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UWI Mona Library Hosts Workshop on the Research Process



A two-day workshop entitled *Guide to the Research Process: Techniques for Empowering Your Students*, was organized and hosted by the University of the West Indies Mona Library from **January 8-9, 2014**. The aim was to update thinking and build knowledge on issues related to the use of technology in the research process and specifically in the area of student research monitoring.

The workshop content was designed primarily for staff of tertiary level educational institutions who are involved with assisting students with the preparation of research papers. Topics included: critical analysis of information; detecting plagiarism and ethical issues, and using plagiarism detection software (Duplichecker/ Turnitin); citation referencing using citation builders (Word 2007 and EndNote); developing institutional policies; open access resources for research; using free online resources (Mendeley/Zotero)

and the use of social media as a marketing tool to get your message out (Blogs/ Wordpress).

Halls of Residence Librarian Programme



The Halls of Residence Librarian (HRL) Programme is a UWI Mona Library outreach programme designed to facilitate primarily First Year UWI students as they begin their university journey. Starting in September 2013 each hall of residence is assigned a dedicated librarian to provide assistance to new students on all library-related issues.

Halls of Residence Librarians are the students' academic allies. They are the direct point of contact for students throughout the year as they keep them informed on library services and events, and encourage open communication as a direct point of contact.

HRLs have already conducted Information Literacy sessions and provided reference assistance on Halls.

Commuting students also have access to this service through the hall to which they are attached, or on specified days at the Commuting Students' Lounge.

The Halls of Residence Librarians will:

- Introduce students to, and answer questions about, the Library and its services
- Assist with navigating the Library's online resources
- Offer advanced research assistance for individual or group study
- Give guidance with using citations styles (APA, Chicago, MLA, ACS & others) and citation management software (EndNote)
- Support students through in-person consultations, email and chat (use ASK- MONA?)

Schedule of HRL Activities for Semester II, 2013-14

- Visits to the Commuting Lounge – Jan. 27; Feb. 11; Feb. 24; Mar. 10 (11:00am-1:00pm)

- Research Rescue Day @ Commuting Students' Lounge – Feb. 24 & Mar. 14 (9:00am-12noon)
- Research Rescue Day – Feb. 26 & Mar. 11 (9:00am-12noon)

CHUDY Zone (Main Library)

The Library partnered with the Vice Chancellor's Ambassador Corp, UWISTAT (UWI Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow) to repurpose a small space in the Main Library for engaging the student body in the activities of the Corp. The space, which the Ambassadors named Chudy Zone (Chill and Study Zone) will be maintained by UWISTAT in collaboration with the Library. Chudy Zone will not only allow UWISTAT Ambassadors to promote "Pelican Pride", but will also expose students to the CARICOM Skills Certificate, various displays to promote The UWI Alumni Association, as well as other UWISTAT initiatives. Additionally, UWISTAT Ambassadors will be available in the area for one-on-one discussions with their fellow students. The Vice Chancellor officially launched Chudy Zone on April 4, 2013 while The Chancellor visited the area and unveiled the Chudy Zone plaque on April 19, 2013.



The Chancellor Sir George Alleyne making a presentation to a UWISTAT Ambassador in Chudy Zone

Featuring the Library at Western Jamaica Campus

Approximately 2000 students from thirty six (36) high schools across western Jamaica participated in the Western Jamaica Campus Open Day held January 13, 2014. This included a tour of the Library.



Miss Sandra Stubbs, the Librarian, welcomed the students who viewed a display on Professor Archibald McDonald, Principal of The UWI, Mona Campus. Students could be seen viewing the display and reading the articles written by Principal McDonald and asking interesting questions. Students were also exposed to a brief library orientation session.



Students viewing the exhibition on Principal Archibald McDonald

UWI Librarians Attend Workshop on New Cataloguing Rules

In keeping with current trends and developments in global cataloguing practices the four campus libraries of The University of the West Indies saw it fit to have their cataloguing personnel trained and equipped with the necessary techniques to catalogue using Resource Description and Access (RDA).

The three-day workshop was facilitated by Ms. Fay Austin, Head, Database Management Section, Rutgers University Libraries. The workshop which covered both theory and practice and utilization of the RDA toolkit was held January 20-22, 2014 at the Alma Jordan Library, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

Among the 23 participants were Miss Rosemarie Runcie, Mrs. Karen Tyrell and Dr. Sasekea Harris, Librarians from the Mona Campus Library.



UWI Librarians at RDA Workshop, January 22, 2014, Alma Jordan Library, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago



Mrs. Karen Tyrell receiving a certificate of participation at the RDA workshop, from Ms Fay Austin.

The Medical and Science Branch Libraries Celebrate 40 Years

The Medical and Science Branch Libraries, constructed with funding from the Canadian Government through its agency CIDA, were officially opened on December 7, 1973 by the then Chancellor the Rt. Hon Sir Hugh Wooding. Among those in attendance was the Canadian High Commissioner to Jamaica, His Excellency Mr. J. M. Harrington. The libraries began to provide services to the then Faculty of Natural Sciences and Faculty of Medicine in September 1973.

During the 40 years of existence the libraries have undergone significant upgrading.



Sir Hugh Wooding unveiling a plaque at the Science Branch Library in December 1973



Refurbished Waiting Area - Science Branch Library



New Second Floor Reading Room - Medical Branch Library

Law Librarians Attend Meeting on Timely Release of Judicial Decisions

Miss Myrna Douglas and Miss Rochelle Davis, Librarians of the Law Branch Library, attended a meeting on January 22, 2014 at the Myers, Fletcher & Gordon Law Library hosted by the Legal Information Network Association of Jamaica (LINAJ) in association with a Canadian Mission headed by Rosalie Fox (Director of Library Services at the Supreme Court of Canada). The objective of this mission was to investigate the potential and lay the groundwork for building a database of Jamaican rulings and decisions by evaluating existing legal material available in Jamaica; conducting a preliminary information audit to assess the organizational or judicial needs and gaps; analyzing current access to court decisions and the capacity to introduce a central coordination unit in Jamaica for the collection; and editing and production of court reports.

The expected output of this mission will be the preparation of a report on access to Jamaican legal material, with the ultimate goal of making this material available on an open access platform.

Included in the discussions were librarians from the University of Technology, Norman Manley Law School, Houses of Parliament and some private law firms.

UWI Mona Library to Observe Preservation Awareness Week

The Library will observe its first Preservation Awareness Week **April 7-14, 2014**. The activities will focus on educating and informing the Campus community on a variety of preservation issues. It will also include presentations, exhibitions,

demonstrations and practical sessions on preserving various items in personal and institutional collections.

Preservation Awareness Week was first celebrated by the American Library Association (ALA) along with its national partners from May 9-15, 2010.

Did You Know?

❖ The Library Offers Research Assistance and Information Literacy Training

Training in research skills and the use of the Library's print and electronic resources is available to all students and faculty. Special sessions customized for courses may also be requested and most presentations are conducted in a hands-on mode. Requests can be made online at <http://myspot.mona.uwi.edu/library/request-library-instruction-session>



Information Literacy outreach to Browns Town Community College School of Nursing by Librarian Mrs. Faith McKoy-Johnson

❖ An Annual E-Resources Fair is Held at the Medical Branch Library

Since 2012 the Medical Branch Library has hosted an E-Resources Fair at the start of Semester II organized by Librarian Mrs. Faith McKoy-Johnson. The fair highlights for students and faculty members, the various electronic resources accessible through the Library in support of their teaching, learning and research as well as new developments through presentations from representatives of database providers. Visitors to the fair are also invited to view an exhibition and interact with the presenters.



Students at the E-Resources Fair, 2013

❖ Several Unique Research Collections Have Been Donated to the Library

• IMF Legal Library

The Library received 1412 boxes of legal material from The IMF, Washington D.C. Office. The Library made a bid for the collection and was selected from among a list of several applicants. The items from the gift are primarily Law Journals many of which will be new to the Library's collection.



Staff and student assistants sorting the IMF Collection

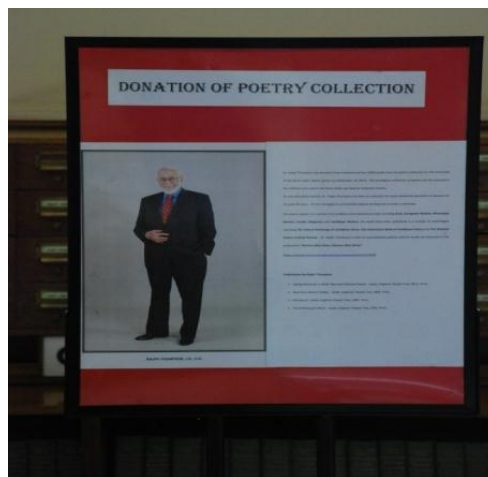
• The John P. O'Connell Collection

The John P. O'Connell Collection consists of 860 titles of contemporary West Indian literature which were donated by the family of John P. O'Connell. The books are mainly from the French and English-speaking Caribbean and a few from the Spanish-speaking Caribbean.

• The Ralph Thompson Collection

Dr. Ralph Thompson, Jamaican poet, donated his manuscripts as well as three hundred and four (304) books from his poetry collection to the Library. This prestigious collection of

poems can be identified by searching UWILinC using the search term Ralph Thompson Collection.



Upcoming Events

- Exhibition of the John Hearne Collection - February 2014
- E-Resources Fair - March 2014
- Kenneth Ingram Lecture April 3, 2014 by Prof. Barry Higman
- Preservation Awareness Week April 7-14, 2014

- **Special Collections acquired between 2009 and 2014.**

2009- 2010

- Ras Dizzy Art Collection (Displayed in PGLC, Main Library)
- Professor Kenneth Hall Collection
- Claremont Kirton Collection

2010-2011

- Ras Dizzy Manuscript Collection
- Wayne Brown Literary Collection
- Anthony McNeill Manuscript Collection
- PJ Patterson Collection

2011- 2012

- Victor Stafford Reid Collection
- Professor John Figueroa Collection
- Franz "Gerry" Alexander Cricket Memorabilia and Papers
- Professor Rex Nettleford Collection

2012-2013

- Ralph Thompson Collection
- Basil Buck Newspaper Scrapbooks
- Hugh Lawson Shearer Collection

2013-2014

- Duperly-Pinks Postage Stamps Collection
- Thomas Taino Artifacts
- John P. O'Connell Caribbean literary publications

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