

Mission Statement

The University of Guyana Library will strive to support the teaching and research activities of the University. It will provide the necessary human resources and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to meet the requirements of the electronic age, and serve as the beacon of academic research, both locally and internationally.



The University of Guyana Library: A Pillar of Academic Excellence

Located at the Turkeyen Campus on the East Coast of Demerara, the University of Guyana Library remains a central pillar of academic life, providing students, faculty, and researchers with the resources and services necessary for effective study and research.

The Library offers a comprehensive range of services designed to support teaching, learning, and scholarly inquiry. These include circulation services such as borrowing, returns, renewals, and reservations, reference and research assistance, inter-library lending, and structured library instruction sessions. Through orientation programmes and guided tours, both new and continuing students are introduced to the Library's collections, digital databases, and research support tools, ensuring they are equipped for academic success.

Membership is available to registered undergraduate and postgraduate students, academic and non-academic staff, and members of the University Council. External users and visiting researchers may also be granted access or borrowing privileges upon approval. To preserve the integrity of the collections and ensure equitable access for all users, the Library operates under clearly defined rules and regulations, including structured loan periods, reserve and short-term loans, and a system of fines for overdue materials.

The Readers' Services Division is organised into subject areas to better meet users' academic needs: Humanities & Education, Science & Technology, and Social Sciences & Law. Each division provides specialised collections and dedicated reading spaces, with reading rooms that collectively accommodate over 150 users.

Additionally, secure locker facilities are provided to maintain a clean, safe, and resource-protected environment. This further demonstrates the Library's commitment to safeguarding materials while ensuring comfort and convenience for its patrons.

Closed on public holidays and for one week during the Christmas period, the Library may also adjust its hours during vacation periods, with notices posted in advance.

The University of Guyana Library is more than a repository of books; it is a dynamic academic hub dedicated to innovation, opportunity, and impact in support of the University community.

LIBRARY TIPS

UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA LIBRARY

Learn the OPAC Early!

USE THE ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUE (OPAC) BEFORE SEARCHING THE SHELVES!

Search the Library Catalogue... Search

Is the book available?

Find its exact location

See if it's on loan

SAVE TIME & FIND WHAT YOU NEED!

Library website: <https://uglibrary.uog.edu.gy>

UG Library Staff Enhance Skills Through Records Management Workshop

The University of Guyana Library continues to support professional development and capacity building among its staff. Five library members Mrs. Tammy Hopkinson, Ms. Bibi Kalil, Mrs. Sasha Cush, Ms. Pamela Olliviera, and Mr. Bryan Nobrega, participated in a two-day Records Management Workshop hosted by the University of Guyana Archives Department during the period October 27–28, 2025, at the Education Lecture Theatre (ELT).

The workshop, themed “Essential Records Management: Transitioning from Paper to Electronic Records,” focused on modern approaches to managing institutional records in an increasingly digital environment. Participants were introduced to best practices in records organization, preservation, and the effective transition from traditional paper-based systems to electronic records management.

The knowledge and skills gained from this workshop will empower library staff to strengthen records management practices, improve operational efficiency, and enhance information accessibility. These advancements contribute to the Library’s commitment to excellence in service and resource management, ensuring that both staff and users benefit from more streamlined and effective information practices.

Boost Your Research Skills with Library Information Literacy Sessions

The University of Guyana Library offers Information Literacy Sessions to help students master essential research skills. These interactive sessions guide students in locating, evaluating, and using information from both print and digital sources.

Participants learn to navigate the library’s collections, access online journals and databases, reference materials correctly, and avoid plagiarism. Led by experienced librarians, the sessions are tailored to the needs of all students across all faculties.

Request a Session: Lecturers or faculty members can arrange sessions for their classes, or students can ask their lecturers to submit a request on their behalf.

By attending, students gain confidence in conducting research, improve academic performance, and develop lifelong information literacy skills tools that are invaluable for both study and future careers.

University of Guyana Library commissioning ceremony for digitization equipment donated by Cambridge University, held on October 17, 2025



L-R: Ms. Shelley Headley, Head (ag.), Readers’ Services Division, Mr. Bryan Nobrega, Assistant Librarian, Ms. Clyden Harris, Deputy University Librarian (ag.), Dr. Simone Bernard, University Librarian (ag.), Prof. Paloma Mohamed-Martin, PhD, MS, AA. Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Stephen Butters, University Archivist, and Ms. Donette Washington, Head, Caribbean Research Library.



Acceptance of books by Prof. Emanuel Cummings, DVC-AE from Dr. Keith Cummings (Donor) accompanied by University Senior Officials and Students.

Guyanese author, Jasmaine Payne donated several copies of her novel Leech to the University of Guyana Library during a formal handing-over ceremony, featured the author and offered insight into her work.

Jasmaine Payne is a Guyanese author, editor, and communications specialist whose debut psychological thriller *Leech* (2025) breaks new ground as the first of its kind written by a female author based in Guyana. Her writing journey began early, crafting novel-length stories on fanfiction boards and in well-worn notebooks passed among classmates in high school. Her first publication was at age 11, winning the UNICEF Environmental Awareness Poetry Competition in 1999.

Jasmaine holds a BA in English from the University of London (Goldsmiths) and an MBA in Marketing from the University of Bedfordshire.

She brings 15 years of journalism experience and more than 8 years as a professional editor, working across journalism, business, and creative writing. Her work has been featured in respected anthologies and publications, including *Guyana at 50*, *50 Women 50 Years*, *GEM Magazine*, and *Lady Magazine*. Her short story '*Another One for Mother Moon*' was also shortlisted for the Guyana Annual Competition.

Named a 2025 Influential Women Leaders Award recipient, Jasmaine is also an experienced trainer who leads writing workshops for media professionals and aspiring creatives. Deeply passionate about storytelling in all forms, she continues to mentor young writers across the Caribbean. Her favourite author is Stephen King, and horror-thriller remains her genre of choice.



Ms. Jasmaine Payne, Author



A Synopsis of the thriller

In the 1800s, John Thomas Reginald Leech believes his destiny was stolen from him. Raised idolising his father, a renowned doctor, he longs to inherit both his knowledge and his fame. But when his family and peers dismissed him, he turned to blood and fire to claim it.

More than 100 years later, Leech awakens in modern-day New York, determined to secure his place in history. He finds Arianne Smith, a struggling writer desperate for recognition, and forces her to transcribe his story promising fame in exchange.

Haunted by the experience of writing the book and desperate to escape Leech, Arianne seeks help at Homer's Home for Health and Wellness. There, Dr. Oscar Pressum tries to untangle the growing madness, but Leech's influence grows stronger, leading to a final confrontation that threatens Arianne's very soul.

LEECH is a story of obsession and the lengths we will go to be remembered. It asks one question: what if the story that defines you isn't yours at all?

This book is available at the Turkeyen Campus Library, within the Caribbean Research Library. Call #:

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Highlight from the Book Reading and Handing Over Ceremony by the University Library.
In front row from L-R: Ms. Clyden Harris, Deputy University Librarian (ag.),
Ms. Jasmine Payne, Author along with university students.



Recipients of the 2025 Honorary Doctorates, Mr. Mohindra Persaud (centre) and Mr. Terry Gajraj (far right), visit the University of Guyana Library with their family members for a guided tour prior to the award ceremony.

Shaping Our Collection Together

The University of Guyana Library values input from its users in shaping a dynamic and relevant collection. Faculty and students are encouraged to recommend books, journals, or digital resources that support their coursework and research. Many recent acquisitions have been made in response to these suggestions, ensuring the Library continues to meet the evolving academic needs of the University community. By participating, users help the Library provide high-quality, up-to-date resources for all.



MAIN DATABASES

- EBSCOhost
- JSTOR
- LexisLibrary
(For Law Major Students)
- vLex
(For Law Major Students)
- ProQuest
- Research4Life / HINARI

TAYLOR & FRANCIS JOURNALS

- Theory & Research in Social Education
- Journal of Public Relations Research
- Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media
- The Teacher Educator
- International Wood Products Journal
- Caribbean Quarterly
- The Social Studies

WILEY JOURNALS

- Art History
- Journal of Vegetation Science
- Applied Vegetation Science

SAGE Research Methods Database

Please contact the University of Guyana Library at systems.library@uog.edu.gy to activate your account.

Library Updates & Announcements

The University of Guyana Library is here for all your study, research, and reading needs. Our current hours are:

Regular Library Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:30h – 18:00h

Saturday: 8:30h – 16:30h

Extended Reading Room Hours:

Monday – Friday: 18:00h – 00:00 (Midnight)

Saturday 16:30 – 00:00 (Midnight)

Sunday – 12:00 – 0:00 (Midnight)

Take advantage of the extra time to enjoy our quiet space, comfort and cool atmosphere. Stop by and make the most of the extra hours!

Scenes from the Annual Christmas Tree Light up 2025



Staff within the library enjoying the Christmas season

We Are Here to Serve You

Connect with Us!!!



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