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SPU LIB CONNECT

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Librarian's note

Welcome to this inaugural issue of our Library newsletter—***SPU Lib Connect!***

Our goal is to help all our patrons gain awareness on the physical and virtual libraries at St. Paul's University and enhancing greater interest and usage of the rich resources provided by the University.

In this issue, we introduce you to the history of ***Nakuru campus library***. Subsequent issues will carry information on our other campus libraries'; how they started and their current development.

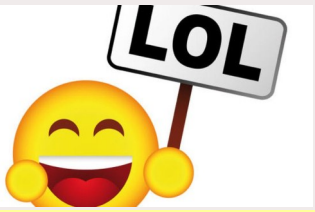
SPU Lib Connect newsletter will have educational information, as well as helpful hints and tips on how to access and use library resources. This newsletter provides a space for us to introduce you to new databases and print books, as well as share news relating to the library.

Academic journals is the database under review in this issue.

Look out for the feedback column, ***Patrons' say***, where your comments will be published. We highly appreciate your constructive inputs.

Library services:

- *Circulation*
- *Reserve Section*
- *Reference Services*
- *E-resources Center*
- *Multimedia*
- *Special Collection*



Good old laugh!

Teacher: *Why did Dracula go into the library?*

Student: *He wanted to sink his teeth into a good book!*

User Satisfaction Survey

The library sought to find out the level of satisfaction with services provided in the May-August 2020 Semester. The survey was conducted virtually, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 266 users responded.

The survey asked about: adequacy of training sessions offered, ease of access to library online resources using RemoteX, relevance of the library resources to learning needs, if the number of days the library opened in a week was sufficient and the various information needs of the users.

From the analysis, 68.6% of users were happy with the services provided during the May 2-2020 semester. However, some concern was raised on the need for more training and to have the library open more than twice in a week.

The concerns were considered and implemented in the January—April semester.

Thank you for your participation.



Books do not only go with you; they take you where you have never been.

—Anonymous



Subject Librarians

Subject librarians act as liaison officers between the library and faculty. This promotes a more detailed awareness of user needs and ensures that the library services are balanced and in line with users' interests. Other duties include :

- developing and marketing the library's subject collections;
- providing subject-oriented instruction to patrons;
- promoting reference and information services to all patrons;
- fostering communication between the library and faculty; and
- providing good public relations inside and outside the library.

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Nakuru Library

St. Paul's University's Nakuru campus Library is nine years old now! The library opened in September 2011, with just a collection of 200 books; today, it has over 4000 books.

Mr. Kennedy Waweru, currently Deputy Principal Nairobi campus was the pioneer 'librarian,' playing both coordinator and librarian roles.



The collection which was mainly in Theology and Social Sciences fitted in a few cartons.

Towards the end of the year 2011, Kenneth Rotich was posted as a librarian to Nakuru campus. With his arrival came 3 computers, 4 reading tables,16 seats and a shelf. This was a breath of fresh air! His duties were to set up the ***Library Management System*** (KOHA) that would enable library operations to run more effectively and to take over from Mr. Waweru, since the campus' population was growing rapidly and needed a professional librarian.

Three programs were on offer: Pre-University, Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BAC), and Bachelor of Business Administration Management (BBAM). The campus had a total of 33 students. Books were on demand but in short supply. Students needed access to online information materials. Mr. Rotich had to establish their needs and request for information materials from the main campus to meet these needs. He also had to set up the electronic resource lab and train users on how to access this information. Through his efforts, a basic but well-functioning library morphed from the chaos that had been.

In 2012, Ms. Essy Reuben took over from Mr. Rotich who went back to manage the library systems at the main campus. She embarked on the collection development and training users on usage of electronic resources. Soon the library experienced exponential growth as more books, furniture, computers, and staff joined her, including Mr. Davis Mtaki who is currently managing the library.

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As patrons' needs for e-books grew so did the number of e-resources provided. This upward growth trajectory has continued throughout the years. The library now has 14 computers and over 4,000 books. Currently, patrons have access to thousands of journal articles and e-books through various databases. The library now seats 75 patrons.

When you next visit the library, you will be served warmly by Mr. Davis Mtaki. ***Welcome!*** ■

"When I think of all the books still left for me to read, I am certain of further happiness "

—Jules Renard

Patrons' Say:

The library conducted trainings during the January-April 2021 semester for 6 weeks on access and use of electronic resources and referencing.

Librarians felt encouraged and appreciated by comments from patrons.

... we continue to appreciate the continuous online library training that normally takes place on Saturday from 7.00pm. Keep up the good work. (Patron)

Submit comments / suggestions:

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Knowledge Corner

Academic Journals is a multidisciplinary database which uses the open access model in accelerating the dissemination of knowledge through publication of high quality research articles.

This database has 33 Medical journals, 11 in Social Sciences, 27 in Biological Sciences, 12 in Agricultural Sciences, 8 in Physical Sciences, 9 in Engineering, 16 in Arts and Education, and 1 in Legal Studies.

The International Journal of Peace and Development Studies, International NGO Journal and Scientific Research and Essays have also been included. 2021 journal articles are already in the new issue!

URL: https://academicjournals.org/

Farewell Tea for Mr. Nudi

Peter Nudi has retired! The ever smiling driver hang up his boots in December 2020 having served the University for 10 years.



Limuru Campus Library staff were particularly fond of him. When he drove them home, he kept watch over them until they were safely in their houses.

Mr.Nudi had a good relationship with everyone and was always at hand to assist in delivery of library books to different campuses. The jovial driver joined library staff for a farewell cup of tea in appreciation of his service. Staff remembered the time-keeper he was, his warmth and kindness, and love for his work. He attributed his success to discipline and commitment. We thank God for him and wish him a happy retirement. ■

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