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Kingston & St. Andrew Parish Library goes solar courtesy of JPS



Representatives from the Jamaica Public Service (JPS) and Jamaica Library Service (JLS) examine the newly installed solar panel at the Kingston & St. Andrew Parish Library, 2 Tom Redcam Drive, Kingston 5 which was kindly donated by the JPS Energy Solutions Division as part of their partnership agreement in support of the Global Libraries ICT Project. Solar panels will also be installed at the St. James Parish Library and the Manchester Parish Library.

Representatives in the exercise were JPS Manager for Renewable Energy Systems – Richard Gordon (From left), JLS Director General – Karen Barton, Marketing & Communications Manager for the Global Libraries ICT Project – Andrea C. Whyte, JPS Engineer – Dail Barnett and JPS Corporate Communications Officer – Audrey Williams



From Left: Richard Graham, JPS Manager for Renewable Energy Systems presents a copy of the Solar System Report to Andrea C. Whyte, Marketing & Communications Manager, Global Libraries ICT Project. The occasion was the official handing over of a solar panel at the Kingston & St. Andrew Parish Library. According to the report, the installation of the solar panel will realize a 3% to 5% reduction in energy consumption at the library.

Jamaica Public Service (JPS) one of the partners of the JLS Global Libraries ICT Project has recently donated three (3) solar panels courtesy of their Energy Solutions Division to the Kingston & St. Andrew Parish Library, St. James Parish Library and the Manchester Parish Library.

In expressing gratitude at the official handing over of the solar panel at the Kingston & St. Andrew Parish Library, Director General of the JLS, Karen Barton noted that the donation was quite timely as the Jamaica Library Service embarks on a new thrust to adopt new energy efficiency measures in all public libraries whilst continuing to transform the lives of communities through state-of-the-art ICT resources and the offering of a suite of exciting programmes and services.

The project is co-funded by the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** and the **Ministry of Education, Youth & Information**. Among the other partners are; **Microsoft, Universal Service Fund, CHASE Fund, EBSCO Information Services, MIND, Jamaica Information Service, The Gleaner Company (Media) Limited and RJR Communications Group.**

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