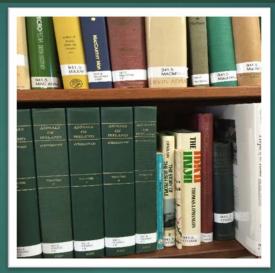


# Treasures of the Patrick J. Dowling Library

FIRST ALL IRISH LIBRARY IN THE UNITED STATES

#### 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 COLLECTION.



The library, which was established in 1975 by Patrick J. Dowling, is located at the UICC and is open from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and is operated by an all volunteer staff.

**Michael Collins** 



**Peter Yorke** 

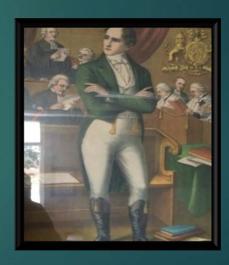
#### Pictures & Maps



The walls of the library are lined with wonderful pictures and maps. The collection contains more than 5,000 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.



Eamon De Valera



**Robert Emmet** 

#### Visitors from Near & Far

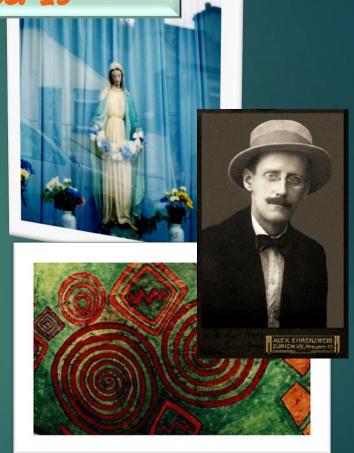


You never know who will drop in at the libraryresearchers studying Irish genealogy, a neighbor getting out of the fog, a retired scholar who reads a chapter of Irish history a week, a trad musician going thru the song sheets, visitors who want to share their stories about Ireland or their Irish roots. Well-known visitors have included that famous Irish American. Tip O'Neill Speaker of the House.



#### **Library Events**

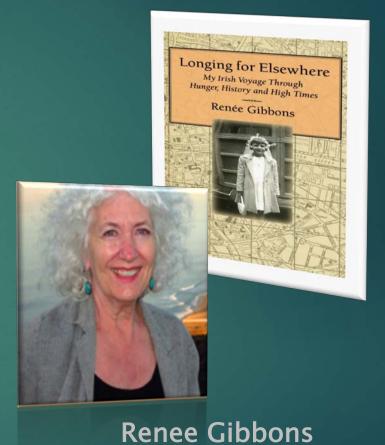
The library has sponsored a variety of events including the annual tea party and historical/cultural exhibits-in partnership with the UICC Historical/Heritage Committee.



#### Author Events-Sponsored by the Library



Alice Taylor



#### Treasures Donated

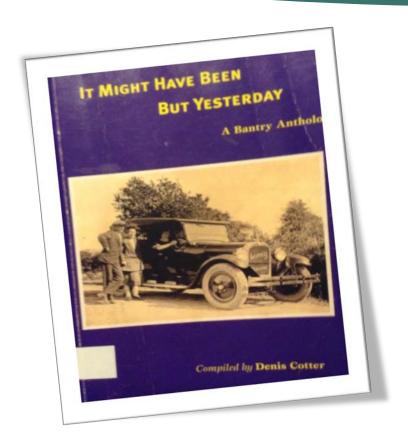


Donated by Luisa Lizaso in memory of her husband William Delany, author of **The Green and the Red.** 

The library is truly a community library. The collection is entirely made of items donated by supporters of the library. Mr. Dowling started the collection by soliciting donations in Ireland and the USA- first storing them in his garage and then finding a home for them at the UICC when it opened in 1975. Some of the donations are just extra books that someone wants to find a home for but many have special meaning to the donors-memories of home or mementos of loved ones who have nacced away which

### Treasures of the Library

"You never know what you are going to find when you go through the collection"



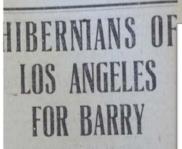
In the library there are several booklets which relate stories from the parishes of Ireland. One day, long time volunteer, Pat D'Arcy, came upon one from Bantry which actually contained stories about her mother's family during the uprising. She shared the stories with her family in Bantry on Facebook. Imagine the stories came from Bantry via the book and then back to Bantry via Facebook almost 100 years after the events occurred!



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Established in early part of the 1900s by Peter Yorke, pastor at St. Peter's Church and advocate for Irish Nationalism & the rights of the workers, the Leader was a weekly newspaper which chronicled the life of the Irish community in San Francisco as well as related what was going on in Ireland at that same time. Copies of the Leader have recently been digitized which is a great asset for researchers.



Back Up Leader's Agitation for Father of American Navy

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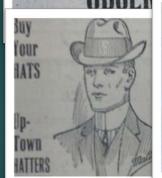
YOUNG LADIES' INSTITUTE.

Sunday, April 5, a meeting was h St. Francis de Sales' Hall, Oakla t which arrangements were made district meeting of the branches

GOOD FRIDAY CLOSING MEETS WITH FAVOR

## SILVER JUBILEE OF SISTERS OF MERCY AT GRASS VALLEY

St. Patrick's Day Celebration UNITED IRISH SOCIETIES GRAND BALL Auditorium, Page and Fillmore Stalarmote France, March 15, at 515 o'check Patriotic Exercises



FIRST GRAND PICNIC

REBEL CORK LADIES
ASSOCIATION

Sunday, September 27th

AT MILLET'S PARK, COLMA

Admission - - 25 Cen

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AT MAJESTIC HALL
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Saturday Evening, Dec. 26, 1914 Grand March 9 o'clock Union Music

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Auditorium, Page and Fillmore Streets
Suturday Evening, October 31, 1914

GRANT'S UNION BAND

ADMISSION Grademen, 58 Central Ludius, 25 Co.

**EXCERPTS FROM THE LEADER** 



#### Seamus,

Library Garda & Mascot



Before and after his accident, when he really became the long arm of the law!

#### CHECK OUT OUR LATEST EXHIBIT IN THE CENTER

A Place for All Things Irish tells the story of the San Francisco Irish Societies at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and their dream of building an Irish Hall. Memorabilia from the Irish societies of that era are on display in the library during regular hours.