



## LIBRARY DEVELOPMENTS

### EXTENDED LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

The Library of the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies is pleased to announce that the opening hours of the library have been extended as of November 12, 2007.

The Principal, Professor Gordon Shirley; Director of Human Resource Division, Dr. Allister Hinds; Senior Assistant Registrar, HRMD, Mr. Raymond; Human Resource/Employee Relations Officer, Ms Nolda Thompson; Officers of the Guild, incoming and outgoing Library staff, and students studying in the Library, were on hand to usher in the first night of the Extended Library Opening Hours. The Principal, subsequently, was the first borrower of a book after 10:00 p.m.

The Library users from both the Main Library and the Medical Branch are delighted and have expressed their pleasure and appreciation with the new opening hours.

#### NEW OPENING HOURS

##### Main and Medical Libraries

*Monday – Friday 8:30am – 6:00am*

*Saturday 8:30am – 12:00 midnight*

*Sunday 12:00noon – 8:00pm*

##### Overnight Reading Room

*Saturday 12:00 midnight – Sunday 6:00am*

*Sunday 8:00pm – Monday 6:00am*



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**"The mark of a well educated person is not necessarily in knowing all the answers, but in knowing where to find them."**

— Douglas Everett

### THE EDITOR'S NOTE

#### Dear Readers

Welcome to a new academic year. This is the first issue of *LIBRATIONS* for the academic year 2007/2008. The editorial team extends an enthusiastic welcome to you all.

Librations continues to bring to your attention developments in the Library at the Mona Campus and the library profession. This issue features the Science Library, and we have included some study tips that we believe the student body will find useful as they move into examination.

We wish you all a productive year.

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### VIRTUAL REFERENCE SERVICE (VRS)

On October 26 and 27, more than one hundred Librarians in Jamaica participated in two, one day interactive and informative workshops on Virtual Reference Service (VRS). These workshops were hosted by the Library in collaboration with the Online Computer Library Centre (OCLC) headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. The workshops came about as result of the Library's recognition that the traditional approach to providing a reference service is perceived as less accessible and more inconvenient. Hence, the need to cater to and satisfy the needs of this new community of online users.

Day one was historic, since, for the first time so many librarians, representing the various libraries on the Mona Campus, came together in a collaborative effort. Representatives from the University Campus at St. Augustine and the University of Technology in Jamaica also attended. The Northern Caribbean University was among the institutions represented on the second day.

The Mona Campus Librarian gave the opening address and encouraged the librarians to consider the benefits of VRS service in a global environment. The Head of the Loans and Reference Unit of the Library, Mrs. Margaret Pearce, in concurring with the campus librarian, made a tantalizing presentation that left us asking ourselves the question 'Can libraries in Jamaica afford not to offer VRS?' Mr. Antonio Alba and Ms Susan McGlammery from OCLC, then took us through the next session on the use of QuestionPoint, a virtual reference service software that provides professional real-time reference service to users, 24/7, anywhere. This service provides seamless access to information and includes all electronic methods by which libraries fulfill customers' information needs: online forms, interactive chat and web-browsing. It also supports a knowledge base component and a module for the visually impaired.

As the Library works in tandem with the University in achieving its objectives based on the strategic plan for 2007/2012, virtual reference is now being considered as a vital service for academic libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### THE HIGMAN MONTPELIER MANUSCRIPTS

On Tuesday June 19, 2007, at a function held in the Multi-functional Room of the UWI Main Library, Dr Jillian Galle of the Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery (DAACS) based at the University of Virginia, Monticello, handed over the Barry Higman Montpelier Manuscripts to Mrs. Norma Amenu-Kpodo, Campus Librarian.

Prof. Barry Higman was a member of staff in the History Department of UWI for some three (3) decades and between 1972 and 1983 he conducted the first significant archaeological excavation of a slave village in the English-speaking Caribbean at Montpelier in St. James.

Included in the presentation, are the photographs, field notes and site maps. Later the Library receive the digitized version of the collection and links will be made between the UWI Library and DAACS. Dr. Swithin Wilmot, then Head of the Department of History, UWI was instrumental in arranging the transaction.

### CAMPUS LIBRARIAN

The Mona Campus Librarian, Mrs. Norma Amenu-Kpodo, who was due to retire in September, has been asked to continue in the post for one more year while a new campus librarian is identified.

She is pleased to be given this extra year in which she hopes to achieve important goals such as extending library opening hours, participating actively in the University Development and Endowment Fund's annual campaign to raise funds for library growth and development and putting in place a proposal for extensions to the library buildings. A digital laboratory, space to house a Caribbean Leaders Collection, an electronic information literacy laboratory, and a reprographic services/audio visual centre all form part of her vision of making the library a world class institution.

## FEATURED SERVICE— SCIENCE LIBRARY

## INTERLIBRARY LOAN

The needs of our primary clientele, the community of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, are mainly for access to journal articles. However, the increasing cost of materials especially the high prices for some journals in research and technology makes it economically imperative to consider alternative sources.

One option we offer to all our patrons is an Interlibrary Loan Service. Through this service the Library acquires requested documents from its main suppliers, The British Library Lending Division (BLLD), the Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI) and BIREME.

Both the **BLLD** and **CISTI** are major sources for information in areas of science, technology, engineering and medicine. Whether you need an article from a journal, book or an in-depth literature search they will provide the information.

**BIREME, Document delivery system (SCAD)** is a virtual library cooperative service that specializes in document delivery services among libraries in Latin America and Caribbean region. Their main focus is on health science.

Most requests are processed between 48 hours and two to three (2-3) weeks. Patrons are often willing to pay to acquire what is needed for research.

*How do you order material not owned by the library?* You can pick up forms at the circulation desk in any library or email your requests to [science.library@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:science.library@uwimona.edu.jm)

## STUDY TIPS

- Begin to prepare for your examinations three or more weeks before the date of examination.
- Make a planned schedule for study. Time management is important
- Give a copy of your study schedule to your family, friends and employees where possible.
- You need to find a place that is consistently quiet with few distractions.
- Gather and organize your course
- Group information into piles by different topics or key points of the subject
- Learn important terms and concepts
- Prepare and answer self-test questions. This can be done on note cards or drill cards
- Analyze, practice and rehearse all points relating to the topic/subject
- Reflect on what you have studied

## CARDIN'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

The Caribbean Disaster Information Network (**CARDIN**), a centrally managed project of the Science Branch Library of the University of the West Indies continues to maintain its visibility in the global information networks. Recent visibility of the services of **CARDIN** was made available on CVM TV during Newswatch. The two minute feature focused on the development of **CARDIN** and its services. Representatives from **CARDIN** were interviewed for this documentary that was aired during "storm watch" on July 27, 2007 and August 3, 2007.

In June 2006, **CARDIN** received the Alberta Pérez de Rosa Information Units Alliances and Collaborative Projects Award, for excellence in the implementation of successful information projects in the Caribbean. The award was given by the The Association of Caribbean University and Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL). For further details visit our website at <http://mona.uwi.edu/cardin/>

Participants at the UWI Library's booth during the Climate Change



## INFORMATION LITERACY INITIATIVES

The Mona Information Literacy Unit (MILU) conducted an Information Literacy (IL) Workshop July 2-9, 2007 for sixth form students drawn from the following schools in Kingston: Convent of Mercy Academy (Alpha), Kingston College, Meadowbrook, Ardenne, St. Andrew and Queens High. The students uniformly expressed that the workshop was invaluable to high school students like themselves.

The Unit also designed and conducted a four (4) - day IL Workshop at Guy's Hill High School during period September 10-13, 2007 on behalf of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations (UNESCO). Twenty-four students of grades 10 and 11 were introduced to information literacy skills. The aim of the workshop was to introduce students to IL and for them to continue developing the skills through their IL club and become responsible users of information. Students rated the programme highly in terms of content and pedagogy.

## ACURIL 2008

The Association of Caribbean University and Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) will be holding its 38<sup>th</sup> annual conference at Rose Hall Resort & Country Club, Montego Bay, June 1-6, 2008. Under the theme **The E-Librarian: Ideas, Innovation and Inspiration**, the conference will examine leading-edge tools and techniques for information management and dissemination. For further information contact **David Drysdale** [dadrystsle60@yahoo.com](mailto:dadrystsle60@yahoo.com) or **Grace Kerr-Benjamin** [vickben03@yahoo.com](mailto:vickben03@yahoo.com). The registration form for the conference can be found at the website of the National Library of Jamaica [www.nli.org.jm](http://www.nli.org.jm).

## FEATURED ARTICLE

## CONDOLENCE



Kenneth Everard Niven Ingram, OD, DLitt, MPhil,

The University of the West Indies regrets the passing of one of its pioneer Librarians, Mr. Kenneth Everard Niven Ingram, but celebrate his life of service and dedication.

A librarian, administrator, historian, bibliographer, poet and scholar, K.E. Ingram - made an outstanding contribution to Librarianship and Historical Scholarship in Jamaica and the Caribbean.

From as early as 1932, Kenneth Ingram began his path to academic excellence. In 1941, he joined the staff of the Institute of Jamaica where he won one of the first British Council Scholarships offered in Jamaica which allowed him to read towards his Associateship of the Library Association at the Manchester College of Technology, Department of Librarianship. The attainment of the ALA in 1945 gave him the distinction of being the first Jamaican to qualify as a professional librarian.

In 1950 he joined the staff at the then University College of the West Indies (now University of the West Indies), in 1955 he was promoted to Deputy Librarian, and in 1971 he became University Librarian a position he held for ten (10) years. It was during Mr. Ingram's administration that the West Indies and Special Collections Section was created at Mona. He was awarded the Gold Musgrave Medal of the Institute of Jamaica for "distinguished eminence" in the fields of Librarianship and Historical Scholarship, and was also recognized by the Government of Jamaica with the award of Officer of the Order of Distinction (OD). After retirement in 1981, he took up a one-year assignment at the University of Gainesville in Florida as a consultant, and continued his research for several years publishing books and engaging in scholarly activities from which the University continues to benefit directly or indirectly.

Mr. Ingram's involvement with professional associations goes beyond the borders of Jamaica. He served as the first secretary of the Jamaica Library Association from 1950 to 1953 and President in 1956 and 1972. Regional activities culminated in his election in 1976 as President of the Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL). As an officer of the Jamaican Historical Society he edited the Society's bulletin for most of the 1990s.

While his career as a Librarian was outstanding, it was as a bibliographer that K.E. Ingram had distinguished himself. He has compiled a number of guides which are indispensable tools to researchers and other persons interested in the history of the region.

With his passing the University has lost a meticulous, caring and gentle scholar of impeccable integrity.