

floor and titles up to 1989 are shelved in the basement.

The Electronic version to some titles in the collection are accessible via the library's home page.

Members of staff in the Periodicals Office on the first floor are available to give assistance. Please make enquiries at the Circulation Desk after 4:30p.m.

❖ REFERENCE COLLECTION AND DESK

At the Reference Desk on the ground floor, members of the professional staff are available to help you with your queries, literature searches and to ensure that your information needs are being adequately met. The Reference Collection on the ground floor supports your reference needs.

• PHOTOCOPYING

Photocopying facilities are situated on the ground floor. Photocopy cards may be purchased at the Circulation Desk. Colour Photocopying is available in the Main Library.

• ACADEMIC STAFF ROOM AND SEMINAR ROOM

These facilities are situated on the second floor. Request for the use of these rooms must be made at the Reference or Circulation Desk.

• STUDY CARRELS

Enclosed study carrels are available on the first floor for the use of academic staff and postgraduate students. All closed carrels are equipped with computers to facilitate research. Request for the use of the closed

carrels must be made at the Circulation Desk. Others carrels are on the first and second floors for all users.

• TO FIND MATERIAL IN THE LIBRARY you need to consult the:

❖ **ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUE (OPAC)** which provides the most current information you may require. Eventually all material will become accessible on the OPAC Card Catalogue.

❖ **CARD CATALOGUE** contains older material, but this has not been updated since 1998 as the records are being gradually converted to OPAC.

HOURS OF OPENING MAIN LIBRARY, SCIENCE & MEDICAL BRANCH LIBRARIES

Semester:

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Inter-Semester

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Summer

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Overnight Reading Room

Mon. - Fri. 10:00p.m. - 6:00a.m.
Saturdays; 4:30p.m.(or noon)-Mondays 6:00a.m.

The libraries are closed on Public and University Holidays throughout the year, on the Saturday before Independence Day, the Saturday before Easter Monday, at noon* on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

THE SCIENCE LIBRARY

The Science Library was opened in 1973. It is located to the south of the Physics Department in the Pure and Applied Sciences complex.

The collection covers Pure and Applied Sciences, Pre-clinical Medicine, Agriculture, Technology, Physical Geography and some aspects of the Environmental Sciences.

(Resources on the political, social and economic aspects of Geography and the Environmental Sciences are housed in the Main Library).

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

• LOANS

The Library offers materials on loan for varying periods. Please ask the staff at the Circulation Desk for further details on types of material and loan periods for each.

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS/PHOTOCOPY REQUESTS

The Inter-library loan facility allows you to request and utilise material that is needed, but is not in the Library's collection. The Ariel electronic document delivery system allows you to receive your articles within two days after request.

- **MONA ELECTRONIC REFERENCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE (MERIC)**

MERIC, Science Library has eight workstations from which users may access the Internet and E-mail. MERIC is located on the first floor and is available to all users with valid UWI Identification.

(Please see the MERIC brochure for additional information.)

- **COMPUTER PRINTING**

Users of the Library's work stations in MERIC may print documents on the print station located on the ground floor.

Payment must be made in advance. Please consult with staff at the Circulation or Reference Desks for further information. *(See also the brochure on printing at UWI – Mona Library).*

- **TRAINING**

All students and staff are invited to participate in the Internet, electronic databases, search strategies and OPAC training sessions conducted throughout each semester in the Science and Main Libraries. Course schedules and course descriptions are posted on the Library's web-site and on faculty notice boards.

- **DATABASES**

- ❖ **SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION NETWORK (STN)**

STN provides access to over 200 of the world's well-respected databases covering a wide range of topics in science and technology. This service is fee-based and is available mainly for academic staff and

postgraduate students. The librarians, on request do the searches.

- ❖ **CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL DATABASE (CAREN)**

CAREN is the Science Library's in-house database on the Caribbean environment. It is available to all users via the Library's homepage at [http://wwwlibrary.uwimona.edu.jm:1104/.](http://wwwlibrary.uwimona.edu.jm:1104/)

- ❖ **CAMBRIDGE SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS (CSA) and Ebscohost**

These databases open up access to many of the world's academic journals. Full text is available for some of the titles.

- ❖ **CARIBBEAN DISASTER INFORMATION NETWORK (CARDIN) DATABASE**

The CARDIN database is part of the CARDIN network which has its secretariat on the second floor of the Science Library. Formally established in June 1999, the database contains disaster related information gathered from the English, French, Spanish and Dutch speaking Caribbean. The network is funded by the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO).

You may visit CARDIN website at:
<http://wwwcardin.uwimona.edu.jm:1104>)

- **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

- ❖ **RESERVED BOOK COLLECTION (RBC)**

The RBC contains resources specially recommended by the lecturers for undergraduate courses. These resources are reserved so that the library may better monitor their circulation. This is to ensure that all students in the courses have equal

chances to borrow them. Some of the material may be used in the library only. Others may be borrowed overnight.

- ❖ **INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA)**

This collection is housed on the second floor of the Library.

- ❖ **WEST INDIES COLLECTION (WIC)**

The WIC in the Science Library contains resources of a scientific and technical nature only, and is located on the second floor. Theses may be accessed only in the WI & SC, Main Library.

- ❖ **VERTICAL FILE**

The Vertical File is a special, unique and useful collection. It contains a wide range of material which may not be available from any other source. Pictorial material, brochures, flyers, special annual reports, sample magazines, programmes of special local ceremonies and events and a diversity of other information that are of interest to our users are examples of the type of material organized in the Vertical File. Focus of the coverage is on the environment. In addition, the newspaper clippings dating back to 1988 have been integrated into the "existing" vertical file. It contains clippings relating to science, technology and the environment. There alphabetically arranged subject index to the vertical file in order to facilitate retrieval.

- ❖ **PERIODICALS**

The Periodicals Collection is located on the first floor and in the basement. Current and non-current titles in Science and Technology from 1990 to the present are filed on the first