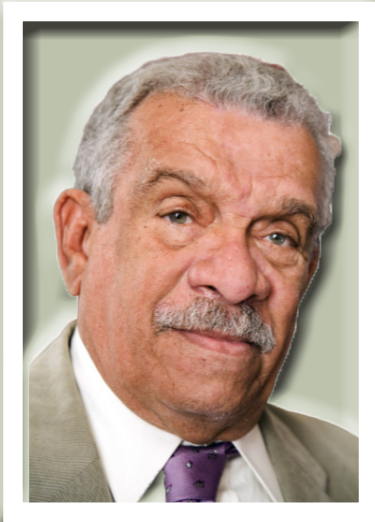


ABOUT THE DEREK WALCOTT LIBRARY



THE Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (SALCC) is home to the personal book collection of Saint Lucian born Nobel Laureate, Sir Derek Alton Walcott. Ms. Sigrid Nama presented the College with this generous donation during a symbolic handing over ceremony, which took place on the campus of the College in January 2020. The following year, on 22nd January 2021, during the Nobel Laureate Festival, the College unveiled the space that would be developed into the Derek Walcott Library (DWL).

The mission of the Derek Walcott Library is to preserve and promote the culture, heritage, and legacy of Sir Derek Walcott. The Derek Walcott Library will be a center of excellence for the creative arts, with a focus on the literary, performing, and visual arts - providing a myriad of educational opportunities and cultural services to students and the wider community.

The Derek Walcott Library is a special library, which serves a specialized purpose, tailored to the needs of its specific users. The library features unique collections of resources on Caribbean literature, books written by and about Walcott, art books, and other books gifted to Walcott by friends and other writers over the years.

SERVICES

- Access to Digital Resources – Nobel Laureate Portal and Databases
- Author Talks
- Book Lending
- Book Clubs
- Book Launches
- Computer Access and Wi-Fi
- Coaching and Mentoring – literary, creative and performing arts
- Creative Writing Workshops
- Exhibitions / Displays
- Lectures and Readings

MEMBERSHIP

There is an annual fee to join the library. These fees assist the library with the development, upkeep and maintenance of the collections, equipment, programmes and facilities. Registered users must carry a valid ID/ Library Card which will serve as a form of identification and a means of access to services and facilities. This card is not transferable and can only be used by the registered member. Fully registered members are entitled to full library access and borrowing rights.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

FREE:

- SALCC Students and Faculty –Literary, Creative and Performing Arts Programmes
- SALCC Creative and Performing Arts Club (CAPA) – Executive Members
- Visiting Scholars / Researchers / Affiliates - Limited Membership
- Lifetime Honorary Membership



PAID:

- **SALCC Staff and Students (*not affiliated with or enrolled in the Literary, Creative and Performing Arts Programmes*)** – EC \$50 annually
- **General Public** - EC \$100 annually
- **Institutional Membership** – EC \$250 annually
- **Corporate Membership** – EC \$500 annually
- **Part-time Membership / Temporary Access Pass** - EC \$50 (any period over two weeks and below six months)

Members should note the following

- Full membership grants patrons visitation during the library's regular opening hours, borrowing privileges to select areas of the collection, and exclusive, private use of the lounge for one calendar day a year. Library rules and regulations apply.
- External applicants must produce proof of identity in the form of official photographic ID bearing their name, such as a passport, or driver's license.
- External applicants must additionally provide proof of address from a recent bank statement or utility bill.
- Each applicant must fill in an appropriate form, accepting certain conditions in line with preserving the collection and accepting full responsibility / liability for any losses or damage of material borrowed.
- Patrons' details will be logged on the library system.
- Before using the facilities, all patrons must sign their names in the register provided and provide additional details as requested.

WE WELCOME VISITORS

Everyone is welcome to visit the library during regular opening hours. A small fee is charged to assist with the development, upkeep and maintenance of the library's collections, equipment, programmes and facilities.

Entrance Fees facilitate a walkthrough of the lower and upper floors and general browsing of the collection within a 30 minute duration. The entrance fees do not include any use of the material or extended use of reading room spaces.

Reading Day Pass Fees facilitates use of the reading room (lower floor only) for the day during the prescribed opening hours or any part thereof. This does not include access to the lounge. Services include browsing the collection, reading and in-house use of the material in accordance with the library's rules and regulations.

VISITOR ACCESS FEES

- **Free - Reading Day Pass - Saint Lucian Nationals**
Saint Lucians visit free of charge upon presentation of a valid ID.
- **Paid - Non-Nationals / Tourists**
 - **Entrance Fees:** Adults - EC \$14; children below the age of 12 – free; 12 years to 16 years - EC \$7
 - **Reading Day Pass** – Adults - EC \$68; children below the age of 12 – free; 12 years to 16 years - EC \$34

MATERIAL LENDING POLICIES

Book loans are granted from select areas of the collection to support the needs of faculty, students, scholars, and researchers. Certain loan exceptions apply depending on the condition, the physical nature, material type, fragility, scarcity, and the research value of the requested material, as well as on the duration of the loan. Rare books may not be loaned.



LOAN AGREEMENT

Members are required to sign a loan agreement for all material borrowed from the library. Library cards are required to complete the standard check-out procedure. Authority to approve non-member loan requests resides with the Librarian.

DURATION OF LOAN

The maximum length of any loan is one week, for two books, with one immediate renewal. The library reserves the right to recall the loan if it deems that the items are deteriorating in any way, or are at risk of damage or theft, or if the borrower otherwise fails to comply with the loan conditions in accordance with the terms of the Loan Agreement.

Any requests to extend the term of the loan should be made in writing in accordance with the Loan Agreement. Borrowed items must be returned in the same condition in which they were received.

COST OF THE LOAN

There is no cost for material loans.

Overdue Fines / Penalties for Damaged and/or Lost Materials

The borrower agrees to pay all costs associated with overdue items or restoration of items returned in damaged condition. A fine of EC \$10 is charged daily for overdue materials (maximum \$200) and up to EC \$250 for repairable damages. For lost items - a loss fee of EC \$500 is charged plus the replacement cost of the item. Please be kind with the material.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Instagram/Facebook/ [@hunterjfrancoislibrary](#)

GIFTS AND MATERIALS DONATION

Donations for consideration shall include published or unpublished material that support the mission of the library and that includes material about Derek Walcott and/or his works. Any other material donations are accepted at the sole discretion of the librarian. Monetary gifts are also accepted.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Patrons shall use the library appropriately, in accordance with established policies and in a manner that respects and ensures the comfort and safety of others. The work of the library staff in ensuring a positive and safe environment shall be respected. There is a zero tolerance for illegal drug use, alcohol use, possession of weapons, harassment, discrimination, or violence of any kind in the library.

Where a patron has breached library regulations e.g., excessive fines or persistent bad behavior, they may be charged a penalty fee and, in some cases, also lose their visitation rights or membership status. The exact penalty is determined at the discretion of the librarian based on the severity of the breach.

LOCATION

The library is located within the Innovation Hub building, on the campus of the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College, Morne Fortuné, Castries, Saint Lucia.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- **Mondays and Wednesdays: 9am to 6pm**
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9am to 4pm**
- **Fridays: 9am to 3pm**
- **Saturdays: 10am to 2pm**
- **Closed: Public Holidays**

Hours may be adjusted for special events.



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