



## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE ABU LIBRARY COMPLEX

The mission of ABU Library Complex is to ensure that adequate information resources are made available, accessible and useful to all library users with guaranteed efficient library services delivery that promote creativity and preservation of knowledge.

## AFRICANA UNIT

**(For Staff and Postgraduate students only)**

The Africana Unit is a restricted area accessible to staff and postgraduate students only. Its collections which are in closed access, comprise (mainly) books on Africa, about Africa and written by Africans and Africans in Diaspora. They cover all aspects and disciplines mainly history, literature, the social sciences and indeed anything dealing with Africa.

The main strength of its resources is the Clarence Holte collection which was acquired during FESTAC 77 and has endured and broadened our knowledge of Africans in Diaspora especially African Americans as well Afro centric studies in various fields.

By implication, the information resources under this unit for student consumption are publications that have to do with Africa/Africans. Publications on/about Africa as a continent and as a geographical location that is its weather conditions, climate and terrains. Publications about Africans as a people and inhabitants of Africa. It's culture, beliefs, tradition, ways of life and politics. Publications by non-Africans but on/about Africa and dwelling on the aforementioned. They are meant to place positive value on African culture and to make the world aware that Africa has a culture, local tradition and that Africa did have enviable civilization even before the Europeans came. All these publications about western interpretation, reform and/experience about Africans and Africa, on/about African by non-African are in different forms-print and non-print alike. In the present Africana unit, the print are profound and these are in form of books on general Africa/African matter, research works in the form of theses and dissertations, journals, newspapers, scrapbooks and rare books. All these materials especially the rare books which are out of print were written by renowned scholars. They contain rich historical materials about Africa and Africans alike which the library uses in providing services to its teeming populace. They are reliable materials which researchers can use for their studies. All the collections are on closed-shelf system made available to users on request.



*Africana Relaxation Area (Late Alh. Inuwa Dikko, former UL corner)*

## STUDY CARRELS

There are 24 reading rooms/ study carrels located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Kashim Ibrahim Library and these are under the Africana unit in Research and Bibliographic Services Division.

***Study carrels are not intended to be second offices, but rather are sanctuaries to conduct private research, complete a book, write an article and for postgraduates who want total privacy for their studies devoid of distraction.***

Available in the carrels are reading tables, chairs and electrical appliances for visibility and computer use. The carrels are allocated to users prior to a written application. To qualify for this carrel/study room, a student has to be in the data collection and or analysis stage of his/her research. Applications are written directly to the University Librarian after which if approved, the applicant is given the key to the allocated room through the Research and Bibliographic Services Division/Africana Unit head. The duration of the occupancy of a carrel is two months. A student can renew the occupancy as the case may be. ***Students should note that carrels though being a personal reading room are not meant for discussion and are strictly meant for academic purposes.***

## RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF STUDY CARRELS

1. Carrels are intended for research purposes only. They are not second offices or conference rooms, nor do they have mailing addresses.
2. Carrels may not be used by persons other than those to whom they are assigned. There should be only one chair in a carrel at any given time.
3. The study carrels areas allocated on first come-first served basis.
4. Eligible users are: faculty members engaged in research, doctoral and masters candidates preparing for their dissertation and theses.
5. The carrels are assigned for an initial period of three month, renewable on request.

6. Carrel holders shall be currently enrolled or employed by the University.
7. The library shall not be liable for the loss or damage of any property kept in the study carrel and shall check out all at the expiration of period of use.
8. Use of study carrel shall be by written application to the University Librarian through the user's Head of Department.

## STAFF OF THE MONTH



### Mr Nuhu Muhammad Abdulhamid

Mr Nuhu Muhammad Abdulhamid is one of the experienced technical staff in Research and Bibliographic Service Division (Document Unit). He obtained a Diploma in Computer Application & Desktop Publishing (A.S.O Computer Academic) and a Senior Library Assistant Certificate in Kashim Ibrahim Library, ABU Zaria. He is a technical librarian and has exceptional skills in the handling and processing of information resources. He has been outstanding in the discharge of his duties since he assumed work in the Research & Bibliographic Service Division. As such he deserves this recognition.



Outer view of the study carrels