



Grenada Community LIBRARY

... it's free!

We are now in our new location at the Grenada National Museum on Young Street in St. George!
With thanks to the Museum for rent-free accommodation, we look forward to providing library and literacy services that compliment Dr. Pitt and the Museum's vision for free community education.

All of the Library's services, which includes a children's and general collection and literacy, numeracy and creativity programs, remain free of charge. Despite necessary expenses we have managed to keep our doors open, to a now 1,500 strong membership (70% children and teens), through the support of the Grenadian community, both local and in the diaspora, combined with international supporters, through generous financial and book donations and the dedication of our volunteers.

Thank you Partners for Literacy, Friends of the Library, and wonderful volunteers. YOU keep the library alive!



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GRENADA WEST INDIES



Grenada Montessori
& Preparatory School
e ducation for life



Building Community Through Literacy Love and Collaboration.

From 2015 into 2016 membership growth averaged 100 new members per month!

Take a look at some highlights achieved with your help from 2015-2016

Programs & Services

New programs introduced (besides storytime, reading help, adult literacy and creative writing) including a **chess club**, art & craft, **Brain Mathematics**, CXC English for adults & youth discussion group **Think . Book . Chat**.



TAMCC Community Service Coordinator
Mr Amen teaches chess



Sue Brathwaite / The Connection
donates books

The library is officially registered as a non-profit organization: The Mt. Zion Library & Resource Centre Inc. (Reg. No. 224 OF 2015-7464), soon to become the Grenada Community Library & Resource Centre Inc.

Verna Wilkins at Storytime



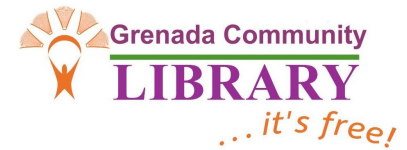
A reading and creative writing workshop with Grenadian author and publisher Dr. Verna Wilkins

Workshops and training programs for our team included the Conscious Discipline method, by Sue Braithwaite and Jill Robinson.

Programs & Services cont.

A Writers, Poets and Artists Conversation hosted, rich and diverse with local and visiting participants: Shani Mootoo (author & artist Trinidad/Canada), Dr. Verna Wilkins (author Grenada/UK), Richardo Keens-Douglas (author Grenada), Stacey Byer (illustrator Grenada), Maureen St Clair (artist Grenada/Canada) and more

Creative Writing program fills to max capacity (18 children) plus a waiting list.

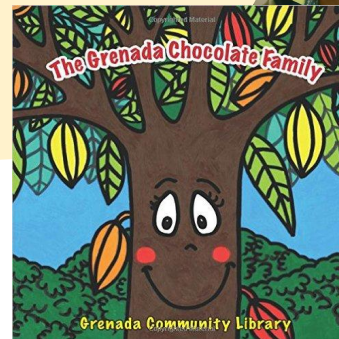


Our Adult Literacy program forms its own committee! Trained by Wendi-Ann Ruffin and ALTA Trinidad the: **Adult Literacy Initiative of Grenada – ALIG** (below).

The Library goes digital!
General Collection viewable online on Library Thing - [here](#) open to the public - beyond members
The only library in Grenada like this!
And our 'made-in-Grenada' IT book-lending program in full swing.

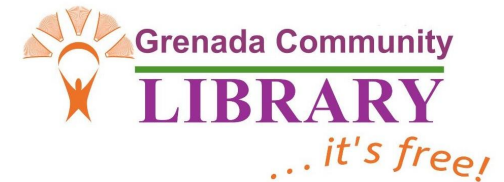


Book launch at the Museum



Our first publication and children's book *The Grenada Chocolate Family*, is launched, with The Grenada Chocolate Fest. Written by our children in the Creative Writing Program, sponsored by Jurgen Rausch Kakao Stiftung (foundation) Read about it [here](#) and buy [here](#). **Gourmand International World Cookbook Awards** (considered the 'Oscars' of cookbook awards) personally invited the entry of our book in the prestigious competition for awards May 2017 and the book will be featured at Frankfurt Book Fair in Oct 2016.

THE BIG MOVE



May 2016: From: our dynamic downtown location in the Arnold John Building (above Digicel),
To: The Grenada National Museum on Young St.



Rent-free but still central – this location helped introduce some members to the wonders of the Museum. With only one room, space remains a challenge. Our teen and general collection is only partially available at this time.

Opening hours changed to 12 - 5pm based on lending patterns and reduced resources.



**Official name change from Mt Zion Library to
Grenada Community Library
& Resource Centre Inc.**





Our Mission Statement:

Building Community Through Literacy, Love and Collaboration

only made possible by

OUR PEOPLE

Dec 2015 Volunteer input peaks, led by full-time volunteer Administrator & Supervisor (and Library Mama), Sibongele (Kibi) Dickson.



Kibi (left) & Co-Founder Ayisha John



Hon. Alexandra Otway-Noel, (left)
Min. of Implementation, visits, endorses
and becomes a Friend.



Founding volunteer and first employed 'librarian', Alesia Aird (above) leaves to pursue her music career and we welcome volunteer, Donalyn Hillaire, as an employee.



"Friends of Mt Zion Public Library" launched (existing and new individual donors) at our first fund-raising gala and anniversary and **we celebrate our amazing volunteers.**



We welcome Melessa Hillaire as our new part-time Administrator.

Go-get-it volunteer, Hallie Tamez,
appointed as Co-Director.

OUR PEOPLE cont.

Volunteer
Mike Hinman
creates our first video
- *Don't Silence the Library* -
watch [here](#)

Art & Craft volunteer Sara Scodeller, illustrates our children's chocolate story book..

Judith Linden (below right) is our first official intern! Amazing Grenadian/Swedish student, warm and wonderfully helpful with the teens.



Our young creative writing stars: Shanique, Shanice & Tyler are proud of their story..



Magdalena Fielden (right), founder of The Grenada Chocolate Festival, her family and True Blue Bay Resort provide amazing support and donations.

A Crowdfunding appeal, launched on International Literacy Day (September 8) only met half of our goal but the **Government of Grenada matched funds** to reach the total of EC\$8'000.00

PARTNERS for LITERACY & other SUPPORT

St George's University Student Government Assoc, and the SGU Significant Other Organization, Grenada Marine and Grenada Montessori & Preparatory School help us to pay overheads and welcome more Partners for Literacy.

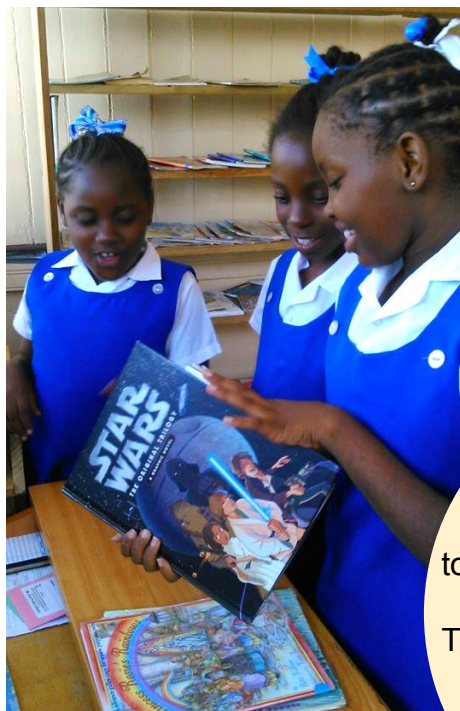


Many donations include books from local and international supporters, Gift Grenada, the Mexican Embassy and chessboards from True Blue Bay Resort.

New Partner for Literacy: Bob Goodchild / Flyingfish Ventures with thanks for a donation of two computers..

Lance Aux Epines Cottages continues top corporate socially responsible donations.

New Partner: House of Chocolate hosts a wonderful chocolate reading and tasting and **Rotary Club Grenada** comes on board with a six-month unrestricted donation.



Grenada Human Resource Management Assoc. donate from the closure of their organization and help establish a Fundraising Committee.

Online campaign launched to raise \$3,700US (\$10,000EC) ongoing [here](#). The funds raised will go directly towards ongoing operational expenses.

Savvy's Sailing sunset sailing cruise donation becomes our first fund-raising raffle.

All of our amazing achievements are made possible by your support!

However, at present we operate at a compromised capacity and while we have grown by responding to the demand for books and community services, we have learnt that:

a daily service cannot run only on volunteer input.



ONWARD TO THE FUTURE

We are currently filling the void left after the closure of the National Public Library, which employed 16 people. Sustaining this free daily service requires a minimum of EC\$5,000/month, EC\$60'000. or US\$22'500. per year. These costs are associated with 2 librarians, 1 manager/administrator and basic utilities and general operating expenses.

Our first major sponsorship from UHP ended in Aug 2015 and we have operated in crisis-mode on funds sought from various sources over the last year.

Our April 2015 – March 2016 Financial Statement is available for your information - summarized here in ECD:

Total Support & Revenues \$85,770.00: Direct Public Support – Business Contributions 19,035; Foundation 32,000.; Gifts in Kind 8,167.; Individual Contributions 14,139. Program Income – (ALTA) 1,165 Service Fines 264.; Fundraising Events 11,000

Total Expenses \$81,013.00: Program services (ALTA)1,779; Supporting services - Management and General 75,634 - Fundraising 3,600.

Total Assets \$46,770.00: Book Collection 38,070; Office Equipment 1,367; Computers 6,305; Furniture and Fixtures 2,604 - Less accumulated depreciation 1,575.

The most important asset of any library goes home at night - the library staff.

- TIMOTHY HEALY -

Major grant and funding sources DO NOT provide funds for operational expenses – these remain our biggest expenses but also our biggest assets:



We look forward to your continued support to ensure we are able to continue to serve others with a warm and friendly library service and literacy and activities. **THANK YOU!**



INVESTORS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

The Library Team

Management & Staff

Current:

Donalyn Hillaire
Melessa Hillaire
Hallie Tamez
Sibongile Kibi Dickson
Oonya Kempadoo

Past:

Alesia Aird
Shanna Julien
Latoya George
Ayisha John
Pastor Clifford John

Volunteers

Malaika Brook-Smith-Lowe
Jared James
Jill Paterson
Emily Harms
Eugene Whint
Jesse Green
Kwabena Amen
Sheba Augustine
Ella Harris David
Matthew Tugwell
Ronna Williams
Meghan Kane
Anthony Telesford
Ziad Marshall
Rashida Sylvester
Marcia Phillibert
Ermine Byer
Jordan Charles
Shani Sylvester
Jill Robinson
Imore Phillip Charles
Elka Fontaine

Volunteers cont.

Ashlee Marshall
Nicole Del Busto
Miranda Cambridge
Chad Horsford
Rolda Ganpot
Divya Signh
Heather Brathwaite
Kasia Goddard
Hannah Morency
Marcia James Grey
Judith Linden

Special Friends of the Library

Juleyka Lantigua Williams
Alison Donnell
Anande Trotman
Patricia Walcott
Stacey Byer
Ricardo Keens-Douglas
Ermine Byer
Ferron Lowe
Hazel Bierzynski
Dorothy Gittens
Julie Quin
Republic Bank
Grenada Co-op Bank
Roy Hall
Sara Scodeller
Spice Harmony Yoga
Roy Wroth
Nancy Kondo
Vicky Jackson

Special Friends Cont.

AnnMarie Olive
Beverley Frederick
Verna Wilkins
Sara Rylott
Vaughn Nixon
Magdalena Fielden
Alexandra Otway Noel
Jared James
Pamela & William Mc Guinness
Cindy Mc Kenzie
Prudence Greenidge
Waggy -T
Marie Fielden

Friends of the Library

Martin Suite
Roland Antoine
Tahyra Noel
Amanda Dombach
Kimalee Phillip
Hazel Bierzynski
Jenny Isaacs
Vadney Haynes
Francis Collins
Stephen Nelson
Sheila Fischman
Fidella Fisher
Papillion Restaurant
Sue Low Chen Tung
Trish Bethany

Friends of the Library

Karima Peters
Jean Henry Browne
Jesus Tamez
Carla Noel
Lesron Frank
Ayden, Naiya, Brent Dark
Andrea Phillip
Olivia Byler
Kecia Lowe
Ferron Lowe
Anthony Sylvester
Sue Stearn
Roberto Gherseni
Eleanor Dathorne
Rawlda George
Carol Joseph
Julie Quinn
Meghan Tyrrell
Sue Braithwaite
Tuula Jalonen
Sara Rabie
Sandra Braithwaite
Dan Flynn
Patrick Braithwaite
Dave & Helen Shaw
Hazel Noel
Kelon Noel
Richie Stanislaus
Grenada Marine
Jerry Edwin
Camper & Nicholson

Partners for Literacy

Groundation Grenada
UHP
SGU Student Gov. Assoc.
House of Chocolate
True Blue Bay Resort
Digicel
Jonas Browne & Hubbards Ltd
Markers
Savvy Sailing
Now Grenada
Adult Literacy Tutors Association
T&T (ALTA)
The Connection
Hands Across the Sea
Central Neon Sign Shop
Duty Free Caribbean
Lance Aux Epines Cottages LAE
Read & Write Grenada
Bryden & Minors Ltd
North South Wines (The Wineshop)
Grenada Montessori & Prep. School
Grenada National Museum
SGU SOORG
GHRMA/HRMAG
Belmont Estate
Rotary Club Grenada
Flyingfish Ventures Ltd.

