

Albertina Jefferson



Ms. Albertina Agatha Jefferson nee Oxley

Ms Jefferson was born in the twin Island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and began her education at the coveted Bishop Anstey High School and later matriculated to the University of Toronto where she obtained a Bachelors degree in Sociology. She later attended the Columbia University where she obtained a Masters Degree in Library Science, with Distinction and in 1959 began her career in Librarianship at the Central Library of Trinidad and Tobago.

In 1965, She joined the staff at the University of the West Indies, Mona campus as a member of the professional staff and smoothly navigated her way to the post of Campus Librarian in 1981 and later held the position of University Librarian between 1990 – 1997. Ms Jefferson was a proactive and persistent manager who ensured that she secured funding from several projects including enclosing and equipping the third floor of the Science Library.

Having conceptualized the Multi-Function Room as an income generating medium for the Library to host exhibits as well as other cultural functions, Ms Jefferson sought to highlight this space as an alternative to other spaces available for use on campus. The last major expansion, under her leadership, involved the entrance of the Multi-function Room, The Foyer and the Circulations Area as well as the Elsa Goveia Reading Room.

Publications

“Rex Nettleford: His works: an annotated Bibliography. Comp. Librarians, University of the West Indies, Mona: ed. Albertina Jefferson. Kingston: The Press University of the West Indies, 1999.

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Libraries and the Challenges of Change: papers of the International Library Conference held in Kingston, Jamaica, 24th -29th April 1972. Ed. K. E. Ingram and Albertina Jefferson. London: Mansell Information for Jamaica Library Association and Jamaica Library Service, 1975

Information Technology: Computers, Communication and the Caribbean. Papers and Proceedings of the 19th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean University,

Research and Institutional Libraries. Ed. Albertina Jefferson. San Juan, P. R.: ACURIL Secretariat, 1989.

Contribution to the Profession

- Member:** 1981 *National Council on Libraries and Archives and Documentation Services*
- Member:** 1985 *Standing Committee for Latin American and the Caribbean, International Federation of Library Association (IFLA)*
- President:** 1987 - 1988 *Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL)*
- 1988 *Jamaica Government Representative to the 7th Session of the Intergovernmental Council for the General Information Programme, Paris*
- President:** 1989 *Jamaica Library Service (JLS)*
- Member:** 1989 *Editorial Committee of the IFLA Journal*
- Member:** 1989 *National Committee for International Literacy*
- Member:** 1989 *Programme Sub-Committee for International Literacy*