## **Makerere Launches Library Plan**

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THE Makerere University Library has launched a US\$650,000 (sh1.13b) project, part of which will computerise the library and hook on the internet, reports Edris Kisambira.

The project, to be funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, is aimed at increasing the library book stock in science and gender disciplines and reduce thefts of library books by installing electronic book check systems.

The second phase to the project, will involve showing participants how to access ejournals and databases and will be sponsored by Sida/SAREC. Under this phase, the Makerere

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library has receive US\$943,000 (sh1.6b) to be used in two phases for five years. The library will conduct workshops, receive computers and accessories, consultants, library system software, E-journals and Phd training among others.

The chief librarian, James Mugasha, in his address to lecturers, deans and some library employees at the Library Building during the launch on Monday, said the project would strengthen the university library's capacity and make available relevant and up-to-date scientific publications for study and research by the students and staff.

He said the project has started with 52 computers at the main library. He said other computer labs would be installed at the departmental libraries.

Vice-chancellor Prof. John Ssebuwufu said, "Now my colleagues the deans and lecturers, we have to be up-to-date, you should sit at your computers and look at what the new journals and other publications on the internet have got to offer."