Catherine Hayes/Cait Bean Ó hAodha, 1917 – 2016

Catherine (Kitty) Hayes (nee Dunphy), former Waterford County Librarian, died 17th April in her 100th year.

Educated at University College Dublin, she held a BA, HDE, and Diploma in Library Training. She was also a Fellow of the Library Association of Ireland.

She had extensive experience as an Assistant County Librarian in Limerick, Galway and Mayo.

She was appointed as Waterford County Librarian in 1961 in succession to the County’s first Librarian Fergus Murphy, and retired from that post in 1981. (Donald Brady was appointed in Feb. 1982). While there, she developed the local studies service and supported the Carnegie libraries.

Pre-deceased by her husband Dermot, she is survived by her children Terry and Ivan and extended family.

Marjory Sliney, based on information provided by Deirdre Ellis-King and Norma McDermott.