

INFORMATION GUIDE

FIRST EDITION



Mt. Zion Public
LIBRARY

...it's free!

The Centre provides library facilities and literacy support to the residents of St George's.

Core services include:



- ✔ book lending services for over 1000 children and adults
- ✔ a homework and reference room
- ✔ a motivational reading and writing club.

Our focus is on introducing young people to the world of **stories, knowledge** and **confidence building** through participation, discussion and critical thinking.

In addition, we serve the local business community by providing functional literacy and other basic skills to maximise the employment potential of individuals. This covers arranging specific courses and workshops using outside expertise including:

- ✔ adult literacy courses and teen literacy support
- ✔ employment skills and attitude programs
- ✔ training in library, information & communication sciences.

The Centre is financed by voluntary contributions from organizations, individuals and local businesses. We are a registered charitable organization and donations are tax deductible. We aim to enhance our sustainability by generating income from some of our courses and programs so that the library services remain free to all. We contain our costs by relying on volunteers and a small core staff, for whom working at the Centre has been their first-ever professional job.

Here are some of the things we provide so far

We rent space in the Arnold John Building, upstairs from Digicel, on Melville Street, St George's. This location is easy for young people to drop in after school and is close to central bus services. It also engages members of the public who have never entered a library before because it places book services side-by-side with small enterprises and literacy in a local context.

A community of readers – at a rate of over 100 new members per month since we opened full time in Nov 2014, we now have over 1000 registered borrowers.

Book donation and literacy goodwill growth– we have a fully-stocked children's and general collection, thanks to generous donations from individuals overseas and in Grenada. This inspires more donations and volunteers and now we aim to donate to other libraries around the country.

Warm customer service and safe space - "Your friendly service is what makes me come back." Teens and a variety of members and visitors feel at home and motivated by our Centre - facilitated by our youth librarians, mentoring and developmental opportunities.



We would like to provide:



✔ 'wish-list' books for a **Boys Book Club** and to fulfil readers requests

✔ **job security** for youth librarians and a manager

✔ computer literacy, research and **coding classes**



✔ increased teen, adult and **specialized literacy support**

✔ **public media** and documentation of local literacy experiences

✔ professional consultant and training services in library technology, creative education and employment skills and attitude.



Some of the above will be able to generate some income for our long-term sustainability but your help is needed too.

We need:

❗ **1 desktop** for central library services

❗ **15 laptops** for online adult literacy classes, computer literacy, research training and coding classes

❗ **15 kindles** for book-club discussions (multiple copies of physical books difficult to get)
FUNDS for youth librarian salaries, management and basic running costs - \$6000.00 per month

You can support us by becoming one or more of the following:

Friend of Mt. Zion Library:

- ✔ Donate online
- ✔ Send us a cheque for a minimum of US\$60.00
- ✔ Donate by bank transfer to our account with Grenada Cooperative Bank account number 413000304
- ✔ Fundraise at events or make us your charitable cause for Grenadian growth (e.g Grenada Chocolate Fest).

Commercial or Individual Sponsor:

Monetary sponsorship has enabled us to grow this fast and respond to a strong public demand. We thank Urban Humanitarian Projects for being our first sponsor.



Partner for Literacy:

Collaborate and join a group of caring businesses and organizations by giving in-kind, with your services, materials, resources or media. Many thanks to:



Join us by becoming a:

- ✔ Library member
- ✔ Volunteer Librarian or Literacy Assistant
- ✔ Book donor (please contact us for guidelines on this).

Our Libraries:

Open 10am-6pm Mon-Fri & 9am-3pm Sat

✔ **Children’s Library: ages 5-12yrs**

A child-friendly space and reading haven in the heart of the town with diverse and Caribbean literature to aid in the process of positive re-imaging.

✔ **General Library: ages 13yrs-adult**

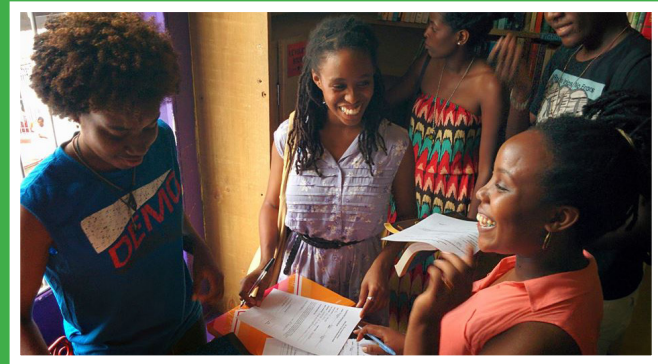
Our collection: hot, rich, local and almost a little of everything. A small, safe and friendly space and home to a growing community of Grenadian readers – we offer a culturized library experience.

✔ **Our Programs**

& Motivational Reading & Writing Club

Homework, teaching and reference literature is available in this room - adults and parents accompanying children welcome to use whenever it is available.

Workshops & capacity building courses offered periodically.



The following is our weekly schedule

- ✔ **After-School Homework & Reading space**
Mon & Wed 2-4pm
- ✔ **Teen Literacy support** Tues & Thurs 5-6pm
- ✔ **Adult Literacy classes** Mon & Wed 5-7pm
(1 year certificate course)
- ✔ **Creative Writing** - Tues 3-4pm
- ✔ **Chess Club** - Tues 4-5pm
- ✔ **Special Needs Reading & Writing support**
children - Wed 3-4pm for adults 4-5pm
- ✔ **THINK . BOOK . CHAT open discussion for teens** -
Thurs 3-4pm - youth 5-6pm
- ✔ **Storytime** - Fri 3-4pm
- ✔ **Authorizing: Poets/Writers Space and Time** -
Fri 4-6pm & Sat 1-3pm
- ✔ **Art & Craft** - Sat 10-11am

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10 - 11AM						Art & Craft	
12PM						Music & Poetry for children 11-12 noon	
1PM						Authorizing : Poets/ Writers Space and Time	
2PM	After-School Homework & Reading space		After-School Homework & Reading space				
3PM		Creative Writing	Special needs Reading & Writing 3-4pm (child) 4-5 pm (adult)	Think, Book Chat	Storytime 3-4pm		
4PM		Chess Club 4 -5 pm					
5PM		Teen Literacy Support		Teen Literacy Support / Think, Book Chat	Authorizing : Poets/ Writers Space and Time		
6PM	Adult Literacy ALTA classes		Adult Literacy ALTA classes				
7PM							



THANK YOU

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