor J. Ruane, which were passed unanimously.

21/57 LIBRARY SIGNS:

In reply to members' queries regarding the provision of Library signs, which it was decided at previous meetings to have erected, the County Librarian informed the meeting that signs were now in hands but that they were of the standard type in use throughout the Country and were in Irish on one side and English on the other. A sample was displayed and after some discussion, moladh d'aon guth gur ceart na comharthaí a bheith sgríobhtha i nGaedhilge ar far. Dubhairt an Bainisteoir conghanta go bhfeicfidh se chuige go ndeanfaí sin agus nac mbeidh ac an taobh ar a raibh Gaedhilge scríobhtha ar teasbaint.

22/57 LIBRARY FACILITIES FOR VISITORS:

In reply to members' queries regarding the use of the Library by visitors, the Librarian informed the meeting that visitors were allowed to borrow books and that no difficulty was being encountered in regard to the return of books by these people. The Assistant County Manager explained that the Guarantor system applied to them as to other readers, but that the primary purpose of the Library was to make books available to as many as possible and not to be too restricted in doing so.

The meeting then terminated.

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*Patrick Glynn*  
25 July, 1958.



LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

County Library Headquarters,  
Courthouse,  
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18th July, 1958.

A Chara:

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Libraries Committee will be held in the Bar Room of the  
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Leabharlamai Chonndae.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of previous meeting (herewith)
2. Elections of Chairman and Vice Chairman for year 1958/59.
3. Quarterly Statistics
4. Delivery cum Mobile Library Unit
5. Correspondence.
6. Any other business.

To each member of the Committee  
 To County Manager  
 To Assistant Co. Manager  
 To County Secretary  
 To Town Clerks of Galway and Ballinasloe  
 To Editors of Local Newspapers



LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

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Minutes of meeting of County Libraries Committee held on Saturday, 3rd May, 1958.

PRESENT:

County Councillors M. Carty T.D.; J. Dowd; S. Glynn; R. Joyce; T. King; M. Kitt T.D.; M. Quinn; J.J. Ruane; Councillors, F. Breathnach & J. Riddell; T. Clarke, Esq.; M. Higgins Esq.; S. Moroney Esq.; F. Mullin; and T. O'Sheaghda Esq.

IN ATTENDANCE:

T.F. McDermott, Esq., Assistant County Manager, S. Bohan Esq., County Librarian and P.J. Moynagh, Assistant County Librarian.

In the absence of the Chairman, Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn, the Vice Chairman Deputy M. Kitt took the chair.

17/57 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting as circulated to each member be taken as read and that they be signed.

18/57 BRANCH LIBRARIES:

Arising out of the minutes, Councillor Glynn enquired as to why a Branch Library was not being provided at Williamstown. The County Librarian explained that the Committee's resolution, at a previous meeting, that further Branches be provided in a number of areas including Williamstown still stood, but that at present the Manager was opposed to the opening of further Branches until existing ones were operating in a more satisfactory manner. The Assistant County Manager having stressed the Educational and Cultural Standards which should be aimed at, advised the Committee that the matter of further Branches be deferred until the present service would be improved when the Committee would be again free to resume further planning in regard to additional Branches. To a question from Mr. Clarke the County Librarian stated that he would regard 150 Registered Readers as the very minimum number to justify the maintenance of a Branch Library.

19/57 ANNUAL REPORT:

Proposing the adoption of the Annual Report, Deputy Kitt complimented the Library Staff on the progress made during the year. Councillor Dowd seconded the adoption of the Report.



Councillors J. Ruane and F. Breathnach and Mr. Moroney associated themselves with the remarks of the proposer and seconder.

20/57 DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Councillors S. Glynn and M. Quinn were nominated to attend the Annual Conference of the Library Association of Ireland at Tralee on the proposals of Mr. M. Higgins and Councillor J. Ruane, which were passed unanimously.

21/57 LIBRARY SIGNS:

In reply to members' queries regarding the provision of Library signs, which it was decided at previous meetings to have erected, the County Librarian informed the meeting that signs were now in hands but that they were of the standard type in use throughout the Country and were in Irish on one side and English on the other. A sample was displayed and after some discussion, moladh d'aon guth gur ceart na comharthai a bheith sgríobhtha i nGaedhilge ar far. Dubhairt an Bainisteoir conghanta go bhfeicfidh se chuige go ndeanfai sin agus nac mbeidh ac an taobh ar a raibh Gaedhilge scríobhtha ar teasbaint.

22/57 LIBRARY FACILITIES FOR VISITORS:

In reply to members' queries regarding the use of the Library by visitors, the Librarian informed the meeting that visitors were allowed to borrow books and that no difficulty was being encountered in regard to the return of books by these people. The Assistant County Manager explained that the Guarantor system applied to them as to other readers, but that the primary purpose of the Library was to make books available to as many as possible and not to be too restricted in doing so.

The meeting then terminated.

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NUMBER OF BOOKS ISSUED TO READERS AT BRANCHES DURING QUARTER  
ENDED 30th June, 1958.

(Figures for 1957 in brackets)

ABBEYKNOCKMOY	2804	( 806)
ATHENRY	2669	(1411)
AHASCRAUGH	1217	(1064)
BALLINASLOE	8789	(4432)
BALLYGAR	3257	(1644)
CARRAROE	3411	(1415)
CARNA	752	( 86)
CLIFDEN	2746	(2038)
CREGGS	1564	(1286)
CRAUGHWELL	1020	( 698)
DUNMORE	2354	(1302)
GLENAMADDY	834	( 482)
GORT	4719	(3200)
HEADFORD	1445	( 767)
KILCONNELL	1274	(1260)
KILLIMOR	956	( 270)
KILRONAN	805	--
KINVARA	4525	(2242)
LOUGHREA	5115	(2856)
MOYLOUGH	1491	(1197)
OUGHTERARD	2210	(1184)
PORTUMNA	4167	(2524)
ROUNDSTONE	1066	--
SPIDDAL	2625	( 972)
TUAM	5986	(2996)
WOODFORD	2404	(2342)
GALWAY CITY	<u>39661</u>	<u>(27523)</u>
	110866	65997

INCREASE OVER SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR = 44,869 = 68%



	<u>Quarter Ended</u> <u>30/6/1958</u>	<u>Quarter Ended</u> <u>30/6/1957</u>
Books issued to Branches and Centres	7647	5212
Books returned from Branches and Centres	4791	6589
Books sent to Bindery	1577	None
Books returned from Bindery	2557	2429
New books bought	(1117 F ( 785 J ( <u>1126</u> N-F	(1911 Fiction ( 711 Juvenile ( <u>717</u> Non-Fiction
	3028	3339

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Galway County Council Archives

John J. ...  
19 July 1958



LEABHARLANNA CHOMNDAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

County Library Headquarters,  
Courthouse,  
Galway.

18th October, 1958.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Library Committee held on  
Friday, 24th July, 1958.

PRESENT:

Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn, Chairman.  
Deputy M. Carty; Thomas Clarke; Clr. Dowd; Deputy Geoghegan;  
Clr. Galvin; Clr. Glynn; Michael Higgins; Richard Joyce;  
Clr. King; Deputy M. Kitt; Clr. Mannion; Sean Moroney;  
Clr. O'Connell; Clr. Quinn; Clr. Ruane; Clr. Riddell;  
An apology for absence was received from Very Rev. M. Canon McDonogh.

1/58 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting, as  
circulated to each member, be taken as read and that they be signed.

2/58 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

On the proposal of Clr. Glynn, seconded by Mr. Sean Moroney,  
Very Rev. P. Canon Glynn was re-elected as Chairman of the Committee  
for the year 1958/59. Canon Glynn returned thanks to the Committee  
for his election.

3/58 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

On the proposal of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Clr. Ruane, Deputy Kitt  
was re-elected as Vice Chairman of the Committee for the year. Deputy  
Kitt thanked the Committee.

4/58 USE OF DELIVERY CUM MOBILE UNIT:

A long discussion took place on the manner in which the proposed  
Delivery cum Mobile Library was to be utilized. The County Librarian  
suggested that in order to get the best results from the Unit in its  
experimental stages that it be confined to serving the villages in the  
eastern portion of the County. The representatives from Connemara  
were opposed to this suggestion and felt that, in view of the expenditure  
involved, that the services of the Unit should be divided equally between  
east and west of the County. Other members felt that Connemara could  
not properly be served by a Mobile Library Service. It was suggested  
by Clr. King and Mr. Higgins that the Committee continue to open Branches  
and Centres in Connemara.

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5/58 CENTRES IN CONNEMARA:

On the proposal of Mr. Clarke, seconded by Deputy Geoghegan the  
Committee resolved that it be recommended to the Manager that large  
Centres with a book-stock of up to 500 books be opened in nine areas  
in Connemara and that a grant of £7. 10. 0. per annum be allowed to  
the Honorary Librarian of each Centre. The areas approved by the  
Committee were, Clonbur, Leenane, Cornamona, Tully-Renvyle, Rosmuc,  
Lettermore or Lettermullen, Ballyconneely, Cleggan and Moycullen.  
It was agreed that if the use made of these Centres warranted it, that  
the Committee would, at a later date, consider the establishment of  
Branches in these areas, or provide a separate Mobile Library Service  
for Connemara.

6/58 GRANTS:

On the proposal of Mr. Jarlath O'Connell, seconded by Deputy Kitt  
the Committee directed that an application be made to An Comhairle  
Leabharlanna requesting that body to make recommendations to the Minister  
for Local Government that a grant towards providing a Mobile Library  
Service in rural areas in the County be made to the County Galway  
Library Authority.

7/58

On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Clr. Ruane, the  
Committee directed that a further application be made to the Minister  
for the Gaeltacht for a grant towards the provision of a Mobile Library  
Service in Connemara.

8/58 CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter and circular from the County Librarian, Cork relative  
to An Comhairle Leabharlanna were marked read.

9/58 RESIGNATION OF MR. MOYNAGH:

The County Librarian reported that Mr. Moynagh was resigning as  
Assistant County Librarian on his appointment as County Librarian to  
Roscommon County Council. On the proposal of the Chairman Very Rev.  
P. Canon Glynn, seconded by Deputy Kitt the Committee conveyed its  
congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Moynagh on his promotion. Mr.  
McDermott the Assistant County Manager also congratulated him. Mr.  
Moynagh thanked the members for their kind remarks.

The meeting then ended.

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Attest P-O Sec.  
31/ 10/ 58.