



University of Nairobi Library
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University of Nairobi Library NEWSLETTER ... Director's Desk



Ms. Angela Mumo

To all of our esteemed newsletter readers .

I am glad to welcome you to our Library Newsletter 2025 Edition .It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all our readers, whether you are a regular visitor or a newcomer, to our wonderful library community

As we continue to navigate the ever-changing landscape of the modern world, the UON Library remains committed to providing you with a vibrant and inclusive space where knowledge, imagination, and connection flourish. Our library is more than just a collection of books; it is a sanctuary for study, a hub for research and learning, and a place where everyone is welcome. It is also the place where you get to meet friendly and knowledgeable library staff who contribute significantly to creating a positive experience for you.

In this edition, you will find an array of exciting updates, engaging events, and enriching resources tailored to meet your diverse interests and needs. I know that there is something for everyone to enjoy.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team of librarians, staff members, and work study students who work tirelessly to curate an inspiring environment that supports your academic journey and personal growth.

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THE PATRON'S NOTEPAD



I am thrilled to present this edition of our library newsletter, a vibrant reflection of our commitment to excellence, innovation, and inclusivity in library services. The articles within these pages showcase the transformative strides we are making to redefine the library experience for our students, faculty, and staff.

From cutting-edge library management systems to pioneering innovations shaping the future of the University of Nairobi Library, this newsletter highlights our vision for a dynamic, user-centered knowledge hub.

We celebrate the unique contributions of our Mombasa Campus Library and Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Library, alongside the revitalized Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library, which stands as a testament to our dedication to modernizing our spaces.

The voices of our students from Kisumu Campus and the Faculty of Business Library remind us of the profound impact accessible, responsive library services have on academic success.

This newsletter is more than a collection of updates—it is a call to engage with our libraries as living, evolving spaces that inspire learning, research, and collaboration.

I invite you to explore these stories, share your feedback, and join us in shaping a future where our libraries remain at the heart of academic excellence.



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"Call to Connect": Unlocking Academic Success through the UON Library" ————— ... —————

Christine Mayende - FoL Library



Students are often presented with myriad challenges and opportunities when pursuing academic success. From navigating complex coursework to forging meaningful connections within the university community, the journey toward achievement is multifaceted and dynamic.

At the University of Nairobi, the Library plays a pivotal role in supporting students throughout this journey. It seeks to facilitate learning, foster connections, and empower students to reach their full potential. As a beacon of support, the Library offers not just resources and guidance, but also a vibrant environment for exploration and discovery.

As an information hub, the UoN Library is a treasure trove of knowledge, providing access to a vast array of essential academic resources. From scholarly outputs, archives, and physical collections to digital databases, multimedia materials, and the expertise of the library staff themselves—students have countless avenues for exploration. Whether delving into a research topic, preparing for exams, or seeking inspiration for creative projects, the Library serves as a cornerstone for intellectual growth. It also acts as a gateway to the global academic community, connecting students to a diverse range of perspectives and information worldwide.

We encourage our customers to tap into this wealth of resources and to fully engage with the Library's diverse services. Our dedicated staff are always ready to support students on their academic path. The Library also provides numerous opportunities for growth, collaboration, and skill development. Frequent training sessions help students expand their knowledge base, sharpen research skills, and explore emerging technologies. Events like the Library Open Week and Open Day offer hands-on interaction with resources and staff, fostering a deeper connection with the services available.

Beyond academic support, the Library contributes to lifelong learning, career development, and personal enrichment. Whether your goal is to succeed in class or grow as a person, the UoN Library is here to help.

[Connect with the Library and make the most of your academic journey.](#)



The University of Nairobi Library: The future is here

John Waweru - MGGL

As the heartbeat of academic life, the University of Nairobi library is gearing up for a future where innovation meets accessibility. What does this transformation look like? Here are some exciting trends set to redefine it.

A Digital Frontier

Imagine accessing entire collections with a few clicks—from the comfort of your hostel room or halfway across the globe. The library is fast embracing the digital age, offering virtual libraries, remote access to materials, and digital lending services. Soon, shelves of books might sit alongside vibrant, online repositories open 24/7.

Spaces That Inspire Creativity

Gone are the days of rigid study carrels. Libraries of the future will feature flexible, tech-enabled spaces designed for collaboration. Picture students brainstorming in multimedia pods, professors giving impromptu presentations in interactive learning zones, and group discussions energized by technology-rich environments.

Connecting the World

Libraries have always connected scholars, and technology now enables this globally. Collaborations with international institutions, access to global research through digital repositories, and open-access initiatives will place the University of Nairobi library at the center of worldwide knowledge exchange.

Decoding Data

Research is becoming data-driven, and the library is set to become a hub for data and information literacy. Think workshops on mastering datasets, tools for advanced analytics, and guided tutorials tailored for researchers at every level. Navigating complex information will no longer be intimidating but empowering.

Beyond Bookshelves: Engaging the Community

The library isn't just a student's haven—it's a community resource. Outreach programs with schools, public events, and partnerships with local organizations will promote literacy, lifelong learning, and cultural dialogue, benefiting the university and the community alike.

Your Learning, Your Way

Through artificial intelligence, the library will bring personalization to the forefront. From recommender systems that guide your reading to chatbots assisting with queries, learning will adapt to your pace and style. It's a future where the library feels like it's working just for you.

A Greener Library

The future is as much about sustainability as it is about technology. From energy-efficient buildings to digital alternatives to reduce paper waste, the library is committed to going green while continuing to grow.

As these trends unfold, one thing is certain: the University of Nairobi library is evolving not just as a repository of knowledge but as a dynamic learning centre.

This future isn't far away—it's unfolding before our eyes.

A Journey through the Library: Reflecting on a Remarkable Career. —●●—

Kefa Makori - FHS

In this heartfelt tribute, Kefa Makori of the FHS Library takes us through the remarkable career of Mr. Haroun Mugo, the retired Deputy Director of Administration at the University of Nairobi Library. From an unexpected entry into librarianship to leading transformative changes, his story is one of resilience, growth, and teamwork. As he steps into retirement, he leaves behind a legacy of service and innovation



After more than 30 years of dedicated service, Mr. Haroun Mugo reflects on a career filled with personal and institutional transformation. What began as an accidental foray into librarianship blossomed into a legacy rooted in hard work, innovation, and collaboration.

“I never planned to be in this field,” he admits, laughing. “My dream was to be an accountant. I wanted to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce, but I missed the cut by just one point.”

Life, however, often takes unexpected turns. For Mr. Mugo, it all began with an advertisement for a Library Assistant Grade 3 position. What seemed like just another job would ultimately define his professional life.

“I didn’t even know what librarianship was then,” he recalls. “I just knew it had something to do with books. But as time went on, I realized this was a profession with depth—and I fell in love with it.”

His journey mirrored the evolution of the library itself: marked by growth, persistence, and seizing opportunities. Early in his career, he recognized the importance of further education. Despite challenges, he enrolled in a certificate course at Kenya Polytechnic, which paved the way for his admission to Moi University for a degree in

Information Science.

“After completing my certificate, I got promoted. That opened doors. Eventually, I earned my degree and graduated in 1996. Soon after, I was appointed Senior Library Assistant.

But he didn’t stop there. With encouragement from mentors—including the current Director of Library and Information Services—he pursued a Master’s degree at Kenyatta University, graduating in 2007. His career flourished, and in 2010, he was appointed Librarian. From humble beginnings, he rose to become Deputy Director of Administration.

Throughout his journey, he remained grounded, always crediting his colleagues for their collective success.

Teamwork was everything,” he reflects. “Whether it was the staff or management, I made sure to create an environment where everyone felt valued. Together, we achieved great things.”

He takes pride in the library’s transformation during his tenure. He fondly remembers the early days of using card catalog systems and manually marking book spines.



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Mr. Haroun Mugo



“We used to mark book spines with a styler pen,” he chuckles. “It was tedious. I advocated for typed spine labels, and we eventually got them. It may seem small, but it made a big difference in serving our users.”

The implementation of the Vubis-Smart information management system revolutionized library services, ushering in a new digital era.

“The library has shifted from a purely physical space to a blended one, where e-resources and virtual services are just as important.”

As the library modernized, so did his role. He transitioned from being a custodian of books to a leader navigating digital challenges, staff development, and inclusivity.

“One challenge that stands out is the promotion process. We were always eager to recognize staff contributions, but bureaucracy often slowed things down. That was frustrating for everyone.”

Looking back, he identifies his most significant achievement not in systems or titles, but in relationships.

“I always took time to know my staff personally. Understanding their strengths and challenges made leadership much easier.”

As he retires, he is ready to pass the torch—and he offers heartfelt advice to his successor:

“Understand your staff. Know their strengths and place them where they can thrive. Be approachable. A good leader listens and supports.”

Looking ahead, Mr. Mugo is excited for new ventures.

“I’ve always had an entrepreneurial spirit. I’m planning to explore the business world—maybe even the juakali sector. I’ll still offer advice to the library community, but I’m ready for my next chapter.”

His retirement, like his career, has been thoughtfully planned.

“I started planning for this years ago,” he says with a smile. “It’s crucial to plan early—buy a retirement home, invest wisely, and enjoy life.”

Though he leaves the University of Nairobi Library, he knows he’s not just stepping away from a building, but from a community that will always remember his leadership, commitment, and legacy of teamwork. His parting words to colleagues resonate deeply:

“Service to others is service to God. It’s been a wonderful journey. I will cherish the memories of working with you all. May God bless you.”

And with that, Mr. Haroun Mugo walks away from the library, but his influence—like the knowledge he helped preserve—will endure for generations to come.



Making Learning Affordable: The Rise of OER in Kenya and What It Means for You

Janet Anyal—KISUMU CAMPUS

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research materials freely available to use, adapt, and share. From e-textbooks to interactive courseware, these resources are transforming education globally — and they can transform education here at the University of Nairobi.

Why OER Matter

Education in Kenya faces challenges, including high textbook costs and unequal access to learning resources. Organizations like the Kenya Education Network (KENET) have championed OER to bridge this gap by enhancing internet connectivity and promoting digital literacy.

Yet, OER uptake remains low due to:

- Limited institutional policies supporting OER.
- Low awareness among faculty and students.
- Inadequate internet infrastructure and digital skills.

Turning Challenges into Opportunities

Here's how we can accelerate the use of OER:

- Develop Policies: Universities must prioritize policies supporting OER creation and adoption.
- Raise Awareness: Orientation and E-resources training can shine a spotlight on the benefits of OER.
- Build Capacity: It is essential to train faculty and students to locate, evaluate, and integrate OER into their work.

- Collaborate with Partners: Partnering with KENET and global OER providers ensures access to top-notch materials.

The UoN Library's Role in Supporting OER

At the University of Nairobi Library, we're committed to making OER accessible and practical for you. Here's what we're doing:

- Curating Collections: Our growing repository of OER is tailored to your academic needs. Examples include the UoN Digital Repository and subscriptions to OER providers such as Henry Stewart Talks Ltd, Past Exam Papers, etc. — log in today to explore!
- Providing Training: Attend our E-resources training to master the art of finding and using OER.
- Partnering with Faculty: Together, we can create custom OER resources that benefit the UoN community.

Get Started with OER Today

Visit the library's digital resources page to start exploring. Together, we can make education at UoN more affordable, accessible, and innovative.



By **Lilian Sayo**, *Kisumu campus*

LIBRARIES & INNOVATION

A New Chapter for University Learning Spaces

Libraries have always been at the heart of education, serving as repositories of knowledge and hubs for intellectual exploration. But in today's fast-paced, digital-first world, the role of libraries has evolved. They are no longer just about bookshelves and quiet study spaces—they are dynamic centers of innovation that empower users with the tools they need to thrive in the modern age.

Innovation is reshaping libraries across the globe. At Harvard Library in the United States, AI technology personalizes user recommendations and automates cataloging. Closer to home, Libraries like Strathmore University and USIU in Kenya have transformed into a digital learning space equipped with cutting-edge technology and virtual tools. These advancements demonstrate how libraries are integrating innovation into their operations to better serve their communities.

However, modern libraries face significant challenges that make innovation more critical than ever. Shrinking budgets limit the acquisition of resources and the maintenance of infrastructure.

The digital divide excludes some users from accessing critical online services, while the ever-changing expectations of tech-savvy students demand constant upgrades. Competing with easily accessible online platforms like Google further complicates the role of libraries, especially in meeting user needs for fast, seamless, and comprehensive resources.



Lilian Sayo

Innovation offers a way to tackle these challenges head-on. Libraries are adopting AI tools like chatbots to answer user queries efficiently, as seen in Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Library. Makerspaces—collaborative areas equipped with 3D printers, virtual reality kits, and other creative tools—are emerging as library staples, fostering innovation and hands-on learning. Additionally, mobile apps like "Ask-a-Librarian" provide remote assistance, breaking geographical barriers to library services.

Beyond technology, libraries are also reimagining their role as community hubs. Programs like Nairobi's public libraries offering digital literacy training highlight how libraries foster collaboration and social equity. By hosting book talks, cultural exhibitions, and skill-building workshops, libraries are creating spaces for community engagement while supporting diverse learning needs.

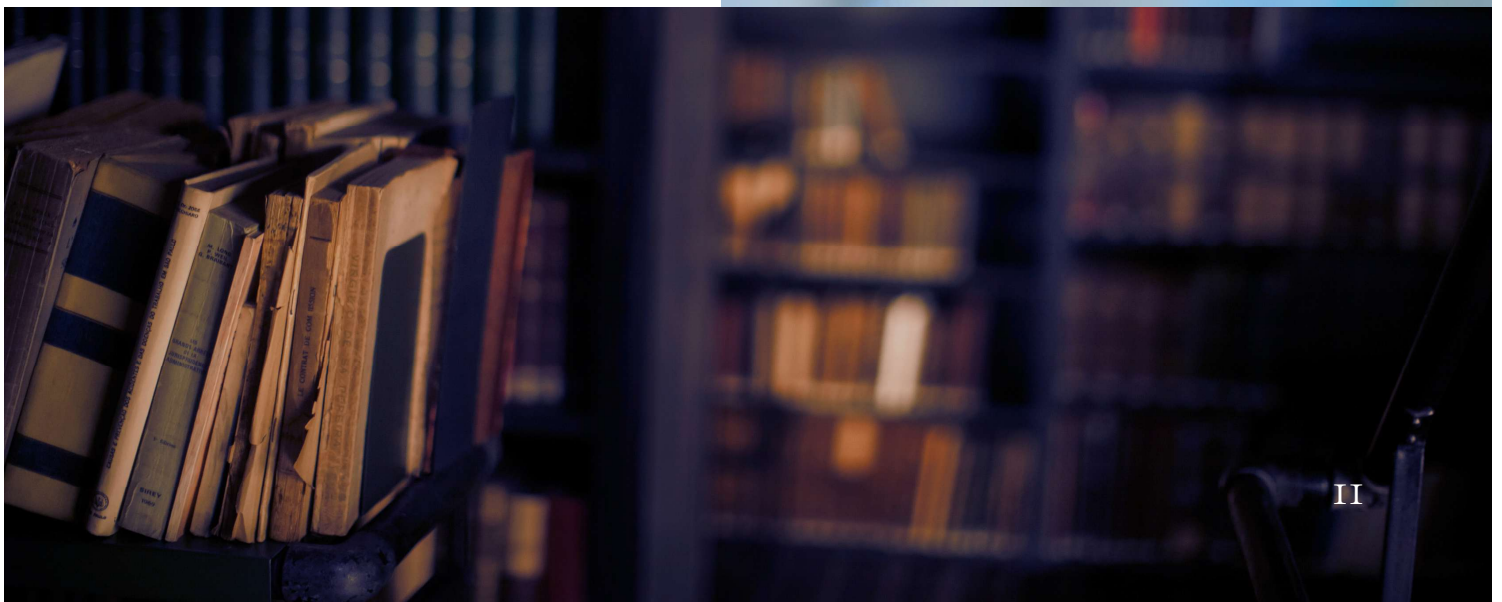
Looking ahead, the future of libraries shines brightly. Trends like green library designs—such as the Minna Public Library in Nigeria—underscore the growing focus on sustainability. Meanwhile, universities are exploring augmented reality (AR) learning modules, gamified research tools, and even fully immersive VR (Virtual reality) environments to enhance academic exploration.

As innovation becomes the cornerstone of library evolution, it is crucial to recognize that libraries are more than buildings and engines of progress. By combining the old with the new, libraries ensure their enduring relevance in an ever-changing world.

The question is no longer whether libraries should innovate but how far they can go to redefine the future of learning.

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CHUNA SACCO FEATURE



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To actualize this, the board on October 3, 2020, launched the CHUNA 2020-2024 strategic plan, which sets out the road map for growth and prosperity. It is anchored on the following four strategic pillars;

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The Evolution of Mombasa Campus Library



By Mathews Nyapela

Introduction

Located in Kenya's second-largest city, the University of Nairobi's Mombasa Campus stands as a center of academic excellence. It blends cosmopolitan modernity with rich cultural heritage and dynamic economic growth.

The campus offers a range of competitive academic programs, consultancy, and training services. Its increasing prominence has earned it the title of the "Most Preferred Training Institution in the Coast Region." Serving a student population of over 2,000, the campus hosts three faculties: the Faculty of Business and Management Sciences (FoB&MS), the Faculty of Law (FOL), and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FOA&SS).

It is fully accredited by the Commission for University Education, with the Faculty of Law additionally accredited by the Council of Legal Education.

The Mombasa Campus Library plays a pivotal role in advancing the University's mission and vision by providing timely, high quality information resources to support teaching, research, and consultancy.

Facilities and Services

The library primarily serves students and faculty at Uni Plaza, catering to the School of Business, the School of Law, the Faculty of Arts, and continuing and distance education students under the College of Education and External Studies (CEES). It offers designated study areas, including quiet reading zones and collaborative workspaces, to accommodate diverse learning needs.

Historical Background

Established in January 2009, the Mombasa Campus Library began in Room 103 on the first floor of Uni Plaza. It had an initial seating capacity of 20 and a modest collection of just over 500 books. By the end of that year, the collection had expanded to 1,871 volumes.

By the 2013/2014 academic year, the library's physical collection had grown to over 10,000 books. Today, it provides access to an extensive range of electronic resources, including more than 50,000 e-books and over 40,000 peer-reviewed e-journals spanning various disciplines.

The library now occupies the ground and mezzanine floors of the North Wing at Mombasa Uni Plaza and is fully networked with Wi-Fi to facilitate access to electronic resources via personal internet enabled devices.



User Education and Training

To promote information literacy, the library offers in-house user education programs conducted at the beginning of each academic semester and through scheduled E-resources training throughout the year.

These sessions equip students with skills for independent learning, effective research, and efficient utilization of information resources. Designed to equip students with skills for independent learning and efficient utilization of information resources. These initiatives ensure that users can effectively navigate both physical and digital collections.

Services Offered

The Mombasa Campus Library provides a comprehensive range of services, including:

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| 1. Reference and information services | 5. Photocopying services |
| 2. Circulation services | 6. Literature searches |
| 3. Current awareness services | 7. Electronic document delivery |
| 4. Information literacy training | |

Conclusion

The Mombasa Campus Library remains a vital academic hub, supporting the University's teaching, learning, and research activities. Continuous development, coupled with a strong commitment to meeting user needs, will enable the library to sustain its critical role in fostering academic excellence



JKML UNDERGOES FACELIFT & SPACE REMODELLING

By Stanley Macharia --FASS Library



Through a strategic partnership between the Kenya Education Network (KENET), and the Director of the Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS), JKML has undergone a significant facelift aimed at improving both its look and functionality. KENET, the National Research and Education Network (NREN) of Kenya, plays a crucial role in promoting ICT adoption in teaching, learning, and research. With a secretariat office housed within JKML, KENET spearheaded this initiative to enhance the library's infrastructure, ensuring a more conducive environment for both students and staff. Scope of the Renovation Project.

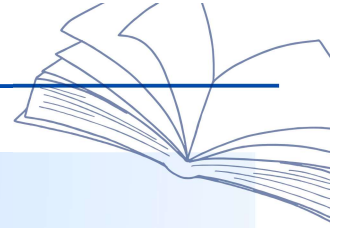
The extensive renovation, which commenced in October 2024, covered the following key upgrades: Floor Tiling: Installation of new tiles on the ground floor of Library Hall, leading to the Cataloging and Bindery Section .

Space Remodeling

Reorganization and optimization of spaces allocated to KENET within JKML to improve usability.

Office Partitions:

Installation of modern glazed aluminum partitions for KENET and library staff offices on the first floor



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General Maintenance:

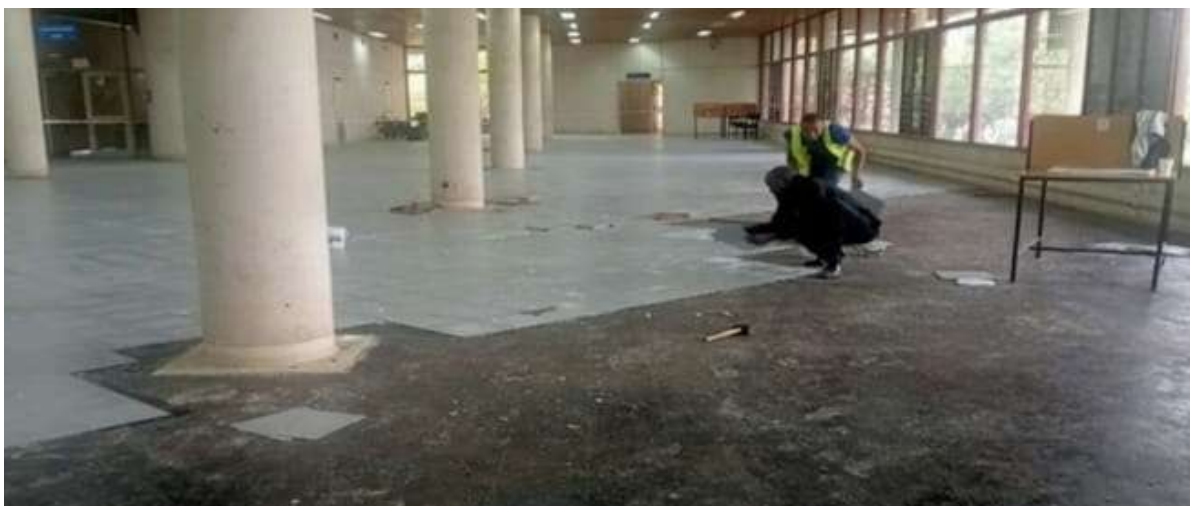
Comprehensive upgrades, including electrical installations, mechanical ventilation, internal drainage, and plumbing system

Enhanced Accessibility:

A Step Towards Inclusivity. A standout feature of the project was the modification of the staff washroom, which now includes a grab rail—specially designed fixed bars that provide support and enhance accessibility for individuals with mobility challenges. This addition underscores JKML's commitment to inclusivity and ensuring a comfortable environment for all users.

Strategic Partnerships for Progress

The invaluable support from KENET, one of JKML's key strategic partners, has played a pivotal role in this transformation. Their commitment to improving the library's infrastructure aligns with the broader goal of enhancing learning and research facilities at the University. The JKML community deeply appreciates this collaboration and looks forward to continued partnerships that drive innovation and development. These upgrades mark a significant milestone in JKML's journey toward modernization, making it not just a hub for academic resources but also a well-equipped, accessible, and technology-driven learning space



Installation of new tiles on the ground floor of Library Hall

A Transformative Journey: How the UoN Kisumu Library Shaped My Academic Success



A Defining Moment

Some memories never fade. For me, the night of Saturday, 8th September 2018, remains etched in my mind. It was around 8 p.m., and my family had gathered for dinner after a full day of Sabbath celebrations. As we exchanged stories and shared laughter, I noticed an unusual seriousness in my mother's demeanor. My father, ever the composed figure, sat unmoved. Something was up.

As dinner concluded, my mother asked my elder sister and me to stay behind—our parents wanted to have “a talk” with us. In our home, such conversations ranged from disciplinary matters to safety warnings or simple words of encouragement. This time, the subject was different: our university education.

The following Monday, we were both set to begin our university studies—my sister at KCA University for a degree in Procurement and me at the University of Nairobi (UoN) to study Law. My parents urged us to embrace the limitless opportunities ahead. My father, in particular, emphasized the importance of academic excellence and the role of scholarships.

Then, turning to me, he said something that would define the next four years of my life: “Make the library your second home.”

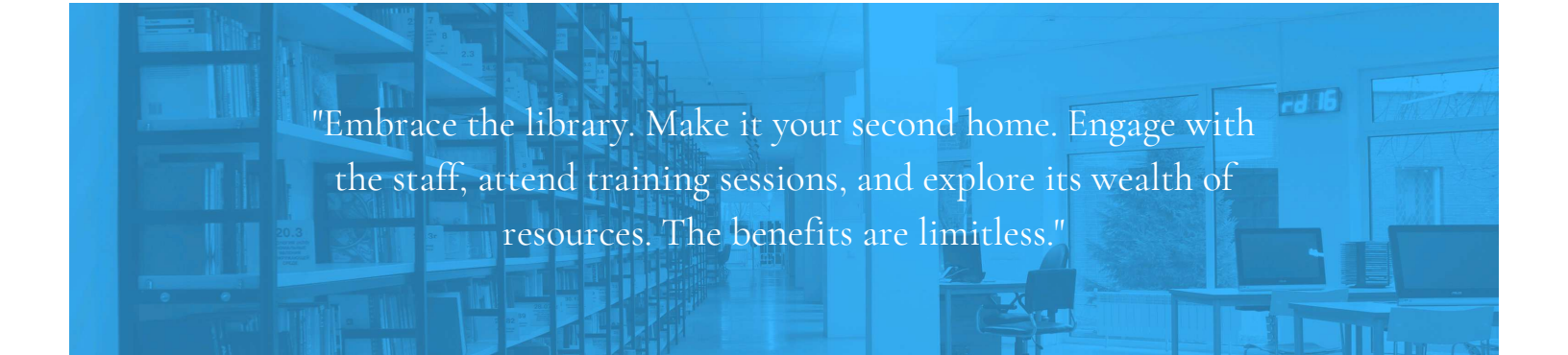
Four years later, I graduated as the best student in my faculty, earning First-Class Honours and becoming the first male and only the second student in the history of Kisumu Campus to achieve this distinction. This academic success also secured me a scholarship for postgraduate studies. While many factors contributed to this achievement, one stood out—the UoN Kisumu Library.

A Haven of Knowledge

During my orientation at UoN Kisumu, I was introduced to the library. Stepping inside for the first time, I was immediately struck by the vast collection of resources. Moving from shelf to shelf, I marveled at the sheer volume of legal texts. My first encounter with Chitty on Contracts, Benjamin's Sale of Goods, and Clerk and Lindsell on Torts was both intimidating and exhilarating.

How could anyone possibly read those enormous volumes? Yet, beyond my initial apprehension, I felt reassured—this was a library truly equipped for academic success.

Despite its rich collection, the library faced a paradox. While my lecturers often lamented that the shelves were filled with new and essential books, the number of students actively using them was disappointingly low. It reminded me of the biblical passage: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” Sadly, the same could be said of the UoN Kisumu Library—abundant resources, yet underutilized.



"Embrace the library. Make it your second home. Engage with the staff, attend training sessions, and explore its wealth of resources. The benefits are limitless."

The Library Staff: Unsung Heroes

True to my father's advice, I made the library my second home. This was made possible by the warm and supportive library staff, who transformed my experience into one of discovery and learning.

Initially, I held the mistaken belief that a librarian was merely a book attendant. However, my interactions with them revealed otherwise—librarians are indispensable allies in academic research.

Their guidance was invaluable. Without their patient assistance, I would never have mastered navigating legal databases like HeinOnline and LexisNexis. They also introduced me to tools such as Zotero, which revolutionized my citation and reference management.

Their expertise went beyond books—they provided practical skills that refined my research and academic writing.

One librarian, in particular, deserves special mention—Mr. Samuel Owino, who retired in July 2024 after years of dedicated service. His encyclopedic knowledge of the library's collection made research significantly easier. His warm and approachable nature encouraged students to seek help, and even when I found myself in breach of library policies (such as overstaying with a book), I was always treated with professionalism and respect.

Mr. Owino and the entire library staff were more than custodians of books—they were mentors and friends.

Beyond Books: Training and Capacity Building

Like many students, I initially saw the library as a mere repository of books and a quiet study space. However, my experience soon taught me otherwise. A library's true purpose is to facilitate knowledge creation, dissemination, and retrieval. At UoN Kisumu, the library staff worked tirelessly to equip students with essential research skills through regular training sessions and tutorial guides.

Workshops on digital research tools and citation management, including training on Zotero, greatly enhanced my academic journey. However, despite these valuable opportunities, attendance at such sessions remained low. Many students failed to recognize the immense benefits of these initiatives, a reality that persists to this day. If only more students understood the advantages of engaging with library services, they would never miss these sessions.

Conclusion

Reflecting on my journey, I can confidently say that the UoN Kisumu Library was instrumental in my success. The library, often overlooked in the academic ecosystem, remains a cornerstone of scholarly excellence. While technological advancements continue to reshape education, the library's role in a student's academic life remains irreplaceable.

For those still navigating their university journey, I offer this advice: Embrace the library. Make it your second home. Engage with the staff, attend training sessions, and explore its wealth of resources. The benefits are limitless.



My Experience at the Mwai Kibaki Library, University of Nairobi, Lower Kabete Campus

Christopher Makau

Nairobi's Lower Kabete Campus serves as a vital resource center for students and faculty. My experience at the library, particularly after attending the orientation, has been transformative, greatly enriching my academic journey and personal growth.

Orientation Day

The orientation day was a well-organized event that introduced me to the library's extensive resources and services. Library officials provided a comprehensive overview of how to effectively utilize the available resources, including physical and digital collections.

This well-structured introduction laid the groundwork for my subsequent visits and has enabled me to navigate the library with ease.

Library Facilities and Services

Physical Collection

The library boasts an extensive array of books across various disciplines, ensuring that students can access materials relevant to their courses. Its study environment is conducive to learning, featuring ample seating, quiet study areas, and well-maintained spaces that support focused academic work.

Digital Resources

A key library feature is its robust e-books and e-journals providing remote access to valuable information and effortless downloading of materials.

Supportive Staff

The library staff are knowledgeable, approachable, and always ready to assist. Whether guiding students to locate specific books or helping them navigate online databases, the staff's dedication has greatly enhanced my experience at the library.

Personal Growth

Attending the orientation and using the library regularly has boosted my academic and personal growth.

The structured layout and well-designed environment have significantly boosted my productivity, fostering a strong sense of discipline and focus.

Conclusion

The Mwai Kibaki Library is an invaluable asset for students. I strongly encourage all students to take full advantage of the library's offerings to enhance their educational experiences. Moreover, continuous improvement of library services depends on user input, and I believe that sharing our insights can contribute significantly to the library's development.

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UNHCR Filippo Grandi and Prof. Stephen Kiama, former VC of the University of Nairobi, cut the ribbon to inaugurate the Refugee Resource Centre on Monday 24 June. They are joined by UNHCR's Representative for Kenya, Ms Caroline van Buren and Amb Julius Bitok, PS Immigration and Citizen Services @ UNHCR/Charity Nzomo.

Refugee Resource Centre Launch

University of Nairobi and UNHCR launch Refugee Resource Centre at the JKML, to foster research and policy changes on forced displacement 24 Jun 2024



UoN former VC Stephen Kiama exchanging documents with Charity Nzomo of UNHCR





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UNHCR's Filippo Grandi (left) and PS immigration Mr Bitok (right) giving speech at the event



Maktaba Feature



Maktaba welfare during a farewell event for some members proceeding on retirement.
The cake-cutting ceremony below



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