

Makerere University Library Celebrates the World Library Day, Wednesday 30th May 2012.

The World Library Day is celebrated internationally in different parts of the World since 1897. In Uganda, the Library Day was first celebrated by Makerere University Library (MakLib) on 22nd May 2009. The second Library Day was celebrated on 23rd May 2010. The third Library Day was celebrated on 31st May, 2011. Since then, it has become an annual event. This year's celebrations will be held on **Wednesday, 30th May 2012**. The **theme of the day will be: "Makerere University Library: Inspiring, Surprising and Empowering"**. This is in line with the annual theme of the international body governing libraries (IFLA), which is: 'Libraries now! Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering'.

The activities to mark this year's World Library day celebrations at MakLib include:

- i. Community Outreach: The University Library received a request for reading materials from Buganda Road Primary School. MakLib will donate books to Buganda Road Primary School as a way of promoting the reading culture among young people in Uganda. MakLib will conduct an Information Literacy session for librarians in CUUL (Consortium of Uganda University Libraries) institutions focusing on Web 2.0 technologies.
- ii. Dissemination Seminar: MakLib will conduct a one day seminar on Tuesday, 8th May 2012 for MakLib researchers to disseminate their research findings.
- iii. Evaluation of Library Services: MakLib will conduct a short survey in relation to the Library Day theme.
- iv. Debate: The Library has organised a public debate:
 - **Proposer:**
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 - **Opposer:**
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- v. Exhibition: Publishers have been invited to show-case their products. The Library will also exhibit and demonstrate some of its services.
- vi. Awards: This time round, MakLib will be recognizing its very own library staff who have populated the Uganda Scholarly Digital Library (USDL), Makerere's Institutional Repository. USDL has improved the webometrics ranking of Makerere University, as well as enhancing global access to Makerere University's research output. Librarians involved in mentoring others will be recognised as well as Makerere University policy-makers who have supported the Library.

MEMBERS OF STAFF OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY ARE INVITED.