



# GLOBAL MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY

## THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (DLIS)

### FOCUSING ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION AGENCIES OF CHANGE



## *The Jamaica Library Service (JLS)*

### *Mission Statement*

*The JLS exists to enable national development through the creation and support of a knowledge-based society of culturally aware lifelong learners by providing universal access to information. This will be achieved by being customer-focused and technology-enhanced; in an aesthetically pleasing environment; and by a well-trained, competent, motivated and empowered team.*



### *Vision Statement*

*[The] vision of the JLS is to be a well-resourced organization responsive to the needs of communities, enriching lives and contributing to national development*

### *About the Jamaica Library Service (JLS)*

The Jamaica Library Service was established in 1948 and provides, under the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, a Library Service free to the public and to schools island-wide. The organization is managed at two levels through a Central Library Board and a local Committee in each Parish.

The organization provides library coverage through an administrative headquarters in Kingston and a network of 119 public libraries, 376 mobile library stops and 900 school libraries throughout the thirteen (13) parishes which are divided into six regions that are aligned to the regional structure of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information.

#### **These are:**

- Region 1** – Kingston and St. Andrew
- Region 2** – Portland, St. Thomas and St. Mary
- Region 3** – Trelawny and St. Ann
- Region 4** – St. James, Hanover and Westmoreland
- Region 5** – St. Elizabeth and Manchester
- Region 6** – St. Catherine and Clarendon

Service is administered to the public through the Public Library Network and to schools through the School Library Network.

The **Public Library Network** has the responsibility of meeting the information, education and recreation needs of the public. These needs are met by the undertaking of a variety of programmes, services and activities.

The **School Library Network** provides resource material, training and advice to 900 school libraries.



Jamaica Library Service, [www.jls.gov.jm/](http://www.jls.gov.jm/).