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To be a global gateway to Caribbean content, advancing learning, knowledge creation and innovation of The University.

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JESSICA LEWIS MARSHALL

Deputy Campus Librarian, Public Services, Outreach and Special Projects
The University of the West Indies, Mona Library



Mrs. Lewis Marshall assumed the post of Deputy Librarian, Public Services, Outreach and Special Projects on August 1, 2021. Mrs. Lewis Marshall holds a Bachelors in Literatures in English and a Masters in Library and Information Studies from The UWI Mona. She joined The University of the West Indies family in 2008, starting her career at the UWI Cave Hill Campus, working as the first liaison librarian for the Faculty of Humanities. She transferred to the Mona Campus, Mona Library in 2013. During her tenure with the Mona Library, Mrs Lewis Marshall served as the Coordinator in the Mona Information Literacy Unit, spearheading the Library's Teaching and Learning programme and the Head of West Indies and Special Collections; providing leadership and strategic direction to the section.

Why did you become a Librarian?

I am actually a second-generation academic librarian as my mother, Ouida Lewis was also an information specialist. Though I was nudged in this direction by family ties, I fell in love with Librarianship having worked as a library student assistant whilst studying and then decided to pursue post graduate Library Studies at the Department of Library and Information Studies. The process of information sharing, assisting with research, curating special/heritage collections, teaching Information Literacy and helping people are some of the areas I have passion for in the profession. I also love the arts of reference work, library outreach and management. I am an advocate for the profession and often urge younger people to look beyond the stereotypes associated with libraries and see the potential of the marriage between information and technology.

Can you tell us about your new role?

The Deputy Campus Librarian, Public Services, Outreach and Special Projects provides strategic and operational leadership in the development, management and delivery of excellent and sustainable services in support of the teaching and learning of the UWI community. Fundamental to this is communicating and collaborating with Library stakeholders and constituents. Assisting the Campus Librarian with strategic priorities, boosting grant funding training/application and to significantly enhance the library's outreach activities and public service offerings are some of the areas under the mandate.

How is the Mona Library adapting for the future of Public Services?

Academic Libraries like ours are at a transformational point. Many have funding issues, and a greying in the profession where a large percentage of employees are close to retirement. Additionally, and the COVID-19 pandemic has confirmed this, there are mounting user expectations that are extremely demanding, as patrons now expect seamless in-person as well as online services. As such, the Mona Library has to prove its value now more than ever. We need to really embody and promote our tag line – Access Anytime, Anywhere. The Mona Library has been successful at meeting users and now has big plans for organizational restructuring, growing our digital collections, transforming some of our physical spaces and creating even more exciting outreach projects. We (The UWI Mona Library) have a good team of dedicated staff in place who are qualifying themselves and excelling at what they do. If people are the library's greatest resource, then The UWI Mona Library has the potential to achieve even more in terms of excellent service, programmes and collaborative projects.

Celebrating Excellence in the Library: Customer Service Awards 2021



The Library continued its annual Customer Service Celebrations in December 2021. Staff members were feted with lunch prepared in-house, and internal customers who went the extra mile to offer outstanding service were awarded based on nominations from their colleagues. There were many giveaways, prizes, and surprises, as the Library sought to end the year in a festive mood. The Campus Librarian, Dr Paulette Kerr, and Customer Service Team leader, Sonia Patrickson- Stewart, expressed appreciation to all members of staff for their hard work during the year. Following is the list of awardees for 2021:

Employee of the Branch/Section/Unit

Acquisitions	<i>Allison Walder</i>
Administration	<i>Flavia Manning</i>
Bindery	<i>Romario Spence</i>
Medical Branch Library	<i>Marcia Bryan-West</i>
Public Service	<i>Vergie Lee Reid Lawson</i>
Science & Engineering Branch Library	<i>Pillin Slater</i>
Systems Development Unit	<i>Audrey Saddler</i>
West Indies and Special Collections	<i>Francine Stewart-Myers</i>
Western Jamaica Campus	<i>Krystal Miller</i>

Customer Service Par Excellence Award

Donnette Howell

Special Recognition

Kareen Bourne

Alicia Palmer

Team of the Year

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Team

Special Mention

West Indies and Special Collections



Augmented Reality

Versatelist Podcast featuring Mr. Adrian Duncan

Mr. Adrian Duncan, Librarian at the Law Branch Library was invited by Patrick M. O'Shea, Ph.D., Professor, Instructional Technology at the Appalachian State University, and a board member of the Immersive Learning Research Network (ILRN) to be interviewed as a guest on the Versatelist Podcast. The podcast is supported by the ILRN and is dedicated to the discussion and distribution of research into immersive learning tools.

Mr. Duncan had recently published an article in Library High Tech News, entitled, "Augmented reality: Caribbean academic libraries of the future," which caught the attention of Dr. O'Shea. To view more from this network visit <http://versatelist.podomatic.com>. The interview will be published in April 2022 on the same website.

Craft Session



A Mona Library Craft Session was held in the Multifunctional Room on Friday, December 10, 2021. There were five face-to-face participants and about 15 persons on Zoom. Christmas wreaths were made from discarded books under the guidance of Francine Stewart-Myers. The finished products from this session are proudly displayed in the Catalogue Hall, the Loans and Reference Section, and the Acquisitions Section.

The craft session was welcomed by the Library's staff as it was an opportunity to tap into their creativity. It also provided a means of relaxation and camaraderie, displacing momentarily the usual workload.

The face-to-face participants who showed off their work in photographs which were also used in the Library's outreach Christmas promotions, were:

Joan Johnson (*Loans and Reference Section*)

Sara Wiggan (*Acquisitions Section*)

Francine Stewart-Myers, Instructor (*West Indies and Special Collections Section*)

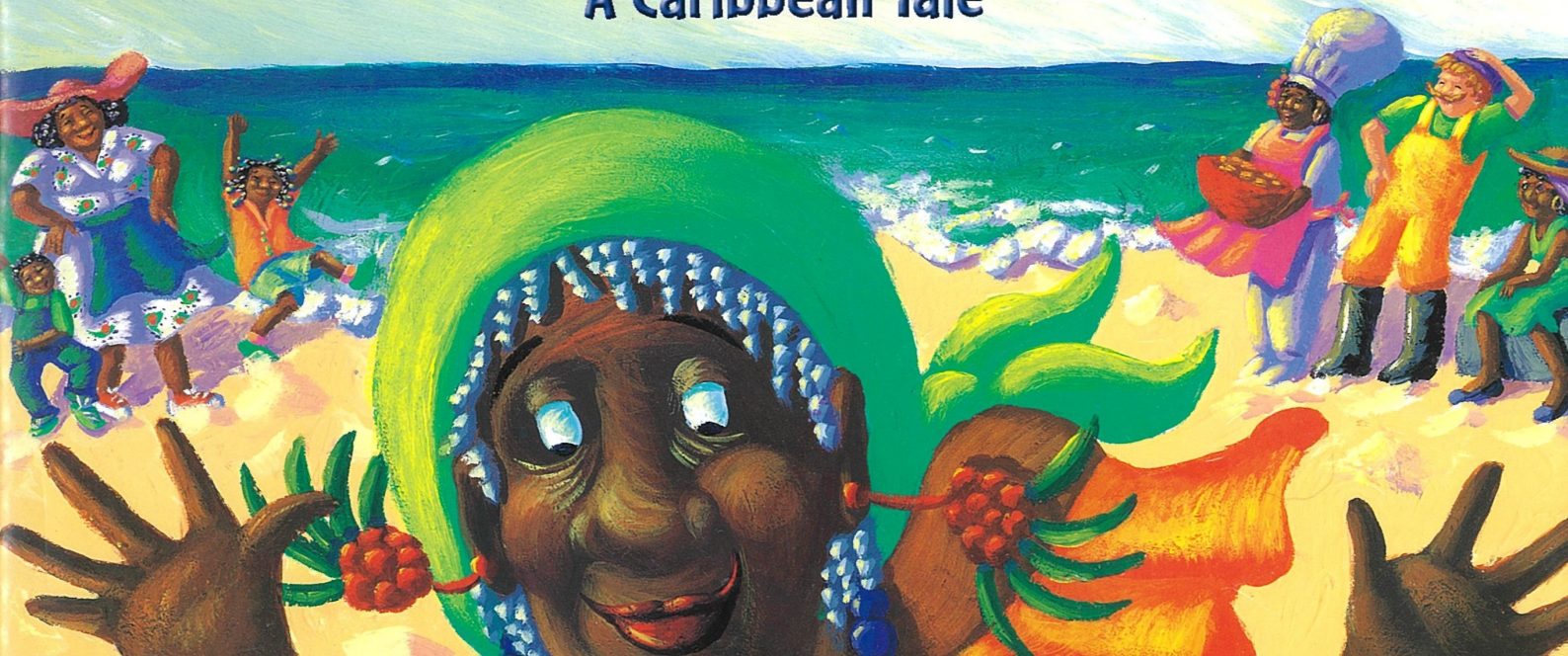
Pauline Nicholas (*Loans and Reference Section*)

Vergie Lee Reid Lawson (*Loans and Reference Section*)

Rose Sommerville-Crosbie (*West Indies and Special Collections Section*)

KALLALOO!

A Caribbean Tale

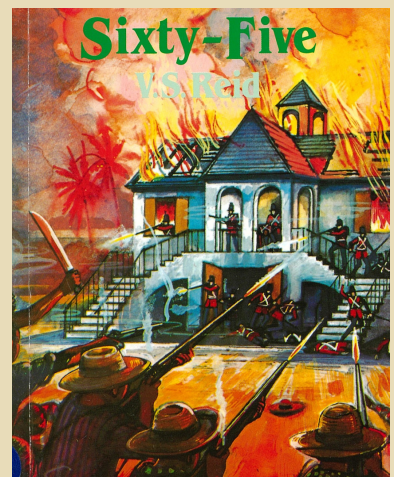
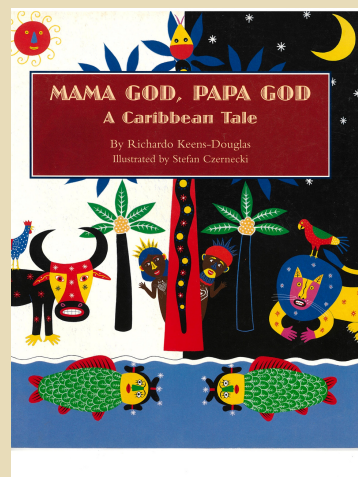
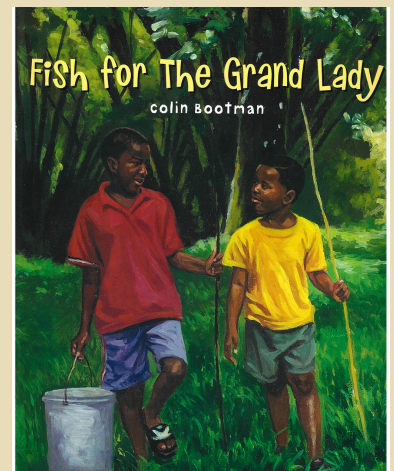
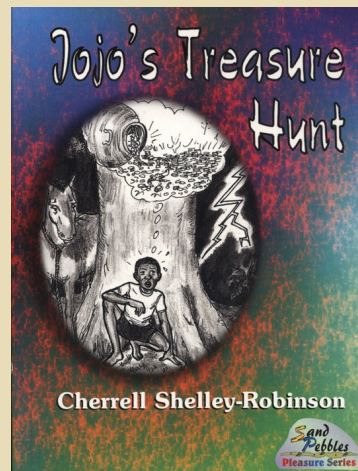


Cherrell Shelley Robinson Children's Literature Collection

Dr. Cherrell Shelley-Robinson is a retired Jamaican librarian, scholar, and senior lecturer, as well as children's author. For twenty-two years, she lectured on children's literature and library education in the Department of Library and Information Studies at The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus.

In 2007, Dr. Shelley-Robinson began donating her extremely valuable collection of Caribbean Children's Literature to the Mona Library to be made available to scholars for research. The Collection consists of books published between 1977 and 2009. There are more than four hundred (400+) titles by primarily Jamaican and other Caribbean writers including:

James Berry
Louise Bennett-Coverley
Jean D'Costa
Velma Pollard
Michael Anthony
Hazel D. Campbell
Benjamin Zephaniah
V.S. Reid



Book Donation to the Medical Branch Library



On Monday, October 25, 2021, two publications were presented to the Medical Branch Library by Professor Graham Serjeant and his wife Beryl. The titles were: **Sickle Cell: Jamaica and Beyond – A Life** by Professor Graham Serjeant and **Sickle Cell Disease** by Gladwin et al in which the Professor and Mrs. Serjeant wrote a chapter entitled, "Sickle Cell Disease in Jamaica: Observations from a small island."

Professor Serjeant's work has earned him the National Honour of the Order of Distinction, Commander Class, in 1995, and he also received the Order of Jamaica in 2015. We thank them for their donation.

HOW TO DONATE

To donate to the UWI Mona Library email our Acquisitions Department [HERE](#)

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ROUND ONE

April 25, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

Send your entries by April 14, 2022. For all you need to know about the competition visit our online guide at <https://libguides.uwi.edu/3MTCompetition> or click the linked banner at our website at <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/library/>

The UWI Edition [Click Here](#)

ORIENTATION



At the start of the 2021/2022 academic year the Library participated in orientation activities at the campus level, collaborated with departments, and organized its own activities under the theme: “Removing Barriers: Strengthening Access.” One barrier that the library worked to remove for the new academic year was that of physical distance from users, which was necessitated by the pandemic. In addition to preparations for hosting users safely, banners with the theme were printed and prominently displayed to let patrons know that they are welcome. Other orientation activities included radio promotions, and Instagram Live which was organised in collaboration with the Guild of Student and First Year Experience. The Live was sponsored by Sagicor and Frame Aspects, and participants had an opportunity to win prizes while showing off their knowledge of the Library. The Library was also showcased on the Funtastic Friday radio show on NewsTalk 93 FM, for the second year. The host conducted interviews of Library staff, and posed Library trivia questions to listeners who were able to win prizes supplied by the Library. There was also Mediated Rivals, a segment in which UWI students competed for bragging rights and prizes. Members of the Library staff supported the initiatives in time, enthusiasm, and contribution of prizes.

Need Help? Ask A Librarian



Library Open Week 2021



The UWI Mona Library launched its sixth staging of Library Open Week & Celebration of Books on October 25, 2021. The week of activities was held virtually for the second year using the Zoom platform. The launch was also streamed live via The UWI Mona Media YouTube channel. The event was held under the theme, “Removing Barriers: Strengthening Access.”

The launch programme was a mix of live and pre-recorded presentations from featured authors: Professor Dale Webber – Principal of The UWI, Mona Campus; Dr. Paulette Kerr – Campus Librarian; The Honourable Robert Nesta Morgan – Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information; and Nickeisha Barnes – UWI Alumni and entertainer. The Launch was moderated by Ms. Yulande Lindsay, librarian in the West Indies and Special Collections Section. Dr. Lawrence Nicholson – Senior Lecturer at the Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM), was the guest speaker.

Twelve books published between August 2020 and July 2021 were featured for Celebration of Books. The catalogue of these works can be viewed at <https://libguides.uwi.edu/library-open-week/COB/exhibition>

The week of activities which followed the launch included:

- A professional development event dubbed, Social Media in Libraries: Opportunities and Challenges. Presenters and participants for this event were drawn from Academic, Public, National and Special Libraries across the English-speaking Caribbean.
- A promotion of our eResources entitled, “eResources: Access at Your Fingertips”, which targeted students. At the event, presentations were made on a cross-selection of the databases relevant to each Faculty and available from the UWI Mona Library. Representatives from EBSCO and ProQuest gave demonstrations on the use of their databases. Mona librarians demonstrated the use of EndNote, and added excitement and interaction by using Kahoot to share questions which allowed participants to win prizes.
- A Collaboration between the Library and the Broadcasting Commission entitled, “Tackling Jamaica’s Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Deficit”. This was done in support of the celebration of Global MIL Week, which was being observed during the same period.
- “Research to Innovation: Strengthening Access, Facilitating the Process”, the Mona Library’s Intellectual Property (IP) Help Desk Webinar. There were presentations on Building a Strong TISC Network by Dr. Marcus Goffe, Deputy Director/Legal Counsel, JIPO; Research: Supporting Innovation, Driving Development by Dr. Charah T. Watson, Executive Director, Scientific Research Council (SRC); and Branding by Dr. Natalie Cortesey, Associate Dean of Outreach & CLE, and Senior Lecturer, Mona Law.

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