

# JAMAICA

**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF JAMAICA**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT TO CDNL 2003 – 2004**

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

The National Library in partnership with IASA and FIAT /IFTA presented CAVIC 2003 (Caribbean Audio Visual Information Conference) November 4 – 9, 2003. The theme of the Conference was Audiovisual Archiving: Our National Heritage and History. The Conference was attended by participants from 15 Caribbean countries who explored a range of issues related to archiving audio-visual formats. Presenters included Kurt Degeller, Albrecht Haefner, and Dietrich Schueller of IASA and Tedd Urnes, Lasse Nilsson and Sue Malden of FIAT and Ray Edmondson, AV consultant.

The lottery funded grant agency approved the library's proposal for funding to establish a National Digital Library.

The Legal Deposit Act moved nearer to promulgation through the preparation of Regulations.

### **MANAGEMENT**

Professor Daphne Douglas was reappointed by the Ministry of Education Youth and Culture to chair the Board of Management. The library adopted a Vision Statement and revised its Mission Statement: The mission of the National Library of Jamaica is to collect, preserve, document and facilitate access to the nation's cultural heritage through the promotion, coordination and development of a network of technologically enhanced libraries and services. The Vision statement reads: The National Library of Jamaica is Jamaica's premier library for fostering and promoting the nation's knowledge of its history, heritage and information sources. A User's Charter, detailing guarantees of service was adopted.

### **LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT**

The library honoured its mandate "to advise government on the continued development of an integrated National Information System " through convening three meetings of the Advisory Council on the National Information System (ACNIS). This council, chaired by the National Library is made up of focal point managers from each of the six networks within the system as well as representation from the Ministry of Commerce, Science and Technology, the Library and Information Association of Jamaica and the Office of the Prime Minister.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHIC SERVICES**

The library is distributor of UNESCO's WINISIS and now has 210 clients to its roster. In the past year the library developed on the WINISIS platform a circulations package and a serials tracking module for its clients as well as hosting a WINISIS users group meeting.

### **WSIS**

The library made its contributions to the WSIS through the office of the Executive Director who along with representatives from the library school and the public library network drafted a position statement for the WSIS. This position statement was forwarded to Jamaica's representative to the summit.

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