

Libraries for Life Update

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Is your library getting a refurb?

A £3 million investment programme during 2009-10 will see the 23 libraries listed below receive funding for new facilities, better access, attractive flexible spaces to encourage more activities and some public libraries will also be able to offer free public WI-FI access.

Blaenau Gwent - Abertillery and Blaina

Bridgend - Pyle Library

Caerphilly - Pengam

Cardiff - Cathays

Carmarthenshire - Burry Port

Flintshire - Connah's Quay

Gwynedd - Dolgellau and Nefyn

Isle of Anglesey - Benllech and Amlwch

Monmouthshire - Monmouth

Neath Port Talbot - Cwmafan

Newport - Duffryn

Powys - Llanfair Caereinion

Rhondda Cynon Taf - Maerdy, Hirwaun, Beddau

and Tyn y Nant

Swansea - Brynhyfryd and Gowerton

Vale of Glamorgan - Rhoose

Wrexham - Wrexham and Overton

Staff Development

CyMAL provides bursaries for library staff to undertake a range of qualifications to help develop the library workforce. A reminder of what is available will be sent out in the next few weeks, or keep an eye on the CyMAL website.

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International Marketing Award

The Happy Days Campaign beat off tough competition from 17 countries to scoop second place in the International Federation of Library Associations Marketing Awards 2009. A big thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to this campaign.

This year's marketing plan has now been finalised and there will be a stronger focus on themed press releases such as learning, family history and health, the appointment of a celebrity spokesperson and a national competition to look forward to! Full details will be sent out soon.

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Everything Online

Have you had a look at library.wales.org/stafftoolkit/ recently? It is currently being further developed to include IT and Web 2.0 information, career development and training opportunities, reader development information and marketing resources. Regional toolkits are also being developed - take a look and let us know what you think.

Also please send your library press releases and events to librariesforlife@llgc.org.uk these may be used on the front page and will be included in the news section.