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Library Launches new Audiovisual Services

GUC Library has scored another first by installing the much coveted Explorer DSTV system to beef up its array of audiovisual services. The system is the latest in the market and most likely the only one around Garissa region and comes with numerous benefits.

First and foremost, coming with a 75 inch flat TV screen means that users will no longer strain their eyes, scramble or clutter at the forefront to view or listen to programmes. The TV screen is also one of the latest in the market with razor sharp images and surround and stereo sound outputs. It allows connectivity by both the traditional video and also HDMI cable which is much clearer

The Explorer decoder has numerous capabilities including the possibility of sharing the same dish with other decoders on different channels. The decoder can also accommodate audio and video files from other devices such as memory

GUC Library Conducts A Massive Acquisition of Books



Garissa University staff and students selecting books during the book exhibition

In commemoration of the 2016 International Open Access Week whose theme was “Open in Action”, the library mounted a book-sourcing exhibition which was held at the Main Campus on 26th October 2016 from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

The aim of this exercise was to provide an opportunity to GUC staff and students to participate in selection of books for acquisition by the library. It also provided a good opportunity for those who wished to buy their own university class textbook materials directly from the exhibitors who comprised renowned booksellers in the country. These included Jimco Book

Services, Njigua Books, KerKem Agencies, Falcon Books Ltd and Gabby Books Ltd. However and contrary to expectations, Moi University Bookshop could not attend due to other engagements.

During the exercise, the library managed to link a number of students particularly those taking information related courses with some suppliers to assist in the coordination of the exhibition on contract basis. This was a golden opportunity for them not only to earn some pocket money but also to learn the art and science of booktrade which is part and parcel of information science.

About 700 titles and 2,000

volumes of books were selected for acquisition and are already undergoing processing to make them shelf ready.

Commenting on the exercise, both students and staff agreed that this was the a novel and best way to acquire library materials in the sense that it made it possible to scrutinize the content of the books hence lead to very relevant collection.

There is no doubt that the mass acquisition of books will go a long way in ensuring that the academic needs of Garissa University College are met and that the graduates from the institution will be very competitive in the job market.

sticks, computer or even smart phones.

The new audiovisual equipment has come in the wake

of the library acquiring high end ICT equipment to enhance virtual library services. The equipment in-

clude a server computer to run the web based Koha library management system and Dspace institutional

repository system where users will be able to access the library catalogue and past examination papers via the internet. The server will also host the library website, databases and high volume files.

The library has also acquired a heavy duty network enabled duplex A3 printer with additional capacity to scan and photocopy for reprographic services.

To ensure continuity of services, the library has 2 powerful uninterruptible power supply systems (UPS) with 1 and 10KVA capacity for 24 hr continuous supply to support the issue desk and main server and security installations. Respectively.

The recently acquired An LCD projector will also help the library play a bigger role in teaching, user education and capacity

How to Access Electronic Books and Journals

GUC Library has subscribed to a number of paid for electronic books and journals. To access these, please open the GUC website at www.garissauniversity.ac.ke. Open the library link on the main menu and click the electronic books and journals link in the ensuing roll-down menu. A list will be displayed containing 6 e-book and 40 e-

journal databases through Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium (KLISC). There are also special open access databases courtesy of the Consortium. Each link entry is a link and by merely clicking on it, you will be directed to each specific database. Just follow the instructions and access the articles or chapters of your choice. For more information, please visit the library.

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