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"LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS: GATEWAYS TO INFORMATION LITERACY & CULTURAL HERITAGE."



ACURILEAN AWARDS 2014 ANNOUNCED

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The prestige of the ACURIL Awards Program rests upon its members. Since 2000 the awards have been bestowed in three categories: Institutional, Information Professionals and The Caribbean Information Professional of the Year. The Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries is pleased to announce the recipients of the **ACURILEAN AWARDS 2014** in the three categories.

INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS

The Stephney Ferguson Library Programmes for Special Information Needs. The ACURIL President's Award

To recognize and distinguish a school, public or national library in the Caribbean, which has demonstrated excellence of service providing a program to satisfy special community information needs. This special ACURIL Award was established by Jamaican Past President Stephney Ferguson in 2000, in her interest to stimulate the development of information programs to special clientele, and the offering of innovative outreach programmes to help build informed communities in the region.

- **Elizabeth Estates Public Library**, Prince Dr., Nassau, Bahamas.

The OCLC Recognition for Promoting the OCLC Cooperative in the Caribbean <https://oclc.org/en-US/home.html?redirect=true>

This year, OCLC recognizes the following two institutions, with two librarians from the Caribbean library community, for their commitment within the library cooperative and for their involvement in promoting cooperation in the region.

Both librarians were elected officials on OCLC Global Council (<http://www.oclc.org/en-americalatina/councils/global.html>) for a period of 3 years. They have completed 1.5 years. They are part of this Council to represent the voices of the Caribbean library users at OCLC and to also report back and share with the Caribbean library community their findings and observations coming to these business meetings (twice per year).

- **The Alma Jordan Library** at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad & Tobago: **Elmelinda Lara**
- **The Sidney Martin Library** at The University of the West Indies, Cave-Hill Campus, Barbados: **Cheryl King**

Leadership in the Use of New Information Technologies to Expand and Facilitate Access to Electronic Content. EBSCO Information Services Award
<http://www2.ebsco.com/en-us/Pages/index.aspx>

To recognize and distinguish a school, academic, public or national library for its innovative, creative and effective achievement in planning and implementing a program or service with electronic publications, using information technologies, for the benefit of its clientele.

- **The College of the Bahamas Libraries and Instructional Media Services (LIMS)**
- **Dr. Arturo Carrión Pacheco Library** at the Learning and Information Resources Center, Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC), in Puerto Rico

Innovative and Effective Information Services with the Application of Information Technologies. Systems Link International Award
<http://systemsint.info/en/>

To recognize and distinguish a school, academic, public or national library for its innovative, creative and effective achievement in planning and implementing a program or service, for the benefit of its clientele, using information technologies.

- **Calvin McKain Library, University of Technology, Jamaica**

Leadership in the Organization and Retrieval of Information with an Automation Program. The Mandarin Library Automation Award
<http://www.mlasolutions.com/>

To recognize and distinguish a school, academic, public or national library for its innovative, creative and effective achievement in the planning and development of the organization and retrieval of information, for the benefit of its clientele.

- **The Belize National Library Service and Information System (BNLSIS)**

The Albertina Pérez de Rosa Information Units Alliances and Collaborative Projects in the Caribbean. ACURIL, Puerto Rico Chapter Award
<http://www.acurilpr.org/>

To recognize and honor the excellent performance of alliance and collaborative efforts of local or regional information units and communities of practice, or by private enterprises, evidenced through the implementation of successful information projects for the benefit of their clienteles in the Caribbean.

The Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC)

dLOC is a cooperative of partners within the Caribbean and circum-Caribbean that provides users with access to Caribbean cultural, historical and research materials held in archives, libraries, and private collections. dLOC comprises collections that speak to the similarities and differences in histories, cultures, languages and governmental systems. Types of collections include but are not limited to: newspapers, archives of Caribbean leaders and governments, official documents, documentation and numeric data for ecosystems, scientific scholarship, historic and contemporary maps, oral and popular histories, travel accounts, literature and poetry, musical expressions, and artifacts.
<http://www.dloc.com/>

On the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of collaborative work of dLOC in the region, ACURIL, Puerto Rico Chapter bestows this Award.

INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS

Excellence in Information Literacy. The University of Puerto Rico, Graduate School of Information Sciences and Technologies Award To recognize and honor innovative approaches of programs and services or outstanding publication related to information literacy by a colleague in a library, archive, document center environment, in the last two years, evidenced by the significant learning perceived by and satisfaction derived from its clientele.

Penelope Nottage, Bahamas Library Service, and
Elsie Bain, College of the Bahamas Library,

for their research on *“Information literacy in the Bahamian context: Exploring its history and offering suggestions for partnerships between libraries, archives, museums and cultural heritage organizations.* The research presents a working example of a country that has incorporated IL into the school system and marketed it to the wider population. It offers suggestions on linkages that can be made between teachers in the schools, the school librarians, the Ministry of Education, the public and academic libraries, archives, museums and cultural organizations, that will serve to provide a network where information will be more readily available in a more organized fashion.

Excellence in Research and Publications. The ACURIL Research Interest Group Award

To recognize and honor the individual commitment, excellence in performance, and outstanding achievement of an information professional (librarian, archivist, documentalist, etc.), member of ACURIL.

- **Carmen Margarita Santos-Corrada**, Special Libraries Collection, Conrado J. Asenjo Library, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Library, for the research conducted on the 100 years of the Conrado Asenjo Library and presentation of the work at the Centennial Anniversary in April 2014 entitled: *De una Carreta a la Internet: El Centenario de la Biblioteca Conrado F. Asenjo, 1914-2014 / From a Cart to the Internet: The Centenary of the Conrado F. Asenjo Library, 1914-2014*
- **Lorraine Nero**, Special Collections Librarian, and **Frank Soodeen**, Head, Information Technology Services Section, at The Alma Jordan Library, The

University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago, Managing editors of the publication *Caribbean Library Journal* in December 2013
The publication is an online open access peer reviewed journal published by The University of the West Indies, in St. Augustine. This medium provides a forum for information professionals in the Caribbean and those who work with Caribbean materials globally to discuss their work, share ideas and experiences <<http://journals.sta.uwi.edu/clj/index.htm>>.

THE CARIBBEAN INFORMATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR 2014

To recognize an individual, member of ACURIL, who has made an outstanding national or regional contribution in an area of the information field, as demonstrated by excellence in performance, leadership, research, publication or a combination of these elements, and the distinguished ability to share that knowledge.

JUDITH VANTERPOOL ROGERS



ACURIL is highly honored to present Mrs. Judith Vanterpool Rogers as Caribbean Information Professional of the Year 2014.

In 2012, Judith Rogers was identified by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/NLM), Southeastern/Atlantic Region, as an *Inspiring Person in the Region*. At that time she was Manager of the Learning Resources & Faculty Technology Services, at the University of the Virgin Islands. She was interviewed by Nancy Peterson, in *Sea Currents*, and was asked *What is the biggest challenge in what you do?* And Rogers responded:

Developing professional staff who “buy-in” to the vision that effective promoting, teaching and program outreach is very necessary for succession planning. But, that is also our major challenge. In the environment of Internet and social media, some may feel that human interaction for outreach and communicating the value of the profession is diminished. In fact, it is even more important for ensuring that libraries get attention as dynamic entities that meet communities where they are, and provide solutions for their critical needs of daily living.

On January 6, 2013, interviewed by the editors of the 50th Anniversary of the University of the Virgin Islands, *We are UVI, Stories of our Past*, Judith presents her roots in the library field. She began her steps in the field as a library student assistant in the 1970's at the then College of the Virgin Island. After pursuing a secretarial program at the CVI, she worked as tutor in the Upward Bound program in the College under the mentorship Melba Biggs, program director. It was in this program that she was initiated her into the educational role she developed later on.

She recognizes Dr. Henry Chang, Director, and Marjorie Masters, at the Bureau of Libraries, Museums and Archaeological Services of the US Virgin Islands, as the key library specialists who introduced her to the field and who pointed out “the critical role of librarians in life-long learning”. They were models to her, “Paying attention to detail, ensuring organization and orderliness of collections and processes, encouraging faculty involvement in collection development to support academic programs, and providing high quality customer service...” When she became Campus Librarian at the UVI, St Croix, she knew that she had to follow their steps.

She pursued a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, from Augusta College in Georgia (USA), and received a scholarship from the Medical Library Association to pursue a Master in Library and Information Science, from the University of South Carolina, at Columbia (USA), which she earned in 1991. In her brilliant career, she has earned various certificates in specialized areas that have contributed to enrich her personal and professional development, among them: Online Faculty Training, University of California, Irvine 2013; the Mediator Certificate of the Training Institute International, St. Thomas, VI, Workplace Emphasis, in 2008; the Leadership Certificate, from the Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, a Harvard Graduate School of Education, Institute for Higher Education, Cambridge, MA, in 2007; the ACRL Training for developing and managing Library Instruction Programs in 2001; and many others.

Rogers was Campus Librarian at the University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix Campus, from 1994-2005; became Manager of Learning Resources and Faculty Technology Services, at the St Croix Campus, from 2005-2012; and in 2013 became Director of Libraries and Information Technology at the University of the Virgin Islands <http://www.uvi.edu/academics/libraries/> . In this position, she provides oversight for library staff and operations of the two campus libraries; plans and implements projects to achieve strategic objectives.

Rogers has been involved with the Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) project since 2009, as project co-director for implementation and promotion. She assisted the project in grant proposal development to continue collaborative of the Digital Library of the Caribbean project with a focus on creating a newspaper archive for the region. On 2014, the dLOC project celebrates its 10th Anniversary.

She has been an instrumental person in the rescuing and development of digital resources in the Virgin Islands and, particularly, of the Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center (VICCC <http://www.viccc.net/>) in which she is a member of the Advisory Council.

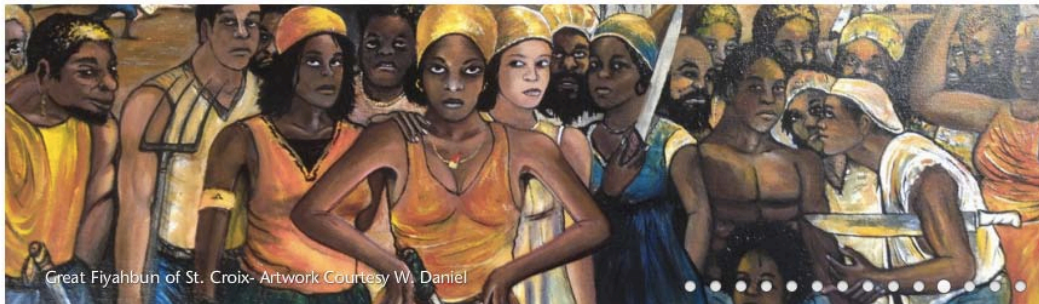


Photo from the VICCC portal.

As indicated in the *About Us* on the web Portal,

The VICCC is nestled within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) at the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI), and it is integrated and complementary to the academic and intellectual pursuits of the University's Strategic Plan 2017—Pathways to Greatness. With visionary leadership of UVI President Dr. David Hall, the work and course initiatives of the late UVI Professor Dr. Gene K. Emanuel, and many other UVI scholars, UVI students, Caribbean cultural tradition keepers along with members of the VI and Caribbean community, the VICCC was officially launched in November 2012. VICCC supports the “Historically American, Uniquely Caribbean, Globally Interactive” academy, infrastructure and extracurricular visions of UVI while sustaining and nurturing educational engagement and networking on Virgin

Islands and Caribbean cultural heritage, traditions, narratives and more.

In 2008 the University Library, University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix Campus was selected as institutional member of ACURIL's Executive Council and Judith Rogers served as the representative of the institution. She also chairs the Special Interest Group on Information Technologies for which she has continuously coordinated and presented a variety of topics in ACURIL's annual conferences contributing to the acquisition of knowledge and skills development of the membership.

Among her publications are

Building a Digital Library of the Caribbean: Crossing borders. In [Caribbean Libraries in the 21st Century](#), by Erich Kesse, Catherine M. Marsicek, and Judith V. Rogers, 2007

Promoting information literacy through the arts: An innovative approach to youth development — Judith V. Rogers and Meerabai Gosine–Boodoo. In *World Libraries*, vol. 18, no 1, 2010. Retrieved from:

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ACURILEAN Awards Committee members for 2014 were: Ardis Hanson, Ph.D. Past President /Executive Council Special Guest; Elizabeth Pierre-Louis, Ph.D., Executive Council Institutional Member; Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Chair executivesecretariat@acuril.org ; <http://acuril.uprrp.edu>

*You are cordially invited to attend
The ACURILEAN Evening of Awards and Banquet,
to be held on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at the Melia Nassau Beach Hotel,
to distinguish and celebrate the outstanding performance
of institutions and colleagues.*

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