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Editorial

Theme of 2015 International Open Access Week was, “Open for Collaboration”. The theme highlighted the ways in which collaboration both inspires and advances the Open Access movement—from the partnerships behind launching initiatives such as PLOS and Impact Story, to the working relationships the community has established with policymakers that have delivered Open Access policies around the world. The theme also emphasized the ways in which Open Access enables new avenues for collaboration between scholars by making research available to any potential collaborator, anywhere, any time.

Established by SPARC in 2008, International Open Access Week provides an opportunity for the academic and research community to continue to learn about the benefits of Open Access, to share what they have learned with colleagues, and to help inspire wider participation in helping to make Open Access the norm in scholarship and research. This year's Open Access Week was held from October 19 through 23.

The “Open for Collaboration” explored how cooperation between stakeholder communities helps to set the default to open for scholarly communication. At a broader level, the theme provided an opportunity for Open Access supporters to consider working with those in similar, allied movements for Open Data and Open Education to advance common goals more quickly.



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Stimulating Scholarship in Innovation

HIT Celebrates Open Access Week: 19 - 23 October 2015

Open Access (OA) Week, a global event which entered its eighth year in October 2015, is an opportunity for academic and research communities to continue to learn about the potential benefits of Open Access, to share what they have learned with colleagues, and to help inspire wider participation in helping to make Open Access a new norm in scholarship and research. "Open Access" to information – the free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results as you need – has the power to transform the way research and scientific inquiry are conducted. It has direct and widespread implications for academia, medicine, science, industry, and for society as a whole.

Harare Institute of Technology Library celebrated Open Access Week in style from Monday 19 October to Friday, 23 October 2015. The students and staff had an eye catching activity through the use of a mega phone, an amazing initiative conceived by one of the members of Library Staff. The mega-phone had a recorded message that broadcasted Open Access messages throughout the Institute. The 'delivery bike' that sparked excitement in the previous year's celebrations, was also used in conjunction with the mega phone to distribute Open Access promotional materials which the Library had prepared. Library staff and students teamed up in the one week long OA celebrations in the Institute, a move that showed collaboration.

Subject librarians took the opportunity to promote some OA databases while propagating the Open Access messages and pamphlets designed as OA promotional material.



Celebrating OA 2015 using the delivery bike and the megaphone at HIT

The Library's facebook page also carried highlights of the celebrations and it received more than 800 likes. Interviews were also carried out by Library staff on some members of the HIT Community. Results showed that the Community was aware of OA initiative and appreciated it.

The celebrations culminated in an Open Access Seminar for the HIT Community (academics, research fellows, students and non-teaching staff). The Institute Librarian, Mr Maenzanise and the Dean of Industrial Sciences and Technology, Engineer Muredzi facilitated at the seminar so did the President of the Student Representative Council. The Librarian presented the Global Perspective of Open Access while the Dean's presentation was on the demystification of intellectual property and development of an intellectual commons through the Open Access initiative. Students appreciated it very much.

Open for Collaboration



OA Seminar by Student Representative (pictured above) and Institute Librarian (pictured below) and

The megaphone: an Open Access Promoting Tool



Harare Institute of Technology Library and Information Services (HIT LIS) celebrated Open Access Week from 19-23 October 2015. A megaphone and a delivery bike were used during the celebrations.

The use of the megaphone in the celebrations was an idea borrowed from street vendors who lure potential buyers to their products using a megaphone instead of shouting at the top of their voices to be heard. Mr Nhakura and his team developed and recorded messages on the megaphone. They invited students to also partake in the celebrations. Together with volunteer students, the team moved around campus with the megaphone hailing the messages while talking to people about Open Access Resources and also distributing brochures and pamphlets.

The megaphone was used in conjunction with the bicycle to propagate messages and this lit up the whole institute with excitement. The megaphone broadcasted messages to a distance of 700m. It captured the attention of the whole HIT community with almost everyone wanting to catch a glimpse of the students as they moved around campus and wondering what the loud noise was about.

The message propagated by students to the whole Institute through pre-recorded sessions was:

Open Access! Open Access! Open Access!

Research is done at HIT

Assignments done at HIT

Examinations done at HIT

Open Access! Open Access! Open Access!

Open for Collaboration,

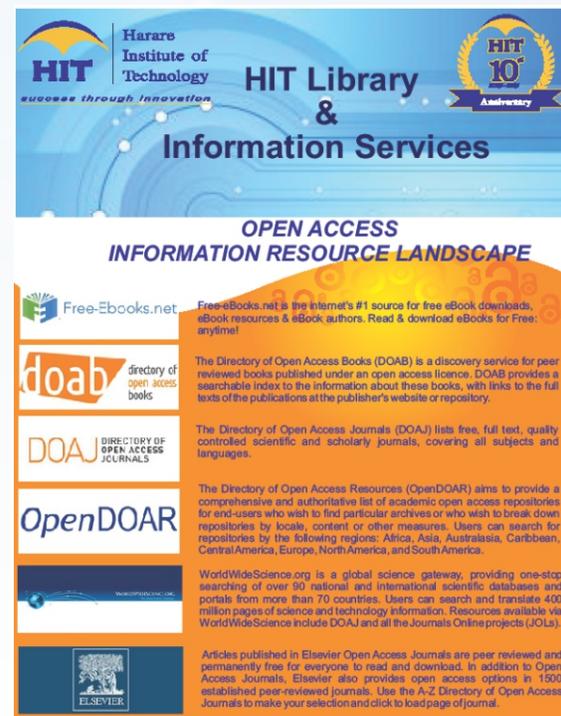
Collaborate at HIT,

Collaborate in Zimbabwe,

Collaborate Internationally,

Open Access! Open Access! Open Access!

Open Access resources are peer reviewed and can be used to support teaching and learning, thus complimenting purchased resources in conducting research, doing assignments and in examination preparation. With access to information resources being open more students can collaborate with others internationally. Academics too can engage in collaborative research with peers globally.



Celebrating World AIDS Day at HIT

Zimbabwe was privileged to host the 18th edition of ICASA, the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) during which the World Health Organization tabled new Anti-Retroviral Therapy guidelines, designed to help countries meet the ambitious 90-90-90 treatment target to end the AIDS epidemic target by 2020. The new guidelines states that ART should be initiated in everyone living with HIV regardless of the CD4 count or showing symptoms of being infected. ICASA 2015 was officially opened by Zimbabwe's Honourable Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa.

HIT Library and Information Services joined the rest of the nation in commemorating World Aids Day. Staff and students collaborated openly in the celebrations which saw displays and distribution of information materials on HIV and AIDS to many people throughout campus.

The Library also used the Library facebook page to advertise the celebrations and many people who visited the page also participated by writing comments and liking the pictures which had been posted.



New Books



Criminal Psychology and Forensic Technology by G M Godwin (ed.)

Publisher: CRC Press, 2001

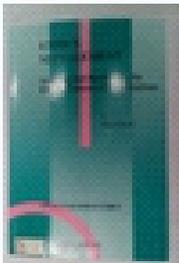
This edition encompasses a host of related disciplines such as personality theory, forensic psychology, environmental psychology, clinical psychology and relatively new field of criminal psychology.



Litigation Services Handbook by R L Well...[et. al.]

Publisher: Wiley, 2012

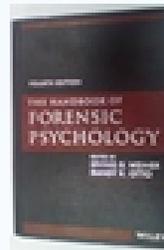
This edition comprises seven sections each addressing a different practice area or set of functional tools, Litigation environment, Developing a damages analysis, Litigation Tools and techniques, Ancillary issues in damages Matters, Civil litigation, Criminal matters and investigations and Family Law. **It is a must read.**



Ethics Management by M Kaplein

Publisher: Kluwer, 1998

Provides a fundamental and coherent vision on how ethics can be organised in a focused way. This study examines the assumptions for organising ethics, the pitfalls and phases of such a process, the parts of an ethics audit and the great variety of measures.



The Handbook of Forensic Psychology by I Weiner (ed.)

Publisher: Wiley, 2014

This handbook aims to provide an authoritative and comprehensive resource for understanding the theoretical foundations of forensic psychology, becoming familiar with the expanding research base in this speciality, and learning to apply forensic concepts artfully in everyday practice.



Fraud Corruption in Public Services by P Jones

Publisher: Gower, 2004

This book is primarily intended for practising managers, accountants, auditors, compliance officers and others who need to combat fraud and corruption or at least encourage awareness and action in their peers and subordinates.



Data Mining for Intelligence Fraud and Criminal Detection by C Westphal

Publisher: CRC Press, 2009

This book is dedicated to the analysts around the world who work diligently to secure the borders, critical infrastructure and integrity of their homelands. It is for all those people who support law enforcement, the intelligence community and corporate security. It is for police officers, special agents and criminal investigators who ensure our safety every day. It is for all those heroes who have given their lives to uphold our laws, protect our rights and guarantee our freedoms.

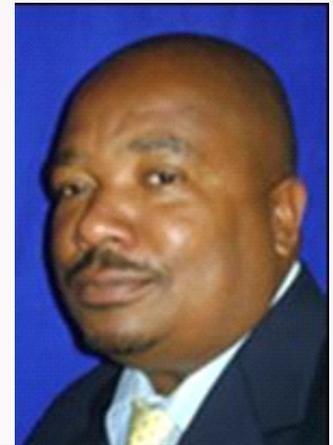
Visit the library for more new books

The Institute Librarian has a new Term of Office

Library and Information Staff (LIS) and indeed the whole HIT Community would like to express their joy on the renewal of Mr Jasper Lee Maenzanise's second term of office as the Institute Librarian at Harare Institute of Technology. We say, "Congratulations!! Makorokoto!! Amhlope!!", to you Mr Jasper Lee Maenzanise for yet another dance in the Office. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Board, the Vice Chancellor and the Ministry for trusting in you. We are happy to have you as our mentor and we cherish your mentorship.

Your vast experience in library and information circles amassed over 20 years of good workmanship is critical in the Library's bid to unlock the value of resources and information services for the support of research and innovation activities in the Institute. Mr Maenzanise has served at high levels in many institutions and this has brought many varied experiences from previous postings at Belvedere Technical Teachers Training, Morgan Zintec, Harare Polytechnic College, the University of Zimbabwe and the Zimbabwe Open University where he served as the Director of ZOU Libraries for more than 9 years.

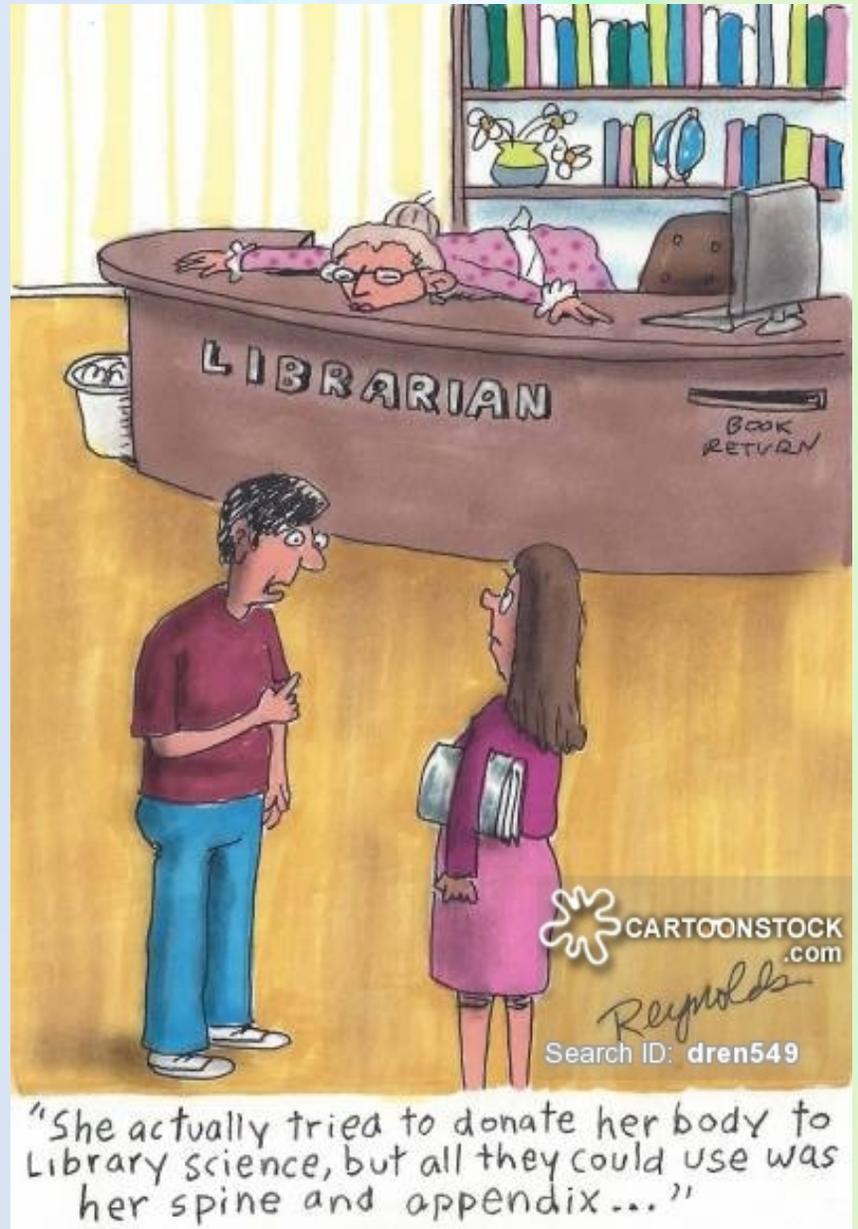
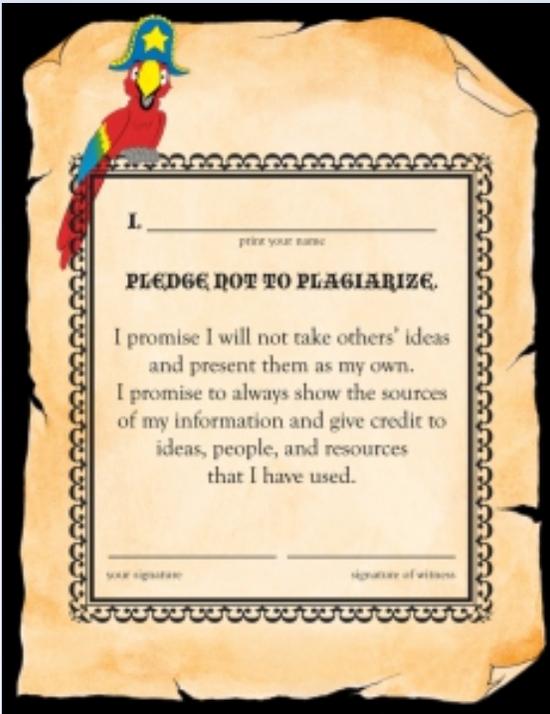
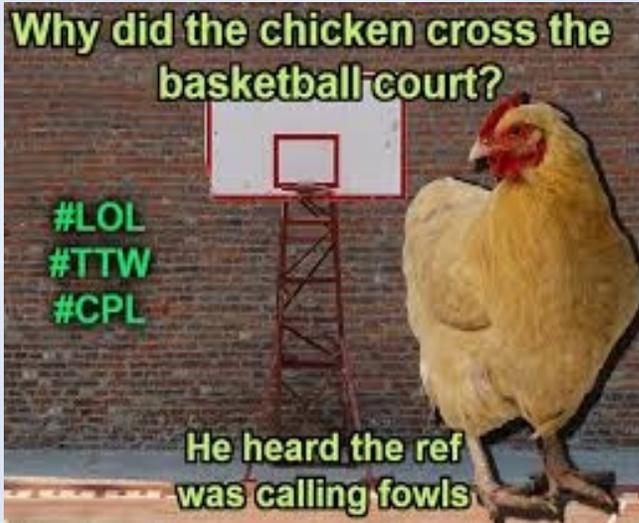
Experience gained from postings in these institutions of higher learning is contributing greatly in the transformation of the HIT Library and Information Services's endeavour to be the ultimate information focal-point for stimulating scholarship in innovation. LIS looks up to you as a **trailblazer** for its role in research and innovation in the Institute.



LIS Staff happy to dance with Mr Maenzanise for another term

Stimulating Scholarship in Innovation

Stimulating Lighter Moments in the Library



Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one.

—Neil Gaiman

Library is where one frequently finds people, lower their voices and raise their minds.
— Light Armour