New Management Structure

New Deputy Librarians

Congratulations to Mrs. Verna George (left) and Mrs. Joan Vacianna (right), who were recently promoted to the positions of Deputy Librarian (Public and Outreach Services) and Deputy Librarian (Technical Services) respectively. Mrs. Leona Bobb-Semple, longstanding deputy librarian, is now Deputy Librarian (Support Services).

The promotion is part of a restructuring exercise designed to strengthen succession planning and to develop the organization’s management capacity in order to function as a modern university library.

Congratulations, Mesdames George and Vacianna.

UWI Librarian Receives Fulbright

Mrs. Pauline Nicholas was awarded the 2008 Fulbright Visiting Researcher Scholar Fellowship. Mrs. Nicholas will be hosted at the Information Institute of Syracuse, School of Information Studies from September 1 – November 15, 2009 and will be engaged in research on digital reference services in academic libraries.

She will have an opportunity to study QuestionPoint (an online reference service) and will spend 2 weeks at the University of Illinois to explore the application of “Second Life”, a 3D virtual world software, in education and reference services.

Her visit will give the UWI library a presence in “Second Life” and the skills she will garner will be shared with the UWI Library staff. This will augment the reference services that are now provided.
**Library Hosts Postgrad Classes**

Ms B. Lashley, Acting Head, Science Branch Library

Eleven students from the Occupational Environmental Safety and Health postgraduate class recently attended a one-day information literacy session put on by the Mona Information Literacy Unit (MILU). The session entitled “How to Plan and Conduct Effective Research” was held in the new Postgraduate Learning Commons laboratory.

Ms Beverley Lashley, Acting Head, Science Branch Library, guided the students through the various search strategies using examples of resources in their specific subject area. Students also gained hands-on experience in the use of EndNote, a reference manager software.

The Mona Information Literacy Unit offers customized information literacy sessions to students and staff. Sessions can be arranged on request by contacting Mrs Verna George, Deputy Librarian and Co-ordinator of the Post Graduate Learning Commons, at 512-3619 or email verna.george@uwimona.edu.jm.

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**The Angela King Collection**

The West Indies and Special Collection (WISC) in the Main Library now houses the Angela King Collection.

This collection comprises documents relating to almost all aspects of Mrs King’s life, especially while she was Chief of Missions for the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa from 1992-1994, and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women.

The Department of Gender Studies presented the collection to the Library on behalf of her family.

**Virtual Reference Services**

On April 1, 2009 the Library introduced its online reference service. Users can now receive assistance from reference librarians even if they cannot visit the Library. Anyone who needs help finding information can go the Library’s homepage at http://www.mona.uwi.edu/library/ and click the button ASKMONA.

As of June 1, 2009, the service will be offered on Monday - Friday from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. For further information you may contact the MERIC Librarian at 512-3586 or email pauline.nicholas02@uwimona.edu.jm.

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