



Librations

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers

Welcome to the November issue of Librations. How do you like the new look?

In this edition, we share with you the new developments in the Library. You will read about the new Postgraduate Learning Commons and the web version of SciFinder Scholar that are now available to researchers.

The Library joins with the Centre for Gender and Development Studies to thank Professor Emerita Elsa Leo-Rhynie for 25 years of dedicated service to the University of the West Indies and by extension the Region.

Have for yourself a wonderful holiday season.

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Postgraduate Learning Commons

Creative, Innovative, Exciting

The UWI Mona Library has developed a new learning space exclusively for postgraduate students. The Postgraduate Learning Commons, on the middle floor of the Main Library, will offer facilities and services to enable postgraduates from all faculties, to work and study in a user-friendly environment.

Computers equipped with a wide range of software will be available in a laboratory setting where postgraduates can search the OPAC and databases; find electronic resources; send email or browse the Internet, and access specialist programmes with the click of a mouse. A photocopier, scanner and printer are located conveniently on the same floor.

The Learning Commons also provides a seminar room (capacity approximately 25) and 6 group study rooms, each with a white board. Students can also 'kick back and relax' in comfortable lounge seats in an aesthetically pleasing living room atmosphere. The facility is accessible to all postgraduates via swipe cards.

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COMING SOON!!



As of January, 2009, the Library will be offering Virtual Reference Service to its users. Users will be able to chat and co-browse electronic resources with librarians in real-time from anywhere in the world.

Prof. Elsa Leo-Rhynie Honoured

Well Deserved



Prof. Elsa Leo-Rhynie, Professor Emerita and former principal of The University of the West Indies Mona Campus was recently recognized by the Centre for Gender and Development Studies (CGSD) for 25 years

of dedicated service to the University. The Library in collaboration with the CGSD mounted an exhibition highlighting her contribution to education, gender studies, administration and public service.



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


 @ UWI Library

The Library has implemented SFX to manage access to its electronic journals – those we subscribe to either directly or in databases and those freely available on the web. There are two ways to access SFX:

During a Database Search

When you enter a search in a database, you retrieve a list of citations that match your search. A citation may include a link to the full text within the database. If a citation does not link to

the full text, just click the SFX button  (located at the bottom of the citation) to start an SFX search for full text available from a different source. If no full text is available the SFX menu will offer you some alternatives.

From the A-Z Journal List

You can use the [A-Z Journal list](#) (click on Electronic Journals link on the Library's home page or go directly to <http://sfx7.exlibrisgroup.com/uwi/az/mon>) to check if the library has access to the full text of a journal. Journals can be located by title, subject or by the vendor or collection. You can also browse titles by using the A-Z listing. When you click on a title in the A-Z Journal List, you will start an SFX search.

If you are accessing from off campus, you will be asked to log on using your [uwi_mona/students](#) domain user name (staff/student ID number) and password.

To report a problem, send e-mail to [SFX help](mailto:SFX_help@uwimona.edu.jm) at periodicals.library@uwimona.edu.jm

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Book Launch

If you enjoy reading poetry, here are two books for you. *Leaving Traces* by Dr. Velma Pollard and *The Almond Leaf* by Dr. Earl McKenzie. A copy of each book is in the West and Special Collections of the Library



UWI Library Quiz Competition

Three students were happy prize winners of book shop vouchers in the UWI Library quiz competition. The competition, organized by Mrs. Karlene Robinson of the Mona Information Literacy Unit and funded by the UWI Library, was part of the "Tent City Orientation Week" activities to welcome new students.



1st place winner Jodi-Ann Saddler receiving book voucher of \$8000.00 from the Campus Librarian, Mrs. Norma Amenu-Kpodo.

2nd place winner, Sashelle Thompson receiving \$5,000.00 from the Director of the Office of Student Services, Dr. Thelora. Reynolds.

Christine Walker, 3rd place winner receiving her prize of \$3,000.00 from the Head of Acquisitions, Mrs. Joan Vacianna.

Entrants submitted answers to questions on the Library during the period August 18 to September 5, 2008 and the drawing was held on September 11, 2008 in the Catalogue Hall of the Main Library.

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SciFinder Scholar Online

A new web version of [SciFinder Scholar](#) is now available. It provides scientists with many of the powerful analytical tools found in the client version of SciFinder, as well as new features to help improve researcher's productivity. It has an easy to use registration system which allows individuals to construct their own IDs (usernames) and passwords.

Some of the **new features** include:

- Direct links to data
- Keep Me Posted enhancements
- Improved search precision
- Session history retention
- Index term linking



For further information, please contact the Science Branch Library: Tel. 876 935 8202 or ext. 2202

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CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Paul McFarlane - awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Public Administration

Mr. Godfrey Walker - awarded a Master of Library and Information Studies

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OURVLE online teaching-learning systems.

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