



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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Empowering Minds Through Access to Information

The University of Guyana Library, Turkeyen Campus, remains steadfast in its mission to support the teaching, learning, and research activities of the University community. Through a growing collection of print and electronic resources including books, journals, databases, and e-books, the library ensures that students, faculty, and researchers have access to the information needed to excel in the digital age.

In keeping with its commitment to technological advancement, the library continues to integrate Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to enhance access, discovery, and innovation. By fostering information literacy through orientations, workshops, and personalized guidance, the library empowers users to navigate and utilize information ethically, critically, and effectively.

As a beacon of academic research both locally and internationally, the University of Guyana Library stands as a dynamic hub of knowledge and discovery. Through its dedication to service, technology, and scholarship, the library continues to empower minds and strengthen the University's vision of academic excellence and global impact.

Your Gateway to Knowledge Starts Here

The University of Guyana Library is more than just a place for books, it is dedicated to supporting your academic success through a wide range of helpful services. Students and staff can borrow materials for academic use, renew items online or in person, and return them easily at the Circulation Desk. The Interlibrary Loan service gives you access to materials from other libraries across the region, while our affordable printing and scanning services are perfect for producing hard copies or digital documents. The library also offers professional binding for theses, research papers, and other academic documents, making your work submission-ready. To help you develop strong research skills, the library hosts Information Literacy Sessions throughout the semester, covering topics such as database searching, referencing and citation. For users with print disabilities, the library provides assistive technology including text-to-speech services, with staff assistance for scanning and file conversion. All users can register online to enjoy full access to the library's resources, and if they cannot find what they are looking for, they can submit a Book Purchase Request through their faculty, and help us strengthen our collection with materials that support your academic and research needs.



Caribbean Research Library – University of Guyana Library

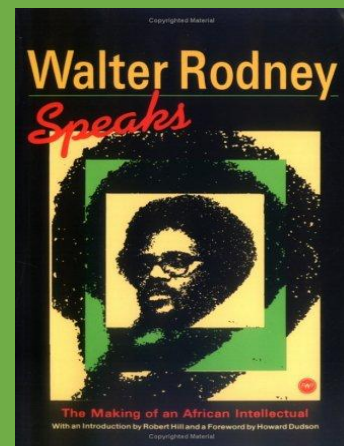
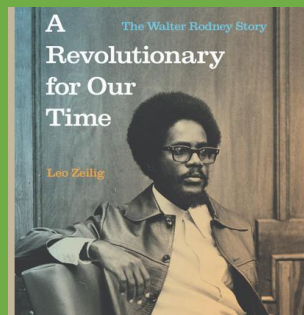
The University of Guyana Library honours the late Dr. Walter Rodney (March 23, 1942 – June 13, 1980) on the 45th anniversary of his passing. Dr. Rodney remains one of Guyana's most influential scholars, historians, and activists, and his work continues to shape Caribbean and global discourses on history, development, and social justice.

In recognition of his remarkable contributions, the Caribbean Research Library has curated a special display featuring selected works from the Walter Rodney Collection. This collection highlighted his seminal publications, including books, research papers, pamphlets, and related materials that reflect his lifelong dedication to equality, education, and empowerment.

The exhibition provided an opportunity for the university community to engage with his vision of intellectual independence and social progress, while appreciating the continuing relevance of his work in today's world. His intellectual legacy continues to inspire new generations to question, learn, and transform their societies in pursuit of justice and progress.



Dr. Walter Rodney



The University of Guyana Library Observes CARICOM Day 2025

In observance of CARICOM Day 2025, the University of Guyana Library organized a special display highlighting the culture, history, and achievements of Caribbean nations. The display aimed to raise awareness among students, faculty, and visitors about the significance of regional integration and the shared heritage of CARICOM member states.



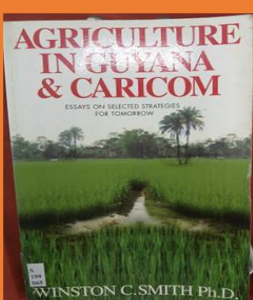
Display of books in observance of CARICOM Day

Book Pick

Agriculture in Guyana and CARICOM: Essays on Selected Strategies for Tomorrow by Winston C. Smith

This thought-provoking collection of essays by Dr. Winston C. Smith examines the agricultural landscape of Guyana and the wider CARICOM region, proposing strategies for sustainable development and regional cooperation. Dr. Smith analyzes the challenges faced by the traditional plantation industries of sugar and banana, which have declined sharply over the past two decades due to production and marketing difficulties. In response, he advocates for diversification and investment in the region's food crop sub-sector as a path toward revitalizing agricultural growth and economic stability.

Drawing on his extensive experience as an Agricultural Economist and advisor to farmers and fishermen across the Caribbean, Dr. Smith presents a compelling call to action for Guyanese and Caribbean entrepreneurs to contribute to the renewal of regional agriculture. His essays blend practical insights with developmental foresight, making this work an invaluable resource for policymakers, researchers, and anyone interested in the future of Caribbean agriculture.



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Celebrating professional growth, Ms. Debra Lowe, Ms. Donette Washington, Ms. Surujdai Mangra, and Mrs. Acacia Nobrega successfully completed a Degree in Library and Information Science from the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

This accomplishment enhances the library's capacity to deliver high-quality information services and reflects a strong commitment to lifelong learning. Their success inspires colleagues and reinforces the library's culture of academic excellence and professional development.

Staff Development: Digital Workshop Participation

In an effort to strengthen digital skills, Ms. Shelley Headley, Mrs. Safiann Harper-Fenty, Ms. Bibi Kalil, and Mrs. Rodlyn Angel-Anderson, together with two staff members from the Tain Campus Library, participated in the "AI and Digital Information Literacy" Workshop on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

The workshop introduced emerging trends in artificial intelligence and strategies for enhancing digital information literacy, equipping staff to support students and researchers more effectively. Participants explored practical applications of AI tools, research methods, and innovative approaches to service delivery in a modern library environment.

This initiative highlighted the library's commitment to continuous professional development and to providing cutting-edge support in an evolving digital landscape.

A Step Forward: Promotions After Training

Following the successful completion of the Senior Library Assistant I (SLA I) In-House Training Programme, the University of Guyana Library proudly celebrates the promotion of its dedicated staff members.

The programme, which involved sixteen staff from both the Turkeyen and Berbice Campus Libraries, was designed to strengthen professional skills, enhance service delivery, and prepare participants for greater responsibilities within the Library.

The University of Guyana Library congratulates Mrs. Rodlyn Angel-Anderson, Ms. Shiffle Aulder, Ms. Bibi Kalil, Ms. Romain Pollard, Ms. Pamela Ollivierra, Ms. Alana Blair, Ms. Tiffany Braithwaite, Mrs. Clayrina Wickham-Matheson, Mr. Travis Adams, Mr. Maxwell Allen, Ms. Nattoya Adams, and Mr. Steve Alexander, whose commitment and dedication throughout the training earned them well-deserved promotion.

The University of Guyana Library congratulates all newly promoted staff and looks forward to their continued contributions to delivering high-quality services and supporting teaching, learning, and research across the University.

Library Hours – Stop by and Explore!

The University of Guyana Library is here for all your study, research, and reading needs. Our current hours are:

Regular Library Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:30h – 18:00h

Saturday: 8:30h – 16:30h

Extended Reading Room:

Please note that the Extended Reading Room is temporarily closed until further notice. For updates on reopening and any changes to hours, patrons are encouraged to check the University of Guyana Library (Turkeyen) Facebook page.

Even without the extended hours, our regular library spaces remain a quiet and comfortable place to study, read, and relax. We look forward to welcoming you soon!

The University of Guyana Library at International Conferences

The University of Guyana Library proudly recognizes the achievements of its staff at two prominent regional conferences this year. These achievements underscore the University of Guyana Library's active engagement with regional professional networks and its commitment to sharing knowledge, advancing research, and promoting innovation in library services.

ACURIL 2025



Head, Learning
Resources Centre
Mrs. Tammy
Hopkinson

Ms. Shelley Headley and Mrs. Tammy Hopkinson represented the library at the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) Conference 2025, held in Curaçao from June 8 to 12, 2025. Together, they presented their research titled: "Teaching University Students to use Digital Humanities (DH) tools to enhance their research skills: A literature review."

Ms. Shelley Headley also presented a poster on the topic: "The integration of Digital literacy tools into information literacy sessions at the University of Guyana Library." The poster was a collaborative effort created by Ms. Debra Lowe, Ms. Simmone La Rose, Ms. Shelley Headley, and Ms. Rachel Peters.

Mrs. Hopkinson conducted a second presentation of a research paper titled: "The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Academic Library Services: Opportunities and Challenges." This paper was jointly prepared by Ms. Tammy Hopkinson and Ms. Rachel Peters.

The conference's theme was "Digital Humanities: Connecting the Caribbean through Archives, Museums, and Libraries."



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CARALL 2025

Ms. Debra Lowe, Ms. Donette Washington, and Ms. Bibi Kalil represented the library at the Caribbean Association of Law Libraries (CARALL), 39th Annual General Meeting Conference, held in Jamaica from July 29–31, 2025. Their presentation, "Intellectual Property Protection in the Commonwealth Caribbean: The Challenges of Enforcement, Access and Regional Integration," focused on Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, and Antigua. The conference was held under the theme: "Examining Commonwealth Caribbean Law: A Comparative Analysis in a Global Context."



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Ms. Bibi Kalil



Library Tip: Maximize Your Research

When starting a research project, begin by defining your topic clearly and identifying keywords. Use the library's online catalogue, databases, and academic journals to find reliable sources efficiently. Don't forget to check both print and digital materials, and always evaluate your sources for credibility. Remember, your librarians are here to help, ask for guidance if you get stuck!

The University of Guyana Library (Turkeyen) Launched its 17th Annual 'Reading is Fun' Programme with Support from Unicomer Guyana

On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, the University of Guyana Library launched its 17th Annual ‘Reading is Fun’ Programme at the UG Library, Turkeyen Campus. The literacy-focused initiative was supported by Unicomer Guyana, Courts Optical, and benefited more than 90 children from surrounding communities, including Sophia, Cummings Lodge, and Industry.

The programme aimed to strengthen literacy and foster a love for reading among children aged 7 to 11. Trained literacy teachers, assisted by University of Guyana Library staff, volunteered their expertise to deliver activities such as reading sessions, educational excursions, poetry, and other creative exercises.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Paloma Mohamed Martin, expressed gratitude to Unicomer Guyana for its ongoing support and thanked the library team and volunteers for their dedication. Managing Director of Unicomer Guyana, Ms. Gillian Matthews, highlighted the positive impact of the initiative and reaffirmed the company’s commitment to supporting children and communities.

University Librarian, Ms. Debra Lowe, welcomed the participants and encouraged them to “put your best into everything you do during the next three weeks and have fun reading.”

During the programme, and with permission from parents and guardians, Courts Optical conducted free eye test screenings for 22 children. Spectacles were later distributed, free of cost to those who required them, ensuring improved vision to support their reading and learning development.

The programme remains one of UG’s hallmark community outreach initiatives, reflecting the University’s dedication to education, training, and experiential learning in support of national development.



Left: Ms. Debra Lowe, University Librarian, Professor Paloma Mohamed, AA, Vice Chancellor, University of Guyana and Ms. Gillian Matthews, Managing Director, Unicomer Guyana Inc.



Group photograph of the Reading is Fun Closing Ceremony 2025

Exciting New Additions to Our Collection!

We’re thrilled to announce that the University of Guyana Library has added 197 titles to our collection! Explore these fresh resources to support your studies and research.

Don’t forget, you can search our library catalogue anytime directly from our website: <https://uglibrary.uog.edu.gy>

Start discovering today!

We Are Here to Serve You

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