

**The Worth Library Trust**  
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**Trustees' Annual Report 2020**



The Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu and Deputy City Librarian Mr Brendan Teeling launched the Dublin Festival of History 2020 in the Worth Library in September. This was the first visit by a Lord Mayor to the Edward Worth Library.

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## **1 Objectives and Activities**

The Worth Library Trust, established by the order of the High Court, preserves and maintains the Worth Library and the Worth Library Collection as a unit in its original form and in its original location in Doctor Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, for the purpose of advancing public education and a greater general knowledge and understanding of science, literature and the arts by enabling scholars and the general public to have access to a rare example of a uniquely preserved private library of an eighteenth century scholar and physician which is of unique national and international importance.

The main activities revolve around public education and research in the context of expanding the profile of the library, nationally and internationally, as a centre for the history of medicine, science, and the history of the book.

### **Background to the Edward Worth Library**

The book collection of Dr Edward Worth (1676-1733) is preserved in Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, currently the headquarters of the Health Service Executive. The Library's collection, one of the treasures of the nation's cultural inheritance, is comprised of c. 4,300 volumes, the earliest dating from 1475.

Edward Worth was a Dublin physician who collected medical books ancient and modern (i.e. 18th century), important contributions to the study of related sciences, philosophy, the classics and history. The collection reaches back to the origins of printing itself and most of the books are notable for their fine bindings as well as their printed content. Following Dr. Worth's death in February 1733, a room was designed and built to accommodate the collection on the first floor of the then unfinished Dr Steevens' Hospital, and the original book-shelves, cases, glass panes and other fittings remain today as they were in the 1730s.

## 2 Achievements in 2020

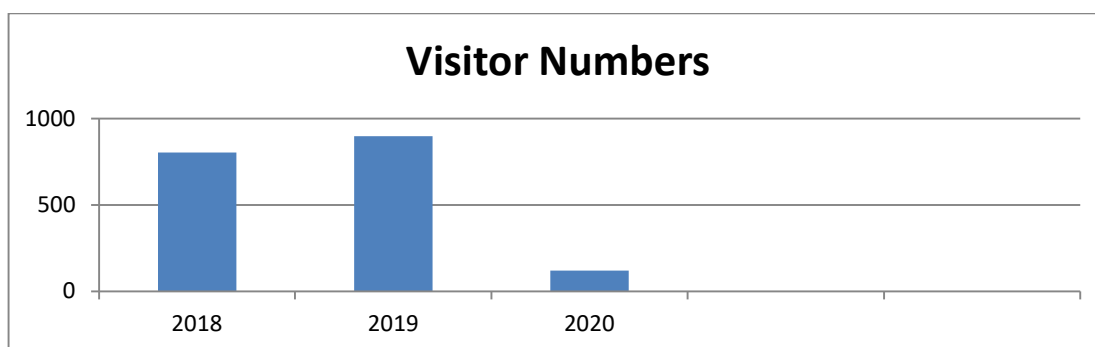
The COVID 19 pandemic of 2020 had a major impact on the normal outreach of the Edward Worth Library. The various lockdowns meant that for much of the year, the Library was closed to tours and unable to host planned in-house events. Details of how this affected each of our activities is listed below.

### 2.1 Education and Outreach

#### 2.1.1 Open Days:

In our 2020 Annual Action Plan we planned for 10 Open Days. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic Open Days and tours throughout the year had to be cancelled in accordance with government restrictions on public gatherings.

#### 2.1.2 Annual visitor numbers during the last four years



#### Footfall:

**2018 = 806<sup>1</sup> 2019 = 898<sup>2</sup> 2020 = 130<sup>3</sup>**

The COVID 19 pandemic therefore had a massive impact on footfall in the Library.

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<sup>1</sup> This does not include people who attended joint events off-site.

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<sup>3</sup> This figure does not include virtual attendance at our 1720 seminar, which was attended by 59 people.

### Online visitors in 2020:

To offset this, the Library concentrated on online services, drawing attention in a twitter campaign to the many online exhibitions provided by the Library. As the figures below suggest, this proved to be very effective at increasing our visit numbers. The influence of the pandemic is clear in the figures below: all bar one website generated higher figures than the previous year and in particular, the Infectious Diseases exhibition proved immensely popular. It and the main website [www.edwardworthlibrary.ie](http://www.edwardworthlibrary.ie) received their highest hits during the first lockdown and specifically during the twitter campaign. It is recommended that twitter be utilised as much as possible in the future.

**Main website:** [www.edwardworthlibrary.ie](http://www.edwardworthlibrary.ie)

**2020:** Throughout 2020 there were **93,378** individual visitors to the main website (significantly up from the previous year's figure of 22,478. (88% were new visitors in 2020 and there have been 116,037 users since June 2010).

The connected online exhibitions have figures as follows:<sup>4</sup>

Exhibition Title	Launch Year	2019 Visits	2020 Visits	Total Visits since launch.
Astronomy at the Worth Library	2009	1,052	1,235	209,740
Infectious Diseases at the Worth Library	2010	3,747	<b>71,116</b>	118,468
Alchemy and Chemistry at the Worth Library	2011	1,154	1,958	49,843
Newton at the Worth Library	2012	422	546	44,174
Botany at the Worth Library	2013	21,962	5,748	107,464
Dr Steevens' Hospital: A	2014	1,543	1,697	41,764

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<sup>4</sup> Figure taken on 4 December 2020.

History				
Aldines at the Worth Library	2015	967	1,213	37,485
Architecture at the Worth Library	2016	1,896	2,663	6,832
Mathematics at the Worth Library	2016	674	839	2,502
Van Dyck at the Worth Library	2017	786	1,163	2,344
Mythical Creatures at the Worth Library	2018	–	<sup>5</sup> –	
Surgery at the Worth Library	2019	134	<sup>6</sup> –	
Estiennes at the Worth Library	2020	–		

On average c. 90% of each of these were **new** visitors to the websites. Most of the **93,378** individual visitors to the main site in 2020 were based in the United States, Ireland, the United Kingdom and India (32%, 11%, (and 9% for both the UK and India) respectively). Following these was Canada and France on 4.5%; Russia on 2.6% and Australia (2%), Egypt and Finland, each on 1.5%.

Via the extensive online presence ([www.edwardworthlibrary.ie](http://www.edwardworthlibrary.ie) and our ancillary website exhibitions) the Library seeks to share knowledge of the collection with scholars, institutions and the general public. All lectures, conferences and tours are open to members of the public. Outside of Open Days, tours may be booked by either e-mailing [info@edwardworthlibrary.ie](mailto:info@edwardworthlibrary.ie) or by phoning 01 635 2215.

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<sup>5</sup> Due to a technical glitch Google Analytics did not provide figures for this website.

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### 2.1.3 The Worth Library Annual Lecture Series:

In the 2020 Worth Library Action Plan we planned for 5 lectures in 2020. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, only one took place. The others have been postponed until 2021.

- **3 March 2020:** Dr Catherine Scuffil (Dublin City Historian in Residence): 'The Housing Crisis of Revolutionary Times: 1915-1922'.

## 2.2 Conferences

To mark the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Dr Steevens' Hospital, the Worth Library organized a one-day conference: 'Dr Steevens' Hospital and Dublin in 1720'. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, this was held on 11 September 2020 via a ZOOM webinar and was well attended. The speakers were as follows:

- Professor David Dickson (Fellow Emeritus, Trinity College Dublin): 'Dublin in 1720'.
- Dr Patrick Walsh (School of Histories and Humanities, Trinity College Dublin): 'Banks and Bubbles: Ireland and the South Sea Company Crisis of 1720'.
- Dr Maire Kennedy: 'Printing and the book trade in Dublin in 1720.'
- Dr Elizabethanne Boran (Librarian of the Edward Worth Library): 'Dr Steevens' Hospital in 1720: People, Plans and Materials'.
- Dr Melanie Hayes (Department of the History of Art and Architecture, Trinity College Dublin): 'A classic and polished taste'... Architecture and Craftsmanship in early Georgian Dublin'.

This webinar was facilitated by the Library of Trinity College Dublin and the Librarian wishes to thank Mr Mark Brennan, Mr Greg Sheaf, Ms Sharon McIntyre and Ms Anita Cooper of the Library of TCD for their assistance. The presentations are available on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLriwD9rI2WxTqQw2u-ytpPGxUVACsE5iT>

### 2.2.3 Teaching and Lectures

In our 2020 Worth Annual Action Plan we planned for one class on the history of medicine this year. In fact the Librarian gave four presentations:

- **3 February 2020:** The Librarian gave a class on the history of medicine to first year medical students in the School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin.
- **11 September 2020:** The Librarian presented a paper (via ZOOM) on 'Dr Steevens' Hospital and Dublin: People, Plans and Materials. This was part of the conference commemorating the tercentenary of the laying of the foundation stone of Dr Steevens' Hospital.
- **20 October 2020:** The Librarian presented a paper (via ZOOM) on 'Botany and Gardens in the Edward Worth Library' to the Weaving in the Liberties group 1.
- **21 October 2020:** The Librarian presented a paper (via ZOOM) on 'Botany and Gardens in the Edward Worth Library' to the Weaving in the Liberties group 2.

### 2.2.4 Research Fellowship Scheme

In the 2020 Worth Library Action Plan we budgeted for **2** research fellows. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the research fellowship scheme for 2020 had to be postponed until 2021.

### 2.2.5 Publications and publication preparation

The 2019 Worth Library Annual Action Plan proposed that editing of the *Botany and Gardening in Early Modern Ireland* collection of papers (due for publication in 2022), would start in Autumn 2020. Editing of texts is ongoing but is slightly behind schedule due to extra duties assigned to the Librarian.



### 2.2.6 Exhibitions in 2020:

The 2020 Worth Library Annual Action plan outlined 2 annual online exhibitions (Spring and Autumn); 1 smaller exhibition in the Summer by a EUSA intern; and 1 smaller exhibition by staff in August to mark the IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations) conference. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic it was not possible for a EUSA intern to travel to Europe and, in addition the IFLA conference was postponed for the same reason. As a result of pressure of work it was decided to scale back one of the major online exhibitions (1720 at the Worth Library) and make it a smaller online exhibition. The remaining annual exhibition, which marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Henri I Estienne (1460-1520), the creator of the famous Estienne printing firm, was launched on 3 December 2020.

- [‘Estiennes at the Edward Worth Library’](#). This annual online exhibition was curated by Ms Agathe Vézine ([École nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques](#)), with assistance from the Librarian. Dr Elizabethann Boran. It was launched on 3 December 2020 and is a companion exhibition to [Aldines at the Edward Worth Library](#).
- [1720 at the Worth Library](#): This smaller online exhibition was curated by Dr Elizabethanne Boran and Mr Antoine Mac Gaoithín and marked the tercentenary of the laying of the foundation stone of Dr Steevens’ Hospital. It launched on 21 September 2020 and was intended to be the exhibition for Open Days during Dublin Festival of History.

## 3 Collections Management

### 3.1. Training

The 2020 Action Plan included training, subject to availability. The following courses were completed:

- On 17 January 2020 both the Librarian and the Library Assistant of the Worth Library took part in Fire Safety Awareness Training, provided by Phoenix STS and facilitated by the Facilities Department of Dr Steevens' Hospital.
- In April 2020 both the Librarian and the Library Assistant completed the TCD online GDPR course.

## 3.2. Monitoring the Environment

3.2.1. **Daily monitoring:** The 2020 Action Plan outlined daily monitoring of the collection. This was undertaken using the Hanwell monitoring system. Dehumidifier and humidifiers were applied as necessary.

3.2.2. **Safe-Guarding the Annual Shelf Check:** An annual shelf-count will be undertaken in December 2020: this will be a shelf-count instead of a shelf-check due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Findings of the **Historic Missing and Moving Books Project** were reported to the Trustees at their June 2020 Meeting. We recommend that a full shelf-check be undertaken in 2021.

3.2.3. **Exhibitions Maintenance Schedule:** This was affected by COVID 19 restrictions.

3.2.4 **Disaster Plan:** The Worth Library Disaster Plan was reviewed in line with MSPI recommendations received on 26 November 2019 and was updated in August 2020.

3.2.5. **Documenting the Collection:** It had been hoped that 200 items in the main collection would be catalogued in the course of 2020 but unfortunately this was not possible due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The cataloguing of the reference collection is on course to be completed in December 2020. The 2020-2022 Strategic Plan has made cataloguing a priority for the coming years.

## 3.3. Donations in 2020

In January 2020 Dr John Widdess kindly donated the following manuscripts to the Worth Library:

1. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 1:** Receipt dated 1 April 1734 for £5 8 shillings and 4 pence from Alderman William Walker, the Tea and China Warehouse, Dublin.
2. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 2:** Invoice dated 1797 for £15 12 shillings for barrels of beer, bought from David Sherlock, the Porter and Ale Brewery, Glover's Alley, Stephen's Green.
3. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 3:** Receipt dated 18 March 1793 for £1 4 shillings from Robert [Rachel Maria] Jackson, Bookseller, Printer and Stationer, no. 20 Meath-Street, Dublin.
4. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 4:** Receipt dated 4 March 1793 for £4 4 shillings from Mr Thomas Jones, Hosier, at the Sign of the Royal Stocking, no 2. Lamb-Alley, Dublin.
5. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 5:** Receipt dated 39 December 1792 for 2 shillings and 4 pence from Michael Geraghty, Pin Maker, No. 79, the Queen's Head, Thomas-Street, Dublin.
6. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 6:** Receipt dated 23 March 1793 for 2 shillings and [8]? pence from Michael Tighe, The Soap and Candle Manufactory, No. 15, Thomas-Street, Dublin.
7. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 7:** Receipt dated 5 March 1798 for £1 and 6 shillings from John Grace, Hatter and Haberdasher, No. 16, Cutpurse-Row, Dublin.
8. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 8:** Receipt dated 5 April 1798 for £51 and 15 shillings from Mary Kelly, Linen Draper, at the Three Sailors, Corner of Cutpurse-Row, no. 18, Corn Market, Dublin.
9. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 9:** 'Forged note on Bank of Ireland, dated 25 December 1802, for £1 2 shillings and 9 pence.
10. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 10:** Receipt dated 9 June 1804 for 18 shillings and 5 pence from William Kelly, Original Irish Wooden Warehouse, No. 2, Bridgefoot Street, near Thomas Street, Dublin.
11. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 11:** Receipt dated 17 August 1803 for £2 and 2 shillings from John Read, Knife and Sword Cutler, and Surgeon

Instrument Maker, No. 8. College-Green, near the Commercial-Buildings, Dublin.

12. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 12:** Receipt dated 4 October 1803 for 9 shillings and 9 pence from John Millikin, Cutlery Manufactory, No. 4, Trinity-Street, Dublin.
13. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 13:** Receipt dated 20 January 1802 for £3 and 12 shillings from William Bunn, Blanket and Flannel Ware House, No. 55, Britain Street Opposite Granby Row.
14. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 14:** Receipt dated 28 September 1802 for £4 from William Bunn, Blanket and Flannel Ware House, No. 55, Britain Street Opposite Granby Row.
15. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 15:** Two receipts (attached to one another and numbered [819] and 820), dated 18 July 1802 for 18 shillings and 5 pence, and 15 shillings and 2 pence respectively, from Dublin Parish James, Collector of Hearth Money.
16. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 16:** Two receipts (attached to one another and numbered 821 and 822), dated 18 July 1802 for 18 shillings and 5 pence, and £1 and 1 shilling and 8 pence respectively, from Dublin Parish James, Collector of Hearth Money.
17. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 17:** Receipt (numbered 818), dated 18 July 1802 for 4 shillings and 4 pence, from Dublin Parish James, Collector of Hearth Money.
18. **John Widdess 2019 donation item 18:** 1784 colonial Print (on the back, printed laebl 'Dublin, L. R. Strangways, MA, M.R.I.A Collection'. Written note: 'A view of Madam Stevenes Hospital in the Subburbs of Dublin'.

Dr John Widdess proposes to donate three volumes of auction catalogues to the Worth Library in December 2020. We are very grateful to Dr Widdess for his generous donations to the Library. They are important additions to our archival collection.

## 4. Major Projects in 2020:

### 4.1.1 The MOOC on ‘The History of the Book in the Early Modern Period: 1450-1800’.

The MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) on ‘The History of the Book in the Early Modern Period: 1450-1800’, which had been coordinated by the Librarian with colleagues Dr Jane Suzanne Carroll and Dr Mark Sweetnam (School of English, TCD), Dr Joseph Clarke (School of Histories and Humanities, TCD), and Dr Silvia Gallagher (Trinity Online Programmes), was re-run in April 2020. The April re-run ‘achieved the rare feat of exceeding the FutureLearn average for every KPI’.<sup>7</sup> It was deemed so successful that it is now available full-time on the FutureLearn website.

The course is a free 4-week online course which includes 13 videos and 31 articles, as well as discussion questions and exercises. The general aims of the MOOC are as follows:

- To share the treasures of the Edward Worth Library, Dublin, and the Long Room, Trinity College, Dublin, with as many people as possible. Futurelearn’s free online courses provided a perfect platform for this.
- To highlight the rich learning resources in both libraries – and thus encourage future learning opportunities.
- To explore innovative methods of teaching the History of the Book.
- To introduce new audiences to the History of the Book.
- To bring library and academic staff together to work on a project which draws on the strengths of the research interests of all involved.

More information may be found here:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/history-of-the-book/1>

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<sup>7</sup> MOOC History of the Book Evaluation Report for April run.

During the April re-run **4,198** people joined the course. **Demographics:** 44% UK, 15% US, 7% Ireland, 6% Australia and Canada, 2% Spain and Italy. **92 countries in total.**

#### 4.1.2 The Museum Standards Programme of Ireland 2020 Accreditation Application for Interim Accreditation in 2021.

Preparation for this during 2020 involved the following:

**February 2020:** The Librarian submitted the MSPI Accreditation Plan Template for 2020-21 to the MSPI co-ordinator, Ms Lesley-Ann Hayden.

**April 2020:** The Librarian submitted the 2020 Worth Library Annual Action Plan to the Trustees of the Worth Library.

**September 2020:** The Librarian submitted the Collection Policy and the Disposal Policy to the Trustees of the Worth Library.

Areas 'not met' in the November 2019 assessors report and which still require work include the following:

2.1. Lease agreement – work on this is underway, with many thanks to Mr Tony Kelly for his work on this.

2.2. Formal written agreement if collection is owned or managed by two separate organizations. This is a priority for the Museum Management section of the application and will be addressed in 2021.

3.15. Maintenance Schedule for exhibitions. Due to COVID 19 it was not possible to keep to the maintenance scheduled in 2020. This will be addressed in 2021.

3.20 Care of Collections Strategy is scheduled to be drafted in 2021. Suggestions concerning environmental monitoring come under this section.

Section 4 Document Procedural Manual – this manual is currently being revised to bring it in line with MSPI guidelines.

Clear signage with opening hours displayed.

In 2020 significant progress was made in the area of **environmental monitoring**.

The main area of concern related to lux levels. This was addressed as follows:

1. A portable light meter to enable frequent lux readings was purchased. However, due to the COVID 19 pandemic it was not possible to take daily readings

throughout the year. As a result, light monitors are being added to the Hanwell system on 9 December 2020 so that light monitoring could be taken automatically.

2. Blackout blinds for all windows have been ordered and were put in place on 2 December 2020.

**Pest control:** Following consultation with the Conservation Department, TCD, pest traps have been laid and will be monitored.

#### 4.1.4 The Historic Missing and Moving Books Project:

In 2018 the staff of the Worth Library were alerted to the existence of an extra missing book, C.9.9, by a reader request. C.9 is a shelf above the facia (i.e. in the upper presses). C.9.9 was identified as missing in the 1730 manuscript catalogue but was never included in previous physical shelf-checks because it was not assigned an Upper Press shelf-mark by Dr John Widdess in 1959. This would suggest that it was missing at that time.

As a result of the discovery of C.9.9, Mr Antoine Mac Gaoithín undertook the **Historic Missing and Moving Books Project** whereby he forensically examined the 1730 and Modern online catalogues, along with consulting the 1730 manuscript catalogue to ascertain historic missing books that could not be detected by the annual physical shelf-check alone. Findings were reported to the Trustees at their June 2020 Meeting. He found that the actual number of missing books is **101**. This represents books which have gone missing over past centuries. No books have gone missing since the creation of the Worth Library Trust.

## 5 New Links with other Institutions and Societies

### 5.1.1. École nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques intern programme.

In late January 2020 Ms Agathe Vézine commenced a four-month internship at the Worth Library. Her project was to produce an annual online exhibition on the subject of the 'Estiennes at the Worth Library'. Worth collected publications by the famous

French Estienne press in much the same way as he collected Aldines. As 2020 marked the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Henri I Estienne (the founder of the Estienne printing dynasty), it was deemed a suitable project by Ms Vézine's teacher, Professor Malcolm Walmsby, and the Librarian of the Worth Library, Dr Elizabethanne Boran. Despite the fact that Ms Vézine had to return to France due to the COVID 19 pandemic, work continued online and the exhibition went live on 3 December 2020. This online exhibition is a sister exhibition of the [Aldines at the Worth Library](#) exhibition and highlights the wonderful resources for the History of the Book in the Worth Library. Ennsib ([École nationale supérieure des sciences de l'information et des bibliothèques](#)), are so delighted with the outcome that they have proposed another intern for 2022.

#### 5.1.2. Trinity College Dublin internship programme.

In 2019 Dr Georgina Laragy, Director of the M.Phil. in Public History and Culture, Trinity College Dublin, had proposed an internship at the Worth Library for students of the M. Phil in Public History and Cultural Heritage, TCD. The scheme allows for one student per year to work on a project in the Worth Library for 12 days over a 3 month period in Spring. In 2020 the programme at the Worth commenced. This too was affected by the COVID 19 outbreak but despite this the TCD intern, Mr Charles Watson, produced his Book of the Month, which was on on John Speed's *The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain* (London, 1676). This will go live later in December 2020.

#### 5.1.3. Launching Dublin Festival of History 2020.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Hazel Chu and Deputy City Librarian Mr Brendan Teeling launched the Dublin Festival of History 2020 in the Worth Library in September. This was the first visit by a Lord Mayor to the Edward Worth Library.

### 6. Continuing Engagements

Our previous links are still flourishing:



- H. E. Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, is Patron of the Worth Library Trust. Trustee Ms Helen Stokes presented a copy of our publication, *The Alchemy of Medicine and Print. The Edward Worth Library* (Dublin, 2010), to our Patron, Michael D. Higgins, and his wife Sabina at a summer event at the Áras.
- The joint lecture on 'Medieval and Renaissance Medical History', set up by the Worth Library and the Department of History in TCD, continues but due to COVID 19, could not place in April 2020 as planned and was postponed until 2021.
- In 2019 Dr Bríd McGrath donated money to set up a joint research fellowship between Marsh's Library and the Edward Worth Library. The first fellow (Mr Ruairí Ó hAodha) was appointed in Autumn 2019 and was due to take up his fellowship in 2020 (this had to be deferred due to the COVID 19 pandemic). His topic is as follows: 'Connections between the Church of Ireland (Archdiocese of Tuam) and the translation and printing of William Ó Domhnuill's *Tiomna Nuadh* (1602)'.
- On 1 December 2020 the Librarian was elected as the Secretary General of the International Commission for the History of Universities. She has been the Irish representative on the Commission for some years.
- The Librarian continues to be the Secretary of the History of Science, Medicine and Technology Ireland Network.
- The Librarian continues as the Library Association of Ireland representative on the National Committee of the Blue Shield.
- The Librarian continues to be the Irish representative on the committee for the Society for the History of Natural History.
- The Edward Worth Library continues to be involved in the EUSA Scheme but due to COVID 19 no internship was possible in 2020.
- The Librarian continues to be a member of the Rare Books Group of Ireland.

- The Edward Worth Library is one of a group of libraries (including the CONUL libraries) who joined together in 2013 to become members of CERL: Consortium of European Libraries: <http://www.cerl.org/>.
- The Worth Library is part of the 'Manuscript, Book and Print Cultures' Research Theme (TCD).
- The Edward Worth Library is one of five Dublin libraries involved in the 'Reading East' website, hosted by University College Dublin: <http://www.ucd.ie/readingeast/>.
- The Edward Worth Library is a partner library with the Universal Short Title Catalogue, which is hosted by the University of St Andrews', Scotland: [http://www.ustc.ac.uk/?page\\_id=36#worth](http://www.ustc.ac.uk/?page_id=36#worth)
- The Infectious Diseases Society of Ireland has a link to the Worth Library 2011 online exhibition: <http://www.idsociety.ie/links/>
- Podcasts of presentations at 'The Book: History and Practice' workshop, held at The Humanities Institute of Ireland on 12 March 2012, continue to be available online on YouTube.
- A podcast of the paper the Librarian gave on the 'Scientific Collections of the Worth Library' in November 2012 is available on the website of the Royal Irish Academy.

## **7 Financial Summary**

### **7.1.1 Funding**

The Worth Library received funding of €200,000 from the Health Service Executive in line with the costings submitted to the HSE as part of the 2020-2022 three-year plan.

### **7.1.2 Staff and administration**

The Worth Librarian and the Library Assistant are appointed as members of staff in Trinity College Dublin and paid monthly by the College via funds provided by the Trustees. The Trust Secretary and Financial Advisor also received stipends from the Trustees.

The revenue charity status of the Trust exempts it from tax obligations.

7.1.3 Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial position  
as of 31 December 2020.

<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	€176,145
Income	€200,000
Operating surplus/(deficit)	€23,855
Interest receivable & similar income	€64
Surplus/(deficit) before taxation	€23,919
Tax on (deficit)/surplus	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	€23,919
Prior Year Adjustment	(€18,479)
<b>Non Current assets</b>	
Property, plant & equip	€46,064
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Debtors	€8,762
Cash and cash equivalents	€111,927
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(€32,098)
<b>Net Current assets</b>	€88,591
Total assets less current liabilities	€134,655
Represented by Unrestricted Funds- general fund surplus	€134,655
Total Funds	€134,655

## 8 Structure, Governance and Management

Following the closure of Dr Steevens' Hospital and its purchase by the then Eastern Health Board in 1988, a charitable Trust was established. Pursuant to a High Court judgment by Mr Justice Ronan Keane in 1995, the Worth Library Trust was established under a Scheme for its Administration and Regulation by Order of the High Court of 5<sup>th</sup> July 1995. The Trust is regulated by the Charities Regulation Authority. CRA number 20066093, Charity number CHY 17643.

### 8.1. Trustees of the Edward Worth Library in 2020

Dr Emer Lawlor (Chair and Trustee)

Mr Paul Reid, CEO of the HSE (ex office)

Prof Patrick Prendergast, Provost, TCD (ex officio)

Dr Sandra Collins, Director, National Library of Ireland (ex officio)

Mr Tony Kelly (Nominee for Director General HSE)

Mr Gerard Long (Nominee for the Director of the National Library of Ireland)

Ms Jessie Kurtz (Nominee for the Provost of Trinity College)

Ms Maureen Browne

Professor Davis Coakley

Mr David Fitzpatrick

Mr Kieran Hickey

Professor Greta Jones

Dr Eoghan Mooney

Ms Helen Stokes

Mr Robert Towers

#### **Secretary to the Trustees**

Ms Aoife O'Neill (January-March 2020)

#### **Financial Advisor**

Mr Damian Casey

#### **Worth Library Staff**

**Worth Librarian**

Dr Elizabethanne Boran

**Worth Library Assistant**

Mr Antoine Mac Gaoithín

## 8.2 General Management

Under the 2020 Annual Action Plan the following targets were outlined and completed:

- 4 Trustee Meetings per year.
- 4 Finance Sub-Committee meetings per year.
- 3 Governance Sub-Committee meetings per year.

**Note:** During 2020 it was agreed that the two sub-committee would merge into a Management Committee. The number of meetings held during 2020 exceeded the projected number:

- 4 Trustee Meetings were held: 24 April 2020; 19 June 2020; 18 September 2020; 11 December 2020.
- 2 Finance Meetings were held: 8 April 2020 (this was a full Trustees' Meeting to discuss online banking); 21 May 2020.
- 3 Governance Meetings were held: 27 February 2020; 4 June 2020 and 11 June 2020.
- 3 Management Committee Meetings were held: 9 July 2020; 5 November 2020 and 7 December 2020.

**Policies completed in 2020**

1. Online banking 2020
2. Data Protection Policy 2020
3. CCTV Policy 2020
4. Data Breach Guidelines 2020
5. Complaints Policy 2020

6. Internship Policy 2020
7. Collection Policy 2020 (MSPI)
8. Disposal Policy 2020 (MSPI)

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9. Gift policy 2020
10. New Trustee Policy 2020
11. GDPR Records Retention Schedule 2020
12. Staff Code of Conduct 2020