

# DBS LIBRARY

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## Summer Exams

We wish you all the very best in your exams, and hope that you have a lovely, relaxing summer break!

Library staff have a number of projects to keep us busy over the summer months. And, of course, the annual DBS Library Seminar will take place on Friday, 9th June.

Watch this space for further details!

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 2017 DBS Library Survey
- Kanopy
- The Information Professionals Network & Careers Expo
- First Annual Advisory Board Meeting of the DBS Business Review
- Lexic Event

## Keynote Speakers: [DBS Library Annual Seminar 2017](#)

**Andrew Preater**, Head of Library Information Systems at Imperial College London: “ We Need Critique more than ever: Critical Librarianship as a Tool for Thought and Action”

**Brian Hickey**, Senior Lecturer in IT at DBS: “Big Data: Big Opportunities for Librarians”

## Results of the 2017 DBS Library Survey

In January we launched a survey to measure the level of satisfaction with the Library's services. Users could fill in the survey online or in print form in the library. Of the 179 responses we received, roughly two thirds of them had been completed online.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey. Many responses included some additional comments, which have been studied and will be considered in our discussions about the Library's activity.

Key changes to library services as a result of the survey include:

- The maximum number of renewals for all users has increased to 15
- Study@TheHub will open at 8am Monday to Friday

- Connect@TheHub opened till 9pm Monday-Thursday during the three weeks leading up to exams
- A guide has been added to the Discovery search page to make searching a little bit easier. The guide is under the "Need a Little Help" section
- Several books have been purchased as a result of student suggestions
- Additional stationery has been issued for students' use in the library

Lastly, please feel free to provide the library with feedback at any time of the year by using the suggestion box, our email address, the front desk or the soon-to-be launched online noticeboard .



The winner of the draw associated with the survey, Adriele Correa, receiving her prize

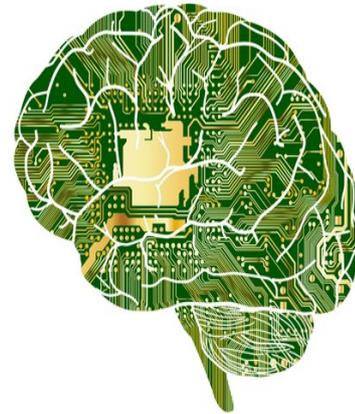
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## The Information Professionals' Network and IPN Careers Expo

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>>> Colin O'Keeffe, Information Skills Librarian

What is an information professional you may ask? Well, short answer, I am, as are all of my librarian colleagues and a whole host of people who work in various roles in the information management sector. Examples of these roles include records managers, taxonomists, information officers, researchers and knowledge managers to name but a few. To date, there has not been an event where graduates, who possess the skills for these aforementioned jobs, and many others, can be matched up with recruiting employers. That's where the Information Professionals' Network enters the scene. As an institution that produces these types of graduates, from several of our postgraduate programmes, we are aware that graduates sometimes take a narrow view when looking for employment. For example, our MSc Information and Library Management graduates focus specifically on securing employment in a library environment, in spite of the fact that the award can lead to many alternative careers. Furthermore, among perspective employers, there is an unawareness of the scope and variety of the skill sets



that our graduates possess.

To address this issue, Marie O Neill (Head of Library Service, DBS) stated last year that she wanted DBS to launch a jobs fair dedicated to information management graduates (in addition to the annual Careers Fair for all DBS graduates), and from this initiative the Information Professionals' Network has emerged. Initially, it was envisaged that the jobs fair would be run exclusively by DBS, but it was quickly realised that we needed to get more stakeholders from the library and information management sector involved, as this would allow us to utilise both the contacts and expertise that these people can offer. The library field is one of the more formalised parts

of the information management sector, with many committees, groups and a professional association; owing to this, the initial members of the Information Professionals' Network come primarily from that field. However, it is envisaged that going forward other information management fields will become involved. At present, the members of the Network include representatives from the following groups and institutions:

- Dublin Business School
- UCD
- University of Ulster
- Library Association of Ireland
- Libraryjobs.ie
- New Professionals Day
- Student Librarians and Information Professionals.
- Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals

The group has held several meetings, with the first meeting deciding on both the name and primary objective of the Network, the latter

being to host an annual job fair called the IPN Careers Expo where both graduates and employers can network. The location of the Expo will alternate between DBS and UCD. To date, the focus has been on establishing connections with employers in order to both outline the skill set that our graduates possess and to invite them to the Expo which will occur on Friday, the 19th May. I took the opportunity to speak to some of the employers who attended the DBS Careers Fair on March 23rd, about the skill set our graduates have and the upcoming event. There was genuine interest in both displayed from the likes of Amazon, Musgraves, Version 1 and others. It is hoped that the Expo can grow from strength to strength over the next few years, as word gets out that this is the event to attend for those wanting to explore all career options available to them with a qualification in information management.

The inaugural IPN Careers Expo will be open to information professional graduates from the library and information sector in Ireland and will take place in DBS on May 19th. Keep an eye on Moodle for more information as the date approaches, and on our [Eventbrite booking form](#).

## New Titles in the Library

The library purchases core and supplementary texts throughout the year. In each newsletter we will include a link to new library acquisitions. Lecturers should send reading lists to [marie.odwyer@dbs.ie](mailto:marie.odwyer@dbs.ie) or update their reading lists using LORLS.

Students can make purchase suggestions to the library when logged in through their library account.

Click [here](#) for a list of new titles from February 15th to April 25th of this year.

## Kanopy

DBS Library has subscribed to a Netflix-like streaming service called Kanopy. Kanopy provides colleges with a streaming platform and a broad catalogue of over 26,000 streaming videos. This includes thousands of award-winning documentaries, educational and training films, and theatrical releases from producers such as Media Education Foundation, Criterion Collection, First Run Features, HBO, California Newsreel, Kino Lorber, MedCom, Green Planet Films, BBC, and Psychotherapy.net, Stanford Executive Briefings, and more.

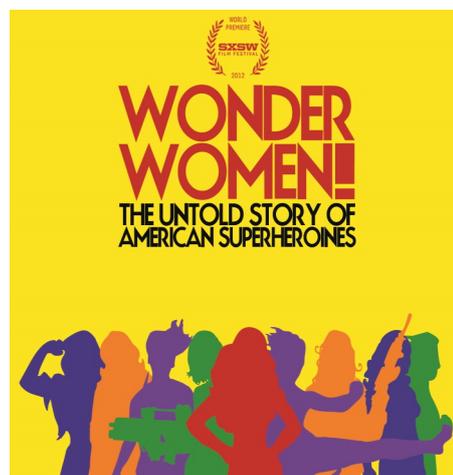
You can watch on campus at <https://dbs.kanopystreaming.com/>. For off-campus access you can use the same link and enter your Moodle username and password. Alternatively you can use the link on the [DBS Library A-Z database](#) list.

Kanopy allows users to search for films by subject, filmmaker, and year.

Some of the benefits of Kanopy include :

- An easy to use interface that looks like Netflix.
- Unlimited users can watch a film at any one time.
- Films can be shown in classes.
- Kanopy is compatible with Talis.
- You can create clips and share playlists on social media.
- Films can be viewed on all devices.
- Constantly updated homepage to match current events. For instance, for International Women's Day in March, Kanopy highlighted films about women's history.

I'd recommend "Wonder Women! The Untold Story of American Superheroes" a film that offers a nuanced critique of gender and heroism in popular culture as well as a powerful dose of Vitamin F (feminism) for the under-nourished.



## DBS Business Review: First Annual Advisory Board Meeting

The First Annual Advisory Board Meeting of the [DBS Business Review](#) was held on Friday, 24th March 2017.

Attendees included many Advisory Board members: **Dr Marty Reilly**, lecturer within the Business School at Dublin City University; **Dr Damien Roche**, Head of the School of Business and Humanities at the Institute of Technology Tallaght and currently seconded to the role of Director of Project Implementation for the Technological University; **John Pal**, Senior Lecturer in the Alliance Manchester Business School at the University of Manchester and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy; **Saul Woolfson**, a barrister specialising in asylum/refugee and immigration law and employment law and a non-executive Director of Pneuma Pure Holdings (Gabriel Scientific) and a member of HBAN Angel investor group; **Alex Kouker**, Research Librarian at Dublin Business School and Managing Editor of Studies in Arts and Humanities ([sahjournal.com](#)) and co-editor of and regular contributor to the communal library blog [libfocus.com](#).

The meeting was chaired by Alan Morgan, Editor-in-Chief, who gave a short presentation outlining the development and ethos of the DBS Business Review. Alan's presentation was followed by an open discussion forum.

Topics included:

- Building the journal identity
- Soliciting papers

- Journal content
- Recruiting Advisory Board members
- The establishment of a coalition of Irish open access journals.

Watch this space for details of our journal launch!



Alan Morgan, John Pal and Marie O'Neill

## Unlocking Potential: Dyslexia and Confidence: Lexxic Event in DBS on 5th April

On Wednesday 5th April, DBS was proud to host a free Lexxic event on building confidence in students with dyslexia. Nicola James, Lexxic, and Laura McCarthy, a final year Psychology student in DBS, facilitated the session with some twenty-five students in attendance. Nicola and Laura used an informal interview structure to get to the heart of how it feels to be a dyslexic student in an academic world which focuses largely on the written word. Laura explained that out of a total of the 71 learning styles, our academic system assesses on the only one which presents real difficulties for dyslexic people.

Laura and Nicola described their experiences of coping in school before and after they were assessed as having dyslexia. Laura said that she was an exceptionally diligent student but she never attained the grades that her classmates reached with less effort. She was immensely relieved initially when she was assessed in secondary school but little changed for her because she was not armed with methods and strategies to overcome the difficulties. Nicola was assessed in her third year at university after years of applying herself relentlessly to her studies with less success than others. Laura has now been offered a place on a prestigious PhD programme in Trinity College and Nicola is a Neuro-psychologist and is founding director of Lexxic.

Laura and Nicola outlined the ways in which dyslexia can impact on confidence:

- Focusing on your difficulties
- Comparing yourself to peers
- Labelling
- Negative thoughts about being able to succeed
- Not feeling capable
- Performance and your experience from school

Nicola explained that having low confidence can hold back your career and prevent you from reaching your potential. She assured us that confidence can be learned and practised through:

- o Setting and achieving goals – building confidence
- o Positive thinking
- o Reflection

Students should be encouraged to celebrate all of their successes. Getting into college builds on many past successes! A good exercise is to make a list of six things you have done well each week for six weeks. This helps to build a positive mindset; physiologically, it releases endorphins.

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Laura gave us her top tips for achievement:

- ⇒ Eat a good diet with plenty of good fats (nuts, avocados, fish)
- ⇒ Watch out for negative thoughts – recognise and banish them!
- ⇒ Exercise – the physically active are ten times more productive
- ⇒ Take fish oil supplements – really good for the brain
- ⇒ Be careful of who you surround yourself with – good friends encourage, praise and motivate
- ⇒ Maintain a clean, ordered environment
- ⇒ Get to know the way you learn best – audio, podcasts, etc. There are lots of tips on the internet on giving presentations, etc.
- ⇒ Sleep – gets rid of toxic fibres. You can come up with creative ideas and solutions after a good night's sleep.
- ⇒ Work on stress reduction – practice mindfulness, meditate

Laura and Nicola shared some of the methods they used for studying and writing:

- \* Mind mapping software helps you to record all of your thoughts on a subject. These can then be used to produce a clear linear order for your assignment.
- \* Write each of your key ideas onto a post-it and stick them to a wall. You can then organise them into a logical order for your assignment.
- \* Print out everything you need and then go through it with coloured highlighters: orange for the introduction, red for the body of the assignment, green for the conclusion.
- \* [The Pomodoro Technique](#) alternates 25 minutes of study with a short period of activity. The activity (kinetic energy) helps engage the brain. When you break off the study after 25 minutes, leave a short plan behind so that you can get back into that thought straight away. If you study longer than the 25 minutes, you can leave tired, headachy and disheartened and then return to the work with that same feeling of disillusion.
- \* Break your calendar into chunks and vary the activities – this helps break the cycle of doing and re-doing.
- \* [Audible](#) has a massive range of audio books, podcasts, etc.
- \* [Grammarly](#) is a great free tool for correcting your writing.
- \* The [Codpast](#) is an excellent blog which advises on useful apps and ideas to assist adults with dyslexia.
- \* [Mnemomics](#) – use mnemonics as an aid to memory. There are many helpful sites out there. Joshua Fore has a great Ted Talk on [memory pilates](#).

Albert Einstein, Richard Branson, Pablo Picasso, Steven Spielberg and Anita Roddick were all dyslexic. All displayed the dyslexic's gift for seeing the bigger picture, for tenacity and for hard work. Nicola and Laura reminded everyone to keep focussing on their strengths.

Please email me if you would like to receive a copy of the slides and supplementary material:  
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