



Meet The UWI Mona's New Campus Librarian!

"Think Big!" this was the charge from the incoming Campus Librarian, Dr. Paulette Kerr, when she assumed office in March 2015, as she spoke about her vision for the UWI, Mona Library to become a place which adds value to the University of the West Indies. She asked staff to see the activities and services the Library offers as part of a 'big picture' of the UWI, as a place of excellence.

So who is the new Campus Librarian?

Dr Paulette Kerr brings to her new appointment as Campus Librarian over 30 years of experience in the field of Library and Information Science, having served at the National Library of Jamaica, the UWI Mona Library and the Department of Library and Information Studies.

She holds a PhD in Library and Information Science from the School of Communication and Information at Rutgers University. She is also a graduate of the UWI with an MA History, a Post Graduate Diploma in Library Studies, with distinction, and a B.A. (Hons.) in History and Sociology. She has pursued leadership training

at Harvard University, holds a Certificate in Leadership in Groups and Organizations from the Rutgers Center for Organizational Development and Leadership as well as a Certificate in College Teaching from Rutgers University.



*Dr. Paulette Kerr
UWI Mona Campus Librarian*

Dr Kerr is recognized as a trail blazer in information literacy in the Caribbean having implemented the first information literacy programme at the UWI. For her work, she received the ACURIL Award for Excellence in Information Literacy as well as the Sherlock-

McMillan Award for best Paper and Presentation at the ACURIL 2001 Conference. Her doctoral research which addressed information literacy in academic libraries was made possible through a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship in 2005. Application of this research was awarded the Mona Principal's Award for outstanding research (article category) in 2013.

She has been invited to present her research findings at several international fora and was further honoured by the international community in 2012 when she was elected to the Board of the prestigious National Information Literacy Forum (NFIL), an international consortium of scholars and practitioners of information literacy. <http://infolit.org/>

She currently represents the UWI on the UNESCO UNITWIN MILID (Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue) Group.

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The West Indies and Special Collections Formally Receives the Edward Seaga Collection

Signing the documents for the handover of the Edward Seaga Collection to the UWI Mona Library are The Most Hon. Edward Seaga and Vice Chancellor Prof. E. Nigel Harris watched by Chairman of UWIDEF Mr. Dennis Lalor and Mona Campus Principal Prof. Archibald McDonald.



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On Monday March 9, 2015 a ceremony marking the official handover of the Edward Seaga Collection to The University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona Library was held at the Regional Headquarters. The Prime Minister, The Most Honorable Portia Simpson Miller and the Parliamentary Opposition Leader, the Honourable Andrew Holness were among the near 200 dignitaries and specially invited guests in attendance.

The Edward Seaga Collection is a significant addition to the special collections and specifically the Caribbean Leaders Collection at the UWI, Mona Library. It holds unique artifacts illustrative of nearly five decades (1959-2005) of political representation, Caribbean regional interests lobby and cultural activism. Interaction with many of the printed documents is facilitated outside of the supervised reading rooms through access to digital surrogates via the Library's catalogue.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor E. Nigel Harris, Mona Campus Principal, Professor Archibald McDonald and the Mona Campus Librarian, Dr. Paulette Kerr all spoke to Mr. Seaga's contribution as a Caribbean leader and the expected value of the association with The

University of the West Indies. The Head of the West Indies and Special Collections, Mrs. Frances Salmon, in her remarks outlined the specific set of criteria used in determining the Collection's significance which justify its inclusion in this special collection.

Mr. Seaga in his response was most gracious in his recognition of the efforts of the Mona Library in facilitating the work done in processing the collection items to date. He poignantly declared that: "My ten years at The University of the West Indies [have] been as fulfilling as [all] the years I spent in politics".

The event featured an exhibition mounted by the Mona Library entitled "Edward Seaga: Statesman, Political Leader and Cultural Guardian". In addition to four informational posters, there was a display of a selection of captioned items from the Collection. The selection was a composition of some of the varied types of items contained within the Collection. Attendees were also able to view a specially curated display of items from Mr. Seaga's personal collection of artifacts.

Contributed : Tanya Manassi



Guest viewing part of the exhibition mounted at the Handover Ceremony for the Edward Seaga Collection



The Most Hon. Edward Seaga points out specific details regarding one of the pieces comprising the exhibition mounted at the Handover Ceremony for the Edward Seaga Collection to The Most Hon. Portia Simpson Miller, Prime Minister of Jamaica.

Roger Mais Collection Inscribed in the Regional Memory of the World Register

The Roger Mais Collection was one of two Jamaican fonds inscribed in the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Register of the Memory of the World at the Fifteenth Meeting of the Regional Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (MOWLAC) in Mexico, October 2014.

Roger Mais (1905-1955) has been recognised as one of the first postcolonial literary figures to emerge in the former British Empire. His legacy lies in the large quantity of unpublished material left after his untimely death.

He is the quintessential anti-colonial activist whose contribution included literary, political, artistic and journalistic output. His collection covers over 20 years of activism and chronicles the birth and development of the anti-colonial, nationalist struggles of the colonised against the coloniser which led to political independence, the creation of a literary tradition and the birth of an artistic movement.

Mais has been described as "a colonial writer grappling with his art, without the benefit of a literary tradition of his own" (Morris 1981).

His activism was manifested through his literary and journalistic writing. His impres-

onment for seditious libel in 1944 transformed him into a hero of the anti-colonial struggle in Jamaica.

Mais published just three novels, all of which are considered classics of Caribbean literature. The bulk of his unpublished material has been preserved in the Roger Mais Collection which is housed in the West Indies and Special Collections Section of the UWI, Mona Library. This Collection perpetuates the true legacy of Roger Mais as it is through his published and unpublished material, and his correspondence that prospective researchers are able to access his philosophy and political agenda.

The Collection comprises both published and unpublished material. It is noted for its juxtaposition of literary and political writings reflecting Mais's twin interests. It includes literary several genres – poetry, short stories, drama, novels, as well as journalistic pieces and pieces on his theory of fiction; in all, over 300 pieces. The Collection consists of: 87 short stories, 19 plays, 17 radio plays, 7 novels (3 unpublished), 1 unfinished novel, and 1 folder with over 50 poems. Many of the typescripts have been annotated and corrected. In addition 21 handwritten notebooks constituting an important part of the Col-

lection include drafts and fragments illustrating the development of his craft; and letters to newspaper editors addressing contemporary social and political events. The Collection also includes newspaper clippings, mainly of Mais's articles but including other pieces of interest to him: holographs in both pen and pencil; correspondence with overseas publishers, mainly from the United States; correspondence with his literary agents, and personal letters including letters to writers such as John Hearne.

The Memory of the World Register was established in 1995. Its objectives are to facilitate the preservation of the world's documentary heritage; assist universal access to documentary heritage and increase awareness of the existence and significance of documentary heritage. This is achieved by the maintenance of national, regional and international registers.

Contributed : Frances Salmon

The Care to Share Team at the UWI Mona Library

In January of 2014 three staff members came together, of their own volition to form what later became known as the **Care to Share Team**. The idea was born out of a sense of corporate responsibility and the need for the Library to become involved even in some small way, in helping to alleviate the suffering of or provide assistance for needy Jamaicans as they became aware of various cases through the news media. The sense of contributing to and involvement in the lives of fellow Jamaicans was far more important than the actual size of the gifts.



Members of the Care to Share Team along with Councillor Wilson

Vision Statement

The Care to Share Team aspires to positively contribute to the lives of children by helping with their social and economic needs. This will be accomplished by liaising with schools, children's homes as well as by direct involvement in individual cases that may be brought to our attention through various medium.

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The Care to Share Team at the UWI Mona Library (Cont'd.)

Visit with Mr. Dennis in St. Mary

In March the group followed up on a story which aired in the Media in 2013, of a gentleman in St. Mary who was severely malnourished. With the permission of the Campus Librarian, on Saturday March 29, 2014, the team delivered a package of basic food and household items to Mr. Dennis in St. Mary. The councillor for the division was integrally involved in making the contact with the Mr. Dennis and was present with the news-media when the presentation was made. The following Monday, the story aired briefly on TVJ's Smile Jamaica .

Visit to Mona Commons Basic School

The team has also solicited donations of educational material for the Mona Commons Basic School. A sizeable quantity of exercise books, pencils, crayons, pens and other material was donated by staff members. On Wednesday October 29, 2014, a presentation was made to the school and this was very well received by the children and teachers. The team members who visited the school were: Dave Brown, Valerie Ellis, Cheryl Kean, Calarine Smith.

Visit to Escarpment Road Basic School

Another presentation of similar material was made to the Escarpment Road Basic School on March 5th 2015 and team members were allowed to interact with the children. The team members were: Calarine Smith, Dave Brown, Cheryl Kean, O'Marsha Easy and Valerie Ellis.



Team Member Valerie Ellis with students and a teacher from Mona Commons Basic School

Outreach visits planned for 2015

- ✦ Visit to Randolph Lopez School of Hope – To donate school supplies.
- ✦ Visit to Children's Home – To donate toiletries.



Valerie Ellis, Calarine Smith, Cheryl Kean, Dave Brown and O'Marsha Easy and children of Escarpment Road basic School

Contributed: Calarine Smith

Science Branch Library (SBL) Exhibition on UWI Women in STEM

The Science Branch Library mounted an exhibition **"The UWI Women in STEM"** as part of the SBL's "Action Plan" in response to Dr. Leith Dunn's presentation on "Gender Mainstreaming" given to the Science and Technology Faculty Board last year. It features the work of over twenty women scientists (professors and doctors) in the Faculty of Science & Technology, UWI Mona and also brings attention to the work of women scientists in the world.

This exhibition drew the attention of faculty and students and received excellent comments from both. The majority of the comments focused on how the exhibition helped viewers to see the sterling contribution and dedication of these women to STEM and the inspiration and motivation gained from their hard work. Others focused on the understanding of the STEM concept and the types of jobs available to them. A student in Biochemistry remarked *"Very good display. Empowers me as a female to spread my wings to new horizons knowing that persons i.e. females have achieved greatness in sciences. Allows me to focus on the fact that if they did, I too can do it"*. Dr. Donna Minott-Kates, lecturer from the Chemistry Department stated, *"It is very good to see a synopsis of the work of [myself and] my colleagues in one place"*. This exhibition provided a glimpse of the huge intellectual potential resident in S&T at UWI". We invite you to view the exhibition online at our website : <http://www.mona.uwi.edu/library/>



Students viewing the exhibition



Dr. Donna Minott-Kates viewing the exhibition

Librarian Honoured as Founding Member of the UWI Mona Western Jamaica Campus

The Western Jamaica Campus' Librarian, Ms Sandra Stubbs, was one of the recipients of the first WJC Pioneer Awards for innovation and contribution to the development of the Western Jamaica Campus given to staff members for their role in the establishment and development of the WJC and its programmes during its early years.

The award was presented by then Western Jamaica Campus' director Dr. Luz Longworth. Ms. Sandra Stubbs was also a recipient at the annual UWI Mona Long Service Award Ceremony and so the award was collected on her behalf by Mrs. Beverley Burte. Congratulations to Ms. Stubbs.

Contributed: Mrs. Beverly Eccleston-Burte



Accepting the Pioneers Award on behalf of Ms Sandra Stubbs from Dr. Luz Longworth is Mrs. Beverley Eccleston-Burte of the WJC Library.

Principal's Visit to the Library

On May 19, 2015 Professor Archibald McDonald, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Principal of The UWI Mona Campus visited the Library and had a meeting with Staff during which a lively discussion ensued. Professor McDonald was then accompanied on a tour of the Main Library by Dr. Paulette Kerr, Campus Librarian, Miss Beverley Lashley, Deputy Librarian and other Staff members.



Professor Archibald McDonald, Dr. Kerr, Miss Lashley and other Library Staff on a tour of the Main Library



Conference Reports

Law Repositories – Shaping the Future

March 30-31, 2015

Miss Rochelle Davis of the Law Branch Library attended the two-day conference hosted by the William & Mary Law School Library in Virginia, USA - *Law Repositories – Shaping the Future*. Approximately thirty (30) law libraries were represented including *Yale Law School Library, Harvard Law School Library, Hofstra, Cornell Law School Library* and *Florida State University Law School Library*.

The Conference looked beyond the basics of managing law repositories, including topics such as:

- The changing purpose of the repository as it moves from research-based collections to a wider spectrum that includes a school's history, archives, special collections, and intellectual output.
- How institutional policies and practices affect established repositories - new materials to collect, the decision-making process, working with law school contacts, and the impact on library policies and personnel.
- The challenges of collecting and converting non-standard digital materials such as multimedia, blogs and html-based publications.
- Gathering and using statistics.

Arising from the above broad areas issues discussed included :

- The need for law librarians to reinvent themselves as professionals in light of budgetary cuts and reduction of in-house traffic leading to an increased need to share ideas and experiences through legal institutional repositories.
- Two key roles of repositories - collection and dissemination.
- **Recruitment strategies** – human resources to collect and upload content with an emphasis on the use of student workers to minimize cost.
- **Open Access** – Some librarians reported their institutional repositories are accessible to the public. However, there are faculty members with reservations about depositing their work. Coupled with this is the issue of *Creative Commons vs Copyright*. Contracts signed by faculty with publishers may dictate whether they can deposit their publication in the repositories. There are as well the issues of reproduction of work and right to use and distribute in digital commons.
- **Use of metrics to make repository decisions** – This involved the use of Google Analytics code in repositories to generate reports of usage geographically, that is, from various colleges and universities in various states. There was also focus on the use of free tools to present usage data in an attractive manner such as TAGUL, AmCharts and Google Fusion Tables.

- **Preservation of Institutional Repositories** – There is no single preservation strategy as it will differ from institution to institution. Additionally, librarians do not need to buy into the idea of digitization being too time consuming, expensive and requiring large staff. The most important thing is to start the digitization process and improvise with available resources.



Ms Rochelle Davis at the Law Repositories Conference

Contributed : Rochelle Davis

Conference Reports (Cont'd.)

Pharos Regional User Conference, February 10 -12, 2015

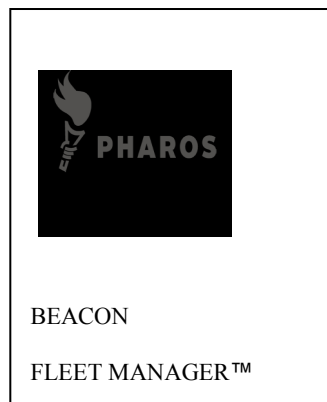
The sessions were conducted by PowerPoint and "live demonstrations". The live demonstrations involved sending print jobs to different models of printers from various devices such as mobile phones, tablets, laptop and desktop computers.

The primary objective of the conference was getting the participants to appreciate the new Beacon Fleet Manager as the back bone to the newly introduced 'Internet Printing'. This in general had to do with the integration of the main suppliers of printers along with the creators of printing software and printing systems coming together to allow the users of the printing system (in this case, Pharos Printing System which the UWI Mona Library uses presently) being able to be a part of a "Cloud or Cluster" via the internet. This enables them to print from anywhere in the world from their desktop computers and other mobile devices.

Beacon Fleet Manager

This print manager provides a comprehensive, multi-vendor view of print from all devices and reveals the volume, service and operating cost information needed to maintain a more efficient printing solution. It allows the collection of information on volume, meters, toner and device states all on demand. The other advantages that Beacon brings to the printing solution is that being a Cloud solution it :

- Eliminates the need to purchase and maintain servers
- Is easy to implement and maintain
- Provides the latest device information update
- Supports a comprehensive fleet of mixed printer models and printing solutions



Inter-personal Interaction

I was able to meet the technical staff of Pharos and made queries as to the best approach to including Beacon in our upgrading of the Pharos printing system and was assured that support for Windows XP client computers and older versions of Pharos will continue to be provided.

Contributed : Godfrey Walker

Computers in Libraries April 27-29 , 2015 "Sync Up: Technology & Libraries for Community Success

This year's event was the 30th anniversary of Computers in Libraries. It was held in the usual location of Washington DC.

The conference delivered the expected thought-provoking ideas and innovation with emphasis on emerging technologies. A few of the broad themes under which the programme was organised were:

- Data, Information, & Visualization
- User Experience (UX)
- Metrics, Management & Evaluation
- Libraries, Technology, & Learning.



Mrs. Faith McKoy-Johnson at Computers in Libraries 2015

Steve Denning, author of *The Leader's Guide to Radical Management*, set the tone of the conference in his engaging keynote in which he discussed the Creative Economy and the difference between a management focus on bureaucracy and one on

delighting the customer.

Talia Richards of Springshare, in her presentation on user experience and customer service, suggested the following customer service principles used at Springshare: Be strategic. Go the extra mile. Be empathetic. Start a dialogue. Be on the offense. Build communities. Humor is powerful. Be (a good) human.

Some other interesting presentations attended included those on the Role of Librarians as Data Scientists, Social Media Analytics and Big Data Driving Innovation.

Contributed: Faith McKoy-Johnson

WJC Branch Library's Overnight Reading and Study Room

The UWI Mona, Western Jamaica Campus in seeking to optimally utilize the available space to enhance the teaching and learning process for all stakeholders, has converted a locker room into a study and overnight reading room with 12 individual study stations and what was originally a storage room into a study room for individual or small group study. The UWI Mona, Western Jamaica Campus students welcome this move.



From this...



...to this!

Contributed: Mrs. Beverly Eccleston-Burte

Orientation 2015

Library Orientation for academic year 2015/2016 sought to promote the Library's resources and services to The UWI student community as they began their academic journey. The programme commenced with the Library booths at the Undergraduate and Post Graduate Orientation Days. Students interacted with librarians and library staff as they were introduced to the range of study support, training and services available to them. A Library Mascot was a new addition to the Library's booth at Undergraduate Orientation on August 20 & 21, 2015. The Mascot assisted in ushering/attracting new students to the booth whilst also alerting them to the branches and main services of the UWI Mona Library.

Library Orientation also included multiple on-site Library Tours, a QR Code Scavenger Hunt (Main Library) and UWlinC training sessions.

Contributed: Jessica Lewis





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