

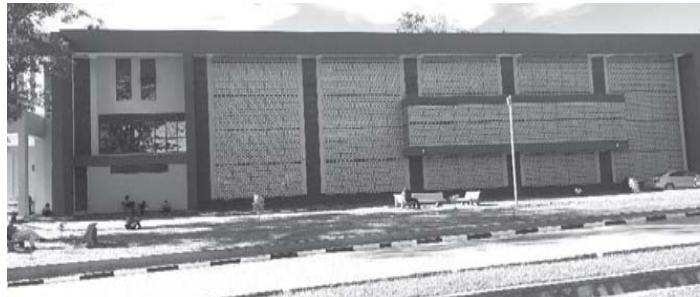
## Kyambogo University Library Celebrates World Book and Copyright Day 2019

**T**oday, Kyambogo University Library joins the rest of the world to celebrate the World book and Copyright day. Kyambogo University Library has existed since 2003 when the University was established. The Library operates in five service centres located at the East-End (Barclays), the West end (Faculties of Science and Education), North End (Faculty of Special Needs and Rehabilitation) and the new Central Library funded by AfDB-HEST Project. The library serves all students, staff, members from the affiliated institutions, the alumni and the general public.

Kyambogo University library has a rich collection of over 250,000 volumes. The strategic focus of the library is on providing access to Library and information Services through a diversified collection that meets the information needs of the university community. The library therefore provides access to 40 databases (over 3000 electronic journals and 250,000 electronic books) mostly funded by Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) through the Consortium of Uganda Universities Libraries (CUUL) and open educational resources freely available on the web. With this array of resources, Kyambogo University Library is effectively supporting the core university functions of; teaching, learning, research and community outreach.

In line with the Open Access movement, the University Library is also setting up a University Institutional Repository to enhance access and visibility of the University research output. As the University increases support to research and introduces new programs, the library is committed to support these efforts with the relevant resources and to maintain the comparative advantage that Kyambogo University has over other institutions in the areas of Technical, Vocational, Engineering and Special Needs education.

In the new Central Library, we are setting up computer labs for both graduate and undergraduate students for seamless access to



The Central Library at Kyambogo University

the e-resources available. Additionally, there will be research carrels accessible to graduate students and space for nursing mothers. We are aiming for an unrivalled user experience for our students and staff in this new building.

The University Library has also equipped the newly established study centres at Bushenyi and Soroti with relevant library resources to support the growing list of programs introduced and run at these centres. The centres are also linked and can easily access all the available electronic resources provided at the main campus in Kampala.

Kyambogo University Library also carries out outreach programs to promote a reading culture especially among children. In the words of Margaret Fuller, today a reader, tomorrow a leader, Kyambogo University Library uniquely, supports several schools: preschools, primary, secondary schools and tertiary institutions across Uganda with books through the partnership with Book Aid International (BAI). Kyambogo University Library distributes books to institutions interested in developing their libraries and resource centres. Interested institutions submit applications to the University Librarian, Kyambogo University clearly stating the subject areas of the required books. Books are distributed on first come, first served basis.

Through this partnership, we work towards bridging the gap and supporting the curricula in several schools especially in rural Uganda. Several school going children have learnt to read and developed the desire to be better by reading BAI books distributed by Kyambogo University. We ensure that the little that is received trickles down to schools that express interest because certainly, the demand is far greater than what is received.



Kyambogo University Library Staff packing books for schools



Kyambogo University Library staff handing over books to staff of St. Simon Peter Primary School, Kibaale.

As we join the rest of the World in Sharjah, UAE (the World Book Capital 2019) to celebrate the World Book and Copyright day 2019 under the theme, "Open

Books, Open minds", Kyambogo University Library reaffirms the commitment to provide information resources that meet the needs of the user community we serve. Bearing in mind Knowledge and Skills for service.

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