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"Knowledge is power, Information is liberty, Education is a promise of progress, in every society, in every

Librarian's Note

Here comes our second issue of LIBCONNECT! Welcome.

This semester we had 10 scheduled training sessions, 2 for lecturers and 8 for students. We had a total attendance of 427, which comprised of 333 students and 94 faculty members.

The training sessions were meant to equip students and faculty with skills to enhance usage of all e-resources. We appreciate your participation and urge that you book for individual follow-up training with your respective subject Librarians which can be done online or physically.

We would like to encourage you to utilize the e-resources provided by SPU because they are scholarly, authoritative and peer reviewed. From next semester, we shall share statistics on usage and recognize our best e-resources users. Be one of the top users and congratulations in advance.

Oxford University Press has given us access to some of their resources on trial basis until 31st November 2021- https://www.oxfordhandbooks.com, the books are quite rich in all subjects.

www.ClinicalKey.com for health resources.

Your comments/ suggestions on our services will help us improve how we do business. Send them to librarian@spu.ac.ke.

Keep in touch to know what's new!!

Irene Kibandi

Prof. Nyong'o Aspires for Priesthood in honor of his Mother and Father

Thomas Odhiambo

Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Kisumu County Governor, who is also an MTH Student at St. Paul's University, visited Bishop Okullu Memorial Library on 10th May 2021 to borrow a book - 'A Place to Feel at Home: A Study of Two Independent Churches in Western Kenya". Coincidentally, this was his father's favorite book title. His late mother, Mama Dorka Nyong'o, had always wanted him to step in the footsteps of his father, the late Rev. Canon Hezbon Nyong'o. Nevertheless, he had been reluctant to heed the church calling.

Consequently, he decided to enroll at St Paul's University to study Theology as the first step in realizing that dream of priesthood, in honor of his mother who was until her demise, a deaconess in the Anglican Church of Kenya. The Library staff present during Professor's visit were Chantal Bunei, Jane Wanjiku, Richard Mwema, Thomas Oluoch as well as Public Relations and Marketing Officer, Mr. Michael Mungai.



Prof. Nyong'o (centre) with some members of the Library Staff

CSR Activities

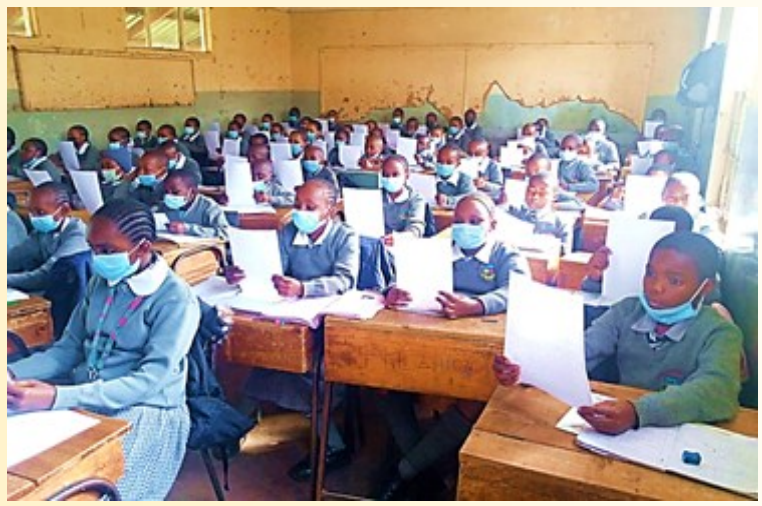
StoryMoja Aloud Campaign

Janet Njoora.

The SPU Library, in conjunction with Story Moja conducted a CSR activity which was meant to encourage the reading culture among the children in Limuru Sub County and across the country dubbed "Storymoja Read Aloud". The Storymoja Read Aloud initiative, born in 2013, was provoked by the saying; if you wanted to hide something from an African, hide it in a book. Storymoja started working hard towards changing this attitude through a campaign that has slowly grown into one of the biggest reading events in the country and the world. Through this campaign, the reading culture has been changing at remarkable levels.

This year, StoryMoja Read Aloud took place on the International Day of the African Child on Wednesday, June 16th 2021. This day raises awareness on the continuing need for improvement of the education provided to African children. It also celebrates the children of Africa and recognizes them as the change agents of the society.

StoryMoja hopes to teach children the culture of resilience and overcoming challenges against all odds. They were determined to lead what they believed was the world's largest and most stimulating gathering of children reading aloud the same extract simultaneously, from multiple locations. As a result, the book Attack of the Shidas was selected for reading. Three schools within Limuru Sub County; Tigoni, Jonathan Maara and St. Paul's Primary schools participated.



Tigoni Primary School in a StoryMoja Read Aloud taking part

KNLS Donation

Janet Njoora

The SPU library coordinated a book donation activity to St. Paul's Primary School which was done by Kenya National Library Services (KNLS) on 10th June, 2021. A total of 2,000 books were donated. Three teachers were also trained on how to run the school library to enhance use of the information materials available. In addition, KNLS donated plastic containers for storing returned books before they are shelved due to COVID as well as a cupboard where books can be stored. The KNLS team was led by David Cherop who promised to donate 500 Kiswahili books and 200 bags that pupils will use to carry borrowed books.

The SPU library staff did a follow up in August and found that over 400 books had been borrowed by the pupils.



St. Paul's Primary School receive a book donation from the KNLS.

> ***"A man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read".*** *(Mark Twain—American Writer, Humorist and Publish-*

Calibre

Emily Sirorei

Calibre is a comprehensive open-source digital texts management tool. St Paul's library uses it to store e-books in all subjects and it is user-friendly.

How to access Calibre

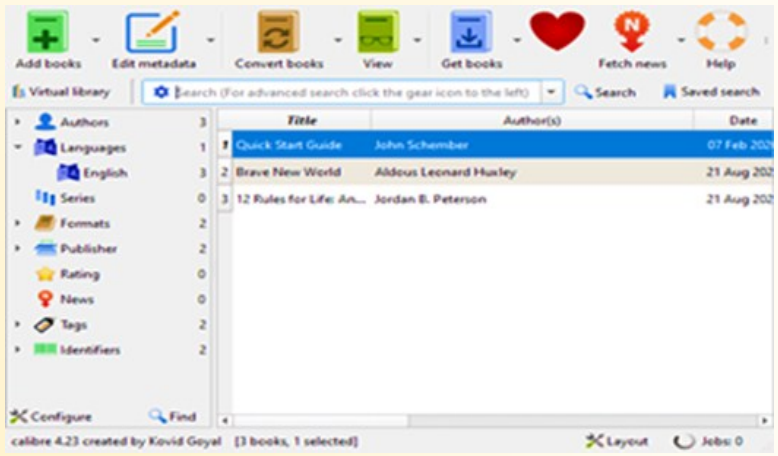
1. Log into the virtual portal from the website www.spu.ac.ke
2. On the menu window click on the Library icon
3. Go to the Library Catalogue
4. Once you open the library catalogue, find Calibre on the left side of the menu- quick link section.
5. Click on it and search books using the various entries; author, title, publisher.

How to use Sidebar Interface

You will find a few filters in Calibre's sidebar that will allow you to quickly sort through your books when you are looking for a particular book or category of books.

The filters included by default are: Authors, Languages, Series, Formats, Publishers, Rating, News, Tags and Identifiers.

If you know the information about the book you are trying to find in the library, you can simply enter into the search bar. This will search for the book you are looking for and you will be able to read or download to your laptop or desktop computer.



History of St. Paul's University's Nairobi and Nation Centre Campus Library

Monicah Chemulwo

Nelly Odiowuor and Monicah Chemulwo were the pioneer librarians in Nairobi campus. They were around as early as 2011. Formerly located on the fourth floor of Tom Mboya wing, now ICT Office, the library could only accommodate 50 students. All services offered then were manual.

2012 saw the library move to the first floor of Moi Avenue wing and the beginning of library automation. KOHA (a Library Management System) was introduced, which saw an upscale in number of books, shelves and staff. New services like current awareness, selective dissemination of information, e-resources training were also introduced.

There was also enhanced staff development in terms of qualifications also grew. When the library was started, one staff had a diploma and the other had a Degree in Library and
Information Science and by the end of 2014, they staff had Masters and Bachelors degrees respectively. Staff reshuffles In 2015 saw Nelly Odiowuor move to Limuru and Tom Oluoch join Nairobi Campus library.

The Nation Centre library with a sitting capacity of 100 opened in September 2016 as an extension of the Nairobi Campus library with Emily Sirorei and Rolex Opondo managing. The Library came in to serve the newly established campus situated in the Nation Center Building. This was in response to the need to provide sufficient space for better service provision.

The library had 23 computers—10 for postgraduate students and 10 for undergraduates connected using N-computing, inter and intranet connectivity. Wi-Fi connectivity was also available. Its collection was heavily biased towards business management and leadership courses which were the main courses offered. A Security Book Detection System at the Nation Centre library was installed in November, 2016 and commissioned on 13th January, 2017.

Nation Centre Campus was closed in November 2019 due to low student numbers. Its library resources, equipment and staff were transferred to the Church House Library.

To accommodate the now expanded library two more floors were allocated by Management. They were to host the reading area and e-resources. Research and reference services were introduced to cater for the increasing library users' needs. Ebby Natecho also joined the Library team. Nairobi campus library now sits 188 users. Students have access to 15 laptops and over 40 desktop computers. The library enjoys WI-FI connectivity and hosts a collection of 7840 volumes. The library regularly trains users in the access and use of its vast online library resources.

The future is bright!

"I have found that the most valuable thing in my wallet is my Library Card ". *(Laura Bush—Former First Lady—United States of America)*

Patrons' Comments

Philippe Mutinyi **"the library is not just a place of knowledge but also a home of comfort and serenity "**

Juliah Lucy **"I have tried the oxford handbook online database. It is awesome."**

Stephanie Wanjiku **"Bishop Okullu Library situated at St. Paul's University Main Campus has been one of the best quiet, serene places to do studies"**

Health Databases

Lucy Kamau

Below is a list of databases in health sciences that you will find on our library, accessible both Remotely and also within SPU.

PubMed: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/about/ : Open access, *Subject Strength:* biomedical and life sciences literature.

Cochrane Library: https://www.cochranelibrary.com The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR): Subject Strength: reviews in health care.

Scientific Research: https://www.scirp.org/ : Subject strength: Biomedical & Life Sciences, Business & Economics, Chemistry & Materials Science, Computer Science & Communications Earth & Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Medicine & Healthcare, Physics & Mathematics.

Wiley Online Library: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/ Subject Strength: Social Sciences and Humanities, Sciences, Technology and Medicine.

Open Access for Africa: https://umb.libguides.com/OAA/ejournals: Subject Strength: contains Open access resources for students and health workers in developing countries.

Research4Life; http://portal.research4life.org. Subject Strength: scientific and professional resources.

HINARI; (Research for Health) managed by the World Health Organization (WHO)

African Health Network OER Africa: https://www.oerafrica.org/provider/saide-oer-africa - Subject Strength: health education resources.

Henry Stewarts Talks Ltd.: https://hstalks.com/ - Subject Strength: agriculture & environment, biochemistry, cancer, cell biology, clinical medicine, disease disorders & treatment, methods, immunology, metabolism & nutrition, microbiology, neuroscience, omics & systems biology, pharmaceutical sciences, reproduction & development.

Ebscohost research database: http://web.a.ebscohost.com/ehost/search/selectdb?vid=0&sid=f7c74503-ee71-4356-bcfd-91bf39e3636d%40sdc-v-sessmgr02 Coverage of most branches of Social Sciences and Humanities, Strong Business Coverage, Strong Nursing, Medicine and allied Health Coverage, Dedicated Newspaper Database, kept separate from peer-reviewed content.

Oxford University press: https://academic.oup.com/journals/ Biological Sciences, Medicine , Public Health and Epidemiology, Humanities , Social Sciences , Law ,Economics, Business, and Finance , Mathematics, Statistics, Computing and Physics

BIR British institute of Radiology: http://www.bir.org.uk.librarypspu.remotexs.co/ Diagnostic radiology, Radiotherapy, Oncology, Nuclear medicine, Ultrasound, radiation physics, Radiation protection, Radiobiology; BJR/ case reports: Diagnostic radiology, Radiotherapy, Radiation sciences; DMFR: Oral radiology, Head and neck imaging.

SAGE Journals: https://journals.sagepub.com/ Health sciences, Social Sciences & Humanities, Material sciences and Engineering, life &Biomedical sciences.

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