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Kevin Street Library

Archive

(1899-1995)

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Collection Level Description.

Identity Statement

Archive Reference	IE DCLA C2/Lib/KK
Title	Kevin Street Library Collection.
Creation Dates:	1899-1995
Level of Description	Collection Level Description
Extent and Medium	c. 1700pp & 44 ledgers.

Context Area

Administrative and Biographical History

Kevin Street Library was opened in 1904 by Dublin Corporation following a recommendation in 1901 by the Public Libraries Committee to buy a plot of land near the technical school on Kevin Street. The first chief librarian in the library was John Whelan who was transferred there from Thomas Street Library. The library suffered from many difficulties in its early years including the death of library assistant William Brinkley in 1906 and financial difficulties with staff not being paid and a large debt having been accumulated. During the First World War, the library was used as a way to recruit men for service when pamphlets about recruiting were made available. The library also allowed the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association to meet every Saturday night throughout the war. From July 1922 with soldiers occupying the Peter Street Dispensary, Kevin Street Library was called upon by the law agents office to act as a distribution centre to hand out aid to those affected by the fighting in Dublin city.

John Whelan was central to the foundation of Cumann na Leabharlann, an association that was integral in the foundation of Public Libraries across Ireland. Numerous individuals and groups wrote to the association on their efforts at convincing their local council or district to set up a public library in their area. The association also released a journal that concentrated on Irish library matters and encouraged its members to contribute articles. Victor Kernan, a library assistant in the library appears to have been involved in the fighting during the Irish Civil War as a letter he sent to the library in 1923 was sent from Portlaoise prison, in which he asks whether another member of staff has changed his political views while he was away.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from Kevin Street Library in 2012

.Content and Structure

Scope and Content: Material created and received by Kevin Street Library that highlights the foundation and the daily activity in the library. The collection includes letters from publishing companies, bookbinders, lithographers and various types of repair workshops and shows how the library's relationship with these groups was vital for the library to function. Letters sent in from members of the public highlights the role the library played in public life and the types of issues the public took up with the library. Material relating to the staff of the library highlights the life of the librarian in the early twentieth century, providing us with information on the duties carried out, the hours worked, wages earned and the type of relationship they had with their employers in the corporation. The collection also contains material from Cumann na Leabharlann, which John Whelan the chief librarian of Kevin Street Library played a major role in setting up. This association was important in helping found public libraries across Ireland and various correspondences with individuals and groups shows how they helped put pressure on local councils to set up public libraries.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically. Publishers series arranged alphabetically.

Subject Keywords: Kevin Street Library, John Whelan, 1916 Easter Rising, Henry Campbell, Catholic Truth Society, Cumann na Leabharlann.

Conditions of Access and Use

Access Conditions: Available by view by public who apply for research card in Dublin City Library and Archive reading room, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Records containing personal information will be closed if less than 100 years old. Staff records relating to individuals born post 1916 are closed to general public access. Access may be given to direct relatives to information on deceased staff on production of death certificate.

Conditions Governing Reproduction: Subject to Dublin City Library and Archive reading room terms of membership and in accordance with copyright legislation

Language: English and Irish.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: Some of the Town Clerks letter books have damaged covers. Some ledgers have dirt engrained in them.

Finding Aids: Item and file level descriptive list.

Related Units of Description:

IE DCLA/C2/Lib/RR Rathmines Public Library ; IE/DCLA/C1/L4 Charleville Mall Public Library; Dublin City Council Minutes; Dublin City Council Reports

Description Control Area: Listing and arrangement was completed by Kevin Healion, Contract Archivist with Eneclann, January 2016

Dublin Corporation Material

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1

Title: Dublin Corporation Material 1905- 1911.

Dates: 8 Feb 1905- 16 Nov 1910.

Level: Series.

Extent and Medium: 1307pp.

Scope and Content: Material that relates to the libraries relationship with Dublin Corporation.

This series is split into three subseries that deal with letters sent from the corporation, letters sent from the Town Clerk Henry Campbell and material from the library committees that were set up by the corporation to oversee the running of the public libraries.

Dublin Corporation letters.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1/1

Title: Dublin Corporation Letters.

Dates: 8 Feb 1905- 4 Nov 1926.

Level: Sub-series.

Extent and Medium: 96pp.

Scope and Content: Letters sent to Kevin Street Library from different departments of Dublin Corporation about issues surrounding the finance of the library, requesting financial information for annual accounts as well as material relating to the libraries role in recruiting men to join the army during World War One.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1/1/1-4

Title: Dublin Corporation Material 1905- 1926.

Dates: 8 Feb 1905- 4 Nov 1926.

Level: File.

Extent and Medium: 29pp.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from various offices in Dublin Corporation asking for stamps that the library received during a particular year as well as the forwarding of fines, accounts books and outstanding invoices in preparation of annual accounts. Also included are notifications sent from the Parliamentary Recruitment Committee in London asking the library that it is willing to send more recruitment pamphlets, posters and leaflets due to high

demand. An example of a pamphlet from November 1914 is included. Of note also is a letter from July 1922, sent from the Law Agents Office asks Kevin Street Library to become relief centre for the dispensing of aid due to soldiers occupying Peter Street Dispensary.

1. 8 Feb 1905- 16 Nov 1910.
2. 20 Jan 1911- 12 Dec 1913.
3. 20 Mar 1914- 18 Dec 1920.
4. 4 July 1921- 4 Nov 1926.

Library Committees

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1/2

Title: Library Committee Material.

Dates: 18 Oct 1901- 13 April 1920.

Extent and Medium: 411pp.

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and content: Material relating to the Public, Kevin Street and Book committees that oversaw the running of public libraries in Dublin including minutes of meetings, agendas and information on events in the library.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1/2/1

Title: Books Committee.

Dates: 18 Oct 1901- 9 Nov 1908.

Extent and Medium: 28pp.

Level: File.

Scope and content: Summonses sent by the Town Clerk to attend meetings for the Book Committee in Kevin Street Library.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1/2/2

Title: Kevin Street House Committee Material.

Dates: 17 Nov 1903- 13 Apr 1920.

Extent and Medium: 77pp.

Level: File

Scope and content: Material from the Kevin Street House Committee including summonses by the Town Clerk to attend meetings, agendas for upcoming meetings and letters from John Whelan regarding the running of the library. Also included are summonses for meetings to the Kevin Street Library Sub-Committee.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1/2/3

Title: Minutes from House Committee meetings.

Dates: 17 Feb. 1904-26 Aug 1915.

Extent and Medium: 217pp

Level: Item.

Scope and content: Minutes of meetings held by the House Committee of Kevin Street Library. Discussions included increased wages for the staff, improving the heating in library, discussions with regarding the supply and disposal of books and minor problems with the running of the library. A number of loose pages are attached including an example of a receipt used when taking out a book and a list of names of those on the committee which included the Lord Mayor of the time.

1/2/3/1 1904-1908

1/2/3/2 1908-1915

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1/2/4

Title: Public Library Committee Material.

Dates: May 1904- 22 May 1911.

Extent and Medium: 88pp.

Level: File.

Scope and content: Material from Public Libraries Committee including a letter from the Town Clerk to submit tenders for books to supply the new Kevin Street Library, a syllabus of lectures published by the committee that took place in the different libraries across Dublin, A document of newspaper contracts sent to the committee and a letter from he United Corporations Workmen's Trade Union asking to bring a circular to the committees next meeting.

Town Clerk Letters.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1/3

Title: Town Clerk Letters.

Dates: 2 Nov. 1903-21 June 1929.

Extent and Medium:

Level: Sub-series. C.800pp.

Scope and content: Letters sent from the Town Clerk Henry Campbell which gives information on the foundation of the library, reasons for closing the library and his influence on the running of the library.

Archivist's Note: Some conservation work needed on damaged covers.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/1/3/1-6

Title: Letters from town clerk to Kevin Street Library.

Dates: 2 Nov. 1903-21 June 1929

Extent and Medium: c. 800pp

Level: File.

Scope and content: A large collection of letters sent from the town clerk to Kevin Street Library. Early letters concern the founding of the library including one sent on 2 March 1904 asking John P. Whelan to become the new librarian, also giving the names of who is to be his senior staff. The arrangements of the official opening of Kevin Street library are given in a letter dated 19 May 1904, confirming that the Lord Mayor will be in attendance along with representatives from various educational institutions. Other letters relate to the administrative running of the library and the death of Mr.Brinkley, the closing of the library and the letters about the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association. A letter 12 July 1927 asking all establishments to be closed the next day out of respect for the recently deceased Kevin O'Higgins.

1. 2 Nov. 1903-16 Dec.1911.(letter Book)
2. 9 Sep 1910- 20 July 1911 (Loose Letters)
3. 3 January 1912- 31 December 1919 (Letter Book)
4. 24 May 1913- 24 Apr 1919. (Loose Letters)
5. 19 Jan 1920-24 July 1923. (Letter Book).

6. 31 March 1926-21 June 1929 (Letter Book)

Library Administration

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2

Title: Library Administration.

Dates: 1 Nov 1903-27 Nov 1927

Extent and Medium: 13 ledgers & 1227pp.

Level: Series.

Scope and Content: A series of material that contains administrative information including general administration material, fine books and statistical returns.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2/1

Title: Administration Material

Dates: 12 Nov 1903-27 Nov 1927

Extent and Medium: 264pp.

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and Content: General administrative material that gives lists of books in the library, list of books stolen, lists of events that took place in the library and information on staff duties.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2/1/1-7

Title: Administration Material 1903-1927

Dates: 1 Nov 1903- 27 Nov 1927.

Extent and Medium: 214pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Administrative material which gives lists of public libraries in Dublin, a list of books in the library published in the seventeenth century, a guide to the classification, of the books, new books added to the library in November 1906, a list of lectures given in Dublin public libraries during the winter of 1907, information on the cancellation of tickets a list of the amount of stationary used every year and a list of indicator ledgers that need to be replaced in file 7.

1. 1 Nov 1903- 30 Nov 1906.
2. 12 Feb 1904-19 June 1909. .
3. 4 Mar 1910- 18 Dec 1914

4. 13 July 1915- 1 June 1918.

5. 17 July 1919-27 Nov 1928

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2/1/6

Title: Notices for the Public.

Dates: 21 Mar 1905- 1 Oct 1918.

Extent and Medium: 34pp.

Scope and Content: A notices that were placed on the walls of the library informing the public on lectures taking place in the library, rules to be obeyed when in the library, notices on library closures, and informing the public about personal items that had been lost and found.

Fines.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2/2

Title: Fines

Dates: 31 Mar 1906- 31 Feb 1985.

Extent and Medium: 13 ledgers and 8 loose pages.

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and Content: This sub-series gives material that has information on fines paid to the library and the people who paid them.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2/2/1

Title: Fines 1906-1908.

Dates: 31 Mar 1906- 31 Dec 1912.

Extent and Medium: 4pp.

Scope and Content: Three loose forms that contain the amount of fines received by the library for each calendar month.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2/2/2

Title: Fines 1917.

Dates: 10 Nov 1917- 31 Dec 1917.

Extent and Medium: 4pp.

Scope and Content: Material related to fines paid in 1917 including letters from Paris, France, by a [J. Bowe] offering to pay fines on books he owes. Also included is a list of fines received which gives the names, addresses, fines paid and book numbers of each case.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2/2/3

Title: Kevin Street Library Fine Books.

Dates: 8 January 1952- 31 February 1985.

Extent and Medium: 13Ledgers.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Thirteen ledgers containing daily information on fines paid to the Kevin Street Library for late returns, sundries and for damage inflicted on the books.

2/2/3/1 1952-1958 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/2 1958-1964 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/3 1974 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/4 1975 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/5 1976 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/6 1977 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/7 1979 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/8 1980 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/9 1981 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/10 1982 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/11 1983 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/12 1984 **Closed to public access**

2/2/3/13 1985 **Closed to public access**

Statistical Returns

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2/3

Title: Statistical Returns

Dates: 13 Feb 1907- Sept 1995.

Extent and Medium: 955pp.

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and Content: Material on the amount of books borrowed by borrowers as the type of books they and information on the borrowers themselves.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/2/3/1-5

Title: Statistical Returns 13 Feb 1907- Sept 1995.

Dates: 13 Feb 1907-31 Dec 1913.

Extent and Medium: 955pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Schedules from Kevin Street Library that provide information on the amount of tickets users in the library, the amount of books borrowed per month and the types of books that were being taken out. At the bottom of the page the percentage of fiction, non fiction and Irish language books that were borrowed is given. The amount of days open and the average amount of books borrowed per day is also given.

1. 13 Feb 1907-31 Dec 1913.
2. 1 Jan 1915- 31 Dec 1919.
3. April 1941- July 1949.
4. Jan 1950-Mar 1958.
5. June 1983-Sept 1995.

Acquisitions.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3

Title: Acquisitions.

Dates: 25 Sept 1905- 25 Sept 1937.

Extent and Medium: 3607pp.

Level: Series.

Scope and Content: Material on how the library acquired books with letters from publishers, authors and associations that provided free samples of the books and journals and magazines and journals the library subscribed too.

Library accession ledgers.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/1

Title: Library Accession ledgers.

Dates: 25 Sept 1905-12 Aug 1932.

Extent and Medium: 2163pp.

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and Content: Accession ledgers from the reference and lending departments in the library that gives the books accessioned into their departments and the dates the accessioning happened.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/1/1

Title: Reference Department Accession Book 1905-1934.

Dates: 25 Sept 1905-19 May 1934

Extent and Medium: 512pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger that gives the dates books was accessioned into the reference department, their accession number. The author of the book, the title of the book, its size, who the vendor was, the price it cost to publish and the amount of pages and plates in the book.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/1/2

Title: Reference Department Accession Book 1934-1943.

Dates: May 1934- 21 Sept 1943.

Extent and Medium: 84pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger that gives the dates books was accessioned into the reference department, their accession number. The author of the book, the title of the book, its size, who the vendor was, the price it cost to publish and the amount of pages and plates in the book.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/1/3

Title: Lending Department Accession Book 1924-1932

Dates: 11Nov 1924-12 Aug 1932

Extent and Medium: 600pp

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger that gives the dates books was accessioned into the lending department, their accession number. The author of the book, the title of the book, its size, who the vendor was and the price it cost to publish.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/1/4

Title: Lending Department Accession Book 1932-1940.

Dates: 12 Aug 1932- 16 Jan 1940.

Extent and Medium: 600pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger that gives the dates books was accessioned into the lending department, their accession number. The author of the book, the title of the book, its size, who the vendor was and the price it cost to publish

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/1/5

Title: Lending Department Accession Book 1940-1943.

Dates: 22 Jan 1940-4 Dec 1943.

Extent and Medium: 323pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger that gives the dates books was accessioned into the lending department, their accession number. The author of the book, the title of the book, its size, who the vendor was and the price it cost to publish

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/1/6

Title: Books researched by Library.

Dates: c.1920s.

Extent and Medium: 54pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger of cuttings that provides information on books the library may have been interested in purchasing including how much each book cost.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/1/7

Title: Lists of Desirable Books.

Dates: Unknown.

Extent and Medium: c.100pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Lists of books deemed desirable by the library giving the name of the authors, the title of the books, the price, who publishes it and the reason why it was recommended.

Publishing Companies (1904-1927)

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/2

Title: Publishing Companies.

Dates: 5 Feb 1907- 11 Mar 1927.

Extent and Medium: c. 630pp.

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and Content: Letters and invoices from various publishing companies that provides information on how the library purchased books, newspapers and other material.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/2/1-3

Title: Catholic Truth Society 1921-1924.

Dates: 26 Nov 1921- 14 May 1924.

Extent and Medium: c. 300pp.

Level: File

Scope and Content: File containing invoices from the Catholic Truth Society from Abbey Street in Dublin from the years 1921 to 1924. Letters discuss books that are out of date and when new editions of publications are set to be published. File also contains invoices from the society.

1. 26 Nov 1921- 14 May 1924.
2. 9 Jan 1925-7 Mar 1926
3. 23 June 1926- 21 Mar 1927.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/2/4

Title: Green & Co. 1913-1918.

Dates: 23 Sept 1913- 5 May 1918.

Extent and Medium: 100pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: File containing letters and postcards from Green and Co. of Clare Street regarding the delivery of books and money paid by Kevin Street Library to the company covering the years 1914 to 1926

4. 23 Sept 1913- 5 May 1918.
5. 14 Nov 1921- 26 May 1923.
6. 6 Jan 1925- 25 Mar 1926.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/2/7-10

Title: Eason and Co.

Dates: 95 Feb 1907- 3 Feb 1926.

Extent and Medium: c. 100pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A file of documents from Eason and Co. from Sackville Street, later O'Connell Street. Of interest here are newspaper accounts for Kevin Street Library showing how much they spent on dailies, weeklies and monthlies as well as a list of publications they subscribed too.

7. 5 Feb 1907- 29 Dec 1917.

8. 16 Jan 1918- 25 Oct 1918.

9. 16 Jan 1919- 7 Sept 1921.

10. 9 Jan 1922- 3 Feb 1926.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/2/11

Title: Irish Book Shop.

Dates: 18 Aug 1923- 20 Mar 1924.

Extent and Medium: c. 55pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Invoices from the Irish Book Shop giving the name of books acquired by Kevin Street Library and their cost.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/2/12-16

Title: Other Publishers.1904-1927

Dates: 16 Mar 1904- 11 Mar 1927.

Extent and Medium: 55pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A file of letters from various other publishers, writing to Kevin Street with information on publications that are in stock, gone out of production or have new editions about to be released. Companies include Combridge and Co. of Grafton Street, Dublin, George Phillip and Son of London and Byrne and Co of Aungier Street in Dublin, Browne and Nolan of Nassau Street, Dublin and MacMillan and Co. from London, Maunsel

and Co. Ltd, Dublin, Geographical Publishers, Manchester and The Gresham Publishing Company, London.

12. 16 Mar 1904- 7 Oct 1909.
13. 20 Oct 1910- 16 Dec 1914.
14. 14 Jan 1915- 20 Dec 1917.
15. 5 Feb 1920- 23 Jan 1924.
16. 14 Apr 1926- 11 Mar 1927.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/2/17

Title: Letters to publishers.

Dates: 1 Aug 1912- 16 Dec 1912.

Extent and Medium: 75pp.

Scope and Content: A file of letters and order sheets for the library to apply for new books. Booklets from the publishers give the names of books available and how much they cost.

Archivist's Note: File in need of conservation. Mould damage on some pages.

Donations and subscriptions.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/3

Title: Donations and Subscriptions

Dates: 29 April 1904-25 Jan 1937.

Extent and Medium: c.814pp

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and Content: Material that provides correspondence with authors and various associations that provides free samples of their works or which the library are subscribed too. Also a folder of an attempted bid to buy the James Collins Collection which proved unsuccessful.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/3/1-21

Title: Donations and Subscriptions 1904.

Dates: 29 April 1904-5 April 1905.

Extent and Medium: c.800.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters and booklets giving information on donations and subscription Kevin Street Library availed of. The costs of subscription and the names of journals subscribed too are given. These include *Freemans Journal*, *Irish Freedom* and *Coopers Vehicle Journal* in file 10, the *NearEast* journal which looked at Middle Eastern affairs of the time in file 15 and *Sweden Economic Review*, *Irish Monthly An T-Oglach* in file 20.

1. 29 April 1904-5 April 1905.
2. 6 Jan 1905- 26 Nov 1905.
3. 19 Jan 1906- 23 Nov 1906.
4. 23 Mar 1907- 31 May 1907.
5. 28 Feb 1908- 18 Dec 1908.
6. 22 Mar 1909- 1 Oct 1909.
7. 19 Apr 1910- 8 Feb 1911.
8. 7 Feb 1911- 11 Dec 1911.
9. 2 Feb 1912- 30 Oct 1912.
10. 7 Feb 1913- 17 Dec 1913
11. 7 Jan 1914- 21 Dec 1914.
12. 9 Jan 1915- 5 Nov 1915.
13. 15 Jan 1916- 21 Nov 1916.
14. 1 Jan 1917-9 Nov 1917.
15. 6 Mar 1918- 12 Dec 1918.
16. 20 Feb 1919-29 Dec 1919.
17. 5 Feb 1920- 11 Oct 1920.
18. 2 Jan 1921-29 Dec 1921.
19. 18 Jan 1922-30 Dec 1922.
20. 10 Jan 1923- 26 Dec 1923
21. 2 Jan 1924-25 Mar 1937.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/3/3/22

Title: The Collins Library.

Dates: 12 Jan 1917-2 Aug 1917.

Extent and Medium: 14pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Correspondence between Henry Campbell, town clerk, and John Whelan

and John Barry over the possible acquisition of the Collins library, a collection that belonged to James Collins, a former member of the corporation. . Upon viewing the collection, Whelan and Barry responded by describing the size of the collection and the condition of the material in it. The asking price of the library was £700 which they deemed excessive despite it being a valuable collection. Included also is a newspaper article about the collection and a list of books that were in the collection.

Repairs and supplies.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/4

Title: Repairs and Supplies.

Dates: 1 Oct 1902- 62 April 1995.

Extent and Medium: c. 1544pp.

Level: Series.

Scope and Content: A series of files and ledgers with material on the costs of repair work needed to the library and its reading material. Invoices and letters are sent from various companies such as electricians, metalworkers and bookbinders.

Repairs and Supplies Invoices and Letters

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/4/1

Title: Repairs and Supplies Invoices and Letters.

Dates: 1 Oct 1902- 2 April 1995.

Extent and Medium: 75pp.

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and Content: Letters and invoices from various companies involved in bookbinding, lithography, stationary supply and repair works to the library.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/4/1/1-13

Title: Letters from Repair and Stationary Companies 1902-1905

Dates: 1 Oct 1902- 5 Oct 1905.

Extent and Medium: c.1000pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Estimates on repairing typewriters, bookbinding, engraving, printing, and the provision of stationary and filing cabinets to the library. A contract by John Falconer is included where he swears to the Public Libraries Committee to bind and print books under the conditions set out by the committee. In file 9 a plan of Kevin Street Library is included which show the location of the lavatories, hallways and staircases.

1. 1 Oct 1902- 5 Oct 1905.
2. 5 Mar 1906- 12 June 1909.
3. 28 Jan 1910- 14 Nov 1912.
4. 25 Feb 13-18 Aug 1913.
5. 13 Feb 1914- 22 Dec 1914.
6. 20 Jan 1915- 6 Dec 1915.
7. 6 Jan 1916- 13 Dec 1916.
8. 5 Jan 1917- 7 Dec 1918.
9. 20 Feb 1919-12 Dec 1921.
10. 3 Jan 1922- 1 Dec 1922.
11. 3 Feb 1923- 28 Dec 1923.
12. 12 Jan 1924- 6 Nov 1924.
13. 21 Jan 1925- 6 July 1927.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/4/1/14

Title: John Falconer Invoices.

Dates: 15 Nov 1923-18 Mar 1926.

Extent and Medium: 26pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Invoices from John Falconer of Sackville Street for the printing and binding of schoolbooks.

Wants Books (1939-1995)

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/4/2/1

Title: Wants Book 1939-1995

Dates: 27 Mar 1939-24 April 1995

Extent and Medium: 469pp

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and Content: Three ledgers that gives a record of books and materials bought by the library.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/4/2/1

Title: Wants Book 1939-1966

Dates: 27 Mar 1939-28 May 1966.

Extent and Medium: 149pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger that keeps account of materials bought for the library such as stationary, uniforms and coal. The ledger gives the date the item was received, the contractor who provided it, and the amount it cost.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/4/2/2

Title: Wants Book 1951-1960.

Dates: 4 Mar 1950-15 Oct 1959

Extent and Medium: 246pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger that keeps account of materials bought for the library such as stationary, uniforms and coal. The ledger gives the date the item was received, the contractor who provided it, and the amount it cost.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/4/2/3

Title: Wants Book 1968-1995

Dates: 4 July 1968-2 Apr 1995.

Extent and Medium: 74pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger that keeps account of materials bought for the library such as stationary, uniforms and coal. The ledger gives the date the item was received, the contractor who provided it, and the amount it cost. The ledger is also used to record fines and from 1992 on to record the names of borrowers and the books they have in their possession.

Staff Material

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5

Title: Staff Material.

Dates: 15 Dec 1903- 31 Dec 1958

Extent and Medium: 31 ledgers & 424pp.

Level: Series.

Scope and Content: Material that provides information on the staff who worked in Kevin Street Library including wages and attendance and letters explaining absence from work.

Staff Letters.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1

Title: Staff Letters.

Dates: 15 Dec 1903- 11 Jan 1927.

Extent and Medium: 270pp.

Level: Sub-series.

Scope and Content: Letters from the staff and their doctors excusing them from work because of illness. The letters of Victor Kernan are of particular interest due to him being interned in Reading Prison.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/1

Title: Elizabeth Hand.

Dates: 15 Dec 1903- 15 Oct 1912

Extent and Medium: 28pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Correspondence between Mrs. J. Hand and John P. Whelan. The correspondence shows the events that led up to Mrs. Hand being dismissed from Kevin Street Library due to absenteeism. Correspondence between Mr. Richard O'Carroll and Mr. Whelan is also included where O'Carroll pleads to reinstate Mrs. Hand.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/2

Title: Other Employees' letters.

Dates: 4 July 1905- 4 Dec 1926.

Extent and Medium: 42pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from various staff and their doctors excusing them from work due to illness. Staff include Michael Manning, Joseph Foster and Thomas O'Shea.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/3

Title: William Brinckley.

Dates: 11 Nov 1904- 1 Dec 1906.

Extent and Medium: 9pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from William Brinkley and Daisy Brinkley which excuse him from work due to illness, which led up to his death in January 1906.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/4

Title: Patrick Meehan.

Dates: 16 Jan 1909- 7 Feb 1926.

Extent and Medium: 9pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Patrick Meehan and his doctor which pardon him from work due to illness.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/5

Title: Andrew O'Byrne.

Dates: 23 Feb 1910- 25 Aug 1924.

Extent and Medium: 20pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Andrew O'Byrne and his doctor excusing him from work due to illness naming the illnesses in the process. Also a letter explaining that he had to go to a meeting of the Union of Clerical Workers in Waterford.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/6

Title: John P. Whelan.

Dates: 29 June 1911- 5 Mar 1926.

Extent and Medium: 26pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from John P. Whelan and his doctor excusing him from work due to illness naming the illnesses in the process. John P. Whelan was the Chief Librarian in Kevin Street Library.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/7

Title: John Slevin

Dates: 3 Mar 1913- 26 June 1914

Extent and Medium: 7pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from John Slevin and his doctor which pardon him from work due to illness.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/8

Title: Eugene Carberry.

Dates: 10 Nov 1913- 1 Mar 1919.

Extent and Medium: 7pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Eugene Carberry and his doctor excusing him from work due to illness naming the illnesses in the process.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/9

Title: Brendan Glynn.

Dates: 4 Sept 1914- 11 Jan 1927.

Extent and Medium: 20pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Brendan Glynn and his doctor which pardon him from work due to illness. Also included is a letter where Glynn asks for an increase in wages and a letter of reference from John Whelan in relation to a job in the Royal Irish Academy that Glynn applied for.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/10

Title: Matthew Byrne.

Dates: 5 Nov 1914- 20 Feb 1923.

Extent and Medium: 33pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Matthew Byrne and his doctor excusing him from work due to illness naming the illnesses in the process. The last item in the file is a list of the staff, each paying £5 towards a wreath following the death of Mr. Byrne.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/11

Title: Mrs. Cullen.

Dates: 3 Sept 1915- 29 Mar 1927.

Extent and Medium: 38pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Mrs. Cullen's doctor and the employers' medical department in the Corporation of Dublin excusing Mrs. Cullen from work due to illness naming the illness in the process.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/12

Title: Victor Kernan.

Dates: 4 Jan 1917-21 July 1924.

Extent and Medium: 18pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Victor Kernan and his doctor excusing him from work due to illness naming the illnesses in the process. Of importance is a letter sent from Victor Kernan from Maryboro Prison (Portlaoise). He is only allowed to write three letters a week and is therefore in arrears in responding to letters. He asks that should the corporation payout half his wages to his dependents while he is interned, that either his sister or his mother be the recipients. He finishes by asking for the staff in Kevin Street library. His cell number was No.369, Cell 9, E3 wing.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/1/13

Title: Medical Certificates.

Dates: 13 Oct 1904- 24 July 1914.

Extent and Medium: 22pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Medical certificates from doctors and hospitals on various members of staff, giving updates on the patients' condition and how long they will be out of work.

Staff Wages and Attendance

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2

Title: Staff Wages and Attendance.

Dates: 24 May 1906- 28 June 1958.

Extent and Medium: 31 ledgers & 154pp

Level: Sub-series

Scope and Content: Information on the wages earned by the staff as well as attendance books giving information on their attendance. Examinations took and opportunities for further education.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/1

Title: Kevin Street Library Wage Books.

Dates: 15 October 1924-28 June 1957.

Extent and Medium: 13 ledgers

Scope and Content: Wage books from Kevin Street Library giving names of the employees, their occupation and how much they were paid weekly. Notes are also given on any bonuses that an employee may have received. Each page is stamped certifying that the each member of staff was paid as per wage recorded on the page. A loose letter is attached declaring wages owed to Christopher Duffy, a temporary assistant in the library.

5/2/1/1 1904-1907

5/2/1/2 1907-1911

5/2/1/3 1911-1914

5/2/1/4 1914-1917

5/2/1/5 1920-1924

5/2/1/6 1924-1926

5/2/1/7 1926-1928

5/2/1/8 1928-1930

5/2/1/9 1932 **Closed to public access**

5/2/1/10 1935 **Closed to public access**

5/2/1/11 1936 **Closed to public access**

5/2/1/12 1949 **Closed to public access**

5/2/1/13 1951-1953 **Closed to public access**

5/2/1/14 1953-1954 **Closed to public access**

5/2/1/15 1954-1956 **Closed to public access**

5/2/1/16 1966. **Closed to public access**

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/2-3

Title: Staff Time Sheets and Hours.

Dates: 12 Feb 1906- 8 Sept 1920.

Extent and Medium: 42pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Examples of time sheets that had to be filled in giving the amount of days worked, absent, sick, late and left early for every employee in the library as well as letters which gives notice to changes in the work schedule of staff employed by the library, particularly the house porter.

2. 12 Feb 1906- 8 Sept 1920.

3. 1 Aug 1922- 10 July 1926.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/4

Title: Kevin Street Library Attendance Books.

Dates: 24 May 1906- 31 December 1958.

Extent and Medium: 18 ledgers.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: sixteen ledgers recording staff attendance containing signatures of staff members, times they signed in and out of work and the times they signed out and in from dinner and tea. Also recorded is annual leave owed to the staff. Medical Certificates signed by the Medical Officer giving staff sick leave are attached with Bronchitis being the most prevalent illness. The 1934 attendance book contains loose leaflets and envelopes addressed to the J.P. Whelan in Kevin Street Library. This includes an issue of *The Animals' Friend* from the National Council for Animal Welfare and a booklet from Harrods Library containing books for sale.

5/2/4/1 1906-1908

5/2/4/2 1908-1910
5/2/4/3 1910-1914
5/2/4/4 1918-1921
5/2/4/5 1921-1924
5/2/4/6 1925-1928
5/2/4/7 1929
5/2/4/8 1930
5/2/4/9 1931
5/2/4/10 1934 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/11 1937 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/12 1943 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/13 1944 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/14 1945 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/15 1950 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/16 1951 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/17 1954 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/18 1955 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/19 1956 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/20 1957 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/21 1958 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/22 1959 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/23 1960 **Closed to public access**
5/2/4/24 Unknown date. **Closed to public access**

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/5

Title: Examinations

Dates: 20 Nov 1902- 10 May 1923.

Extent and Medium: 30pp.

Level: File.

Scope and content: Posters, exam results and examination papers relating to examinations held by the Public Libraries' Committee for boys under the age of seventeen for the job of junior assistant. Also included are examination results for female assistants from March 1923.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/6

Title: Dublin Municipal Library Association Letters.

Dates: 17 June 1913- 1 Dec 1913.

Extent and Medium: 6pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Six letters written by James G. McDonnell, Honouree Secretary of the Dublin Municipal Library Association, asking the library permission to hold meetings in one of its rooms. The final letter in December 1913 asks the library to hold a conference between the library and its assistants to help solve a disagreement over new time-sheets.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/7

Title: Education of Library Assistants.

Dates: 25 Apr 1925- 14 July 1926.

Extent and Medium: 21pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters and pamphlets from various educational institutions informing the Kevin Street Library of librarian courses available that library assistant's may wish to avail of. Institutions include the School of Librarianship in London, the University of Illinois, classes carried out by the Library Association, and letters from Capel Street Library giving permission for two library assistant to attend a summer school in Aberystwyth, Wales.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/8

Title: Particulars of Staff.

Dates: c. 1913.

Extent and Medium: 16pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Particulars of Staff since the library opened giving a list of staff who worked in Kevin Street library between 1904 and 1912 giving the date of appointment, any

promotions they got, if they were transferred to another library and dates they resigned or left the library.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/9

Title: Staff Wages and Hours Worked 1902-1924

Dates: 24 Oct 1902- 30 May 1924.

Extent and Medium: 17pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Material providing information on salaries of the staff. Included are regulations approved by the library sub-committee in 1902 on the hiring of staff for Kevin Street Library and the wages that they should be given. Letters from staff asking for a raise in pay are included as well as a letter from the staff enquiring about their salaries during the libraries financial difficulties in 1908.

9. 24 Oct 1902- 4 July 1908.
10. 24 June 1912- 18 Dec 1912.
11. 25 Aug 1913- 16 Dec 1913.
12. 27 Nov 1916-21 Feb 1919.
13. 27 June 1920- 30 May 1924.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/14

Title: National Insurance Act Poster.

Dates: 1912.

Extent and Medium: 1p.

Level: Item.

Scope and Content: Of particular interest is a poster declaring that the National Insurance Act of 1911 will come into force on 15 July 1912 for workers aged between sixteen and seventy. An envelope containing time sheets is also included.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/5/2/15

Title: Address Book

Dates: c. 1970s

Extent and Medium: 21pp.

Level: File.

Scope and content: Address book belonging to an unknown individual containing names and addresses of contacts. Includes sensitive medical information. **CLOSED to public access.**

Correspondence

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/6

Title: Correspondence

Dates: 31 May 1904- 826 Mar 1927.

Extent and Medium: 1253pp

Level: Series.

Scope and Content: Letters from the public, divided by year that highlights issues they had with the library and problems with returning books and being guarantors.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/6/1-17

Title: Letters from public 1904-1927

Dates: 31 May 1904- 8 Dec 1927.

Extent and Medium: 1000pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from various members of the public, mostly about removing themselves as guarantors from the ticket of certain individuals. Other topics include apologies for the late return of books and letters of thanks for forwarding on lists of catalogues. Files two and three contain letters from Stephen Browne P.P. of Clongowes College, and in file sixteen a Mr. M. Carney on Jan 25 1923 explained that his son had been arrested by national forces and a library book was confiscated along with other items. His son was since released and is trying to recover the book. Carney advises the library to contact Portobello Barracks about the matter. Some postcards included have contemporary images of places like the Customs House in Dublin and Buckingham Palace in London.

- 1) 31 May 1904- 8 Dec 1907.
- 2) 31 Jan 1908- 7 Dec 1909.
- 3) 16 Feb 1910- 23 Dec 1910.
- 4) 18 Jan 1911- 18 Nov 1911
- 5) 1 Jan 1912-19 Nov 1912.
- 6) 31 Dec 1912- 29 Dec 1913.
- 7) 12 Jan 1914- 8 Dec 1914.

- 8) 11 Jan 1915- 28 Dec 1915.
- 9) 3 Jan 1916- 7 Dec 1916.
- 10) 12 Jan 1917- 18 Dec 1917.
- 11) 2 Feb 1918- 16 Dec 1918
- 12) 27 Jan 1919-31 Dec 1919.
- 13) 2 Jan 1920- 4 Dec 1920.
- 14) 26 Feb 1921- 3 Nov 1921
- 15) 3 Feb 1922- 4 Dec 1922.
- 16) 12 Feb 1923- 28 Dec 1923.
- 17) 31 Jan 1924- 26 Mar 1927.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/6/18

Title: McDix Letters.

Dates: 18 Sept 1909- 14 Mar 1910.

Extent and Medium: 12pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Mr. E.R. McDix of 17 Kildare Street, in which he enquires about books available in Kevin Street Library and material he is willing to donate or knows about that would be of value to the library.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/6/19

Title: Overdue Register.

Dates: 24 June 1965- 9 Aug 1965.

Extent and Medium: 38pp.

Level: File.

and Content: A ledger that provides information on books that are overdue giving the Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/ of the book due, the ticket number of the person who has it and the date the book was due to be returned. **Closed to Public Access**

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/6/20

Title: Borrowers Register.

Dates: 21 Mar 1955-14 Oct 1960.

Extent and Medium: 203pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A ledger that provides information on books that were taken out by borrowers of the library including the date the book was taken out, the ticket number of the borrower, the name of the borrower and their address. Closed to Public Access

Letters from Other Public Libraries

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7

Title: Letters from other Public Libraries.

Dates: 18 July 1904- 1 Mar 1927.

Extent and Medium: 528pp

Level: Series.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from other public libraries in Dublin. The libraries are in alphabetical order and the files then other chronologically for each library.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/1

Title: Brunswick/Pearse Street Letters.

Dates: 11 Dec 1911- 11 Oct 1918.

Extent and Medium: 35pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from Brunswick Street Library to Kevin Street about getting information on lists of books such as the school-scheme books and the organisation of committee meetings.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/2

Title: Brunswick/Pearse Street Letters.

Dates: 10 Oct 1918- 20 Nov 1926.

Extent and Medium: 31pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: File includes letters about time of committee meetings, requests for books and a letter discussing handing information over to be used in the Greater Dublin Commission.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/3

Title: Capel Street Letters 1904-1916.

Dates: 26 Apr 1904- 22 Mar 1916.

Extent and Medium: 41pp

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters on the transfer of staff, the arrangement of public holidays, requests for books and magazines and a list of newspapers giving their face value

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/4

Title: Capel Street Letters 1917-1926.

Dates: 21 Apr 1917-7 Jan 1926.

Extent and Medium: 27pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from Capel Street Library to Kevin Street about information on subscriptions, enquires for books for borrowers and letting Kevin Street know when they are destroying old newspapers should they want some destroyed also.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/5

Title: Charleville Mall Letters 1904-1912.

Dates: 26 Nov 1904- 9 Dec 1912.

Extent and Medium: 65pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: File includes letters about time of committee meetings and discussing about these meetings, requests for books in stock in Kevin Street Library and requests on the availability of particular books for Charleville Mall borrowers

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/6

Title: Charleville Mall Letters 1913-1916.

Dates: 18 Jan 1913- 27 Nov 1916.

Extent and Medium: 55pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from Charleville Mall Library to Kevin Street about information on a delivery of coal in March 1913, about where to source a supplier for

attendance books and other stationary, requests for books in stock in Kevin Street Library and requests on the availability of particular books for Charleville Mall borrowers.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/7

Title: Charleville Mall Letters 1917-1922.

Dates: 5 Jan 1917- 7 Dec 1922.

Extent and Medium: 47pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from Charleville Mall Library to Kevin Street including a letter on a supply of indicator ledgers from Kevin Street, request to help find missing newspapers and information on the availability of books requested by Charleville Mall borrowers.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/8

Title: Charleville Mall Letters 1923-1927.

Dates: 18 Jan 1923- 1 Mar 1927.

Extent and Medium: 55pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Charleville Mall library on replacing missing newspapers, getting loans of books for members of their library, the transfer of administrative forms and to confirm committee meetings times and where they are being held.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/9

Title: Thomas Street Letters 1904-1916.

Dates: 18 July 1904- 6 Nov 1916.

Extent and Medium: 31pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from Thomas Street Library to Kevin Street. They contain information about catalogues kept in Thomas Street Library, inquiries made by Thomas Street ticket holders about books kept in Kevin Street and information on rates that different distributors are offering on books.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/10

Title: Thomas Street Letters 1917-1926.

Dates: 2 June 1917- 20 Dec 1926.

Extent and Medium: 40pp

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters about inquiries made by Thomas Street ticket holders about books kept in Kevin Street, a list of newspapers that Thomas Street was subscribing too and a letter from April 1922 where Thomas Street declares they will only accept waste paper from the National Library if they hand over duplicates of Punch magazine in return.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/11

Title: Letters from other Libraries 1904-1911.

Dates: 16 Mar 1904- 20 July 1911.

Extent and Medium: 37pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from various libraries to Kevin Street. These libraries include the National Library of Ireland, Trinity College Library, Library of Congress in Washington D.C. and the New York Public Library.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/12

Title: Letters from other Libraries 1916-1926.

Dates: 24 Apr 1916- 26 Nov 1926.

Extent and Medium: 32pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from various libraries to Kevin Street. These include the Bibliotheque Nationale in Rio De Janeiro, the Carnegie Library in Limerick, the Aberdeen Public Library, Dublin Public Library and the University of Oxford.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/7/13

Title: The Library Association Letters.

Dates: 20 Apr 1916- 3 May 1924.

Extent and Medium: 30pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from the Library Association that concern the organisation of meetings for its members, suggestions for Kevin Street Library Committee as well as other issues regarding subscriptions for its annual journal.

Cumann na Leabharlann

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8

Title: Cumann na Leabharlann

Dates: 14 June 1899- 9 July 1923.

Extent and Medium: 210pp.

Level: Series. .

Scope and Content: Material from Cumann na Leabharlann which was an integral organisation to the foundation of public libraries across Ireland. Material from members and about its journal is also included.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/1

Title: Cumann na Leabharlann Foundation Letters.

Dates: 14 June 1899- 5 Feb 1900.

Extent and Medium: 7pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters written by John deCourcy MacDonnell, [J. Leton], P. Grogan and Thomas W. Lyster, regarding the desire to set up a library association in Ireland. Thomas W. Lyster in particular goes into depth about how the association should be set up as well as some reservations he has about the idea. Two drafts of the association constitution is also included with Thomas Kelly named as President and John Killa Ingram, Seamus [McMahon], Edward Martin and Thomas W. Lyster named as Vice-Presidents. A cover from the first edition of *An Leabharlann*, the associations journal, is also included.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/2

Title: Advertisement Enquiries.

Dates: 4 Jan 1904- 15 May 1905.

Extent and Medium: 18pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters and memos from various companies confirming whether they want to advertise in the Cumann na Leabharlann journal. A letter from John Whelan and Henry Dixon to Edward [Ponsouby] of Grafton Street which gives information on the size of the journal, where the advertisements will be placed and how many journals are being created for the first edition.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/3

Title: Public Library Schemes.

Dates: 23 June 1904- 27 Feb 1907.

Extent and Medium: 58pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from various rural districts and town unions across Ireland to John Whelan and Henry Dixon regarding the setting up of public libraries in their area. The letters concern the successes and failures in trying to convince local councils to set up the libraries and ask for advice on these matters.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/4

Title: Letters from Public Libraries.

Dates: 29 July 1904- 22 Feb 1907.

Extent and Medium: 41pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from various newly formed public libraries across Ireland looking for advice on best practice for running their libraries. Many letters acknowledge that they received 'An Leabharlann' Cumann na Leabharlann's journal.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/5

Title: Letters from Association Members.

Dates: 5 Feb 1905- 13 Mar 1906.

Extent and Medium: 11pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters to Cumann na Leabharlann from its various members. Letters offer willingness to write articles in the association's journal, letters that accompanied subscriptions to receive the journal and apologies for being absent at an association meeting.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/6

Title: Letters from Cumann na Leabharlann

Dates: 29 Apr 1905- 12 Jan 1906.

Extent and Medium: 9pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Letters from Cumann na Leabharlann to its members asking them to pay subscription fees to the association, informing them of their acceptance into the association and to send on condolences after a bereavement.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/7

Title: Art Gallery Committee.

Dates: 11 May 1911- 9 July 1923.

Extent and Medium: 5pp.

Scope and Content: A Two newspaper articles and a letter from H. W. Fovargue, Honouree solicitor of Cumann na Leabharlann, regarding the foundation of an art gallery in Dublin. The rules for using the Art Gallery are also included.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/8

Title: Ordnance Survey Correspondence.

Dates: 22 Mar 1905- 24 Nov 1905.

Extent and Medium: 7pp.

Scope and Content: Correspondence between the Royal Irish Academy and Cumann na Leabharlann regarding Ordnance Survey letters kept by the Royal Irish Academy that Cumann na Leabharlann wish to publish in their journal. Also included are letters from the Ordnance Survey in Southampton regarding a request from and Cumann na Leabharlann for some maps of Ulster.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/9

Title: School Scheme.

Dates: 29 Apr 1903- 28 Apr 1915.

Extent and Medium: 35pp.

Scope and content: Material about the Primary School Scheme set up by the Public Libraries Committee to help encourage children to read more. Included are letters from schools in the

Kevin Street Library District asking for more books, reporting lost books and reporting the general success of the scheme. Statistics on the amount of books borrowed and the costs incurred to replace missing books. A list of borrowers from St. Kevin's National School from 1915 is also included.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/8/10

Title: Dublin Technical Schools.

Dates: 21 Sept 1905-26 Apr 1920.

Extent and Medium: 19pp.

Scope and Content: Letters sent from the various technical schools across Dublin to Kevin Street Library asking for permission to display posters on the library walls, informing the library of money made available to purchase books of a technical nature for the use of the schools and requests for books. A large poster showing lectures given in Bolton Street during its inauguration week is also included.

Other Historical Data including Easter Rising (1908-1947)

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9

Title: Other Historical Data.

Dates: Aug 1908- 2 Dec 1947. .

Extent and Medium: 607pp

Level: Series.

Scope and Content: Material which was in possession of the Library that was deemed to provide information on the history and society of Dublin at the time. Included is some information surrounding the events of 1916, cases of disease in Dublin, a register of names in the parishes of St Patricks and John the Evangelist and meteorological data.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9/1

Title: Meteorological Data.

Dates: Aug 1908-Nov 1910.

Extent and Medium: 28pp

Level: File

Scope and content: Meteorological data recorded at Kevin Street Library with a hand drawn graph showing the barometric readings for every month. Also some temperature readings recorded in Fahrenheit.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9/2

Title: Register of Names from St. Patrick's and John the Evangelist Parishes.

Dates: 6 Feb 1911

Extent and Medium: 4pp.

Level: File

Scope and Content: A letter from E.C. Finlay of Oakland, California, asking the library for information from various parish registers that were kept in the library. A page is included that provides information on some individuals he was looking for including their dates of marriage and burial.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9/3

Title: Cases of Disease in Dublin.

Dates: 13 Feb 1911- 11 Mar 1911.

Extent and Medium: 22pp.

Level: File

Scope and Content: Letters from the Public Health Committee which provide information on various cases of sickness across Dublin giving the names, addresses and the medical conditions of those affected that are unwell.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9/4

Title: Soldiers and Sailors Families Association.

Dates: 29 Aug 1914- 26 Mar 1915.

Extent and Medium: 4pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Material about the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association including a letter where the association asks for a list of names of Corporation employees currently on service and notices that inform the public that the library will be closed while the association have their meetings.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9/5

Title: Newspaper Clippings.

Dates: 30 Nov 1915- 25 Oct 1924.

Extent and Medium: 40pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A file of newspaper clippings that report on many topics such as salaries of corporation employees, the issue over war bonuses, corporation elections, articles on the running of libraries and complaints over bad books.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9/6

Title: 1916 Easter Rising

Dates: 17 Apr 1916- 11 Oct 1916.

Extent and Medium: 7pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Material that alludes to the events of Easter 1916 including a notice from the town clerk informing the public that the library will be closed over the Easter, a letter from T.L. Townshend asking for a reprieve a woman of paying a fine as the book she borrowed was destroyed after her house was destroyed, a letter from Elizabeth Hand, a former employee, asking for a copy of her late discharge as well as informing the library that her husband was killed in the Custom House, a letter from a John MacDonagh informing the library that a book he borrowed is safe and a letter from an internment prison in Reading, England by Eamon O' Duibhir who is interned there with Henry Dixon.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9/7

Title: Speech by the Statistical and Social Inquiry of Ireland.

Dates: 9 Jan 1919.

Extent and Medium: 4pp.

Level: Item.

Scope and Content: A speech made by the Statistical and Social Inquiry of Ireland which gives a brief history of the society, the aims of the society and how the society aims to help improve the social problems in Dublin giving case studies.

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9/8

Title: General Nursing Council Register of Nurses

Dates: 31 July 1936-2 Dec 1947.

Extent and Medium: 4 ledgers, 450pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: Registers given to Kevin Street Library from the General Nurses Council containing a list of qualified nurses in Ireland, their addresses, their date of qualification and their date of registration. Also listed are mental nurses, nurses who are qualified to treat tuberculosis, sick children's nurses and fever nurses.

9/8/1 1936

9/8/2 1937

9/8/3 1941

9/8/4 1947

Item Code: C2/Lib/KK/9/9

Title: Illustrations of Historical Figures.

Dates: [?]

Extent and Medium: 45pp.

Level: File.

Scope and Content: A collection of illustrations that contains portraits of kings, historians and politicians as well as illustrations from events in the bible and Greek and Roman mythology.