The Location of Knowledge and The New Library Space

The Library & The Department of Spanish presented a talk on Argentinian writer and librarian Jorge Luis Borges by Professor Bill Richardson, author of *Borges and Space* (2012) in the new library building, John Paul II Library, NUI Maynooth on Thursday 11th April 2013.

**Overview**
Unique opportunity to visit the new library building to hear a talk in context - combining the physical & metaphorical aspects of libraries, space and the nature of knowledge, themes explored by Borges in his writings.

**Collaboration**
Library & Department of Spanish
NUI Maynooth and NUI Galway

**How it Worked**
- Invitation to Bill Richardson (Professor of Spanish, NUI Galway) to give a talk on Borges, author and former director of the National Library of Argentina, in the context of the new library space
- Library and Spanish Department organised the event
- Department of Spanish invited all their staff and students, with a special focus on the courses on Borges and Latin American studies
- Publicity/contacts to wider university and other interested parties made via NUIM webpages, Facebook, Twitter, Public Library, email, telephone

**IMPACT**
- The talk was directly relevant to two 2nd and 3rd year modules ‘Latin American literature and culture’ and ‘Search for self in Latin American literature and art’
- Students and staff heard an expert on Borges speak, and could meet with the lecturer and take part in an informal discussion afterwards.
- Students & staff from NUIM and members of the public attended - 52 people
- A new paper was generated in the Borges critical canon

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