



# MULLINGAR LIBRARY

## Westmeath, Republic of Ireland

The new 847 m<sup>2</sup> Mullingar Library for Westmeath County Council is located in the centre of the town as part of the new County Buildings complex on the 1st floor of the Civic Buildings.

It includes a dedicated teen area, a range of multimedia materials, a suite of 16 public computers, a new local studies department, an exhibition/events space for 50 people and admin offices for library staff. The building was designed by Bucholz McEvoy Architects.

Mullingar Library won an award in the 'over €20 million' Category of the 2009 OPUS Architecture & Construction Awards.

The Judges said: *".... a site visit revealed a set of new and historic buildings interacting in an ingenious manner. The timber and glass atrium roof straddles various buildings, linking old and new in an engaging manner. The new complex is innovative, sustainable, modern and respectful of its historic setting. A credit to all involved"*

Demco worked with the library team to design and furnish throughout the library space.

*"I know there are towns in Ireland who would love to have a building as good as this one. I had to spend a few weeks studying in Mullingar recently, and the Mullingar library was the perfect place to hunker down with the books."* - Library visitor