

Anguilla Library Service – Annual Report 2014



Anguilla Library Service

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SPOTLIGHT ON 2014

- ✓ 15 SUCCESSFUL YEARS OF **GLASP**
- ✓ READING IN THE COMMUNITY LAUNCHED
- ✓ Wonderful exhibition commemorating 60 Years of Secondary Education in Anguilla
- ✓ Major renovations completed in Adult and Children Sections improving surroundings
- ✓ Library welcomes young Mr Randy Hodge to our ranks via Job Link Up Programme
- ✓ Documented accounts from major figures of Anguilla Revolution 1967-1969 completed
- ✓ Major Art Donation from Mother Weme
- ✓ 20,255 loans

OUR MISSION =

The Department of Library Services is

COMMITTED

to being the

PREMIER RESOURCE

for the

INFORMATION NEEDS

of the Anguillian Community and the

PRESERVATION

of its

CULTURE,

through the delivery of

RELEVANT, INNOVATIVE

and

INTEGRATED SERVICES

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1. DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

2014 proved another challenging year for the Department of Library Services in the face of dwindling budgetary allocations, mounting demands, as well as some unexpected developments. Nevertheless, 2014 was indeed a rewarding year, as in the face of all the challenges management and staff worked hard and successfully delivered a consistently high standard of service and a high quality product to the clientele.

The department faced a unique challenge in the latter part of the year in the form of persistent flooding resulting from rains associated initially with a tropical system that impacted the island and several occasions thereafter. The flooding caused severe damage to furniture and equipment as well as some structural damage at significant cost. The use of the ICT Lab has also been disrupted as a result of the flooding. In the face of these periods of flooding, the staff rose to the challenge of cleaning up every time the flooding occurred to ensure the department was ready to serve the public with minimal disruptions.

In an effort to improve the physical environment in which we both work and serve the public work was undertaken to remove the carpet from both the Children and Adult Sections of the Library replacing it with tiles. This exercise necessitated the Library being closed to the public for a period, but the work went smoothly and patrons were able to resume use of the Library in improved surroundings.

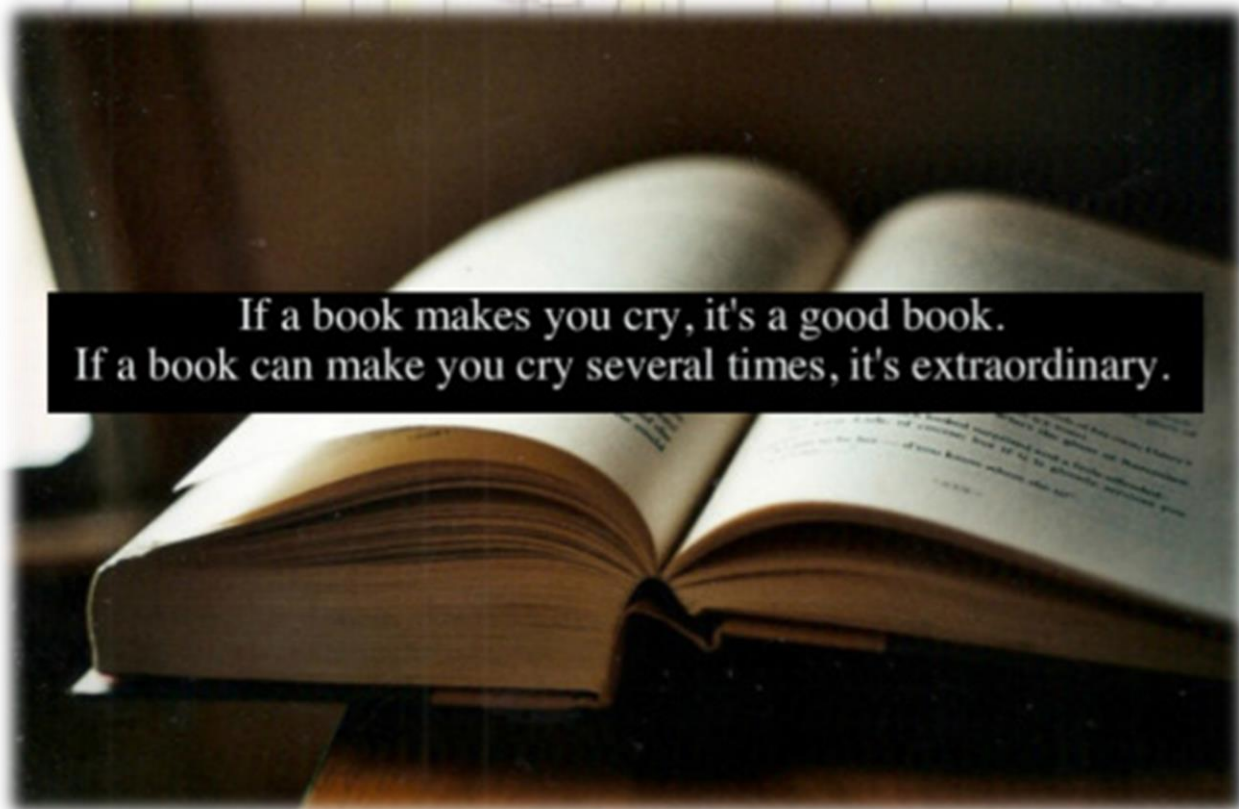
This was the year in which the department said goodbye to one of its most treasured staff members. Ms Violet Jane Grell departed the service after a very illustrious career as Reference Librarian. This left a huge void in the department's resource capacity, one which it will be extremely difficult to fill.

Meanwhile, though, the department welcomed to its ranks a young man, wheelchair bound, under the Job Link Up Programme of the Department of Youth and Culture strengthening the Library's collaboration with other agencies public and private. One new initiative of which the department is extremely proud is the Reading in the Community which involves visits to primarily Senior Citizens' homes where staff and volunteers read with and generally interact with residents. This initiative helps in forging a stronger relationship with the wider community.

Despite the challenges, therefore, the Department of Library Services continues to make a commendable contribution within the community.

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COLLECTIONS & CUSTOMERS



If a book makes you cry, it's a good book.
If a book can make you cry several times, it's extraordinary.

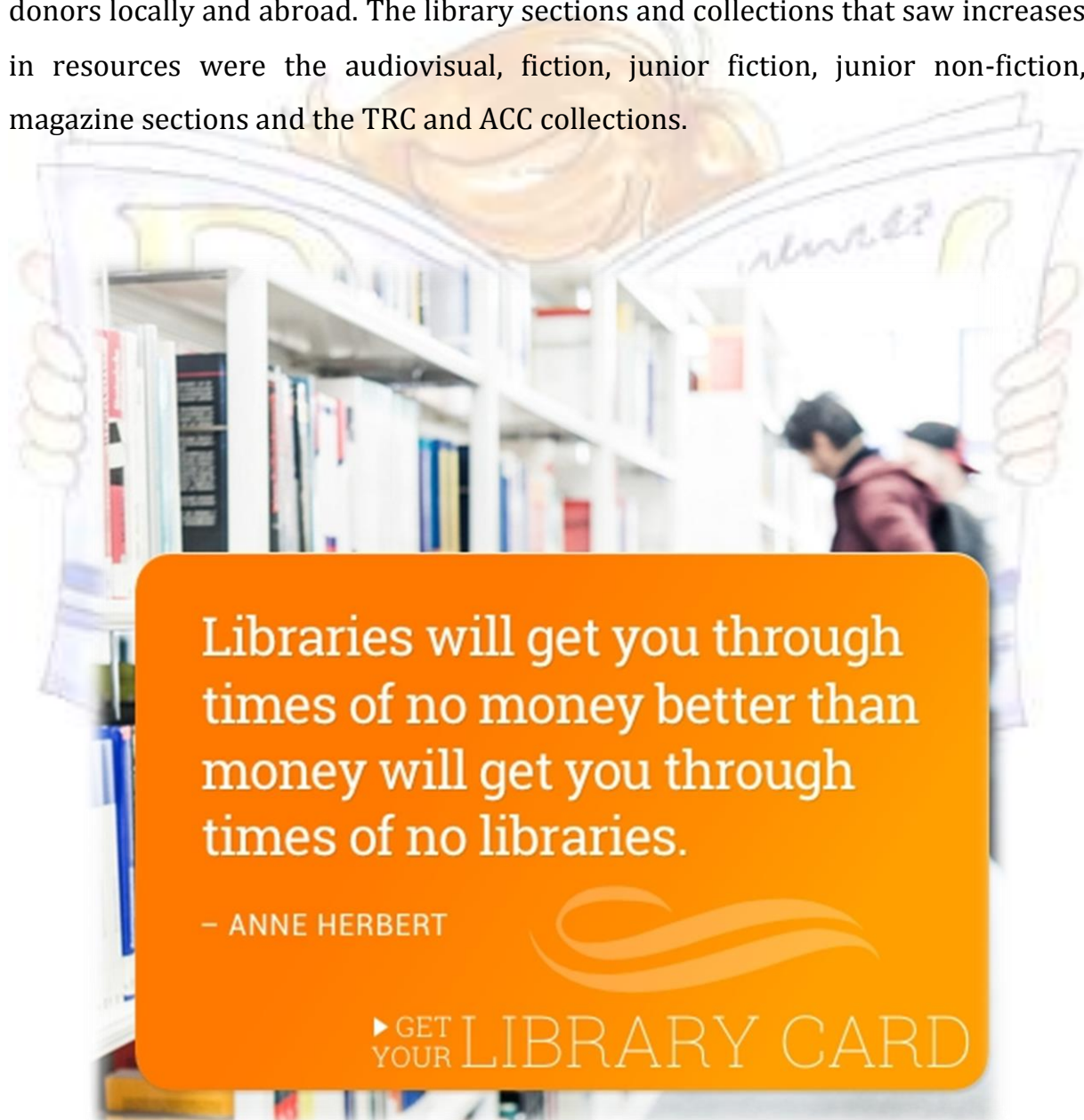
2. COLLECTIONS & CUSTOMERS

2.1 Collection Management

Presently there are 30,615 information resources catalogued on the library's database. This signifies a small increase of 911 information resources from the 29,704 in 2013. There are two main factors why the mentioned increase in resources appear much smaller than seen in previous years. The first main factor continues to be financial constraints that limit growth in most sections of the library.

Another factor affecting development is the issue of spacing. No doubt 2014 has been a year marked by natural disaster to our environment particularly the flooding in ICT Lab, but aside from this the next greatest challenge affecting development is spacing. Most sections in the library are almost packed to capacity. Our store rooms are also almost packed to capacity. This meant that we had to weed out a greater number of older resources to make room on shelves for newer items, added to this our limited space in our store rooms meant that some of these resources had to be discarded instead of being put into reserve. Weeding is an important and necessary part of collection management because libraries need to constantly update their collections to remove items not being used, items that are outdated, items damaged beyond repair and to make space for new

items. This issue also highlights our need to possibly replace some print resources with electronic ones. There are a number of advantages if we did so, one being that resources would become more accessible and we would not have to worry about space as much. However, this is hampered by our current financial situation. Most of our new stock which includes books, magazines and DVDs was supplied by US based companies Baker & Taylor and WT Cox. Again, the library was delighted to receive generous contributions mainly books from donors locally and abroad. The library sections and collections that saw increases in resources were the audiovisual, fiction, junior fiction, junior non-fiction, magazine sections and the TRC and ACC collections.

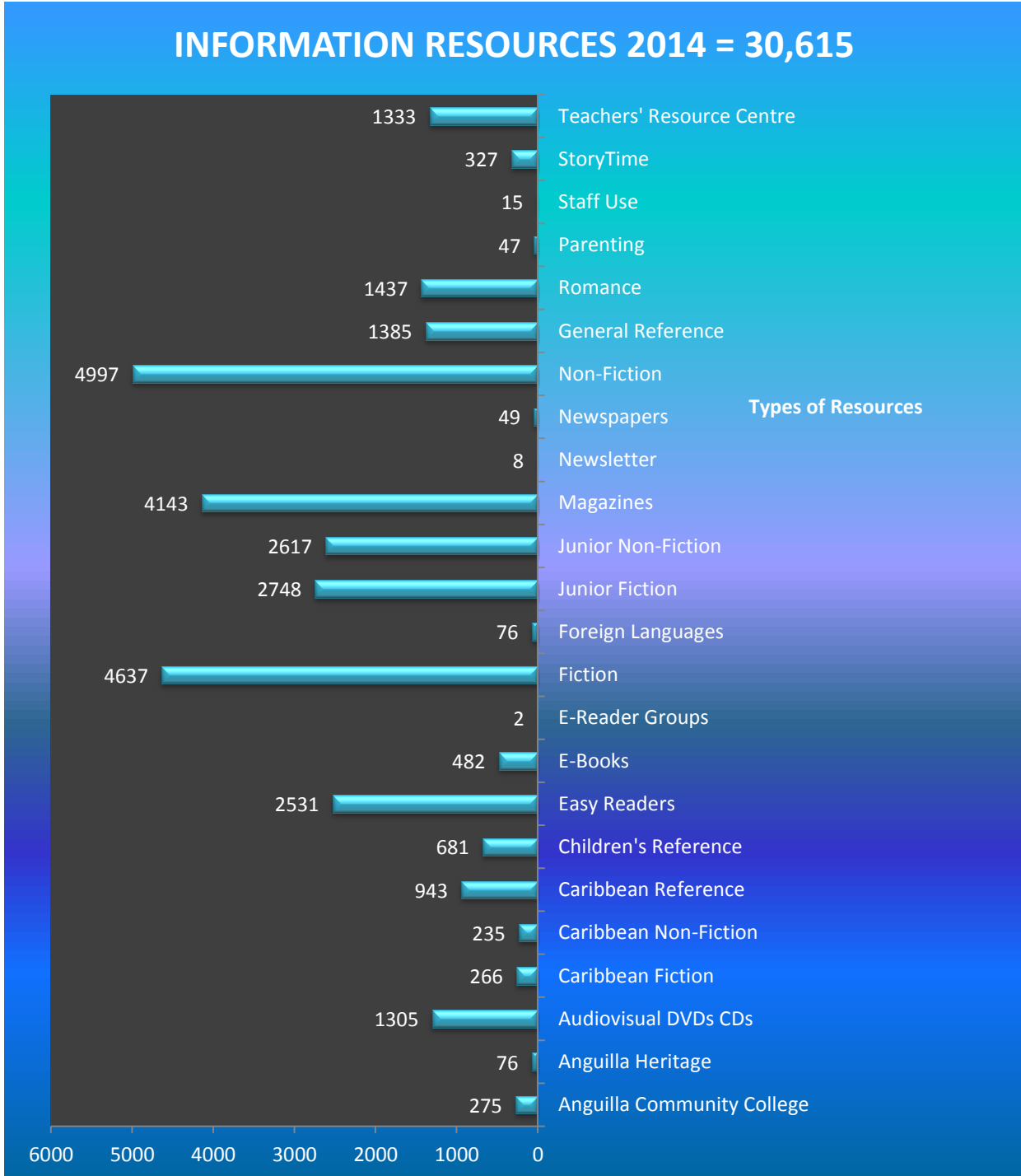


Libraries will get you through
times of no money better than
money will get you through
times of no libraries.

– ANNE HERBERT

▶ GET YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Chart 1: shows resources (books, DVDs, magazines, e-readers etc.) of ALS including catalogued resources of TRC & ACC



2.2 Circulation and Information Technology (IT)

The library had 20,255 loans from books, DVDs and magazines. This indicates a substantial decrease (6227 less) from 26,482 loans in 2013. It is unfortunate that the library is experiencing such a significant decrease in loans, but much of this can probably be attributed to the number of closures due to flooding and maintenance work done during the latter part of 2014. Our financial situation should also bear some responsibility for the decrease since we were not able to provide newer resources and services to our customers and potential customers as we would like.

The Department of Information Technology & E-Government Services (DITES) continued to handle much of the updating and necessary maintenance of our library management system Alexandria and we are grateful for all their efforts and assistance. DITES also handled updates and maintenance of staff computers and public access computers and continued to work on the library's website that we are hoping to launch in 2015.

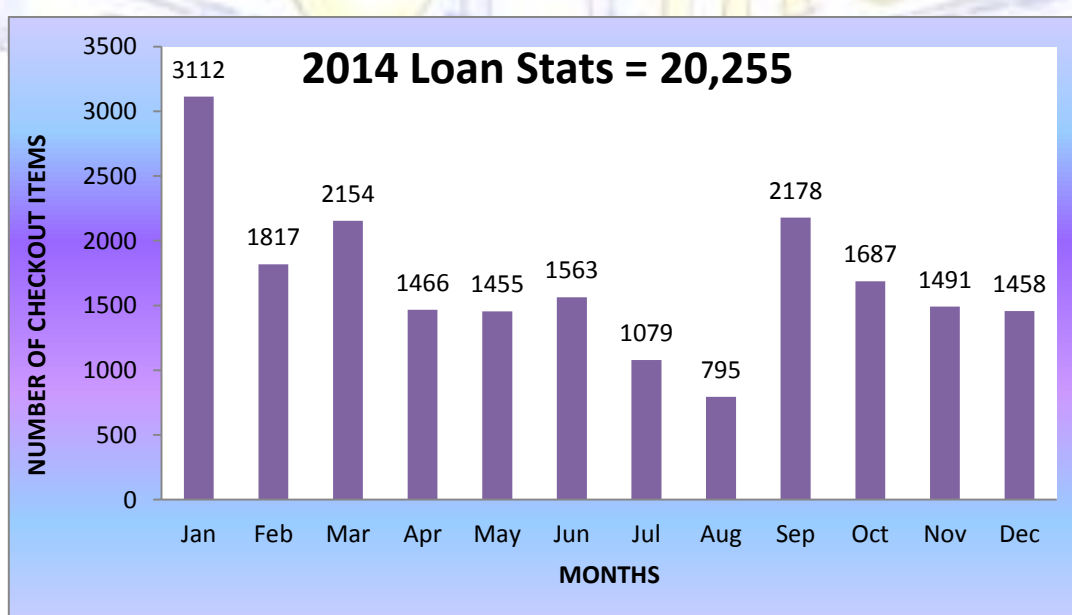


Chart 2: shows loans from Jan-Dec, 2014

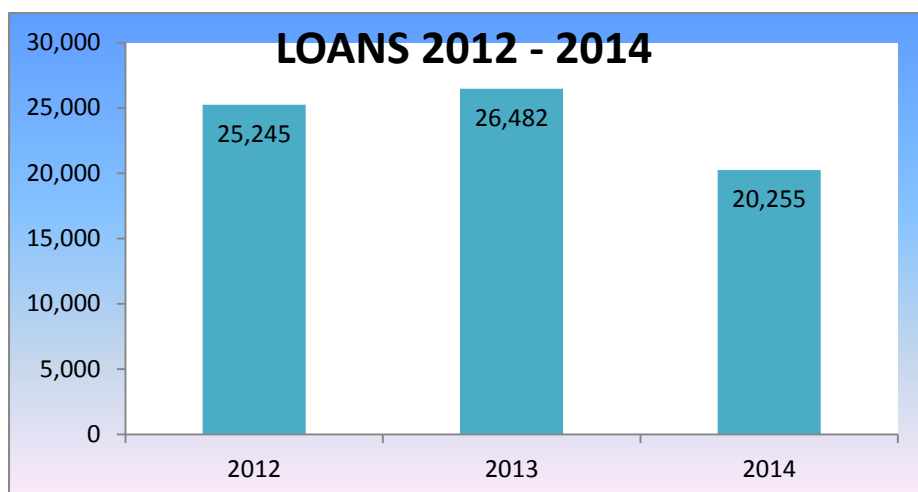


Chart 3: shows the number of loans (books, magazines & DVDs) for the last three years. Additionally the chart shows a significant decrease in loans from 2013 to 2014.

Months	LOANS	RETURNS	Holds
January	3112	1256	15
February	1817	1217	15
March	2154	1567	13
April	1466	1139	6
May	1455	1087	7
June	1563	1175	8
July	1079	818	12
August	795	880	5
September	2178	1524	14
October	1687	1102	5
November	1491	1087	5
December	1458	941	1
Sub totals	= <u>20,255</u>	13,793	106
TOTALS		13,793	106

Table 1: shows the major transactions of the circulation desk (Loans, Returns & Holds) for information resources such as books, magazines, CDs and DVDs for the period 1st January to December 31st 2014 arranged by the months of the year.

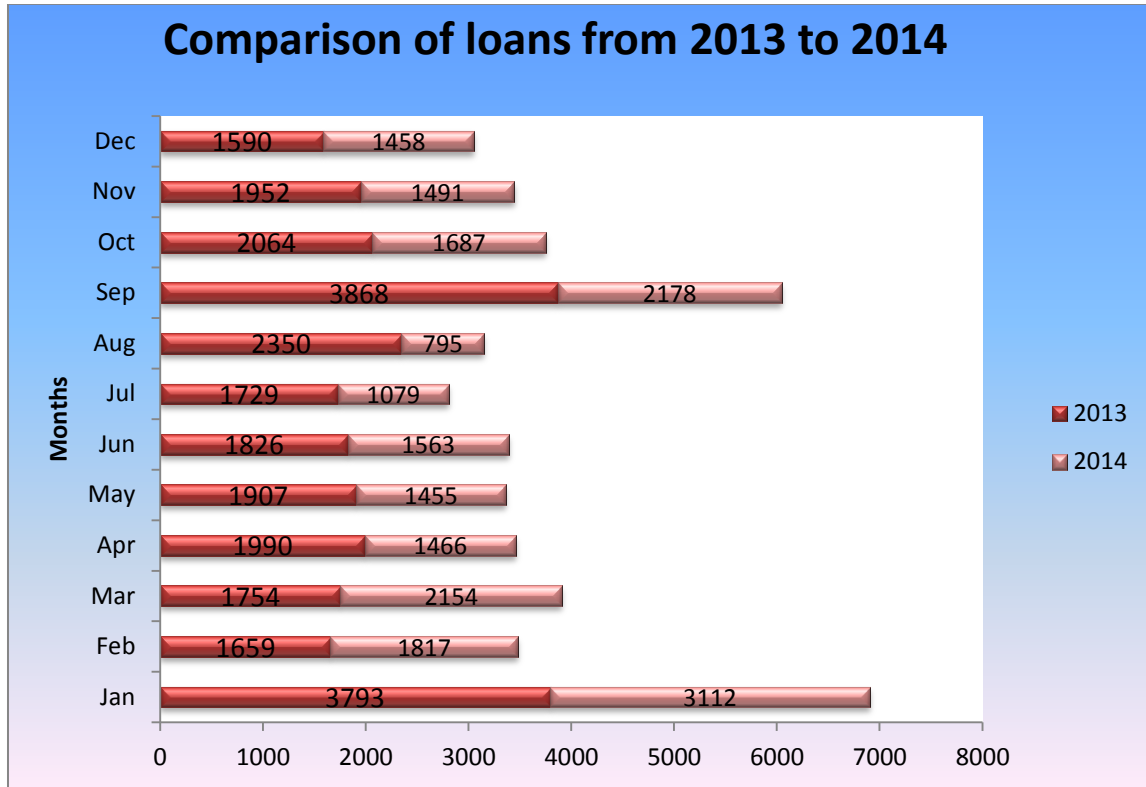


Chart 4: illustrates the comparison in loans between 2013 & 2014 from Jan - Dec.

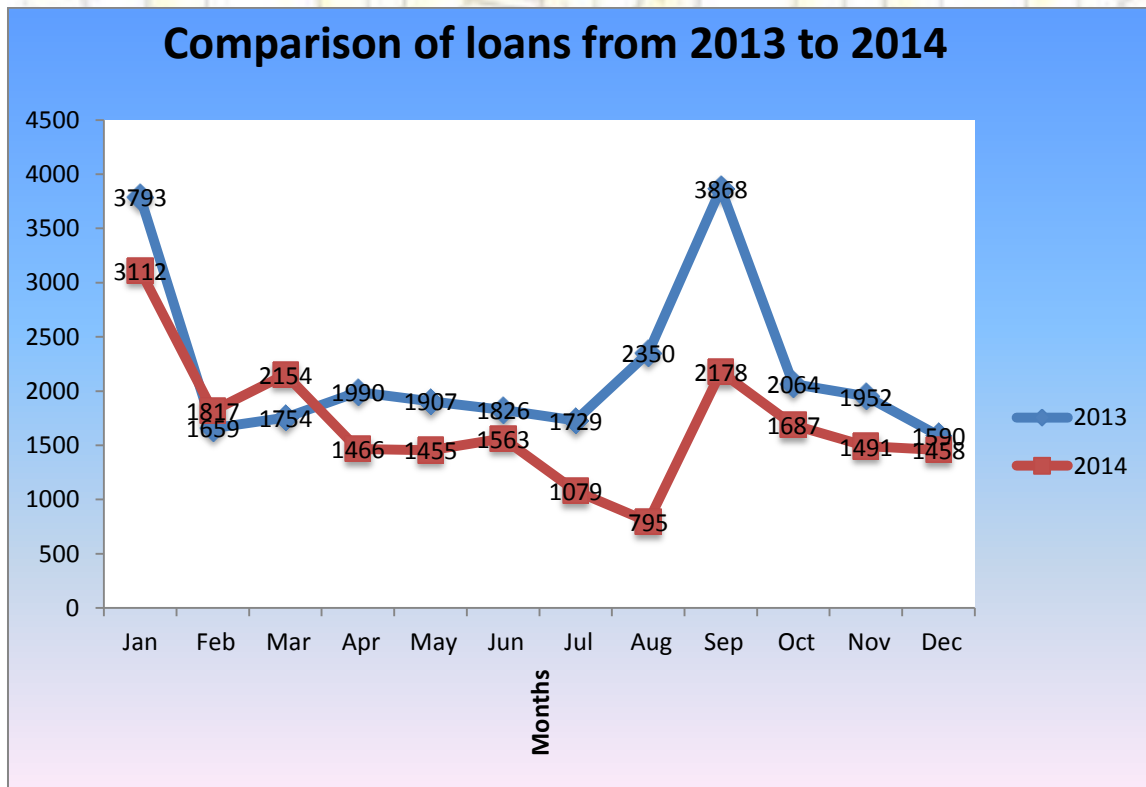


Chart 5: further comparison of loans between 2013 and 2014.

2.3 Information and Reference Services

Internet Use on the Public Access Computers

Due to rapid developments in technology in the last decades, Anguilla has become an increasingly technology driven society. That is why it is equally important that a library keep abreast with current technological trends. Today many of our adult patrons are bringing their own devices such as laptops and tablets to the library. Added to this, as a free Wi-Fi hotspot increasingly more of our younger patrons are bringing their tablets and computers to use at the library. This has resulted in a continued decline of customers paying for internet access. In 2014 the library recorded only 154 bookings for internet access on the public access computers compared to the 290 bookings in 2013. However, these bookings do not actually reflect the overall use of the public access computers in the library. Many students at both primary and secondary level still use the public access computers for word processing, research, homework, printing and recreational use. Sometimes students have to wait on an available computer since all computer stations are occupied.



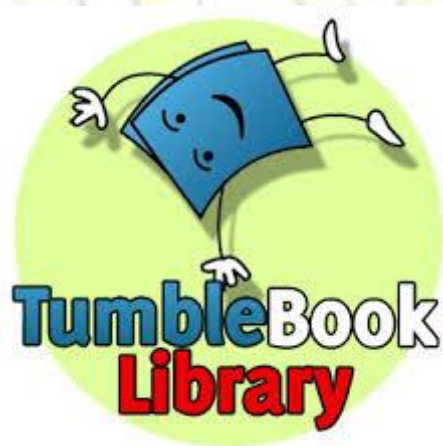
Trends, Users & Technology



In 2014 the library resumed subscribing to electronic resource EBSCO, paid in two installments this provided access to four valuable databases. These include Caribbean Search Database, E-Book Collection, E-Book Public Library Collection and Masterfile Premier. The databases contain a wealth of scholarly journals, periodicals/magazines, newspaper articles, reference books and e-books covering every subject area and focusing on the Caribbean area. Along with an ongoing subscription to JSTOR, the library was able to provide and deliver important resources and information for individuals doing research and coursework. Most queries continued to be centered on the political, economic, social and environmental issues facing Anguilla and the Caribbean region. Searches on JSTOR resulted in 909 successful full-text articles downloads. Using EBSCO, 1,343 searches were conducted resulted in 910 full-text articles downloads.



Students, particularly sixth form students were also allowed to use the library's computer and internet service for free to conduct independent research. Distance learners needing a quiet space to study were able to continue using the reference area. The library is also becoming a place for patrons looking to quietly sit and read the local newspaper or a magazine and talk to a friend or for group discussion. Patrons value the library not just as study and learning space, but increasingly as a social space and future trends indicate that libraries are moving in this direction. This brings back up our issues with space; the library needs to consider not just creating space for resources, but spaces for patron comfort and use. Parents and teachers continued to access free e-books via our three Tumblebooks applications (TumbleBooks Library, TumbleBook Cloud, Tumblebook Cloud Junior). Using Tumblebooks applications 1,266 e-books were viewed. While a decrease from 2013 (1,844 books viewed), these applications are still a very useful and necessary as the library expands its capabilities.



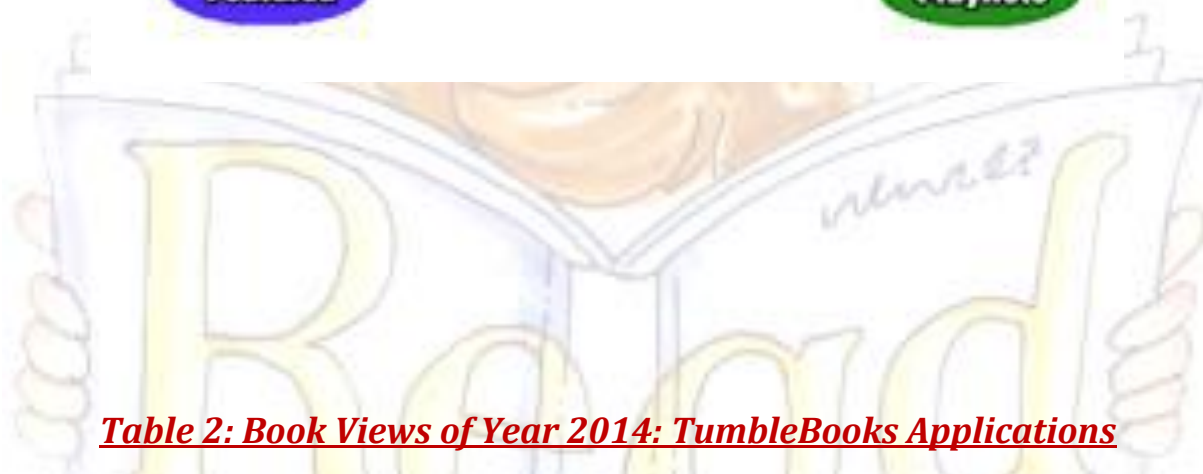
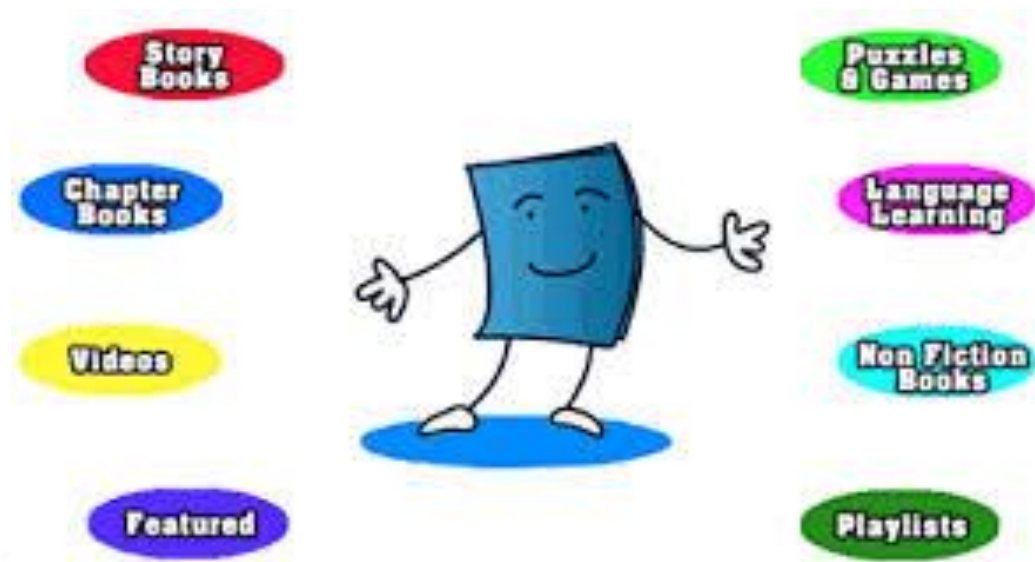


Table 2: Book Views of Year 2014: TumbleBooks Applications

Months	TumbleBooks Library	TumbleBook Cloud	TumbleBook Cloud Junior
January	153	1	1
February	101	3	0
March	76	0	5
April	128	0	5
May	30	14	1
June	220	3	0
July	58	0	10
August	26	1	4
September	109	1	0
October	100	0	1
November	66	0	0
December	149	0	0
Total Views	1216	23	27

2.4 Patrons

Our customer base increased to 4,042 in 2014 from 3,835 in 2013. This indicates that the library's database added 207 new customers. Again, the library's biggest patron categories and gains made in patrons were in the adult, child (primary) and child (secondary) categories. When our patron data was examined in terms of gender, we found out conclusively that 67 percent of patrons are female versus 33 percent of patrons are male. The patron category where this disparity is most glaring is the adult category. The adult category makes up 42% of overall membership, but there are three times more women in that category than men. Under further observation, we have noticed that the disparity between male and female in key categories worsens as patrons get older. In the future, the library needs to look into creating an outreach initiative and purchasing more resources geared towards the male population in our community.

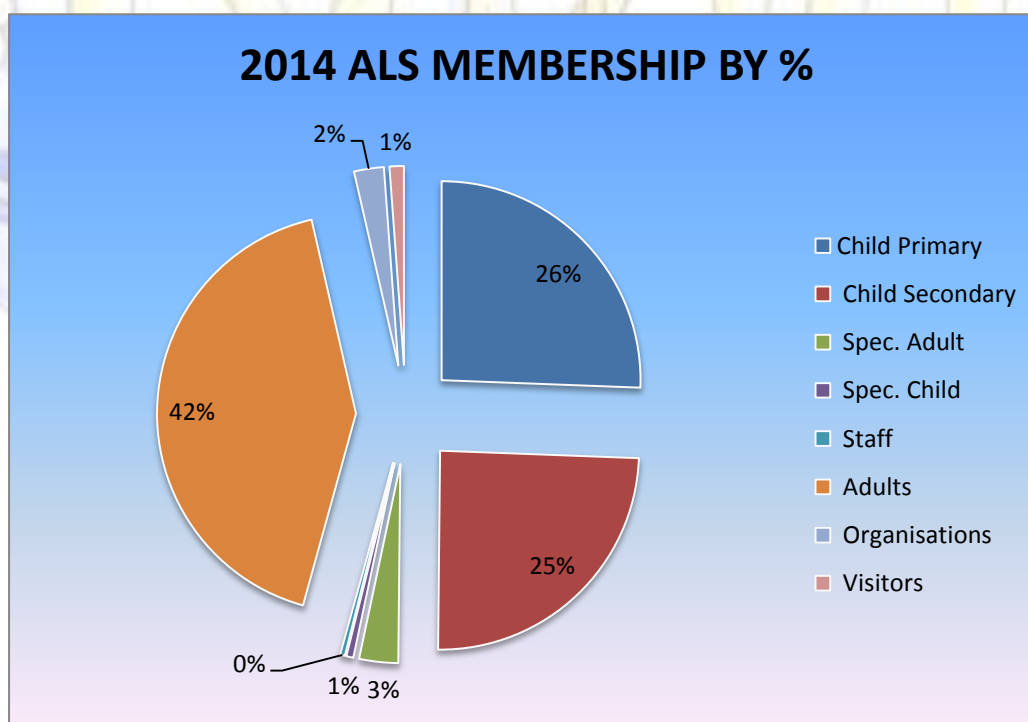


Chart 6: illustrates patron categories by percentage

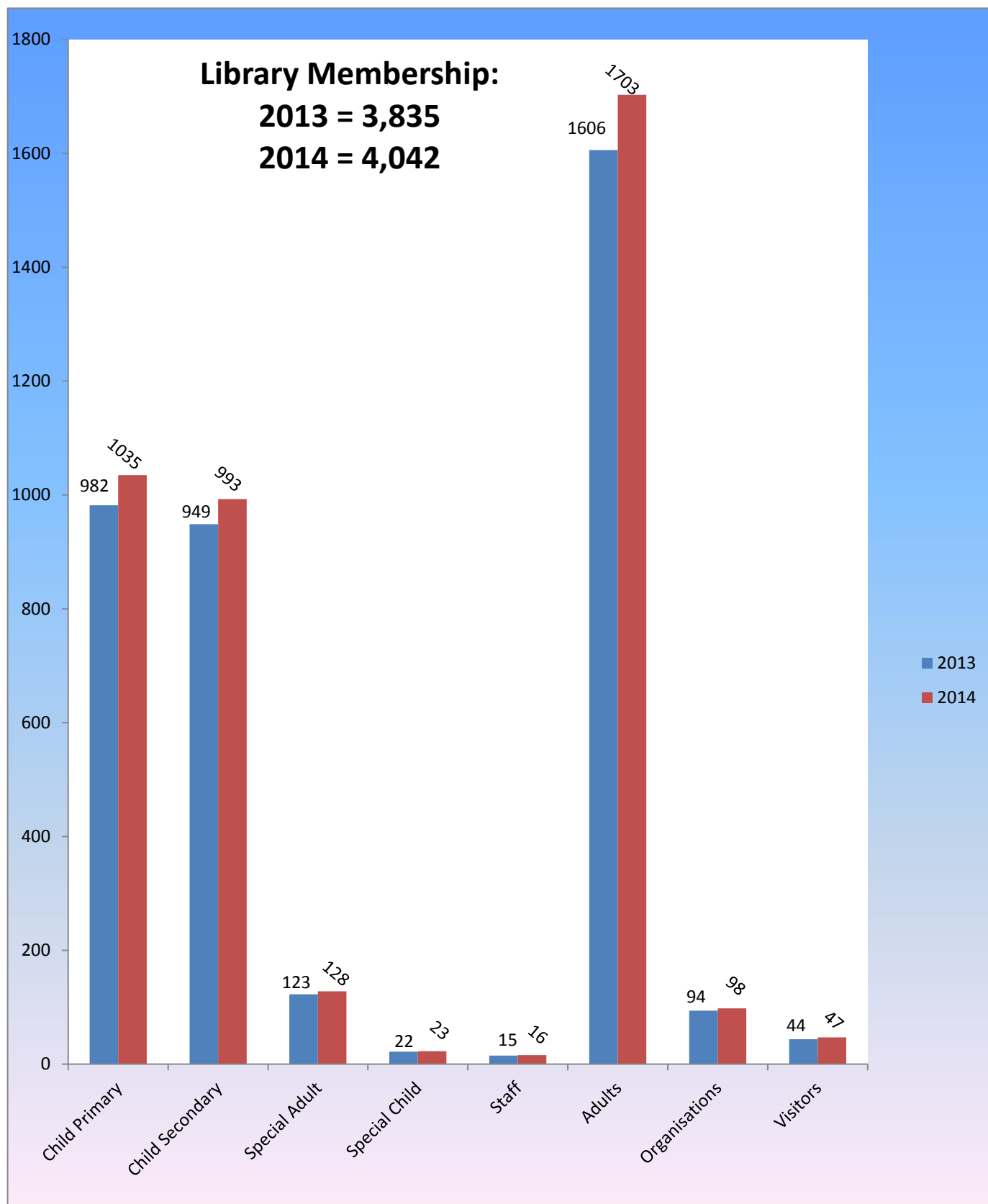


Chart 7: shows membership in categories for 2013 and 2014

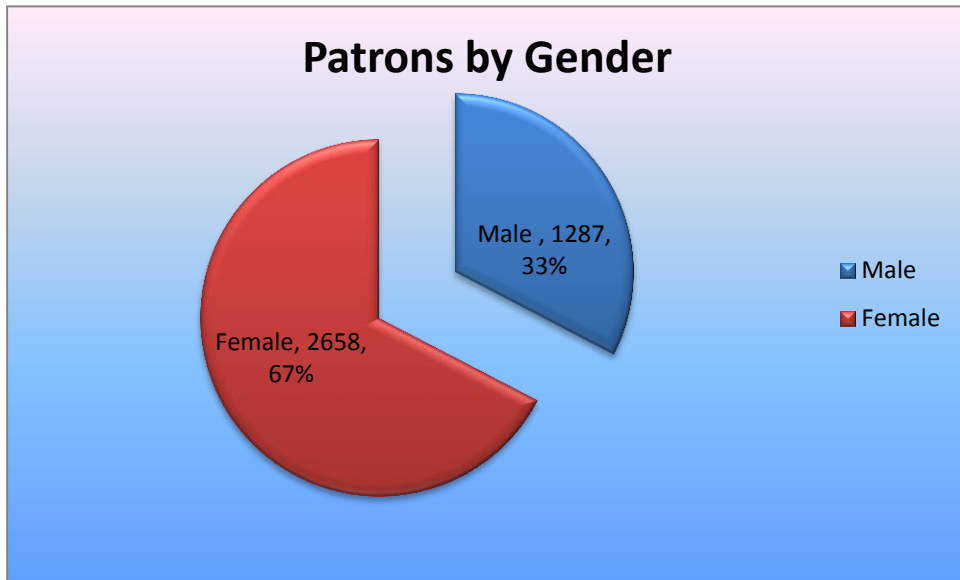


Chart 8: shows patron gender by percentage

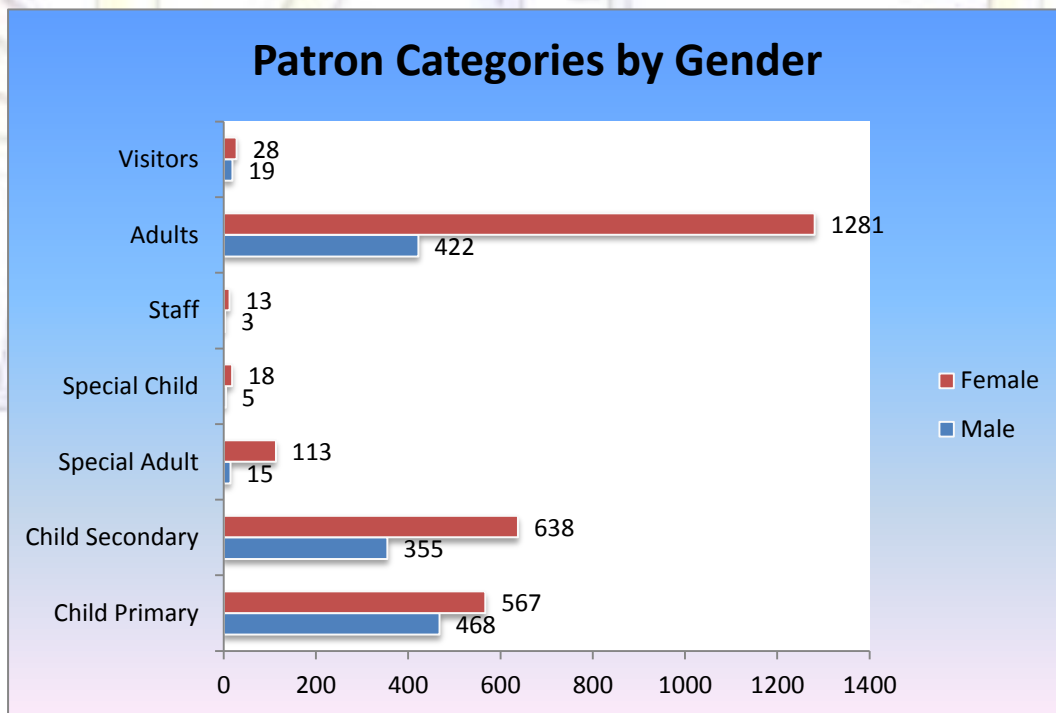


Chart 9: shows gender in key patron categories

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3. SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

During the year under review the positions as indicated on the department's organisational chart (**Appendix 2**) were filled by the following persons:

<u>Director:</u>	Bernard Wattley
<u>Deputy Director:</u>	Carmen Oliveras
<u>Systems Librarian:</u>	Julianne Leveret
<u>Acquisitions Librarian:</u>	Anika Hughes
<u>Reference Librarian:</u>	Violet J Grell
<u>Senior Library Assistant:</u>	Jansie Webster
<u>Library Assistant:</u>	Anthea Roach, Joycelyne Mills Kimisha Richardson, Cassilda Thomas
<u>Executive Secretary:</u>	Cutelyn Phillips
<u>Clerical Officer:</u>	Kurlida Richardson
<u>Security Officer:</u>	Kelley Fleming
<u>Cleaners:</u>	Dagner Hughes, Annette Carty
<u>Gardener:</u>	Melvin Zakers



**MS VIOLET J GRELL
RETIREMENT: DIRECTOR'S
REFLECTIONS**

There are certain inevitabilities for which one can never adequately prepare; the retirement in 2014 of Reference Librarian was one such eventuality. The occasion was used to draw certain lessons to the attention of staff; these included lessons of humility, unpretentiousness, calmness and a willingness to do whatever it took for the good of the team.

Ms Grell was such a humble individual, never getting up in your face to let you know that she knew. She was not haughty. I found her to be genuine; she has never tried to upstage anybody. She was not the kind of individual who would seek to undermine but was always willing to lift up. She was always very supportive of her colleagues, and was a real team player, the resident consultant.

Having to say good bye to her was extremely painful. Ms Grell was a source of support, a tower of strength, a resource like no other. She has a number of emulable qualities - humility, tact, resourcefulness - and foremost of all a calm disposition that allowed her to go about her duty apparently unperturbed and without complaining, something that could not be taught.

There was never any question as to her fitness/her suitability for the task, the position, the role she played; nobody's perfect but in my humble opinion Ms Grell was as near perfect as they come in terms of a person being suited to the role she played. She was as close to a "5" on that infamous Performance Management Scale as they come.

I loved every minute working alongside her and learning from her.

Development Activities

Members of staff attended a variety of workshops, meetings, presentations/visits and training sessions throughout 2014 including:-

- **Solar Connections Anguilla Open Day**, February: Anika Hughes, Julianne Leveret & Carmen Oliveras
- **Risk Assessment Exercise with Department of Audit**, March: Bernard Wattley, Julianne Leveret, Anika Hughes, Violet J Grell & Carmen Oliveras
- **Life Impact Storytelling Session**, March: Kurlida Richardson & Cassilda Thomas
- **2014 Lit Fest Committee Meetings**: Jansie Webster
- **ALHCS Careers Fair**, March: Anthea Roach & Julianne Leveret
- **Track IT Training Session**, April: Anthea Roach
- **Lit Fest Workshops**, May: Anthea Roach & Cassilda Thomas
- **James Ronald Webster Pre-School Storytelling Session**, June: Cassilda Thomas
- **UNESCO's Memory of the World Workshop**, June: Anthea Roach & Jansie Webster
- **First Aid Training Workshop**, August/September: Cassilda Thomas, Julianne Leveret & Joycelyne Mills
- **Big Book 2 Opening Presentation**, September: Anika Hughes
- **Annual National Youth Conference**, September: Anthea Roach & Cassilda Thomas
- **Gender Affairs Workshops**, November: Kurlida Richardson & Kimisha Richardson
- **La bibliothèque Municipal (St Martin Library) (new opening)**: Julianne Leveret & Anthea Roach

JESDI Job Link Up Programme - Mr Randy Hodge



Randy Hodge at Work

The department took the decision in 2014 to partner with the Department of Youth and Culture through its Job Link Up Programme to engage the services of Mr Randy Hodge, a wheel chair bound victim of gun violence. He had expressed an interest in being placed in the Library and we gladly acceded. He fitted in quickly and continues to make a very useful contribution. He works alongside the Library staff carrying out duties assigned to him, and the department looks forward to his continuing on in the department for as long as the resources of the programme allows and for as long as the officer is willing to be part of the Library family.

ALHCS Job Training Programme

The Anguilla Library Service participated in the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School Job Training Programme during the summer. Ms. Raemisha Petty joined us at the library for a six-week placement. Ms. Petty has been placed with the library two years in a row. She was friendly, courteous and open to learning and assisting in all areas of the library, especially the circulation desk where she was able to communicate with library patrons.



Ms. Petty also participated in the Children's Library Annual Summer Programme and was assigned as a helper to the youngest group of attendees. She was a great help in this area as she ably embraced the task of dealing with twenty (20) children between the ages of five and six by assisting with the art and craft and other activities.

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**PROGRAMMES,
OUTREACH &
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(POP)**

4. PROGRAMMES, OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS (POP)

4.1 Books and Schools

The Library continues to cater to the schools and other institutions through the book loan scheme during the year 2014. Reading and learning materials were distributed to the four remaining public schools participating in the programme. Morris Vanterpool Primary school and the Alwyn Allison Primary School have discontinued the service with us due to the fact that they have acquired their own library. In addition to the above mentioned schools a new institution, the Bethel Pre-School came on stream with the programme. Teachers from the ALHCS continue to borrow DVDS pertaining to various subject areas which are included in their classroom lessons. Private institutions such as the Prison and the Rehabilitation Center are continuing with the programme.

Introductory sessions to the library with students from the ALHCS were carried out at various periods throughout the year. Several third form and sixth form students have visited for these sessions. Apart from visiting to carry out research on given subjects, students were given information through a DVD presentation on how to use the library, also included were activities such as how to search for information using dictionaries and encyclopedias.

4.2 Story-time

Library assistant, Cassilda Thomas along with a few volunteers continued to assist and maintain the weekly Saturday morning programme “Story-time” for young children. Between 10:30 and 11:30 children can listen to stories on different themes and participate in games, quizzes, art and craft and other activities. Special occasions such as Black History Month, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day were celebrated with craft activities, special stories and movies. Unfortunately, there were a number of closures during Saturdays which resulted in no story-time during the latter part of the year.



The financial institutions of Anguilla celebrated Financial Literacy month in October as designated by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB). The ECCB staff as usual assisted with the hosting of Story-time with stories, games and other activities.

4.3 Children's Library Annual Summer Programme (CLASP) 2014

The Anguilla Library Service has been successfully hosting the Children's Library Annual Summer Programme (CLASP) over the past fifteen (15) years. It is a two-week programme that incorporates, dance, song, drama, art and craft, poetry, games and storytelling to reinforce the theme of a particular year. Our objective to raise awareness of issues and information sources pertinent to the national and regional heritage continues to be our driving force.

In spite of the prevailing economic trials the library forged ahead once again to facilitate the programme and made it a success. The programme began on Wednesday, 09th July, 2014 and ran for two weeks, closing on Wednesday, 23rd July, 2014.



THEME

This year the library chose to focus on the topic of Energy, under the theme 'Energy Rocks! Don't Waste A Drop!'. This was a topic that held an interest for most of the children as it incorporated science experiments, a visit to the power plant and it took a look at a number of energy sources and types of energy. This theme was very activity based. The programme began with educational and interactive presentations by Messrs. Damien Lloyd and Valentino Muckett (ANGLEC) and Mr. Fabian Lewis (Solar Connections).

FUNDRAISING

As usual in order to fund the Children's Library Annual Summer Programme, monies had to be raised, this year funds were raised by holding a cake sale and luncheon during the Reach Out programme. Cakes were provided by a number of bakeries as well as staff. The majority of the funds raised came from donor letters, the monies raised goes to providing the materials needed for arts and craft, snacks, projects, transport and the CLASP shirts.



Clasp Team

VENUE

CLASP 2014 was hosted at the Department of Library Services and the auditorium located at the Teachers' Resource Center. This year it was hassle free as we were able to fully book the auditorium for the entire programme.

Special activities such as games and large group presentations were held in the auditorium, while team rooms were set up in different areas of the library, namely, the children's area, the reference room and the magazine area.

REGISTRATION

The programme was attended by approximately sixty (60) children who were divided into three groups:

Suncatchers - Ages 5 - 6

WindspINNers - Ages 7 - 9

Electric Zingers - Ages 10 - 12



Electric Zingers



Windspinners



Suncatchers

PERSONNEL

Contributions of time, energy and expertise from volunteers, resource persons and institutions also maintain initiatives like CLASP. Much appreciation is extended to Raemisha Petty, Markeve Hughes, Kennesha Busby, Staniesha Crawford-Leveret, Staniqua Crawford-Leveret, Breanna Webster, Shaunda Richardson, Mekaile Browne, Janis Elijah, Michelle Owen -Vasillis, Damien Lloyd, Valentino Muckett, Fabian Lewis, Radio Anguilla, the Teachers Resource Centre and the staff of the Anguilla Library Service. The interest, support and endorsement from parents are also critical to the success of these programmes for children.

ACTIVITIES

This year's programme highlighted sources of energy as well as measures for conserving energy featuring energy themed experiments including, but not limited to solar ovens that were used to bake cookies and to make smores, the making of sun tea, using sun paper to make prints, a solar hotdog cooker, as well as separating pepper from salt using static energy. The participants enjoyed the many art and craft activities including making sun catchers and wind spinners.

The participants were treated to field trips as well, including a visit to the ANGLEC Power Station in Corito and the yearly favourite, a beach day. They also enjoyed getting physical -- running, skipping, playing games during "Energy Day" at the James Ronald Webster Park.





CLOSING PROGRAMME

The curtains came down on Wednesday, 23rd July at 5:00pm with the participants showcasing their talent in song, dance, stories, skits, acrobatic presentations and an exhibition of the activities that they were engaged in, all geared towards raising their awareness of using energy wisely.

Special thanks must be given to the following corporate sponsors and individuals, whose support for our fundraising efforts, keep CLASP on the annual calendar:

Social Security Board

Sunset Homes

ANGLEC

National Bank of Anguilla

Ashley & Sons

Cuisinart Resort & Spa

E's Oven

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Scotia Bank Anguilla Limited

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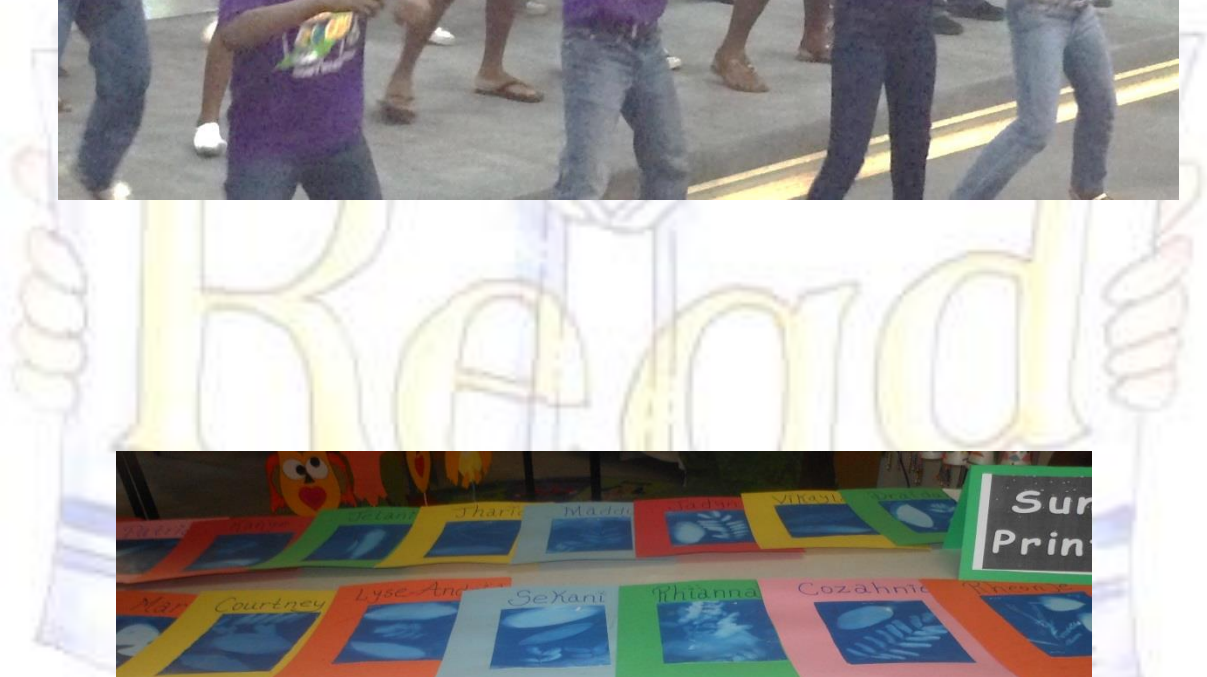
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Gerard's Bakery

Paul Petty

Lowell & Stacy-Ann Hodge

Halls Unique Bakery





4.4 Reach Out 2014



The 2014 week of library activities “Reach Out 2014” under the theme “Libraries Change Lives” began on Tuesday, 22nd April and ended on Saturday 26th April, 2014. This was a week aimed at having patrons on the library express how the library has changed their lives. A number of patrons wrote short passages on how the Anguilla Library Service changed their lives, with a number of them mentioning what they like about the library and the services received. The short passages were then displayed for public viewing during Reach Out Week.

The week began with a radio address by the Director of Library Services, Mr. Bernard Wattley broadcasted on Radio Anguilla at 9:00am on the 22nd of April. A number of the staff went out and did storytelling at a number of pre and primary schools. The schools targeted this year were; Bethel Pre-School, Island Harbour Christian Pre-School, Ebenezer Pre-School, Vivien Vanterpool Primary School, Adrian T. Hazel Primary School and the Omolulu International School.

The week continued on Wednesday 23rd with the launching of the Reading in the Community Initiative, whereby members of staff along with volunteers (friends of the library) visited a number of the homes for the elderly, Her Majesty’s Prison and

Campus C to conduct reading sessions. The visits included, but were not limited to readings, discussions, Bible verses and hymns.



Thursday 24th was the day allotted to the staff for a development day. This day was concentrated around the staff learning about Anguilla, it started with a visit to The Heritage Museum owned by historian Mr. Colville Petty, who treated the staff with an in-depth tour of the museum. The day continued with an island tour with places of interest visited and a luncheon.

On Friday 25th April the library held a fundraiser in the form of a luncheon entitled “Library Lip Lickin’ Luncheon”, funds raised from the function went towards the Library Outreach Programmes including CLASP and the Summer Reading Programme. During the afternoon the library hosted a movie afternoon, with the movie being sponsored by Video Dynesty.

Saturday 26th April was the closing event; this event was in the form of a Poetry Evening entitled “Word Jam 2” and was held at the Sapphire Night Club, hosted by Kurlida Richardson. This evening featured poetry and song by members of the public and the library staff.





4.5 ALS Summer Reading Club

On August 1st, 2015 the 3rd annual Summer Reading Club for children aged 5-12 commenced under the theme Fizz, Boom, Read. We were hoping not only to grow a love for reading, but by offering a mix of science related activities the children will learn new skills, identify new talents, explore and appreciate the world around them. Thirty-three children signed up for the programme. Like the two previous editions of the programme each child was given a booklet that was supposed to record the books they read along with science related activities. In conjunction with the programme all the participants were invited to attend events at the library related to the theme.

Unfortunately after the programme began the library was notified that the postponed work of tiling the children and adult sections was set to begin shortly. This meant that the programme was interrupted as the library would be closed to complete this work. The library would not be able to conduct our weekly events for the programme and the children would not be able to borrow books. Parents and children were immediately notified about what was happening at the library and told to visit the library to take out more books since the participants would not be able to visit the library once work began. Most participants were able to visit and borrow books and we encouraged them to carry on with their activities even though we would not be able to have the events at the library. After the tiling work was completed, we invited all the children to attend a special movie afternoon where snacks were provided to close out the programme. We also met with the children to check reading logs and activity booklets. We were very happy that some of the children had managed to use their booklets to carry out experiments and log books read. It is possible that in 2015, we may revisit this theme.

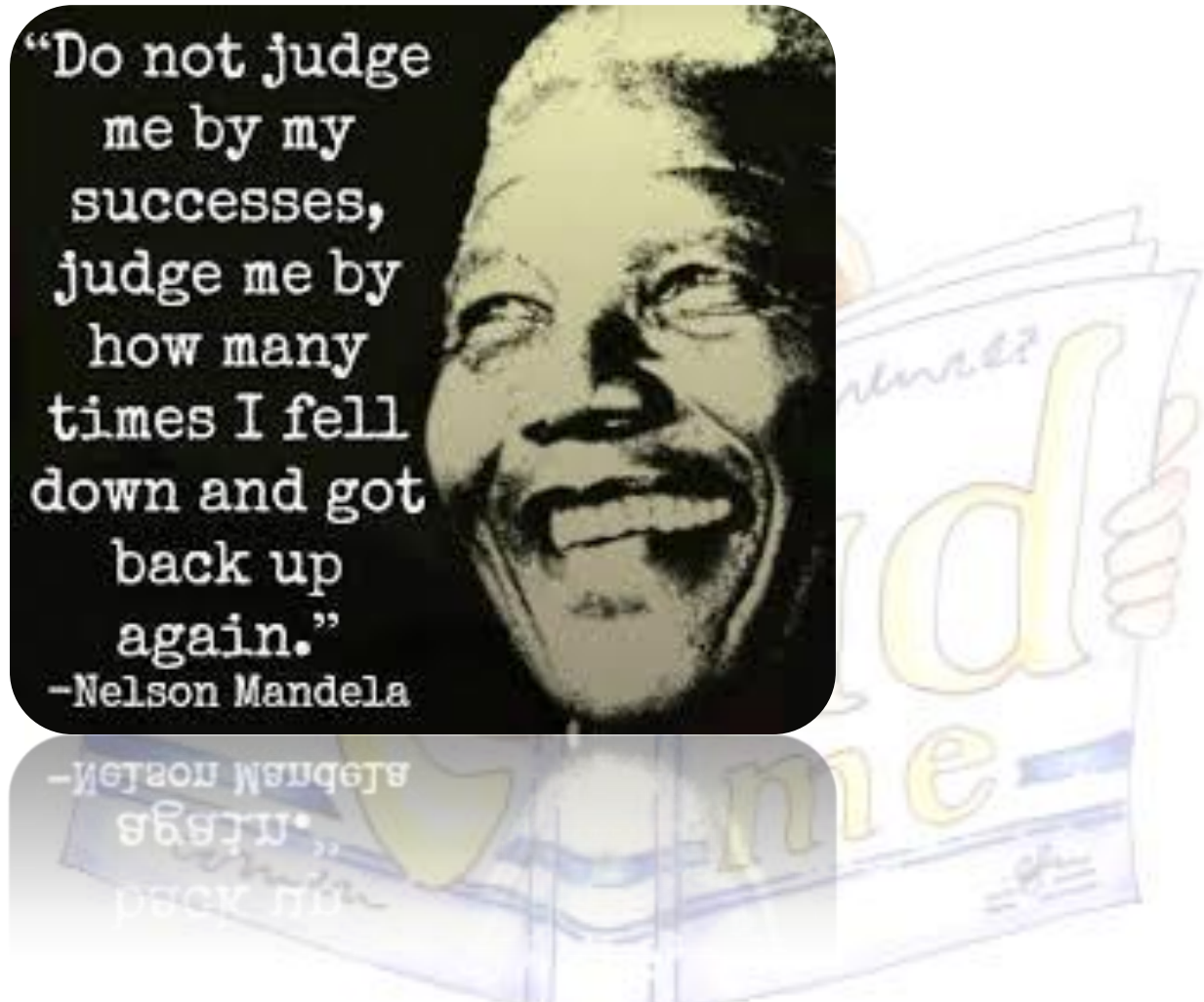
4.6 Class Visits & Library Orientation

There were a number of class visits for orientation and research methods throughout 2014. These consisted of sixth form students, third form students, and fifth form students of the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School, as well as two primary schools and a pre-school. These students were educated about the purpose of the library, how to use the library, how to perform proper research and how the library books are catalogued and shelved using the Dewey Decimal Catalogue System.

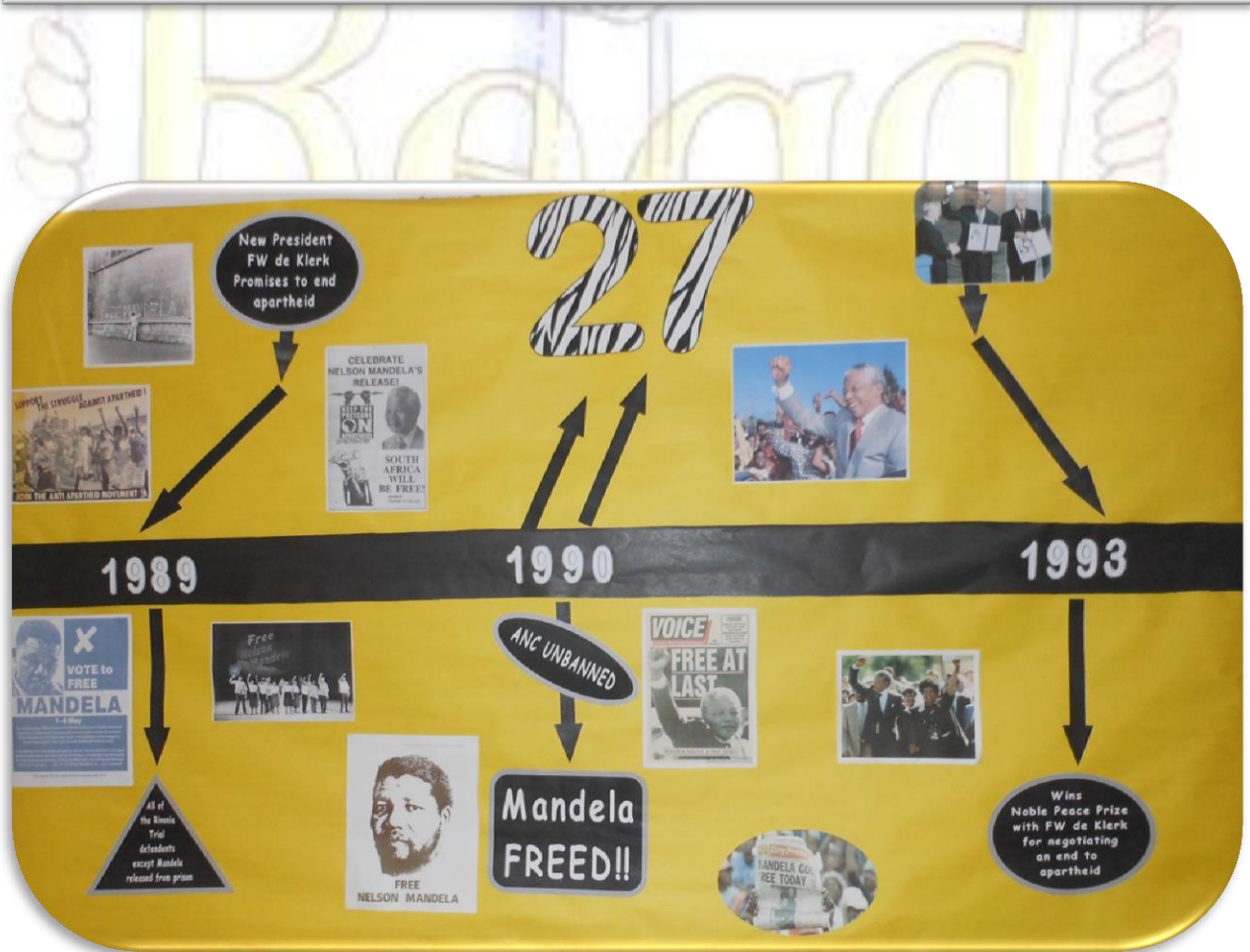
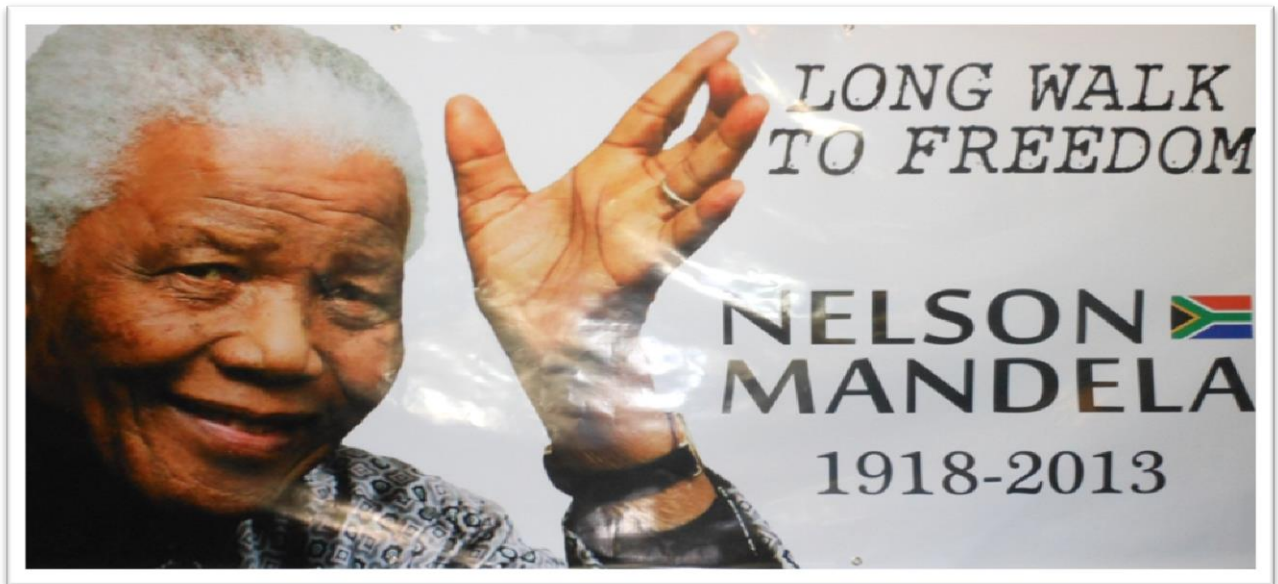


4.7 Exhibitions

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The 2014 Black History Month Display featured anti-apartheid freedom fighter and South Africa's first black President, Nelson Mandela. The display centered on the life and times of Mr. Mandela was entitled "Long Walk To Freedom 1918 - 2013". The displays consisted of eight (8) areas of his life including his young days 1918 - 1944, his days of activism 1948 - 1961, his imprisonment 1962 - 1988, his freedom 1989 - 1993, his presidency 1994 - 2013, his family tree and a number of his notable quotes.



ANGUILLA DAY

The Anguilla Day display featured persons that took part or assisted in any way to the success of the Anguilla Revolution of 1967. The display was a tribute to the revolutionary fighters who fought for Anguilla and its people.

It concentrated on the period of the revolution and the direct results, therefore it centered on the activities of 1967 - 1969. The display was broken down by the years, with each year being featured on its own. 1967 depicted some of the issues that led to the revolt, 1968 getting Anguilla together, 1969 Operation Sheepskin (Invasion by the British Armed Forces).



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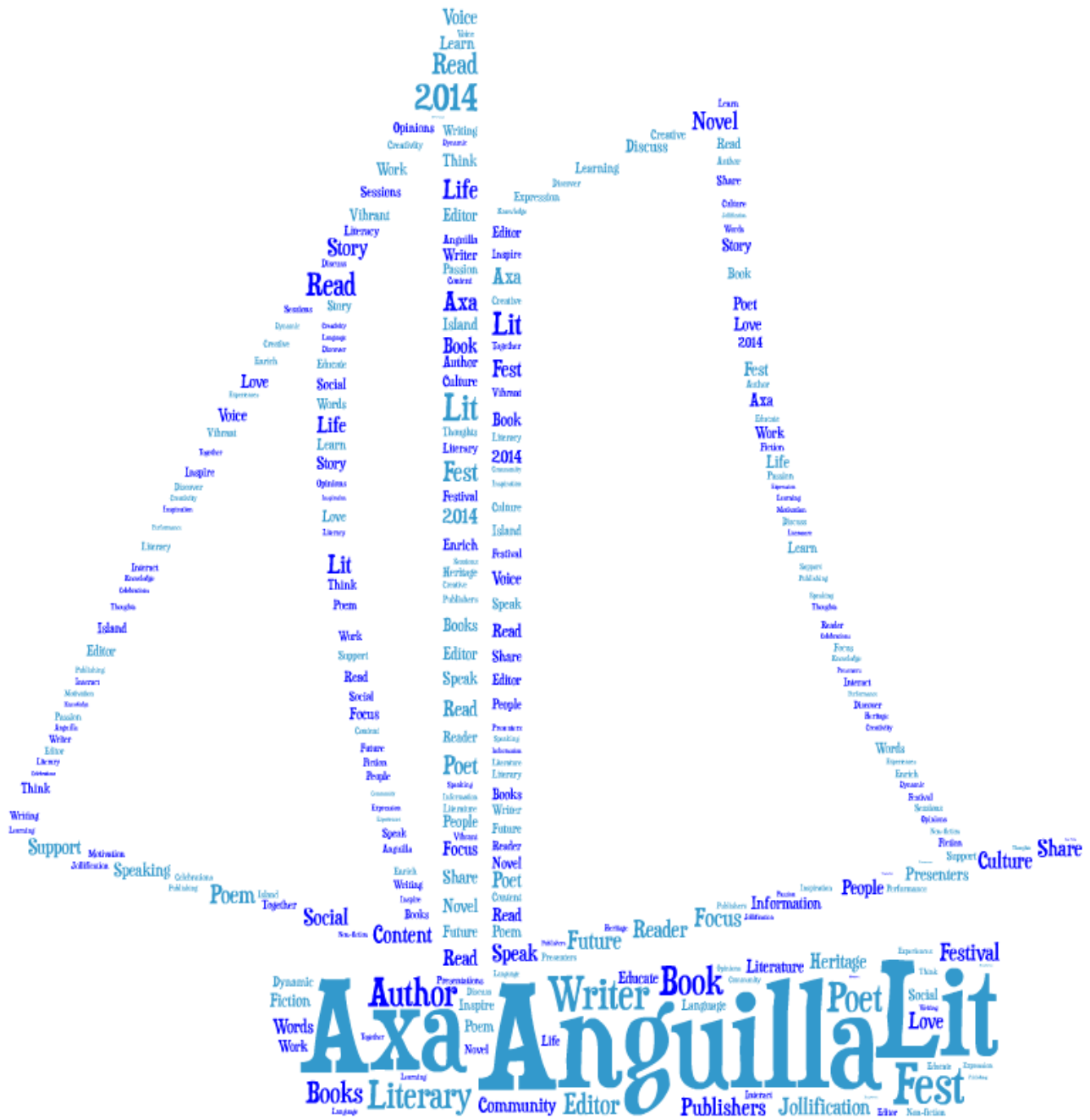


During the month of May, the Department in partnership with the Anguilla Tourist Board and the Department of Education held the Champion Pursuit of Literacy event for primary school students at the library for the third year in a row. To mark the occasion the library mounted its customary display to honour the local, regional and international authors, poets, publishers and publicists.





The 2014 display recognised the works of internationally authors Bob Shacochis, Bernice Mcfadden, Lauren Francis-Sherma, Montague Kobbe and Edward Lewis; regional authors and poets A-dZiko Gegele-Simba, Ras Takura & Rochelle Ward; Pride of Anguilla Speakers Ijahnya Christian, Felix Fleming, Rev. Dr. Wycherley Gumbs, Marcel Fahie, Amethyst Davis, Renukah Harrigan, Trudy Nixon and Kay Ferguson; publishers and publicists David Daley, Yona Dehommes and Johanna Ingalls. At the event the invited panel of authors and publishers introduced themselves and talked about how they got into writing. Author, A-dZiko Gegele Simba read an excerpt from her award winning book and captivated the audience. Following, the Champion Pursuit of Literacy event, the staff of the library also helped in a major way by the managing sales of the bookshop at Paradise Cove Resort on the 23rd and 24th of May.





WORLD AIDS DAY 2014

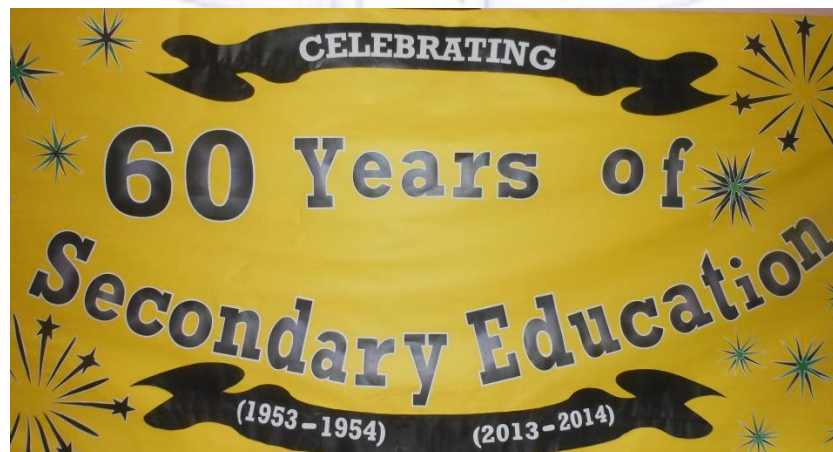
The Anguilla Library Service hosted the World Aids Day exhibition on behalf of the National Aids Programme Anguilla Office during the month of December under the theme “Getting to Zero”.



SIXTY (60) YEARS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION



To commemorate Sixty Years of Secondary Education a display was mounted in partnership with the Department of Education and the Teachers' Resource Centre during the month of June. The exhibition highlighted the main aspects of school life from 1953-1954 to 2013-2014 and showcased how things have changed in the last 60 years. For example, secondary education in 1953-1954 started with one hundred and fourteen (114) students, one (1) campus, five (5) teachers and nine (9) subjects. Today, there are one thousand two hundred and nineteen (1,219) students, four (4) campuses, one hundred and twenty-five (125) teachers and fifty-one (51) subjects. The exhibition also paid tribute to past faculty members, shared useful facts on secondary education in Anguilla and photographs of memorable moments of the last 60 years.



YOUTH AND CULTURE YOUTH ESCAPE 2014

The Department of Youth and Culture presented the art work of participants from the Youth Escape Summer Camp in the library's lobby and exhibition area. This year they depicted paintings of nature.



4.8 Facebook Page: An Update

2014 the library continued to use the social media website Facebook as way to promote awareness about events and activities at the library. There are currently 441 likes for the page. Popular features and postings on the page include the weekly Throwback Thursday and Friday Movie Madness. The page has been used to promote information resources offered by the library like our kindle lending programme and popular bestselling books. Recently, the library continued its foray into social media by joining the website Twitter.



4.9 ICT Centre: An Update

The recently commissioned ICT Lab had begun to prove a useful addition to the product offering of the department. Unfortunately, it suffered severe damage during the passage of Hurricane Gonzalo and subsequent flooding due to heavy rainfall, and has been out of commission since that time. We await the necessary repairs to enable it to resume its function.



4.10 Reading in the Community



The Reading in the Community initiative was started with a view to forging a greater link between the Library and persons who could benefit from the services of the Library but who are unable because of some incapacity so to do. It required the help of volunteers who along with Library Staff would visit institutions primarily and homes to read to, interact with or deliver resources to persons.



The initiative was launched during Reach Out 2014 with visits to two of the Senior Citizens' Homes as well as the Zenaida Haven. Visits take place monthly and from all accounts the initiative continues to be well received.



4.11 Other “Partnering” Initiatives

Denise Crawford’s Island Harbour Village Book Launch

During the month of October Denise Crawford a Native of Anguilla and resident of Island Harbour approached the Department of Library Services with a request for us to host her book launch. This is the author’s second book. During discussions it was decided that launch for the book would held on November the 5th 2014. Invitations were thereafter distributed to invited guests. During the book launch for *Island Harbour Village*, the author was introduced by Timothy Hodge who chaired the ceremony and read portions of the book. The author also read from one of the chapters on the cultural life of Island Harbour.



Mother Weme Art Exhibition



The department was approached by some community minded individuals about the likelihood of housing a collection of paintings mostly by the late Weme Castor who had bequeathed the set of paintings in question to the people of Anguilla her adopted home. As a result the Library now hosts what is termed the WALL OF ART a series of paintings by Mother Weme as she was affectionately called and other painters. The library intends to expand the WALL OF ART by getting other local painters to donate pieces to the library.



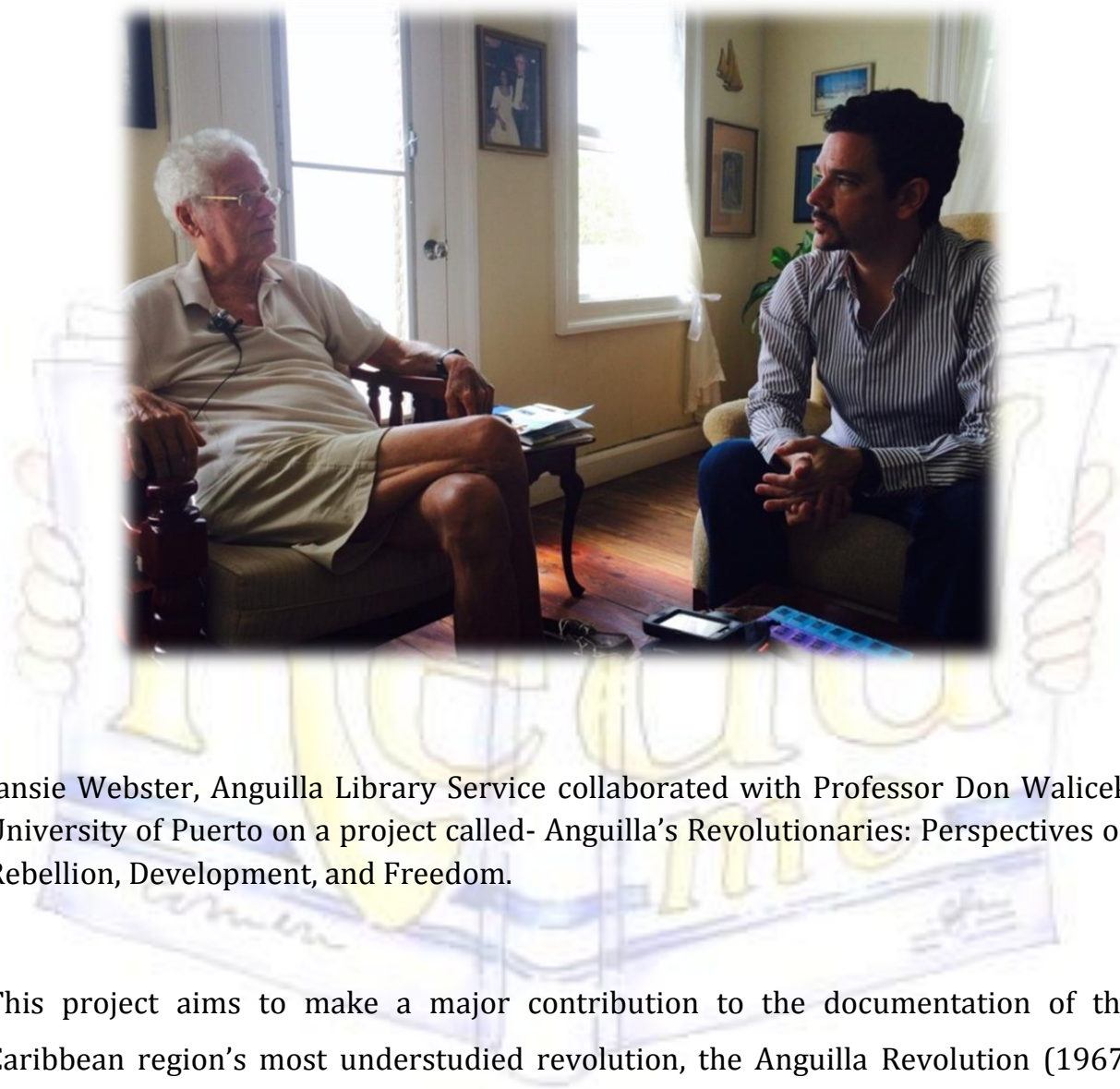
Dame Bernice Lake Law Award & Exhibit



For the second time during the month of February the library partnered with the Anguilla Bar Association to host the presentation for the Dame Dr. Bernice V. Lake QC Memorial Award to the top CAPE Law Student in Anguilla. This year's honoree was Miss Nordisia Lake. The honoree's name was thereafter added to the commemorative permanent display in the library.



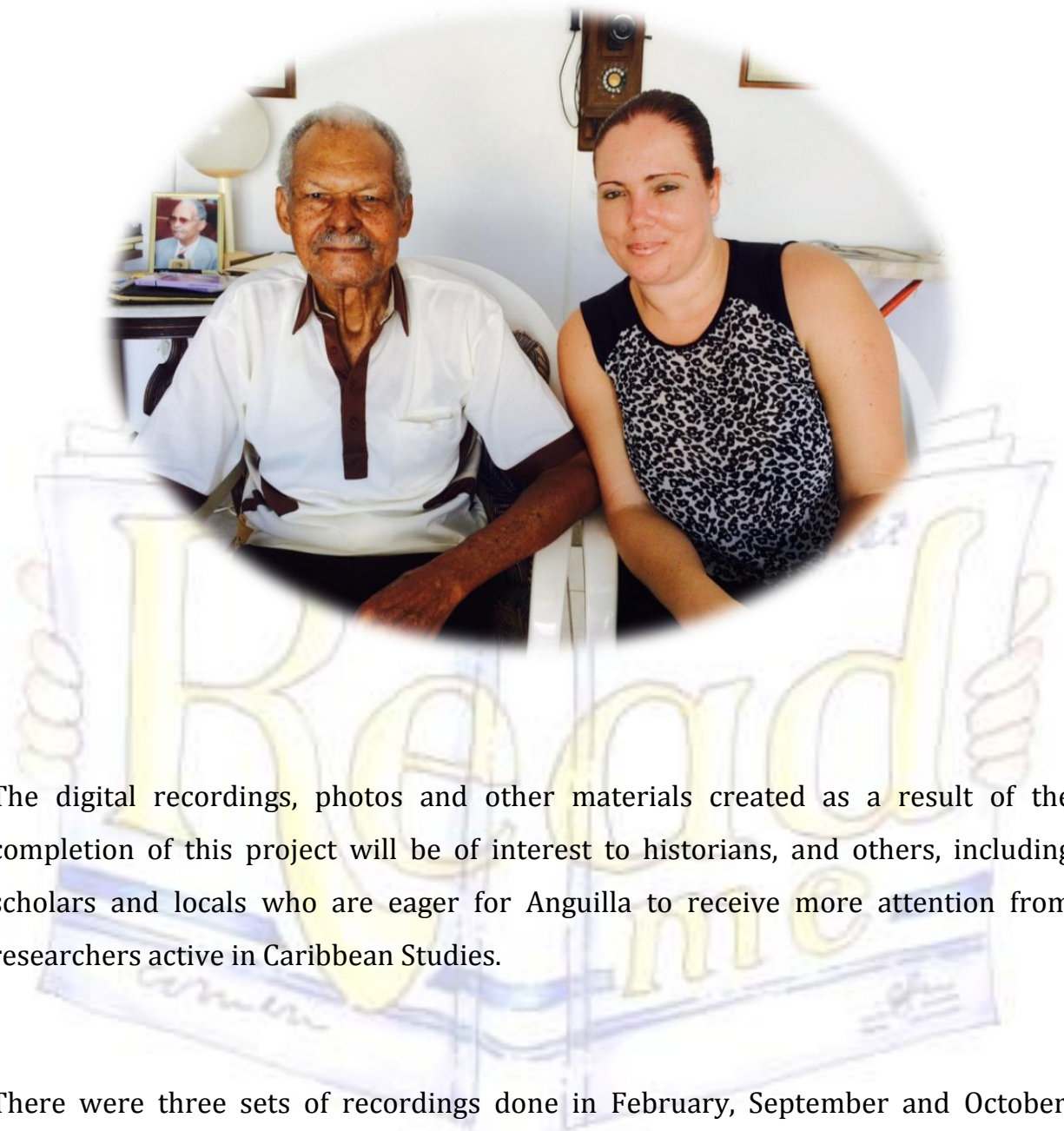
Interviews documenting Anguilla Revolution



Jansie Webster, Anguilla Library Service collaborated with Professor Don Walicek, University of Puerto on a project called- Anguilla’s Revolutionaries: Perspectives on Rebellion, Development, and Freedom.

This project aims to make a major contribution to the documentation of the Caribbean region’s most understudied revolution, the Anguilla Revolution (1967-1969).

A collection of oral recordings reflects the experiences from 40 interviewees who directly participated in the series of events leading to the uprising.



The digital recordings, photos and other materials created as a result of the completion of this project will be of interest to historians, and others, including scholars and locals who are eager for Anguilla to receive more attention from researchers active in Caribbean Studies.

There were three sets of recordings done in February, September and October. Copies of all of the recordings will be housed in the Library's Anguilla Heritage Room for historical preservation at the completion of the project in August 2016.

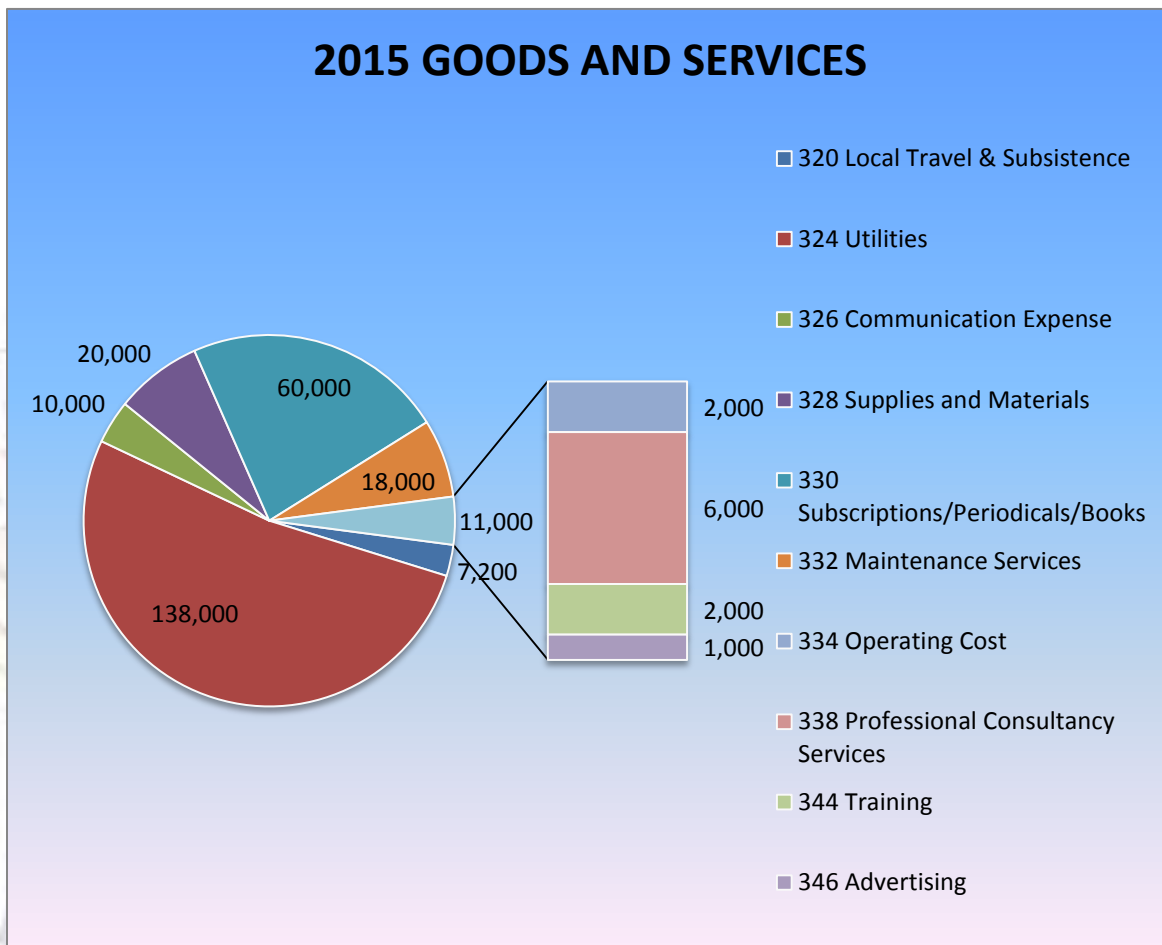
NALIS Representative Visit to the Library



Ms Jasmine Simmonds, a Nalis Representative met with the staff to discuss preserving and conserving library materials particularly archival materials. It was quite informative session where she demonstrated techniques for preserving materials and listed the supplies we would need to purchase to begin preserving materials and documents. Unfortunately we were not able to purchase any of the suggested items due to lack of funds. Ms Simmonds also conducted a training session with two members of staff, Jansie Webster and Anthea Roach.



5. FINANCIAL SUMMARY



In 2014 the Department of Library Service’s expenses amounted to EC\$230,034.53 out of a budget of EC\$264,200.00. Utilities continue to be our greatest expense followed by subscriptions, periodicals and books. Revenue collected for services such as internet access continue to see a downturn since most customers with their tablets and computer now access the library’s free Wi-Fi. In total the library collected EC\$6,806.70 in customer fees and fines for services such as internet access, photocopying, printing, audio visual subscriptions, replacement cards and overdue.



6. CHALLENGES, FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The number of challenges experienced at the Department of Library Services seemed to grow in 2014 and we hoping that all of the issues that persist would be addressed in 2015. These include:-

- Littering – Garbage buildup outside and inside of the library caused by students eating lunch and snacks
- Lighting Issues – Corridor, Workroom, Foyer, Outside
- AC Units are not working in the Reference Room and Heritage Room – limits the use of those rooms, mould developing in a couple of rooms
- Plumbing Issues – toilets backed up, pump was changed
- Lack of printing facilities – need for a printer to facilitate internal and public printing
- Flooding of the library – ICT Lab, workroom, director’s office, deputy director’s office, store rooms, public areas (adult library and circulation area) due to heavy rain and resulting in a number of closures
- Removal of the carpets – children and adult libraries, director and deputy director offices – led to the tiling of these areas – library closures

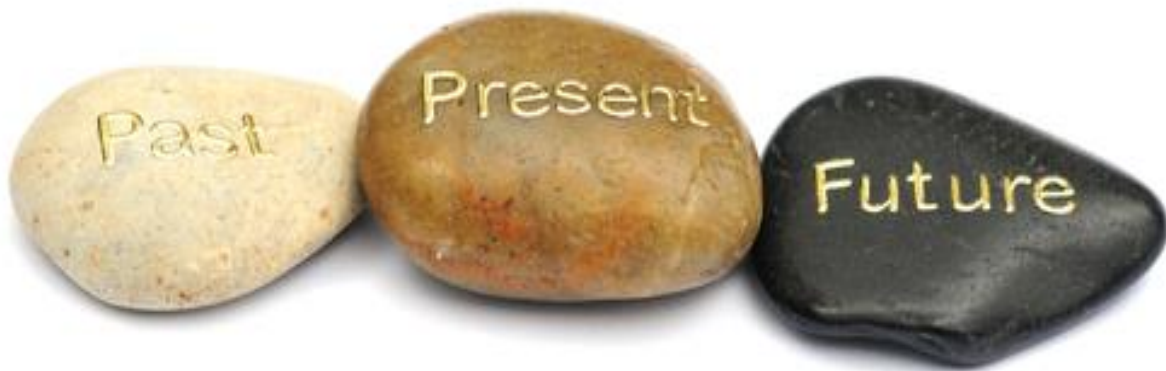
- Ceiling leak in the front area – leaking of the bathroom upstairs resulting in ceiling bursting and flooding of the foyer area with unhygienic water
- Lack of storage/space continues to be a major issue
- ICT room that just opened late 2013 – closed due to leaking roof, roof tiles rotted out, falling onto the computers and floor – causes heavy flooding to library areas – resulting in closures



Future Directions

Despite the many challenges the future of the Department of Library Services holds out some promise.

- The return of the ICT Lab to full use is eagerly anticipated
- The department's website is nearing completion
- There will be increased use and dependence on social media and the internet generally increasing the use and influence of the department
- Every attempt will be made to bolster the department's collaboration with other agencies both public and private.



APPENDIX 1: SOURCES OF SUPPORT

The following individuals and organisations made various donations to the library in 2014 to enhance collections, services or programmes. All inputs of time, energy, skills, funds and other contributions are greatly appreciated as they helped to maintain services or build collections.

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