

## **KENNETH DIKE LIBRARY BRIEF**

### **The Past**

Ibadan University Library (now Kenneth Dike Library), was established in 1948. This means that the Library is as old as the University itself. All over the world, libraries, specifically, academic libraries, are found to be crucial and important entities in the University systems because they occupy central and conspicuous locations on campuses.

The Pioneer Librarian (PL) of the Kenneth Dike Library, University of Ibadan, was John Harris, a New Zealander, who responded to what the first Principal of the University College, Ibadan, Professor Kenneth Mellanby had in mind then quoted thus: “Whatever else we do I am determined that we have at least a good library”. He succinctly described the situation he found on his arrival as a librarian’s nightmare and a scene of book chaos. In 1948, there were twenty-four (24) staff members in the library, consisting of: The University Librarian, the Chief Cataloguer, six (6) library assistants, four (4) messengers, one (1) porter, and five (5) student assistants. The staff strength witnessed considerable numerical growth in the 1970s and 1980s. This growth was later subjected to drastic reduction as a result of poor economic situation and adherence to the National University Commission (NUC) norms. The library has been blessed with dynamic heads since inception in the following order:

(Professor Harris, W. J, 1948 – 1968), (Mr. Khalil Mahmud, in acting capacity, 1968 – 1972), (Mrs. Oderinde, T.O, 1972 -1987), (Mr. Aramide, F.O, in acting capacity, 1987 – 1988), (Mrs. Grace Olufunmilayo Tamuno, 1988 – 1998), (Mr. Ikem, J.E, 1998 – 2003), (Mr. Odularu, S.S.A, in acting capacity, 2003 – 2004), (Dr. (Mrs) G.D. Ekpenyong , in acting capacity, 2004 -2005), (Mrs Scott-Emuakpor, in acting capacity, 2005 – 2006), (Dr. B.A. Oladele, 2006 – 2016), (Dr. Helen Komolafe-Opadeji, 2016 – 2022), (Mr. Ola, C.O. in acting capacity, 2022 – 2023). At this point, briefly, the present shall be looked at:

### **The Present**

The University of Ibadan confers on the Library, the responsibility of providing information resources (books, journals, reports, monographs, electronic based resources, etc.), aimed at supporting and enhancing teaching, learning, and research (TLR) mandates of the University. In responding to the actualisation of this critical responsibility, the University operates a Library system, with Kenneth Dike Library (KDL) as the main library. Other Libraries in the system are: E-Latunde Odeku Medical Library located about eight (8) kilometres away from the main campus at the College of Medicine, and Faculty, Departmental and Institute and Centre Libraries.

Over the years, the collections of these Libraries have grown and are still growing, to the extent that the aggregate holdings of the materials in the system is estimated at well over two (2) million volumes for printed materials. These consist of books, journals, dissertations, technical reports and monographs, including materials of historical nature, such as the Africana collections. As part of the global shift from information being held in printed formats to electronic based formats, the library decided to subscribe to a number of electronic databases, consisting of journals, e-books, monographs and reports in practically all subject areas/ covered in the University of Ibadan. This is estimated to be over ten (10) million volumes. Some of these databases are: JSTOR, RESEARCH4LIFE (AGORA, HINARI, OARE, ARDI and GOALI), PROQUEST/Ebrary, etc. These databases can only be accessed by logging into the University of

Ibadan network while on campus. This means that other networks cannot be used to gain access to these databases, except JSTOR. Access to a database such as the JSTOR database, permits using other networks apart from the University network, particularly outside the campus, institutional access combination is obtainable at the ICT and Systems Division (ICT&SD), Kenneth Dike Library, University of Ibadan.

With respect to automation of the Library collections, which forms the basis for establishing Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC), the library has gone through different stages, but presently, the Library Management System Software being used is the University of Ibadan Integrated Library Software (UI-ILS). It has web interface to operate the concept of interoperability of information systems. This means that users do not need to register their physical presence in the library before browsing through the available collections. The Library OPAC can be accessed anywhere both within and outside the campus if you have internet facilities at your disposal.

Furthermore, digitisation of some of the library's collections is currently on going. This initiative is aimed at serving two (2) major purposes, namely: Preservation for posterity and delivery of virtual library services. The underlying philosophy of this arrangement is to provide timely, current and accurate information in support of the TLR mandate of the University. Also, the digitisation effort has helped the library in showcasing the intellectual outputs of the University of Ibadan through the launching of the University of Ibadan Institutional Repository (UIIR) since 2014. This is aimed at providing wider visibility to the intellectual outputs of the University of Ibadan and at the same time raising the profile and prestige of the University in terms of web metric ranking of the Universities. The Library has a digitisation chamber where all digitization related activities are carried out.

As a back-up to all these laudable initiatives, the Library has two (2) laboratories, with internet ready computer systems from which the users can surf the internet for online information search. In addition, the library has a closed access collection where, at least, a copy of every title of books acquired is kept. Books in this collection, have restricted circulation. They cannot be loaned and taken out of the library. This is to ensure that, at every point in time, a user is assured of having access to the books she/he requires. This policy has also helped during professional and academic accreditation programmes. Also, in place, is a designated space for group study room and equally referred to as the eChat Room, equipped with comfortable facilities for the students' relaxation.

## **Opening Hours:**

### **(i) During Session:**

Monday to Friday	–	8.00 a.m - 10.00 p.m.
Saturday	–	8.00 a.m - 1.00 p.m.
Sunday	–	5.00 p.m - 10.00 p.m.

### **(ii) During Vacation:**

Monday to Friday	–	8.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Saturday	–	8.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

## **Other Useful Information about the Library**

### **Ground Floor: West Wing**

- i) Circulation Desk
- ii) Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) stand
- iii) Exhibition Gallery
- iv) Reprographic Unit
- v) Research Library
- vi) Electronic Classroom
- vii) Cataloguing Section and
- viii) Digitisation Chamber.

### **Ground Floor: East Wing**

#### **General Reading Room**

Undergraduate reference collection; current issues of journals on display; latest issues of newspapers; general reading collection; recent accessions; University calendars and prospectuses. The General Reading Room is mainly for consultation of reference work and reading of current work, current journals and newspapers. It is also used for 24 hours library services. The seating capacity is six hundred (600) readers at a time.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR**

### **A. West Wing**

- i) ICT and Systems Division.
- ii) Space for Internet Users with seating capacity of 70 users at a time.
- iii) Office of the Deputy University Librarian (DUL) , ICT and Systems
- iv) Server Room
- v) Head, Technical, infrastructure and Internet Services' Office

### **B. East Wing**

Electronic Library with one hundred (100) Internet ready computers for the students to access electronic resources and surfing the Internet.

### **C. Chat Room**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**

## **A) West Wing**

- i) Collection Development Librarian's Office
- ii) Acquisition Librarian's Office
- iii) Reading Room – Seating Capacity (70)
- iv) Book Shelves

## **Subject Areas Covered:**

R – Medicine

RA – Public Aspects of Medicine, Public Health, Hygiene,  
Preventive Medicine, Toxicology

RB – Pathology

RC – Internal Medicine

RD – Surgery

RE – Ophthalmology

RF – Otorhinolaryngology (Ear, Nose and Throat)

RG – Gynecology and Obstetrics

RJ – Pediatrics

RK – Dentistry

RM – Therapeutics, Pharmacology

RS – Pharmacy and Material Medical

RT – Nursing

S – Agriculture

SB – Plant Culture

SD – Forestry

SF – Animal Culture

SH – Aquaculture, Fisheries, Angling

SK – Hunting Sports

L – Education

L- General works

LA – History

LB – Theory and Practice of Education

LB – 1705 – 2286 – Education and Training of Teachers and Administrators

LB – 2300 -2430 – Higher Education

LB – 2081 -3095 – School Administration and Organization

LC – Special Aspects of Education

LF – Individuals Institutions – Europe

LG – Individual Institutions – Asia, Africa, Oceania

Z – Bibliography, Library Science, Information Resources

Z – Books (General), Writing, Book Industries, Libraries and Bibliography

ZA – Information Resources (General)

v) Collection Development Technical Staff Office

vi) Collection Development Work Room

**B) East Wing**

i) Reading Room( Seating Capacity(55))

ii) Book Shelves:

**Subject Areas Covered:**

A – General Works

AC – Collections, Series, Collected Works

AE – Encyclopedia

AM – Museums

AS – Societies, Academics

AZ – General History of Scholarship and Learning

B – Philosophy (General)

BC – Logic

BD – Philosophical Works, Metaphysics, Epistemology

Theory of Knowledge, Methodology, Ontology

Cosmology

BJ – Ethics

BL – Religions, Mythology, Rationalism, Hinduism

BM – Judaism

BP – Islam and Bahai Faith

BQ – Buddhism

BR – Christianity

BS – Bible and Exegesis

BT – Doctrinal Theology

BV – Practical Theology

BX – Christian Dominations

C- Auxiliary Sciences of History (General)

CB – History of Civilization

CD – Diplomatic, Archives and Seals

CT – Biography

D- General History

DA – Great Britain

DC – France, Andorra, Monaco

DD – Germany

DE – Greco-Roman World

DF – Greece

DG – Italy – Malta

DJK – Eastern Europe (General)

DK – Russia, Soviet Union, Former Soviet Republic, Poland

DL – Northern Europe, Scandinavia

DP – Spain, Portugal

DQ – Switzerland



DR – Balkan Peninsula

DS – Asia

DT – Africa

DU – Oceania (South Seas – Australia, New Zealand Polynesia)

E – American and the United states History (General)

F- United States (Local) and America

G- Geography, Anthropology, Recreation

G – General Geography, Atlases and Maps

GA – Mathematical Geography, Cartography

GB – Physical Geography

GC – Oceanography

GE – Environmental Sciences

GF – Human Ecology, Anthropogeography

GR – Folklore

GT – Manners and Customs

GV – Recreation, Leisure

H – Social Sciences

HA – Statistics

HB – Economic Theory, Demography

HC – Economic History and Conditions

HD – Industries, Land Use, Labor Management, Economic Growth, Development, Planning

HE – Transportation and Communications

HF – Commerce (Including Tariff)

HG – Finance, Money, Banking, Investment, Capital Formation, Speculation, Insurance

HJ – Public Finance

HM – Sociology, (General), Theory and Method, Culture, Social

Psychology.

HN – Reform Social History and Conditions, Social Problems

HQ – Family Marriage, Women

HS – Societies, Secret, Benevolent

HJ – Social Pathology, Social and Public Welfare, Criminology

HX – Socialism, Communism, Anarchism

J – Political Science

JA – Political Science (General)

JC – Political Theory

JF – Political Institutions and Public Administration (General)

iii) Office of the Deputy University Librarian (DUL) Special Collections.

### **3RD FLOOR**

**A) West Wing**

- i) Office of the University Librarian

**B) East Wing**

- i) Reading Room – Seating Capacity(55)
- ii) Book Shelves

**Subject Areas Covered:**

CC – Archaeology  
QN – Anthropology  
Q – Science(General)  
QA – Mathematics  
QC – Physics  
QD – Chemistry  
QE – Geology  
QH – Natural History – Biology  
QK – Botany  
QL – Zoology  
QM – Human Anatomy  
QP – Physiology  
QR – Microbiology  
T – Technology (General)  
TA – Engineering (General) Civil Engineering  
TC – Hydraulic Engineering  
TD – Environment Technology Sanitary Engineering  
TE – Highway Engineering Roads/ Pavement  
TF – Railroad Engineering and Operations  
TH – Building Construction  
TJ – Mechanical Engineering and Machinery

TK – Electrical Engineering Electronics, Nuclear Engineering

TL – Motor, Vehicles, Aeronautics, Astronautics

TN – Mining Engineering Metallurgy

TP – Chemical Technology

TR – Photography

TS – Manufacturer

TT – Handcrafts, Arts and Crafts

TX – Home Economics

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**A. West Wing**

- i) Arabic Collection Section
- ii) Maps Section
- iii) Manuscripts Section

**B. East Wing**

Closed Access Collection (CAC): Covered all Subject Areas.