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Jamaica Library Service Launches National Reading Competition 2016

Jamaica Library Service, an Agency of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information has recently launched the 29th season of its flagship programme, the National Reading Competition (NRC).

The main objectives of the programme are; to encourage the reading habit, develop reading skills, and cultivate an appreciation of various genres of literature. The first stage is held at individual libraries where competitors vie for the opportunity to compete at the parish level. Thereafter, a Parish Champion is selected for each of the **five (5) age groups** ranging from **6 to 8, 9 to 11, 12 to 14, 15 to 20 and 21 years** and over. The final leg begins in **mid-July** and culminates with the **National Reading Competition Quiz Finals** scheduled for **August 25, 2016** with a delayed broadcast on **Television Jamaica Limited (TVJ)**.

Persons who are interested in entering the competition should contact their nearest public library for further information.

JLS Director General, Karen Barton in her remarks expressed sincere gratitude to all supporting sponsors. Sponsors of the programme are; **Television Jamaica Limited, Carlong Publishers, The Gleaner Company Media Limited, Sun Island Jamaica, Fly Jamaica Airways, Fontana Pharmacy and Sandals Foundation.**

The event was also endorsed by Sydney Henry, Project Manager of Sandals Foundation and Latoya West Blackwood, Chairman of Book Industry Association of Jamaica.



Karen Barton, Director General, Jamaica Library Service addresses audience at the launch of the 2016 National Reading Competition recently held.



Sydney Henry, Project Manager, Sandals Foundation outlining the commitments of Sandals Foundation at the launch of the 2016 National Reading Competition.



Latoya West Blackwood, Chairman, Book Industry Association of Jamaica endorses the 2016 National Reading Competition launch recently held.

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