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Dear Collector

What an exciting selection of stamp issues we have in store for you over the next three months!

The themes featured reflect a wide-ranging set of topics, from swimming in the capital city's river and exploring the wonders of space to major sporting and cultural events happening later this year. When you add in two stamp issues that celebrate and commemorate significant milestones connected with literature and libraries, you have a most appealing offering to choose from.

Space exploration is a subject that fascinates young and old and our stamp issue on July 4 highlights the contribution of four American astronauts boasting Irish ancestry - see Page 4 for details

One week later, we celebrate one of the literary greats, Iris Murdoch, who was born in Dublin 100 years ago. Ireland figured prominently in some of her books and you can read more about our distinctive stamp, set in an iconic style, on Page 5.

Completing our three-part offering in July, we issue a special stamp to celebrate the century-long tradition of the Liffey Swim. Turn to Page 8 to read about the famous painting which is the subject of our offering. On August 8, we issue four stamps that honour the memory of a wonderful benefactor to Ireland, Andrew Carnegie, whose death occurred 100 years ago. See Page 9 for details of how we mark his library legacy in the country.

One of the highlights of this year's global sporting calendar, will be the Irish Rugby team's participation in the World Cup in Japan. Our rugby stamps in mid-August. Irish followers eagerly look forward to these finals and our two stamps are specially designed to capture the achievements of two personalities closely associated with the success of Irish Rugby. See Page 6 for more information.

To round off this edition of The Collector, we issue four stamps on September 11 to celebrate a highly significant annual cultural initiative that has captured the imagination of the Irish people at home and abroad. See Page 11 for details of our attractive stamp designs reflecting 'Culture Night', scheduled for September 20 this year.

Aileen Mooney, Irish Stamps

News and information

Stampa 2019

Stampa, the annual Irish National Stamp Exhibition will once again be held in the Griffith Conference Centre on the campus of Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8 (near Leonard's Corner) from Friday, October 11th to Sunday, October 13th, 2019. The opening times for Friday and Saturday are 11am to 5pm while Sunday is 11am to 4pm.

Admission to this year's show is free of charge and, in addition, there is free parking on site. There will be dealers from home and abroad in attendance as well as Revenue Museum who will provide a display of stamp printing plates and other interesting items relating to the history of Irish postage stamps.

Details of Stampa membership souvenirs and the prospectus is available on www.stampa.ie

Advantage Card National & International Booklets



National Booklet of 4 Code 19BKN

For a limited time period these booklets are being separated from the packs and are available to purchase individually up to Friday, July 19 at which point they will go back to being only available in the National, International and Mix Packs. For more information on the Advantage Card and to buy these visit anpost.com/shop

On April 15, 2019 An Post launched the Advantage Card, which gives businesses a world of discounts on mails and parcel products. Part of these new products was the launch of new National and International booklets of 4.

International Booklet of 4 Code 19BKW



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€1 Stamp Block of 4
Code 1909ST €4.00



€1 Sheetlet of 16
Code 1909ST €16.00

Miniature Sheet Code 1909MS €4.00



First Day Cover Code 1909FDC €5.00



SPACE EXPLORATION

Astronomy has always fascinated Irish people –for instance, in 1845, the largest telescope in the world for 72 years was built at Birr Castle. Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, our stamp issue on July 4 acknowledges four American space astronauts with Irish ancestry. Neil Armstrong (the first to set foot on the moon) and Michael Collins were on the lunar expedition in 1969. Eileen Collins and Catherine (Cady) Coleman participated in various space shuttle missions.

Did you know?

Like his famous Irish revolutionary namesake, astronaut Michael Collins has strong links with west Cork - his grandfather, Jeremiah Collins emigrated from Dunmanway to the U.S. in the 1860s. Eileen Collins, the first female space shuttle commander, is the New York-born daughter of two Irish immigrants while Neil Armstrong's roots are in County Fermanagh. An accomplished flute player, Cady Coleman became the first person to record music in space when she played traditional Irish tunes for inclusion in the Chieftains' 50th anniversary album.

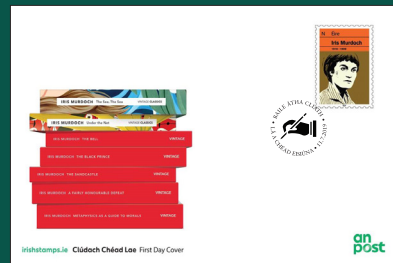
Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	July 4, 2019
Values and Quantities	4 x €1 Block (208k) €4 Miniature Sheet (15k)
Design	Detail
Stamp Size	51mm x 30mm
Miniature sheet size	150mm x 90mm
Paper	TR 102gsm Yellow Green Phosphor PVA gum
Colour	Multicolour
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	13.3 x 13.3
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Cartor Security Printing

Stamp Code 1910N €1.00



First Day Cover Code 1910FDC €2.00



Sheetlet Code 1910N €1.00



Centenary of the birth of Iris Murdoch

A special treat awaits all literature buffs, especially fans of author Dame Iris Murdoch, on July 11 when we issue a special stamp to commemorate the centenary of her birth in Dublin on July 15, 1919. Although her parents moved to the UK when Iris was still an infant, she developed a great affinity with Ireland. A member of the Irish Academy of Letters, Iris was the first Irish writer to receive the Booker Prize, for *The Sea, The Sea* in 1978.

Did you know?

Iris Murdoch published her first novel in 1954 and was a prolific writer of books, ranging from highly popular novels (some featuring Ireland) to plays, poetry and works of philosophy. She was one of the most profound moral philosophers of the 20th century. Our stamp illustration is based on a photographic portrait of Iris Murdoch and is stylised to reflect the illustrations on the front covers of a number of her novels.

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	July 11, 2019
Value and Quantity	N (122k)
Illustration and Design	Steve Simpson
Stamp Size	29.8mm x 40.6mm
Paper	TR 102gsm PVA Gum
Colour	Multicolour plus Orange (PMS 1585) with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	14.1 x 14.3
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Cartor Security Printing

€1 Se-tenant Pair Code 1913ST €2.00



Irish Rugby

In August, many thoughts will turn to the Irish Rugby team's participation in the World Cup in Japan (September 20-November 2). We have a special treat in store for, not only stamp collectors, but fans of sport. Our two stamps feature the achievements of two people closely associated with the success of the Irish Rugby Team: Manager, Joe Schmidt and player Johnny Sexton. These special stamps capture an era of Irish Rugby in the campaign toward reaching the World Cup, which will be remembered and celebrated for many years.

Did you know?

This is the first time that Japan, considered to be outside the heartland of rugby, will host the finals.

This stamp set highlights the success of Irish Rugby in winning the 2018 Grand Slam, Joe Schmidt winning Manager of the Year 2018 (a second award) and Johnny Sexton winning World Player of the Year 2018.

Miniature Sheet Code 1913MS **€2.00**



First Day Cover Code 1913FDC **€3.00**

(FDC to include Team image and Cancellation Design TBC)



Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	August 29, 2019
Value and Quantity	N Se-tenant (148k) €2 Miniature Sheet (15k)
Design	Zinc Design Consultants
Stamp Size	33.85mm x 52mm 150mm x 90mm (Miniature Sheet)
Paper	TR 102gsm Yellow Green Phosphor PVA gum
Colour	Multicolour
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	13 x 13.1
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Cartor Security Printing

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'N' Rate Stamp Code 1911N €1.00



Sheetlet Code 1911N €16.00



First Day Cover Code 1911FDC €2.00



LIFFEY SWIM

When swimmers take to the waters on August 3 to compete in the annual Liffey Swim, they will be continuing a century-long tradition. The first Liffey Swim organised by Dublin Corporation employee, Bernard Fagan was held on July 22, 1920. Dublin is the only capital city in Europe to have a competitive swimming race in a river through the heart of the city. The swim is regarded as an open sea race as, for much of the time, swimmers battle against an incoming tide and swim in salt water.

Did you know?

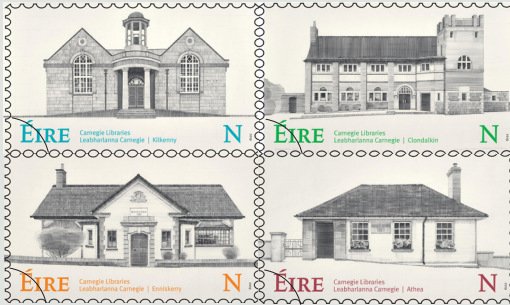
Our stamp to mark the famous Liffey Swim features a painting, entitled The Liffey Swim, completed in 1923 by the noted Irish artist, Jack B Yeats, brother of poet WB. The painting is a portrayal of one of the earliest Liffey Swims, which won Yeats the silver medal for painting in the art competitions at the 1924 Summer Olympics. The painting and the Olympic medal can now be viewed in the National Gallery of Ireland. Each year, the race winners receive a printed copy of the painting.

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	August 1, 2019
Values and Quantity	N (122k)
Design	Workgroup
Stamp Size	51mm x 30mm
Paper	TR 102gsm PVA Gum
Colour	Multicolour with Metallic Gold (PMS 871) and phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	13.3 x 13.3
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Cartor Security Printing

'N' Rate Block of 4 Code 1912ST €4.00

Sheetlet Code 1912ST €16.00



First Day Cover Code 1912FDC €5.00



Honouring the Carnegie Libraries in Ireland

Book lovers in Ireland owe a debt of gratitude to Scottish-born philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie, who generously offered grants between 1897 and 1913 to 80 libraries in Ireland, many of whom are still in existence. To mark the centenary of the death of Carnegie (1835-1919), we issue four stamps that feature Carnegie Library buildings of architectural note. The buildings are in Enniskerry (County Wicklow); Athea (Limerick); Kilkenny City and Clondalkin (Dublin).

Did you know?

Andrew Carnegie's Scottish family was very poor in 1848 and had to borrow money in order to emigrate to the U.S. in search of a better life. Immediately, he began working 12 hours a day, six days a week as a bobbin boy at the tender age of 13, changing spools of thread in a cotton mill in Allegheny, Pennsylvania for \$1.20 per week. Carnegie later went on to enjoy exceptional success in the steel industry and, in 1901, sold his company for \$480,000,000.

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	August 8, 2019
Value and Quantity	4 N Block (208k)
Illustration	Dorothy Smith
Design	Vermillion Design
Stamp Size	51mm x 30mm
Paper	TR 102gsm PVA Gum
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	13.3 x 13.3
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Cartor Security Printing

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CULTURE NIGHT

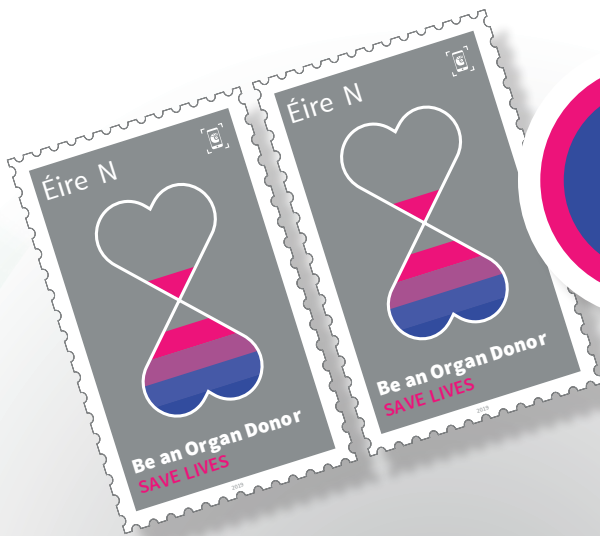
On September 5, we issue four stamps of special interest to stamp collectors as well as all lovers of Irish culture in its various guises. The stamps celebrate ‘Culture Night’, to be held on September 20, which is now the biggest annual movement of Irish people engaging directly with cultural activities at any one time. Over 400,000 people are set to visit galleries, churches, theatres, studios, concert halls, stately homes and more in a single night. Photographic images illustrating the range of diverse events from previous years feature on the stamps.

Did you know?

In addition to being a stand-out, all-island event in Ireland, ‘Culture Night’ is now very much an international phenomenon. Irish cultural institutions around the world stage events in cities, such as London, Paris and New York. All in all, it represents a massive transformation from its relatively small-scale origins in 2006, when Dublin City Council staged the event only in Dublin.

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	September 5, 2019
Values and Quantities	N Block of 4 (208k)
Design	Zinc Design Consultants
Stamp Size	52mm x32.32mm
Paper	TR 102gsm Yellow Green Phosphor PVA gum
Colour	Multicolour
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	13.1 x 13
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Cartor Security Printing



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