

Episode 12: Fall Preview

Dia dhuit! (Hello!)

Welcome back to another September which means this is the second year of Podcrawl Podchroal, the podcast from the McClelland Irish Library. It's hard to believe that it's already been a year since this project started. Thank you to everyone who listens! I'm your host, Lisa, the Librarian. Now that the library's back open [on September 5th, 2023], let's see what programs will be offered.

[Film Series]

Beginning in September the McClelland Library will show two movies featuring vastly different accounts of the Irish-American immigration experience in the 19th century. The first film will be "Far and Away," starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, in which Irish immigrants build a new life in a land of opportunity. This film will be shown on Friday, September 8 [2023] from 5:30 to 9:00 at night.

"Gangs of New York," starring Daniel Day Lewis and Leonardo DiCaprio, is the second film that will be viewed on Friday, September 29, 2023 from 5:00 to 9:00 at night. In this highly nominated film, a much grittier and more violent portrayal of the Irish immigration experience is pictured in Manhattan's legendary Five Points neighborhood.

Following each film, speakers will engage in a discussion of the diaspora experience presented by each—guests are invited to join the discussion or simply listen. After "Gangs of New York" the discussion will include a comparison of both films.

It's \$5 per person per film with popcorn included, and a bar will be available.

To register and for more information, go to: azirish.org

[Family Story Hour]

For the kids in your life, bring them to the castle for Family Story Hour! This program introduces parents and children to Irish authors, stories and traditions in a fun and interactive way. Two books will be read, and a themed craft to make to take home. Story Hour is suitable for all ages, lasts approximately one hour, and is free! Story Hour meets in the Castle Keep.

This Fall's first Story Hour is on Saturday, September 9, 2023 beginning at 10:30 AM. Miss Diane will read *Mr. Peek and the Misunderstanding at the Zoo* by Kevin Waldron and *Too Noisy* by Malachy Doyle.

October will be a special Halloween Story Hour, one that I'm excited about! Wear your jammies to our spooky pajama party on Friday, October 13 [2023] at 5:30. November's Story Hour will be on Saturday the 18th at 10:30 AM. At Christmas at the Castle, on Saturday, December 9, 2023, join us for a merry Story Hour.

To register and see which book will be read, go to azirish.org



[Genealogy Workshops]

If you're interested in researching your Irish ancestry, and are new to genealogy or want to brush up on your knowledge of resources and information, participate in "Getting Started with Irish Genealogy Research" virtual genealogy workshop. Presented by Miles Davenport, who has more than 20 years of Irish genealogy experience, this workshop will highlight the methods and resources available for discovering Irish ancestry at the McClelland Library. Getting Started is on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM via Zoom. For members of the Irish Cultural Center, the fee is \$15; for non-members it is \$20. To register and for more [genealogy] information go to azirish.org and click on the Research tab at the top of the page. Keep an eye out for more genealogy workshops this Fall!

[Book Discussion Group]

This year the Book Discussion Group will be reading the latest and greatest in contemporary Irish literature published between 2017 and 2023. Each month a guide will be posted on the website page to prepare readers for the discussion of the writer and the selected work. The Book Discussion Group at the McClelland Library is led by Dr. Joyce East, a retired professor of Irish Studies, and Mary Wiber, a retired librarian. The group seeks to engage members of our community and the tradition and excellence of all forms of Irish literature. Meetings are held in-person on Saturdays at 10:30 AM at the Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library Norton Conference Room—pop into the library if you need directions!

On September 30 [2023]: "Milkman" by Anna Burns is the book that will be discussed.

And then October 28 [2023]: "Haven" by Emma Donoghue.

And finally on December 2 [2023]: "My Father's House" by Joseph O'Connor

For more information and to take a look at the books chosen for 2024, go to azirish.org

After the holiday break in December and early January, come back to McClelland Library for a baby time, library lecture and dramatic reading.

[Baby Time]

Beginning in January, the McClelland Library will be launching a new program for little ones! Shamrocks Sprouts Babytime is an infant lap-sit program for children ages 0-24 months along with a caregiver. During Babytime we read aloud and lead adult-child pairs in activities. Research indicates the importance of the adult-child bond in building early literacy. Babytime also supports early literacy by increasing vocabulary and text awareness by sharing age-appropriate stories in an atmosphere of fun, engaging activity. The program typically runs about 20 minutes to accommodate a baby's attention span, and is followed by time to play and socialize. We are excited to bring this program to our community!

Join us on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 10:30 AM!



[Lecture and Dramatic Reading]

Dr. Charlotte Headrick will be giving a lecture as part of the Library Lecture Series on January 19, 2024 from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Join us for *Dr. Charlotte Headrick: A Career Anchored by Love and Celebration of Irish Theatre*. Starting with her undergraduate years at the University of Tennessee and continuing until the present, Dr. Headrick has worked on, directed, and acted in Irish plays. As a scholar, she has published widely including *Irish Women Dramatists 1908-2001*. Her career has been anchored by her love and celebration of Irish Theatre.

There is no admission fee, but donations are greatly appreciated.

[Dramatic Reading]

Come back the next night, on January 20 at 5:00 PM for a dramatic reading with Dr. Charlotte Headrick and Dr. Michael Hood. We are excited to have Charlotte and Michael return for an encore performance Christian O'Reilly's heartwarming two actor play *Chapatti!* "Betty" is played by Charlotte Headrick and "Dan" is played by Michael Hood.

"Lonely Dan is a dog lover who bumps into Betty, the proverbial cat lady at the Vet's office. Their lives are changed forever. This is a touching Irish two-hander filled with many moments of laughter. It is never too late for love."

Admission is \$10, \$5 with student ID; and a cash bar will be available.

Charlotte Headrick is a past president of the American Conference for Irish Studies, West, and an emerita professor of theatre from Oregon State University. Michael Hood is a native Arizonan, retired Dean of Arts from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The two have known each other for decades. Both are theatre directors.

We hope to see you at our programs, or wandering around the library this Fall! Thank you so much for listening! Slan! [Bye!]

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