

LIBRARIES AND INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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ART AT THE LIBRARY

The library is the symbol of higher education in the academy and the place for access to all forms of creative and artistic expressions. Artwork is one such format and you will find art pieces in each library branch. Some of these are by current students and faculty and others by former students and faculty. Among the artists are John Beadle, Antonious Roberts and Max Taylor.

The main library currently has on display the photographic collection from the exhibition "Contract Faces" which was mounted at the Central Bank in March 1993 in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of "The Contract", an agricultural programme between The Bahamas and the United States. We invite you to visit the library to view this collection.

Trial of research products such as databases with links to full text or to specific journal titles is an important way for students and faculty to test drive a product. In order to make an informed decision, as many people as possible need to try these resources and let us know if you liked them and if they were useful for your reference needs? Were the types of articles you found too advanced, too simple, too many, not enough? Was the searching interface easy to master or just too complicated to figure out without training or consulting a Librarian.

MEET THE WRITER SERIES RETURNS

LIMS in conjunction with School of English Studies and Chapter One Bookstore has partnered to continue the Meet the Writer Programme. The aim of this forum, held twice each semester (dates and times are on the College Calendar) are three-fold; 1) to expose college constituents to local Bahamian creative talent; 2) to broaden the intellectual experiences for students; and 3) to stimulate students' interests in writing, particularly about the Bahamian way of life. Author sessions alternate between afternoons and evenings to provide an opportunity for a cross section of the population (internal and external) to attend. Dr. Nicolette Bethel will be our next author. Look out for the information about date and venue.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Lunch and Litigation

The COB Law Library is proud to announce its second annual "Lunch and Litigation" on Wednesday, 30 January 2008. This year's event features two panel sessions. The first, "Lawyers' Preparation," features speaker Sir Burton Hall, Chief Justice of the Bahamas. The second session is "Crime and the Law: The Bail Act, Time to Trial and Reassessing Punishment." The luncheon speaker is Mr. Justice Jon Isaac of the Supreme Court.

The first session starts at 9 AM; lunch starts at 1 PM. Tickets are on sale now at Chapter One Bookstore or at the COB Law Library.

Library Survey: LibQUAL+

Starting in February 2008, many of you will receive invitations to participate in LibQUAL. This is your chance to give the library valuable feedback on your experience using the library - so don't delete that invitation!

What is LibQUAL?

LibQUAL is a web-based survey designed by the Association of Research Libraries in the U.S., to measure the perceptions of students, faculty and staff in academic institutions regarding the quality of library services. Achieving a better understanding of your experiences and expectations will help LIMS improve its library services.

Why am I being invited to participate in LibQUAL?

Members of the COB community (students, faculty and staff) will be randomly selected for participation. Consider yourself lucky if you are!

When is LibQUAL taking place?

The survey will be open for feedback from 18 February through 14 March 2008.

How long will it take to complete the LibQUAL survey?

About 10 to 15 minutes.

Is the survey anonymous?

Yes. There is no way to link your answers to your identity.

Besides better service, what's in it for me?

As an incentive, all students who complete the LibQUAL survey will be eligible for prizes! Check the incentives box at the end of the survey form.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Free Trial to Grove Music Online

Oxford University Press has kindly granted COB a trial subscription to *Grove Music Online*, the most dynamic music resource on the web. The resource includes the full text of *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, Second edition; *The New Grove Dictionary of Opera*; and *The New Grove Dictionary of Jazz*, Second edition. Trial lasts through 8 February 2008.

To use *Grove Music Online*, please visit www.grovemusic.com.

Username: bahamas

Password: bahamas

- E-brary – a collection of e-books – see the link on LIMS Webpage.

INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

Faculty members (full and part-time) are invited to participate in a one-hour training session dubbed “Using Technology with In-house Media Resources”. The session is scheduled for Thursday 28 February from 3 – 4 p.m. Sign up by February 21 by contacting the Media Unit at Ext. 4460 or e-mail: media@cob.edu.bs

LIMS SPRING 2008 CALENDAR

JANUARY

25 – Library Advisory Committee meeting

30 – Second Annual “Lunch and Litigation

Luncheon”, British Colonial Hilton, 1:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Meet the Writer Forum: **Dr. Nicolette Bethel**

18 – 29 Exhibition Commemorating the Abolition of
the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

27 – Electronic Resources Demo “Credo”

(XREFER), Main Library. Call Ext. 4517 for more details.

MARCH

6 – Meet the Writer Forum: Chapter
One Bookstore

21 – Library Advisory Committee Meeting

26 – Electronic Resources: “EBSCOhost”

APRIL

5 – 1st Annual Book Festival, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.,

Grounds of MHE Complex and Chapter One Bookstore

MAY

22 - Library Advisory Committee Meeting

PERSONNEL NEWS

Ms. Virginia Ballance, Librarian at the Hilda Bowen Library, was admitted to the Academy of Health Information Professionals, the medical librarian credentialing agency. She is the first to achieve this in The Bahamas and among the first in the Caribbean.

Congratulations to our new mothers: Loniece Miller, Rosemary Whyly, Sharlene Smith and Shananda Hinsey

BRANCHES/UNITS UPDATE

News from the Hilda Bowen Library

Nursing Reference Center – from Ebsco

Designed as a “point of care” electronic resource – the NRC includes access to nursing reference books, drug and lab test books, legal cases, as well as evidence-based care sheets. You can print out customized patient education information! <http://search.ebscohost.com>

Sage Journals Free Access

The journal publisher Sage has on-going free trials to its journals in a variety of disciplines. Students and faculty should regularly stop by their free trial web page and personally register for trials to individual journals or groups of journals. It is an opportunity not to miss. <http://online.sagepub.com/cgi/freetrial>

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Each month OVID allows individual users to register for and use a specific electronic resource. For example December 2007 was the superlative database EMBASE. Students and faculty with an interest in the sciences generally (economics, politics and librarianship are included), should regularly check the OVID home page to discover the month's free resources. Register and try it out. <http://www.ovid.com/site/index.jsp>

News from Northern Campus Library

The Staff at the Northern Campus Library is endeavoring to provide maximum service to the students and faculty in Freeport, Grand Bahama. Students and faculty are being reminded of the resources available to them, especially those in electronic format, in particular the EBSCOhost databases. The Library's Vertical File collection is an outstanding source for Bahamian materials.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

"Regional Conference on Higher Education: [CRES 2008](#)" / Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. June 4 - 6, 2008

SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion box is available at each branch library for your feedback. We will respond to your questions and comments only if they are free of obscene language. We look forward to serving you at each library branch.

Best wishes for a successful semester!