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solas nua is the only organization in america dedicated exclusively to contemporary irish arts

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Irish Book Day returns to DC for the 6th consecutive year!
Occurring in 2011 as part of Imagine Ireland, an initiative of Culture Ireland.



17 March 2011 throughout the metro stops of Washington DC

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THE EVENT

We've been doing it since 2006 and by now most Washingtonian's are used to the drill; every St. Patrick's Day we place one hundred volunteers around dozens of metro stops in the city from 6am until the end of the evening commute and hand out a whopping **10,000 books for FREE** on the streets of DC. The books are by current Irish writers and is our way of celebrating Ireland's national holiday.

THE BOOKS

Some of the top titles included in the event this year are *The Master* by Colm Toibin, *Netherland* by Joseph O'Neill, *Slammerkin* by Emma Donoghue as well as books by children's author, Eoin Colfer.

WHO? Solas Nua

Solas Nua is the only organization in the United States dedicated exclusively to contemporary Irish arts. Solas Nua produces the Capital Irish Film Festival, Irish Popcorn!, a critically acclaimed theatre season, Irish Book Day, the DC Irish Writers Festival, a book club, visual arts exhibitions, the Eist podcast, the Solas Salon Series and Irish language classes.

Irish Book Day is made possible in part due to the generosity of Culture Ireland and donations from Harper Collins, Poetry Ireland, the Verbal Arts Centre (Derry), Picador, Random House and the Irish Arts Council.

WHEN? 17 March 2011 from 6am - 7pm or until the books run out.

WHERE? Various metro stops around Washington, DC. Follow us on twitter - @solasnuacht - for real time updates.

HOW? All books are FREE!

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