

UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA LIBRARY NEWSLETTER (Turkeyen)

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Mission Statement

The University of Guyana Library will strive to support the teaching and research activities of the University. It will provide the necessary human resources and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to meet the requirements of the electronic age, and serve as the beacon of academic research, both locally and internationally.



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Brief Overview of the University of Guyana Library

The University of Guyana Library provides information to serve the teaching, learning and research needs of the Faculties, Schools and Departments of the University of Guyana, as well as its extramural arm the Institute of Distance of Continuing Education (IDCE). It also strives to meet the needs of the wider local and international communities. The library, also provides a variety of resources which support and extend the teaching, learning and research programmes of the University. The stock comprises of printed materials as well as a significant amount of non-print and electronic materials. Apart from being a legal deposit, the library is also a partial depository for the United Nations and several of its arms, and the International Development Bank (IDB). The objectives of the University of Guyana Library are:

To acquire and preserve books, journals and other materials related to fields of study within and outside of the University.

To make the materials available to users.

To provide a service to the University and to the community at large.

The Turkeyen Campus Library comprises of four divisions. These are:

- (1) The Readers' Services Division
- (2) The Technical Services Division
- (3) The Caribbean Research Library
- (4) The Learning Resources Centre

Library Leadership



University Librarian
Ms. Debra Lowe



Deputy University Librarian
Dr. Simone Bernard



Head (a.i.), Readers' Services Division
Ms. Clyden Harris



Head (ag.), Learning Resources Centre
Mrs. Tammy Hopkinson



Head (ag.), Technical Services Division
Ms. Donette Washington



Head (ag.), Caribbean Research Library
Ms. Syndrene Harris

COLLECTION

Journals

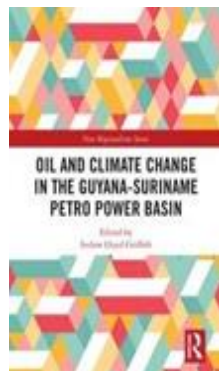
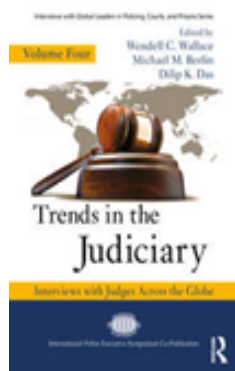
The University of Guyana Library has a large collection of journals in various subject Divisions. These journals are easily accessible since they are shelved alphabetically by title.

Highlighted below are a few titles of journals, periodicals, and newspapers that are housed in the Main Library and are available for two hours or overnight loan to registered members of the University of Guyana Library.



Books

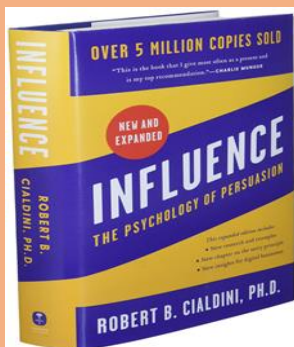
The University of Guyana Library currently houses approximately 128,000 titles of printed books in its collection' some of which are multiple copies. Apart from printed books, the library also has approximately 200,000 subscription-based eBooks in its Academic eBook Collection, which can be accessed through EBSCO. The library also has perpetual access to eBooks through EBSCO and ProQuest. These books have added tremendous value to the library's assets, and all staff, students and researchers have been benefiting from the library's collection. During the period, 289 titles have been added to the library's collection.



Databases

The library subscribes to several trusted databases. These databases give students and staff of the University of Guyana the opportunity to browse journals, articles, eBooks, etc.





Dr. Robert Cialdini, thought leader in the field of Influence, has spent his entire career conducting, testing, analyzing, and publishing peer-reviewed scientific research on what causes people to say “Yes” to requests. The results of his research, his ensuing articles, and his New York Times bestselling books have earned him an acclaimed reputation as a respected scientist and engaging storyteller.

In the new edition of this highly acclaimed bestseller, Robert Cialdini—New York Times bestselling author explains the psychology of why people say “yes”, and how to apply these insights ethically in business and everyday settings. Using memorable stories and relatable examples, Cialdini makes this crucially important subject surprisingly easy. With Cialdini as a guide, you don’t have to be a scientist to learn how to use this science.

This book is available at the Turkeyen Campus Library, within the Readers’ Services Division (Humanities and Education). It can be easily located by browsing the bookshelves for Call #: *BF774 C53*



All printed books in the library are assigned a call number, usually found on the book spine. The call number represents what the book is about and acts like the book's address on the library's shelves or stacks.

Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)

The library provides an Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), which is easily accessible via the library’s website. The OPAC allows users to view the bibliographic records of the library’s holdings easily. Patrons can search the OPAC by title, author, and subject area.

To access the library’s website kindly use the URL provided: <https://uglibrary.uog.edu.gy/>

Featured Library Departments

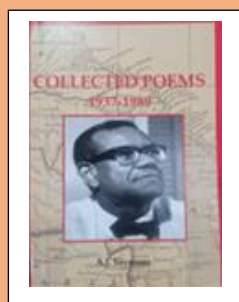
Caribbean Research Library (CRL)

The Caribbean Research Library (CRL), is a specialized reference collection of both current and retrospective materials which relates to Guyana and the Caribbean. The reference collection covers the Guianas, Belize and the Caribbean. Generally, CRL is a closed collection, users do not have access to the stacks (this is with the exception of postgraduate students who are reading for Master's degrees and registered Academic staff where access is granted at the discretion of the Librarian). In order to find out what is available on a particular subject, the catalogues should be consulted. A list of Serials/Journals and indexes of content pages of journals can be obtained on request at the CRL Desk. Only two materials can be borrowed by a user at any one time for 2 hours. Books may be renewed if necessary.

In this issue, the two Special Collections that will be featured are:

1. *The A.J. Seymore Collection*

This collection is particularly rich in Guyanese poetry. The Arthur James Seymour, AJS (1914-1989) collection, is a selection of books, journals and letters, and other literary works spanning decades of work. The A.J. Seymour Collection, is particularly rich in Guyanese and Caribbean Poetry.



Collected poems 1937-1989 by A.J. Seymore.

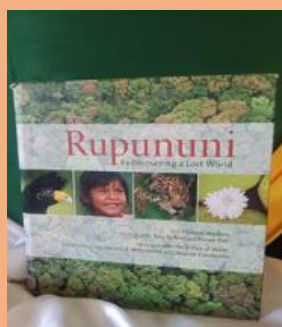
2. *Rare Book Collection*

This is a special collection of historical materials dating back from the 15th century of British Guiana and the Caribbean. Within this Special Collection, there are other Special Collections. The Rare Book Collection consist of books, maps, artifacts, journals, photographs, paintings, postcards and manuscripts.



Bei Arawak und WaiWai by Arkady Fiedler.

Book of Interest



Mr. Graham Watkins, is a Guyanese-born biologist with a first degree from Oxford University and a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. Graham's professional life includes more than 20 years of experience in ecological research, collaborative wildlife tourism, aquaculture, fisheries, management, and protected areas in Guyana and Ecuador. He was the Director General of the Iwokrama International Centre for Rain Forest Conservation and Development in Guyana.

Rupununi Rediscovering a Lost World, captures the splendor of the Northern Rupununi, and should be compulsory reading for all – young and old – who care about the world in which we live. The tough challenges facing the North Rupununi are emblematic of those which confront us all on a global scale. As this book explains, however, seizing the initiative requires effort and dedication and we must remember that time is not on our side.

This book is housed in the Caribbean Research Library with Call #: *F2387 R8 W38*

Readers' Services Division

The Readers' Services Division is divided into subject divisions as listed below.

Circulation

The main issue desk and the Reserve Collection are both on the first floor (west/left). Users can borrow, return, renew, make reservations, request photocopies, and conduct financial transactions.

Humanities and Education

This Division consists of information on creative arts, education, history, languages, library science, literature, modern languages, music, philosophy, and religion.

Science and Technology

This Division consists of information on the following subjects: agriculture, architectural engineering, biology, chemistry, civil engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, environmental health, environmental science, forestry, health sciences, mathematics, mechanical engineering, medical technology, medicine, natural sciences, naval science, pharmacy, physics, technology, and military science.

Social Sciences and Law

This Division consists of information on the following subjects: anarchism, banking and finance, commerce, communism, criminology, economics, law, local government, management, politics, socialism, social work, and sociology, among others.

Services offered

The University of Guyana Library offers a variety of services such as:

- Information Literacy Programme
- Interlibrary loans
- Borrowing and returning of library materials
- Reference and enquiry

- Assistive Technology
- Binding
- Extended Reading Room (24 hours)
- Photocopying
- Printing
- Internet Access

Our Information Literacy Programme is usually executed via Zoom. It contains sessions to enhance students' performance in referencing and citing and also preparation of student research papers. The following are components of the Programme:

- Introduction to Library Services
- How to cite and reference correctly.
- Formatting your student research.
- Search Strategies: Evaluating Your Information Sources and Refining your Search Terms
- Demonstration of the Zotero and Mendeley reference management software
- Demonstration of databases.

Kindly follow our Facebook page for our upcoming Information Literacy Sessions.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a service that enables patrons of one library to borrow materials that are held by another library. Upon receiving a request, the borrowing library identifies potential lending libraries with the desired item. The lending library delivers the item physically or electronically, and the borrowing library receives the item and delivers it to their patron. There are formalities attached to this process.

Form for Interlibrary Loan is available at URL: <https://forms.gle/usTxSLzWryBLAPab7>

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Ms. Debra Lowe and Dr. Simone Bernard on their well-deserved appointments within the University of Guyana Library. We wish you both success and best of luck.

University Librarian



Ms. Debra Lowe, is a Librarian III and the University Librarian at the University of Guyana Library, with over 30 years of experience in the field of librarianship. Some of the major responsibilities are: the management of the library, preparation of all policy and technical documents including budget as well as budgetary allocations. In addition to her qualifications of a Graduate Diploma in Education (Social Studies), a M.A. in Social Sciences (International Studies), a Graduate Diploma in Social Sciences (International Studies) and a Bachelor in Social Sciences (Sociology) from the University of Guyana, Ms. Lowe pursued training in the field of Library sciences. Her professional qualifications include Training in Critical Thinking Skills for University Success, Information & Digital Literacy for University Success; both from the University of Sydney, Research Data Management Sharing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Edinburgh, and Library Development and Management for Developing Countries, coordinated by the Central Academy of Culture and Tourism Administration, Republic of China.

Her research interests are assessing library services, drug demand reduction and other social issues for which she has published several articles, including spearheading the publication of Guyana National Bibliography 1966-2016.

Deputy University Librarian



Dr. Simone Bernard, started her career at the University of Guyana Library in June, 1995. During the years that she has worked there, she pursued studies leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Public Management and a Post-graduate Diploma in Development Studies from the University of Guyana. In 2007, she acquired a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Malaya, Malaysia. In 2023, Dr. Bernard completed studies leading to a Doctor of Education in Leadership and Innovation from Arizona State University, USA. Simone believes that librarians play a crucial role in the student learning experience and she is therefore passionate about information literacy. Dr. Bernard's other research interests include open-source library systems, ICTs for libraries and academic library leadership. She has published several research pieces and has presented papers at local and international forums on these areas.

Welcome Back

In September 2023, Ms. Syndrene Harris and Ms. Donnette Washington proceeded on Sabbatical leave. They both resume duties in September 2024.

Ms. Syndrene Harris (*Head, (ag.), Caribbean Research Library*)



Ms. Syndrene Harris, is a Senior Assistant Librarian attached to the Caribbean Research Library with over 40 years of services to the University of Guyana. She has worked in varying capacities within the library and has gained a wealth of knowledge and experience. Her in depth knowledge of the Caribbean Research Library is now legendary and her expertise is in this regard continues to be sought by both local and international researchers. Ms. Harris, is a mentor to many and she is always eager to assist in any situation. She is very approachable, confidential and offers counselling to her colleagues.

Ms. Donette Washington (*Head, (ag.), Technical Services Division*)



Ms. Donette Washington, is a seasoned Librarian at the University of Guyana Library with 33 years of service. She holds a Commonwealth Master in Public Administration, a BA in English, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Education from the University of Guyana. Her professional training includes Digital Library Practices and Information Technology Application for Knowledge Management, and she has Certificates in Resource Management and Webcasting. Currently, she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Library and Information Sciences at the Indira Gandhi National Open University in Delhi, India.

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To register with Turkeyen Campus Library, you can scan the QR code or use the link provided.

URL: <https://forms.gle/AryLVKzVREvp5qzU6>

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