creative and share their love of reading with others inside and outside of school. Ros Alcock, Librarian at Ballakermeen High School says, “Plans so far include Carnegie shadowing groups, World Cup reading promotions, setting up of a traveling collection of graphic novels and cartoon books, special events for National Poetry day and Children’s Book week, regular displays about the different school libraries mounted at the Family Library, and the launch of an island wide ‘Reading Challenge’ in all the secondary schools to encourage and support leisure reading by students of all ages.”

Our local newspaper, The Manx Independent, has given us a monthly column to fill with library news and views. We are hoping that this raised profile will result in a greater understanding by politicians and public alike of the importance of school libraries on the Island.

Education Library’s Pedagogical Museum at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid Gains Its Own Space

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In 1996 The Education Library at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (http://biblioteca.uam.es/educacion/default.html) began to form a Pedagogical Museum (http://biblioteca.uam.es/educacion/museo.html), bringing together mainly textbooks used in nursery, primary and secondary education published since the mid-nineteenth century until 1950. From this initial background, the collection continued to increase with small donations. It currently has over 1000 primarily print publications and some fifty digitized books available in the university's institutional repository. The importance of this collection lies in its usefulness for research in the reconstruction of the historical past of Spanish education. Its website gives complete information on their funds, installation, service and cultural activities, providing access to its digitalized books (http://digitool.uam.greendata.es/R/i4GA8FND15FYPLU7VDL8LPS6P4FQKE9BS59NBP589VMPSI12SN-00188?func=collections-result&collection_id=1275&pds_handle=GUEST).

Finally, the Education Library has a place to install this valuable collection, which integrates bibliographic funds all together with objects and school materials such as desks, blackboards, globes, photographs, and so forth, thus creating a permanent exhibition of the collection.