Honouring Our Longest Serving Staff Members

Over 40 Years of Service to The UWI Mona Library

To have worked for 40 years in any institution is a notable achievement, to have done so with the conscientious, quiet diligence as Arthur McBean has is cause for special commendation from his peers at the UWI Mona Library.

The University of the West Indies, Mona is proud to number him among its employees and congratulates him on his long and distinguished service to the institution generally and to the Mona Library particularly. Well done Arthur!

Daniel Williams has earned the commendation of his peers for his dedicated service to the UWI Mona Library over 40 years. Daniel Williams joined the Library staff in February 1975 as a Library Attendant and was described as a knowledgeable and good worker.

The Library appreciates Mr. Williams’ his commitment to the organisation and thanks him for his valuable contribution to the team. The University of the West Indies, Mona is proud to number him among its employees and congratulates him on his long and distinguished service to the institution generally and to the Mona Library particularly. Well done Daniel!

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For the first time since the inception of UWI Mona’s Research Days, librarians at the UWI Mona Library were recognized for their research.

Dr. Sasekea Harris was awarded the annual Research Days Principal’s Award for Best Research Publication 2016 in the article category for *Enhancing Awareness of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in Academic Libraries: A Jamaican Case Study*.

Mrs. Karlene Robinson, Miss Rosemarie Runcie, Miss Tanya Manassi & Mrs. Faith McKoy-Johnson

Constitution and enrichment of the Cousins Hereward Postcard Collection at the University of the West Indies

Mrs. Frances Salmon & Mrs. Maureen Kerr-Campbell

Establishing a Competencies Framework for a Caribbean Academic Library: The Case of the UWI Library, Mona Campus

A People’s History of Jamaica: The Jamaica 50 Time Capsule

Dr. Kathleen E A Monteith, Department of History and Archaeology
Professor Mathew Smith, Department of History and Archaeology
Dr. Julian Cresser, Department of History and Archaeology
Dr. Jenny Jemmott, Department of History and Archaeology
Dr. Aleric Josephs, Department of History and Archaeology
Dr. Robert Sierakowski, Department of History and Archaeology

Mr. Dunstan Newman, The Library

Dr. Sasekea Harris Awarded LIAJA Award for Research And Publication 2016

Dr. Sasekea Harris was awarded LIAJA’s award for research and publication. This is awarded to a library and information professional who has established a history of contributions to the library and information profession through research, publications, conference presentations and/or other activities displaying an active participation in the advancement of the profession through research and publication.
The Mona Library Introduces Zones

The Main Library now has Library Zones. The Library recognizes that students are interacting more, due in part to the type of assignments given which require them to make presentations and to engage in group work. Many class assignments are prepared in the Library, resulting in the need for library spaces conducive to discussion.

The zones and colour codes are:

- Orange - Group Work Zone
- Green - Quiet Zone
- Red - Silent Zone

(Contributed: Karlene Robinson)

STIN RDA Workshop

The Scientific and Technical Information Network (STIN) RDA workshop was held late November 2015, in the Scientific Research Council (SRC) Boardroom. The workshop was facilitated by Miss Rosemarie Runcie, Head of Cataloguing at the Main Library, UWI, Mona Campus.

The main area of presentation was based on Resource Description and Access (RDA). This is a new standard designed for the digital environment and intended for international use. This new standard provides a comprehensive set of guidelines and instructions covering a variety of content and media. It is intended to replace the AACR2 which is the current cataloguing standard used by most cataloguers worldwide. The experienced and knowledgeable facilitator delivered with ease, the various cataloguing principles while she explained the differences between RDA and AACR2 rules. The facilitator also allowed the participants to engage in discussions and they used the opportunity to ask questions and to get answers. There were twenty-four (24) participants including three teachers from Columbus Preparatory in St Ann, Shortwood Teachers College and Kingston College.

E-Resources Fair 2016—Medical Branch Library

The Medical Branch Library hosted its 2016 E-Resources Fair in the Conference Room. Electronic resources such as UWILinC, Questionpoint and Medical Databases were featured in a display for patrons to view and learn. The following presentations and demonstrations were provided:

- EndNote – J. Lewis
- Web of Science – T. Richards
- EBSCOHost Databases – K. Kiely (EBSCO Representative)
- Keeping Current with the Research Literature – F. McKoy-Johnson

The Fair closed with the grand drawing of a prize comprised of a $5,000.00 UWI Bookshop voucher. This was won by a student from the Faculty of Humanities and Education.

(Contributed: F. McKoy-Johnson)
Quality Control (QC) Partnership: The University of The West Indies (UWI) Mona Library And The Mona Postgraduates Association (MAPS)

Thesis scrutiny has been an important service point offered by The UWI librarians at the three campuses in Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago for over 30 years. Scrutiny ensures that dissertations and theses adhere to the regulated standards and are quality controlled for acceptance into the Institution’s Libraries.

In the 2015/16 academic year, The University of the West Indies Mona Library partnered with the Mona Postgraduate Association (MAPS) to host their first ever Thesis Camp. The Camp was organised to address concerns students encounter during the final stages of their thesis preparation.

In order to prepare graduates, three half-day workshops were organised by MAPS in September and October 2015, and January 2016. The Campus Coordinator, Graduate Studies and Research, and IT personnel facilitated at one of the three sessions and librarian volunteers were a constant presence at all sessions.

Graduate participants represented a cross section of the multidisciplinary campus in Science and Technology, Social Sciences, Humanities and Education, and Medical Sciences. Library presentations focused on writing in the disciplines using the different style manuals as well as common grammatical errors, effective use of MS Word, citing and referencing, and referencing tools such as Endnote. Other presentations featured work-life-study balance and the submission process for Turnitin.

The Camp culminated in April with librarians reserving three days to provide one-on-one consultation with graduates. Librarians scrutinised works in progress and provided advice on citations, referencing, and publishing features. Although students were advised to make appointments, walk-ins were also facilitated. Outreach and partnership activities such as Thesis Camp, enable the library to revisit and assess its Information Literacy offerings to graduates. Reference scrutiny also enables the Library to evaluate whether its collections are meeting student needs for research and knowledge generation.

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Library Staff Participate in Sagicor Sigma Run 2016

Fifteen staff members represented the UWI Mona Library in the 2016 Sagicor Sigma Corporate Run. The event was a 5.5 km road race in aid of raising monies to help charities across the Island. The team gathered at Knutsford Boulevard for a warm up session at 6:45 a.m. and by 7:30 a.m. the race began.

Despite most of us being unseasoned runners and some participating for the first time, team members were able to complete the race in under an hour. Ceejay Crosdale from the Bindery was the 4th person to cross the finish line for The University of the West Indies Team in a “smashing” time of 24 minutes and 08 seconds. Other participants were: Damien Cox, Sammara Reynolds, Omarsha Easy, Latoya Saunds, Kevin Atkinson, Carron Edwards, Francine Stewart, Randia Shaw, Vergie-Lee Lawson, Shawna-Kay Wellington, Jewel Garvey-Miller, Natalie Williamson, Mervin Martin and Janet McCallum.

(Contributed – Omarsha Easy)