



**Jamaica Library Service
60th Anniversary International Conference
February 16 – 21, 2009**

THEME: “Public and School Libraries: Your Partners in National Development”

VENUE: Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort & Spa, Ocho Rios, St. Ann Jamaica

CALL FOR PAPERS, WORKSHOPS, POSTERS

The Jamaica Library Service, in celebration of its 60th anniversary will host an International Conference exploring the theme: “Public and School Libraries: Your Partners in National Development”.

The conference will provide a forum for:

- Networking and sharing of resources
- The forging of partnerships
- Benchmarking best practices
- Providing opportunities for human resource development
- Engaging policy-makers in discussion on the importance of libraries in national development

Libraries are centres of knowledge which play a pivotal role in the development of any progressive nation. It is therefore important that library systems, public policy, the available technology, and social entities be synchronised to enable national capacity building.

Would you like to share your research, subject expertise or ideas? Come and join us and make a presentation in the form of a paper, workshop or poster covering the following:

Political Aspects

Do Governments realise and accept their role and responsibility in the provision of excellent public and school library services and will commit to provide the necessary funding? How can it be

reinforced at the highest decision-making levels that libraries have a role to play in nation building.

- National Policy for libraries (focus on school and public libraries)
- Role and responsibility of national/local government in the development of libraries (funding/physical infrastructure etc.)
- Advocacy

Educational Aspects

School and Public libraries are centres of learning and play a critical role in the development of individuals, communities and the nation as a whole

- Libraries as centres of literacy and learning
- Promotion of reading
- Continuing education/ Lifelong learning

Informational Aspects

The information infrastructure involves a network of people, organizations, policies, processes and technologies organized to enhance the creation, production, dissemination, organization, storage, retrieval and preservation of information and knowledge.

What is the role of the school and public library in the national information infrastructure?

- National information infrastructure
- National information systems
- Creating synergies between all types of libraries

Social Aspects

The role of libraries in communities is multifaceted, aimed at meeting the needs of diverse user groups and acting as an agent for

social and personal development. What strategies, programmes, and activities are being implemented to achieve this? What are some of the successes and challenges?

- Information ethics
- Information fluency/competency
- Providing for special needs groups (housebound, institutionalised, disabled, non-readers etc.)
- Cultural role / Preservation of cultural heritage
- Role of libraries in facilitating social well-being, peaceful environment
- Innovative services for users with no access to technology
- Public and School Libraries as engines of social change

Economic Aspect

Two areas are to be considered:

- Facilitating the productive sector
- Sourcing and generating funds to support library development including developing partnerships.

Technological Aspect

Updates on the latest technologies and how they impact the provision of library services are to be addressed.

- Using technology to attract non-users
- Supporting E-governance
- Provision of E-services
- Emerging technologies/innovations in libraries
- Children and the Internet
- Digitization
- Whither the non-automated library

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE RELEVANT TO THE THEME AND, AS SUCH, BOTH SCHOOL AND/OR PUBLIC LIBRARIES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED, AND IN THE OVERALL CONCLUSION SHOULD CLEARLY SHOW THE IMPACT ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Abstracts must be submitted with [this form](#) no later than SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

Notification of acceptance of papers, workshop, posters will be made by NOVEMBER 30, 2008.

REQUIREMENTS

ALL Conference presenters will be required to:

- Register for and attend the Conference
- Grant permission for taping of their presentations
- Assign the Jamaica Library Service (JLS) first publication rights as papers will be published as JLS 60th Anniversary Conference Proceedings

SELECTION CRITERIA

The JLS 60th Anniversary Conference Programme Sub-Committee will evaluate the content of the proposal for relevance to the conference theme and topics, clarity of description and relevance to the audience. Proposal should be original work that had not been published previously.

NB ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE IN ENGLISH

**Please refer questions to Karen Barton, Chair, Jamaica Library Service Conference Programme Sub-Committee, Jamaica Library Service Headquarters, P.O. Box 58, 2 Tom Redcam Drive, Kingston 5, Jamaica West Indies. Jamlibs3@yahoo.com
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Guidelines for Papers, Workshops, Posters

All presentations must address one of the sub themes as stated in the Call For Papers.

PAPERS

Presentation Format

- ❖ Each presenter will be given 45 minutes maximum to present paper
- ❖ Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for questions and answers
- ❖ All abstracts must be received by 30 September 2008
- ❖ Full papers must be prepared for inclusion in the Conference Proceedings
- ❖ All final papers must be received by 31 December 2008

Paper Format

- ❖ Each presenter must provide one hardcopy and one electronic copy for final document. The electronic document must be sent as a **Microsoft Word File**
- ❖ Font Style: Times New Roman 11 pt.
- ❖ Margins: 1” all around
- ❖ Paper size: 8 1/2 x 11

Headings

- ❖ Title Heading: Times New Roman 12 pt., bold, centred, all caps.
- ❖ Subheadings: Times New Roman, 11 pt centred
- ❖ Name and title; institution/organization ,e-mail: Times New Roman 11pt centred
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- ❖ Paragraph: indented 5 spaces
- ❖ Paragraph spacing: Single
- ❖ Bibliography Citation: MLA Style

WORKSHOPS

Presentation Format

- ❖ Workshops must be interactive
- ❖ Presenters must where suitable use a wide variety of illustrations to support presentations.
- ❖ Each Workshop must last for 1 hour
- ❖ Final paper must be received by 31 December 2008 (Abstract 30 September 2008)

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POSTERS

- ❖ Poster presentation must be effective in visually demonstrating a service, product, topic, problem solving strategy, innovative programme or research finding specific to the Conference Theme
- ❖ Poster session abstracts will be published in the Conference Programme
- ❖ Presenters must bring finished displays to the Conference
- ❖ Bulletin Boards will be provided to display posters
- ❖ Poster presentations will be done 18 & 19 FEBRUARY 2009
- ❖ Presenters must be available to make presentations ,answer questions and share with viewers

Presentation Format

- ❖ Dimension of poster – 36" x 48"
- ❖ Impressions maybe in paper from a Power Point presentation or common poster characteristics

- ❖ Graphics with text should be used. Screen prints, charts, drawings, photographs may be used.
- ❖ Lettering should be simple, bold and easily legible from a distance of four (4) feet.
- ❖ Posters maybe accompanied by handouts
- ❖ Posters must be prepared before arrival at the Conference. No supplies will be made available at the Conference site.

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Kindly submit all proposals for Papers/Workshops/Posters to:-

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Visit the Conference Website for Registration, Hotel Accommodation and other details at <http://www.jamlib.org.jm>



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N.B. All proposals must be in English and must be submitted by **30 September 2008**

PROPOSAL TITLE :

ABSTRACT: (For papers, workshops, Posters)

Please provide a detailed description of your presentation and its relevance to the
Conference Theme (250 – 500 words)

CONTACT INFORMATION

TITLE:..... FIRST NAME.....LAST NAME.....

ORGANIZATION/INSTITUTION/SCHOOL:.....

POSITION TITLE:.....

MAILING

ADDRESS:.....

CITY.....STATE:.....

ZIP/POSTAL CODE..... COUNTRY.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER:.....(INCLUDING AREA CODE)

TELEPHONE (MOBILE).....

E-MAIL:

BRIEF PERSONAL RESUME : Provide a brief resume outlining your background and
experience.