

History

The development of public library services in St. Lucia began with a series of short-lived systems, as far back as 1830, 1836, 1839 and 1842, from reading room to moving library to reading room.

The Central Library was opened in Castries in November 1924. It was funded jointly by Mr. Andrew Carnegie as its benefactor (Carnegie Trust) and the Castries Town Board.

In 1948, the Central Library lost all its contents to a disastrous fire on June 19 – 20, 1948.

The Central Library was housed temporarily in the lower storey of a building on 34 Chisel Street, Castries from 20th July 1948 and was later moved to the library building at George the fifth park.

Between 1950 and 1951 free public libraries were organized in Castries and Soufriere and soon spread to Vieux Fort, Dennery, Gros Islet, Choiseul, Micoud and Laborie.

The Saint Lucia Public Library

The Central Library falls under the portfolio of the Ministry of Education, Human Resource, Development and Labour and is the headquarters of the public library system in Saint Lucia.

The Library Service Department is made up of the Central Library as its headquarters and 16 branch libraries located in the main towns and villages around the island and a mobile library service.

Departments

Administration
Technical
Adult
Periodical
Reference
Children
Bindery

Services Offered

Information and Reading Services
Vacation Programmes for Children
Rental of Library Space for meetings/Lectures/Exhibitions
Training sessions in Library Skills
Organization of small libraries
Internet and wifi services
Photocopying Services

Special Collections

Lewis, Arhtur (Sir)

Nobel Prize for Economics 1979

Walcott, Derek

Nobel Prize for Literature 1992

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Opening Hours

Public Libraries

9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. Mon – Fri
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Sat

- Central Library 452-2875
slulibraryservice@gmail.com
- Anse La Raye Library
451-4861
- Babonneau Library -450-6093
bonneaupublib@live.com
- Canaries Library 459-4238
canarieslibrary@hotmail.com
- Choiseul Library 459-3534
choislibrary@hotmail.com
- Dennery Library 453-8363
dennerylibrary@gmail.com
- Desruisseaux Library
455-0502
desrulibrary@gmail.com
- Gros Islet Library 450-8192
grosisletbranchlibrary@gmail.com
- Laborie Library 455-9342
joyeux501@yahoo.com
- Marchand Library 451-8593
marchandlibrary@oulook.com
- Micoud Library 454-5059
micolibrary@outlook.com
- Monchy Library 450-7111
monchlibrary@gmail.com
- Mongouge Library 454-9404
mongougelibrary@outlook.com
- Roblot Library 459-9405
roblotlibrary@hotmail.com
- Soufriere Library 459-7361
soufrierepubliclibrary@gmail.com
- Ti-Rocher Library 454-4695
trml4544695@hotmail.com
- Vieux Fort Library 454-6046
vflibrary@hotmail.com

LOCAL NEWS PAPER ARCHIVES COLLECTION

THE VOICE

1965-1969
1971-1978
1981-2010
2011-2013

THE MIRROR

1996-2010
2011-2013

THE STAR

1987-1989
1991-1994
1996
2002-2010
2011-2013

THE CRUSADER

1985-1993
1995-2010
2011-2013

Back issues are bound for storage and are available at the main public library.

Careers related to Library and Information Services

Authors, Computer Technicians, Publishers, Printers, Artist, Information Specialist, teachers, Learning Resource Managers, Archivist, Librarians, Library Managers, Library Assistant, Record Manager, Library Manager, Education Officer, Principals

Colleges and Universities

Sir Arthur Lewis Community College – Certificate
University of the West Indies (Mona)/University of Wales, Aberystwyth (UK) – Bachelor of Science, Masters Degree, Doctorate

The University of the West Indies Department of Library and Information Studies (DLIS)

- BA Library and Information Studies
- B ED School Librarianship (offering jointly with the School of Education)
- Master of Arts in Library and

- Information Studies (MALIS)
- Master in Library and Information Studies (MLIS)

A Guide To

Central Library

Of

Saint Lucia

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide quality library and information service to all citizens and to develop programmes that will help them to become independent users and lifelong learners.

