

LIBRARY DAY 2012

The Library at the Institute of International Relations

The IIR Library: a source of sustenance

Forty-five years ago, the 'christening' gifts to the **IIR Library** were a grant of \$4500US and a gift of books from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, (GIIS) Geneva and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The 'godparents' at the founding ceremony for the Institute were the University of the West Indies (UWI), St Augustine and representatives of government from territories within the Caribbean Region.

The **IIR Library** has taken these gifts and claimed its birthright as a singular space offering access to the most comprehensive information sources on Latin America and the Caribbean in the field of International Relations and Global Studies in the English Speaking Caribbean. Today, as the lifeblood and "fibre" of the Institute of International Relations, the **IIR Library** joins in celebrating its 45th anniversary and looks back with pride on the years of service offered to the University community at the St Augustine campus. For over forty-five years, the **IIR Library** has continued to serve staff and students of International Relations and Global Studies, supporting a rich information diet to all patrons and thus operating as '**a source of sustenance**'.



Under the theme "***IIR Library: a source of sustenance***", the staff at the **IIR Library** invites you to celebrate Library Day with us. In a twist of tropical delight, the all-sustaining coconut will theme the day's activities. Just as a coconut tree in its versatility is useful from its roots to its fruit, a library is vital to every aspect of one's academic diet through our services, our resources and our commitment. During the week of 26th-29th March, the library will be celebrating every single one of our library patrons. At 10:30am on any of these days patrons can take part in special events to win enviable prizes.

We also invite you to become a patron at the IIR Library Staff Library Day coconut-inspired dessert contest at 10:30am on 29th March 2012 – this is a cannot-miss event!!

This year, Library Day, highlights 45 library services that have been offered to patrons over the years and demonstrates that after 45 years, the **IIR Library** continues to be **a source of sustenance** – and a vital one at that!

Part of our Library Day activities also includes a can-drive; we invite you to join us on Library Day in our effort to provide tangible sustenance to a needy home. On your next visit to the **IIR Library**, think about supporting this effort by donating a canned item or tin of food to our SOURCES OF SUSTENANCE box and together we can be a source of sustenance to someone else.

Contact us as the **IIR Library** at 662 2002 ext 83245 for more information. And we look forward to seeing you on Library Day!!!

View photos from [Library Day 2010!](#)