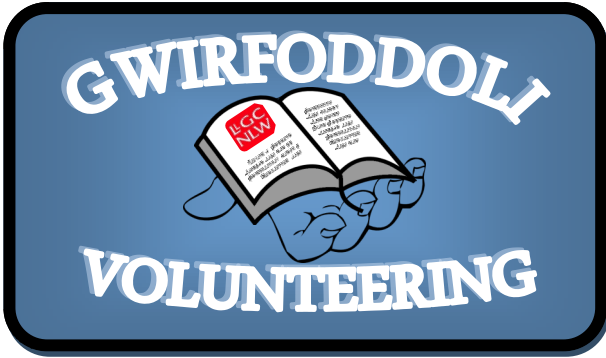


Volunteers Newsletter

January 2018



Meet a member of the NLW Staff:

What is your role at the Library?

I've worked at the Library as an Outreach and Participation Assistant since August 2017. I'm lucky enough that my job allows me to split my time between the Education Department, Exhibitions and Volunteering, so I certainly get to do a variety of different jobs from day to day!

What School / University did you attend?

Ysgol Gyfun Penweddig, before going on to study Psychology and English Literature at Aberystwyth University. Recently,



Sara Rhiannon Jones

I graduated from Swansea University with a Masters degree in Cognitive Neuroscience.

Your Interests?

Cats, anything that involves cats! I also love drawing and painting, especially using watercolours and gouache paint.

Favourite TV programme/Film?

Favourite film - the Harry Potter series, I can't pick just one! Favourite TV programme - Stranger Things, I've watched it more often than I'd like to admit.

Favourite Food?

Unfortunately, everything that isn't good for me... It would have to be a tie between cheesy chips, chicken nuggets and a madras curry.

An interesting fact about yourself?

I have a phobia of frogs and toads - I've been known to cry in a reptile house!

Your Favourite time in history?

The 90's - the clothes, the Spice Girls and Pokémon cards!

Name 3 things to take on a desert island?

A hot water bottle, paper and pencil for drawing, and a good book!

Which 3 famous people (dead or alive) would you have round for a dinner party?

Emma Watson, Frank Lampard and Winona Ryder.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome the following volunteers who have joined us during the last quarter :

Hanna, Ceri, Lucy, Rachael, Laura, Lucy, Holly, Owen, Jasen, Megan, Abbie, Mary, Eulonwy, Tabitha, Richard, Caitlin.

Interesting facts:

During this quarter :

59 volunteers came to the Library.

2,049 volunteering hours were completed.

Note from the Volunteering Steering Group:

Pedr ap Llwyd, Director of Collections and Public Programmes, and members of the steering group wish to thank the NLW volunteers for their continued support & commitment.

A Happy New Year !!

A new NLW crowdsourcing platform

The platform is now up and running; this is an exciting new development as it will enable the NLW to engage with digital volunteers throughout Wales and beyond over the long-term.



The first project, which is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, will focus on the Cardiganshire Great War Tribunals Records. Around 2,000 tribunals were established across Britain following the passing of the Military Service Act in 1916; these tribunals dealt with appeals against conscription to the armed forces on personal, economic, moral or religious grounds.

In 1921, the Government ordered that all tribunal records should be destroyed, apart from two sample sets from Middlesex and Lothian and Peebles; nevertheless the Cardiganshire records survived. The archive is completely unique in Wales, and one of the few of its kind that exists in the United Kingdom, making them crucial for understanding an overlooked aspect of the war.

We are inviting volunteers to use the online resource to transcribe and index the records so that they can be searched by name, address, date, etc.

The final resource will be available on the NLW website to researchers, family historians and anyone interested in the heritage of the Great War.



To access the platform and register to transcribe, go to crowd.library.wales

Please contact Eilir or Gwyneth if you need assistance, or to report any issues.

Happy transcribing!!!



If you wish to take part in our volunteering scheme please contact us :

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2017 - A successful and busy Year!

The annual Volunteers celebration was held in the Library's Council Chamber in December. Following a word of welcome from the Chief Executive and Librarian; Linda Tomos, Owen Llywelyn gave volunteers a live demo of how to use the new crowdsourcing platform, while Nia Dafydd gave an introduction to the proposed project to create a national broadcasting archive for Wales.

Gwyneth and Eilir gave a review of 2017 - another productive year! The NLW President closed the event by sincerely thanking our volunteers for their continued support and commitment. A buffet lunch was then enjoyed by all.

2017 Statistics

99 in house volunteers
7,982 volunteering hours
Equivalent to 1,140 Days
11 projects/tasks completed
9 have moved into employment.



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Meet a NLW Volunteer

Here are some interesting facts about **Matthew Davies**



1. Why did you become a volunteer and how long have you been volunteering at the Library?

I had a little bit of a health collapse about a year and a half ago. On my path to recovery I realised that I possess skills and abilities that were getting a bit rusty and needed to be put back into use. I've been a volunteer for about five months now.

2. What type of volunteering tasks are you involved in?

I've done work on the Geoff Charles photographic collection and the research into portrait images for the Welsh Biography Online resource. That said, my personal passion has developed within the transcription of the early accessions books of LIGC/NLW: they are a seemingly endless delight of pathways to investigation. I'm also more than happy to be 'deployed as needed'.

3. What, in your opinion, are the benefits of volunteering at the Library?

I'm absolutely sure that the benefits to me are innumerable and some of them will take years to sink in. The main one that springs to mind is that I'm regaining my 'professional' confidence. It's wonderful to work with other volunteers and staff in such a professional yet relaxed environment. I also feel that I am making a difference by using my abilities to help the Library.

4. Favourite place and why?

At the non-lens end of a camera. A camera can see what my eyes can't, and my eyes can see what a camera cannot.

5. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

Either that which I find intriguing or that which I cannot resist. (Mostly cricket, music [in quite scary and time-consuming diversity], crosswords and antipasto.)

6. Are you a member of any Clubs/societies?

Lots musical (the list would just go on...). I am, though, a paid up member of the Primary Club. The only membership stipulation is that you must have been out first ball in any form of cricket. The Club does fantastic work and is "The cricketers' charity that raises money to provide sports & recreational facilities for the visually impaired."

7. Favourite TV programme/film and why? Little Shop of Horrors. The bass pad (bass guitar part) is so much fun that it can cause permanent damage.

8. Your favourite time in history? The 'English' Civil War. As well as the name being a misnomer it's a period that is fundamental to the shaping of the 'who' and the 'how' we are as people in modernity on these islands. Yet it's not very widely understood nor generally taught as basic history. It's also the period in which viol consort music[k] reached its peak (so I'm biased).

9. Name 3 things to take on a desert island?

A whittling knife; my cuddly monkey, Pombley; a lifetime supply of various cheeses.

10. An interesting fact about you.....

Once had hiccups for nine months.

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