

## **Dublin and Irish Collections, Dublin City Library and Archive (DCLA) – Collection Development Policy.**

The Dublin and Irish collections in Dublin City Library and Archive contain books, periodicals, newspapers, photographs, maps, manuscripts, rare books and special collections that comprise a local studies library for Dublin. The library of Sir John T. Gilbert is the core of the collection.

Our mission is to acquire books and other materials which tell the story of Dublin now and into the future, ensuring cost-effective acquisitions while collaborating with other libraries and archives to make efficient and sustainable use of resources for users.

By purchase or donation, DCLA acquires print items contributing to an understanding of Dublin's past and present. We also acquire print materials relating to Ireland more generally to give context to the Dublin collections.

We select a broad range of published material to reflect the many aspects of Dublin life including:

- Books, periodicals, maps, newspapers, photographs and children's books about Dublin. In addition, non-fiction books on Irish history, archaeology and built heritage are added to the collections.
- Literary collections by Dublin authors.
- Irish language books.
- Ephemera relating to Dublin events and politics, Dublin City Libraries and Dublin City Council.

These categories are the core focus of acquisitions for the Dublin and Irish collections with librarians retaining final decision on what is added to the collections.

We cannot accept unsolicited donations. If you have something historic, unique and representative of life in Dublin and you want to enquire about donating it, please email the details to [Dublinstudies@dublincity.ie](mailto:Dublinstudies@dublincity.ie).

Dublin City Libraries reserves the right to appraise unsolicited donations.