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LIBRARIES & INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES DEPARTMENT

*“INFORMATION DESTINATION:
ANYTIME, ANYPLACE”*

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Staff members across the five branches of The Libraries and Instructional Media Services Department (LIMS) extend a warm welcome to new and returning students and faculty. We wish for you a productive and fulfilling academic year and look forward to your many visits to meet your information and research needs.

The library has wonderful collections in myriad formats and we want you to make the most of them. We invite you to come in for your individual tour and consultation. And, we are always eager to visit classes to highlight resources for your particular discipline! Whatever the information need you have, let us help you solve it at the library!

This fall you will see changes to the library's web page at <http://www.cob.edu.bs/library>. However, it is still easy to use and provides you with direct access to records for holdings in all library branches as well as to resources available from other credible sources. Check out the new link which provides full-text access to peer-reviewed COB faculty research. Faculty who wish to have work included should submit electronic copies in

pdf or html format to the attention of the Director of Libraries at library@cob.edu.bs.

The library is here for you! So, let us know what we need to do or do differently to meet all your information needs!

PERSONNEL NEWS

GRADUATION: Congratulations to Mrs. Edith Gibson who graduated with an Associate Degree in Management from COB in July 2005 and to Misses Shananda Miller and Glenelle Scantlebury who also graduated from COB with a Bachelor Degree in Computer Information Systems and an Associate Degree in Library Information Science respectively, in May 2006.

PROMOTIONS: Mrs. Sharlene Smith promoted to Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Edith Gibson to Library Assistant, Mr. Addison Saunders to Senior Media Technician and Miss Kenyetta Dean to Library Associate.

JOB TITLE CHANGE: Mrs. Christine Swann and Mrs. Levette Morris to Assistant Librarian and Mr. Raynold Cartwright to Legal Assistant.

BON VOYAGE: Antoinette Pinder commenced study leave on 1 September. She will be enrolled full-time at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the Masters Degree programme in Library and Information Science.

RETURNING EMPLOYEE: Miss Geanti Lightbourne returned from study leave in May 2006. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Miss Lightbourne was unable to complete her studies in Book Binding.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

- Remote username and password for access to EBSCOhost databases have been changed. Please present your COB ID card at Reference to get them. License agreement restricts access to COB students, faculty and staff only.
- Check out the **'Trials'** tab to access products being reviewed by the library. Give us feedback about your visit.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Professional librarians gave feedback on the National Library and Information Service Bill which is expected to go before Parliament soon. This Act will regulate public library service in the country.

This summer, high school students enrolled in the Public Library Service Library Cadet programme visited the main library. The three students were accompanied by Mrs. Dorcas Bowler, Library Officer for the Public Library Service and three of the facilitators. The photo below shows Mrs. Bowler, the cadets and facilitators with members of COB library staff.



BRANCHES/UNITS UPDATE

Oakes Field Branch:

- **REFERENCE COLLECTION** comprises over 2,000 non-circulating titles. This collection includes general and subject encyclopedias, directories, digests, indexes, dictionaries, handbooks and other such reference titles. Additional reference sources may be accessed through XRefer Plus full text reference books.

- **RESERVE COLLECTION** is located at the Circulation desk and comprises library and other materials identified by lecturers for specific courses. See what your lecturer has placed on reserve for you by searching COBWEB, the library's online database at <http://www.cob.edu.bs/library>.

- **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS** houses materials in the area of Bahamiana, Caribbeana, COB archives and West Indian Reference titles. See what is available by searching COBWEB.

Helpful tips on finding information in Special Collections:

- Search COBWEB for a particular item by author, title, subject or keyword.
- Remember, special collections items are designated by symbols which easily identify the areas in which the materials can be found: B (Bahamian), B. REF (Bahamian Reference), B. GOV. DOC. (Government Documents), W. REF. (West Indian Reference), B. Diss. (Bahamian Dissertation), Diss. (Caribbean Dissertation).
- Fill out a Request Form and take it to Special Collections to request access to the materials.

Law Library:

- The Law Library is housed in The Bahamas Hotel Tourism Complex on Thompson Boulevard.

- The collection focus is on Commonwealth Caribbean Legal resources and consists primarily of legal resources in both print and electronic formats.

Hilda Bowen Library

To ease congestion at the photocopier for course handouts, the library will scan and store the handouts on the photocopier. Students need only insert their rechargeable copy card, select the file for printing and within seconds the handouts will be available to them.

CHMI Library

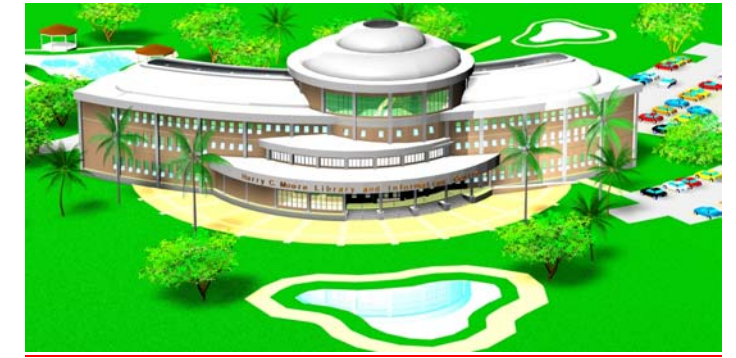
The collection, in print and non-print formats, supports the programmes in culinary and hospitality management studies.

The CHMI Library also serves as a national resource centre for information about the World Trade Organization.

Northern Bahamas Campus Library

Resources, print and non-print, at the NBC Library support the offerings at that campus. Audiovisual and photocopying services are also provided.

UPDATE ON HARRY C. MOORE LIBRARY PROJECT:



- Phases one and two have been completed
- Prequalification decisions have been made.
- Contractors to submit bids in October.
- Contributions received through the internal fundraising initiative now stand over \$80,000. All are invited to pledge – contact Office of Advancement.

For more information about the library, or to send feedback, contact us at library@cob.edu.bs, 302-4517 (Reference Desk), 302-4552 (Librarian's Office) or get a copy of "A Guide to the College of The Bahamas Libraries 2005 - 2007". You may also use the suggestion box at the library branch.