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JLS... Transforming Lives, Empowering Communities

JLS Global Libraries Initiative Project

JLS: Using Technology to Empower Individuals and Communities for Development

Major Partners



Jamaica Library Service News

The Jamaica Library Service (JLS) will roll-out state-of-the-art computers on a phased basis in 121 public libraries, including branch and parish libraries across Jamaica within the first quarter of 2016.



A sample of the Dell Desktop which will be installed in the public libraries across Jamaica.

This initiative is aimed at transforming the lives of individuals and communities by providing Jamaicans with increased access to Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

The Project was officially launched on November 6, 2014 by the Minister of Education, the Hon. Rev. Ronald G. Thwaites at the Kingston & St. Andrew Parish Library in the presence of key stakeholders including; Ministry of Education officials, Jamaica Library Board Directors, Parish Library Committee Members, the Director General and staff of the Jamaica Library Service including the Project team and representatives from the major partners.

The major partners are: Microsoft Jamaica, Universal Service Fund, Management Institute for National Development (MIND), Jamaica Public Service (JPS), Gleaner Company (Media) Limited, Jamaica Information Service (JIS) and RJR Communications Group.

The JLS will also be upgrading its broadband internet services including Wi-Fi access in a number of public libraries, delivering training to library users in various areas inclusive of digital technology and the latest Microsoft Office Suite applications. The training sessions will be conducted by the JLS staff who had previously benefitted from training programmes delivered in partnership with the Management Institute for National Development. A tailor-made menu of new and enhanced programmes and services will be offered to library users in all target groups based on a commissioned Needs Assessment Survey which formed part of the implementation of the Project.

In addition, a robust public awareness programme will be executed by the JLS in partnership with the official media partners, the Jamaica Information Service (JIS), the Gleaner Company (Media) Limited and the RJR Communications Group.

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