

Patrick J. Dowling Library

Located at

The United Irish Cultural Center
2700-45th Avenue at Sloat
San Francisco, CA 94116
(415) 661-2798

Website

www.irishcentersf.org

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Or by appointment

It is advised to call or check the website
before coming in to verify we are open.



***FRIENDS OF THE
PATRICK J. DOWLING
LIBRARY***

LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROMOTE IRISH/IRISH AMERICAN LITERATURE, HISTORY AND CULTURE BY PRESERVING AND MODERNIZING THE COLLECTION OF BOOKS, PERIODICALS, AND MULTIMEDIA AT THE PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY AND BY PROVIDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE COLLECITON.

Patrick J. Dowling Library

Named after its first library director, Patrick J. Dowling , the library opened on April 5, 1975, a month after the United Irish Cultural Center opened.

When plans were made to build the United Irish Cultural Center, it was Dowling's idea to create an all-Irish library and archives. To accomplish this, he set aside his real estate business to travel in the U.S. and Ireland, soliciting book and journal donations. Mary Green, a librarian originally from Dublin, cataloged these first donations. The Patrick J. Dowling Library inspired other Irish communities in the U.S. and abroad to create an all-Irish library.

Notable visitors include Tip O'Neill , former speaker of the United States House of Representatives; Albert Reynolds, Prime Minister of Ireland; and Mary Robinson, President of Ireland. Over the years, dedicated volunteers -- professional library workers, bibliophiles, and supporters of Irish and Irish-American culture -- have generously given their time to keep the library going. And thanks to generous donors, the library's collection continues to grow, connecting patrons to all things Irish and Irish American.

The library, located on the ground floor of the UICC, contains more than 3,000 titles on a number of subjects regarding Ireland and Irish America as well as newspapers, journals, magazines, books in the Irish language, books for children (in Irish and English), genealogy resources, sheet music, comedy and music cassettes, videos, and records. It also contains a collection of books in the Irish language.

Friends of the Library

The *Friends of the Patrick J. Dowling* library was set up to support the goals and mission of the library by sponsoring fund raisers, cultural & literary events, & classes, and by coordinating publicity.

SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL LIBRARY BY JOINING THE FRIENDS OF THE PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY TODAY

As a member, you will receive: special invitations to events and classes, no cost or reduced cost of admission to some events, and 5% reduction in price at book sales.

The Library and the Friends of the Library come under the umbrella of the ICCC, which is a public not-for-profit

APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Membership Levels & Annual Donation

John Keane \$20 _____

James Joyce \$21-\$99 _____

Patrick Pearse \$100-\$199 _____

Book of Kells \$200 plus _____

Interested in Volunteering _____

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