

A Rainbow of Learning

By the Students of
Scoil Bernadette / Cope Foundation, Montenotte, Cork,
in association with **Cork City Libraries**



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Introduction

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A Rainbow of Learning is a wonderful collaboration of creative inspiration from the students of Scoil Bernadette / Cope Foundation, Montonotte, Cork and Shine, the Irish Progressive Association for Autism, which supports and works with families to overcome the challenges that autism brings them. Cork City Library hosted the event. It was my pleasure to facilitate this unique project with the students as they clearly demonstrated their understanding of how the library can have such an important role in all our lives.

The paintings created in this book were worked on over two days and each student participated with enthusiasm and a sense of great fun. We discussed the facilities at the library and how its role had changed so much over the years. The students were surprised to find so many new technologies now operating and it was easy for them to source inspiration for their paintings. Many of the teenagers remembered coming to the library with their parents or guardians as small children and created images based on these memories; others looked around them and drew from what they saw. Teenagers have few places to go these days but they all agreed that with books, computers and music all under the one roof that there was plenty for them to do in a safe and friendly environment.

Each of their paintings is a personal response to this project and we hope that this book will serve as an educational tool for others to see what an impact reading can have and how creative it can be. Reading can still conjure up infinite images in the mind even in this age of technology and this workshop allowed the students to express these, and share them with many generations of children and adults to come.

I would like to acknowledge the cooperation of all the students at Scoil Bernadette, their teacher Emma Darby, Liam Ronayne, Patricia Looney & Breda Hassett, Cork City Libraries and Kieran Kennedy from Shine for sponsoring this innovative event.

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Artist's Name: **Karl Lougheed** • Age: **15** • Title: **'Inferno'**

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'It was fascinating'

BLACK BEAUTY



Artist's Name: **Darren O'Driscoll** • Age: **15** • Title: **'Black Beauty'**

'I enjoyed Painting'



Artist's Name: **Joseph Coppinger** • Age: **14** • Title: **'GAA-Sport in Cork'**

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'I had great fun!'



Artist's Name: **Joseph Coppinger** • Age: **14** • Title: **'The City Library'**

'I had great fun!'



Artist's Name: **Wayne Mason** • Age: **15** • Title: **'Cartoons in the Library'**

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'I liked painting in the library!'



Artist's Name: **Wayne Mason** • Age: **15** • Title: **'The Music Library'**

'I liked painting in the library!'



Artist's Name: **Lisa Cahill** • Age: **16** • Title: **'The Secret Garden'**

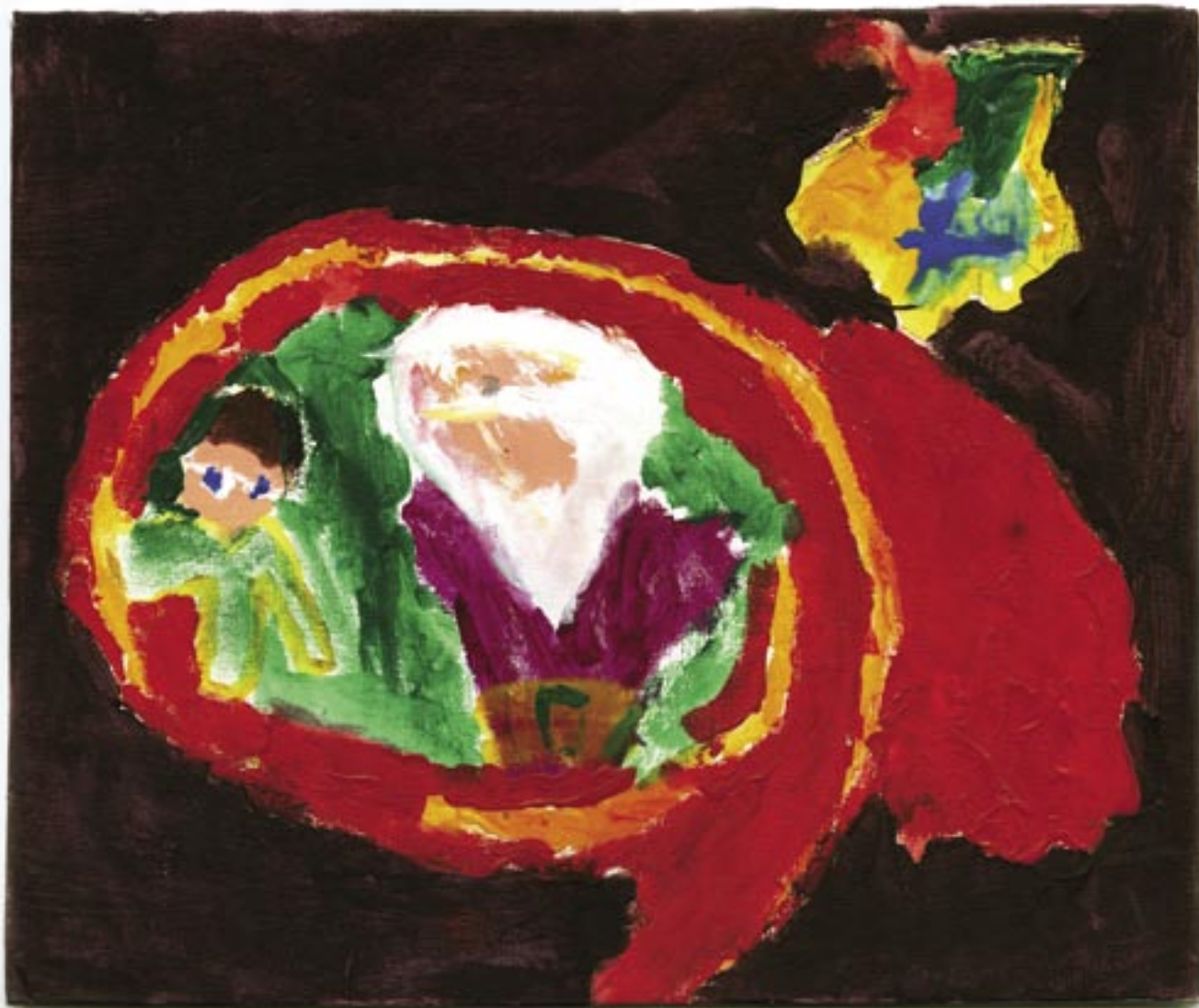
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'It was great to get ideas from books in the library.'



Artist's Name: **Lisa Cahill** • Age: **16** • Title: **'Land of the Fairies'**

'It was great to get ideas from books in the library.'



Artist's Name: **Tyrone Bailey** • Age: **15** • Title: **'Gryffindor'**

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'It was good.'



Artist's Name: **Tyrone Bailey** • Age: **15** • Title: **'A Book of Spells'**

'It was good.'



Artist's Name: **Jenny Humphries** • Age: **16** • Title: **'The History of Ireland'**

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'The project was very enjoyable. Children will...



Artist's Name: **Jenny Humphries** • Age: **16** • Title: **'Reading in the Library'**

...always be able to look at the book in the Library.'



Artist's Name: **Samantha Crowley** • Age: **16** • Title: **'The Simpsons Family'**

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'The books in the Library gave me great ideas.'



Artist's Name: **Samantha Crowley** • Age: **16** • Title: **'High School Musical'**

'The books in the Library gave me great ideas.'



Artist's Name: **Máire Mulcahy** • Age: **14** • Title: **'Where's Spot?'**

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'It was a great experience...



Artist's Name: **Máire Mulcahy** • Age: **14** • Title: **'Bugs Bunny Learns to Read'**

...the Library is a great place for learning loads.'



Artist's Name: **Niamh McCarthy** • Age: **15** • Title: **'Computers at the Library'**

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'It was excellent. It was nice doing the work in the...

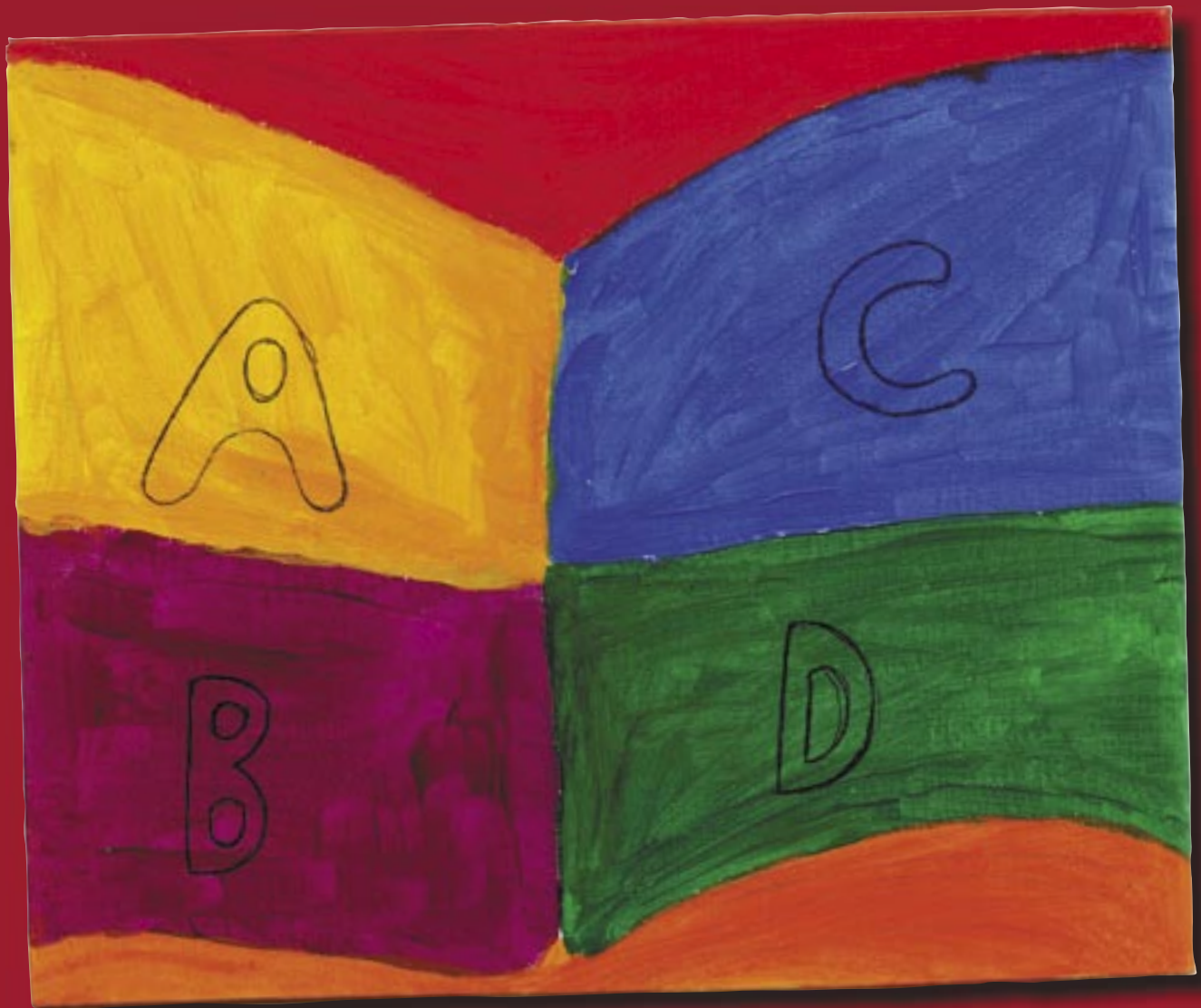


Artist's Name: **Niamh McCarthy** • Age: **15** • Title: **'People Reading Books at the Library'**

...Library but I didn't like getting paint on my clothes'



Artist's Name: **Laura Leahy** • Age: **16** • Title: **'Alphabet Book'**



Artist's Name: **Laura Leahy** • Age: **16** • Title: **'A Rainbow of Learning'**



Artist's Name: **Cian Hurley** • Age: **15** • Title: **'Irish Geography'**



Artist's Name: **Cian Hurley** • Age: **15** • Title: **'Manchester United'**



Artist's Name: **Robert Kelly** • Age: **15** • Title: **'The Simpsons'**

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'It was very interesting in the Library.'

Ann Burns studied ceramics at the Crawford College of Art & Design from which she subsequently worked as a potter in Jersey, Channel Islands, and with Judy Greene in Galway. She began to work as the Art Trainer in Enable Ireland in 1997 where she continues to teach Art & Music to young adults with profound physical & sensory disabilities. For many years she has also worked with the V.E.C. as a community tutor with groups such as children, teenagers, palliative care, garda diversion projects and mainstream education. Ann is on the H.S.E Arts n' Health Database, she has completed a certificate in counselling at the C.I.T. (Cork Institute of Technology) and is currently studying her Masters in Art Therapy at C.C.A.D.

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