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JLS Tech Fest - A Resounding Success



Paul Lalor, Chairman, Jamaica Library Board delivering welcome and opening remarks at the JLS Tech Fest

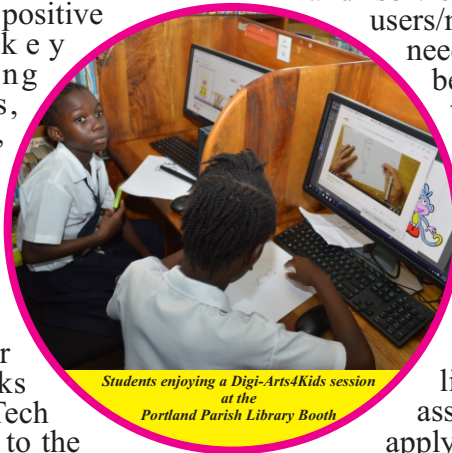


Karen Barton, Director General, Jamaica Library Service delivering remarks at the JLS Tech Fest

The JLS Tech Fest, an advocacy and marketing initiative recently held at the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Library was a resounding success based on the tremendous support and positive feedback from key stakeholders including government officials, library partners, publishers, students, exhibitors in the technology industry and the media.

Chairman of the Jamaica Library Board, Paul Lalor in his opening remarks indicated that “the JLS Tech Fest is another testament to the effectiveness of synergies across government agencies to collectively provide opportunities for the people of Jamaica to have universal access to information particularly, that which is provided through technology.”

Meanwhile, Director General of the Jamaica Library Service, Karen Barton also underscored the importance of technology in the transformation of public libraries.



Students enjoying a Digi-Arts4Kids session at the Portland Parish Library Booth

In her remarks, she stated that “with improvements in technology we have also provided new and enhanced programmes and services responsive to library users/non-users and stakeholders needs. Library users have also benefitted from computer training programmes to enhance their skills in basic computer applications, social media, eGovernment, computer programming, employment assistance and access to other online services. Every public library is able to provide assistance to library users to apply technology skills in their everyday lives. Additionally, the integration of technology in the education process through our programmes has enhanced the learning experience of our clients.”

New library programmes and services showcased at the JLS Tech Fest included; KOHA library management information system demonstration, Digi-Arts4Kids, Programming for Kids, Shutterbug Photography and Tablet Tutorial for Adults.

This is the last edition of the JLS News. Thanks again to all our valued readers for your positive feedback. Continue to visit the JLS website at www.jls.gov.jm for further updates on the exciting programmes and services or contact your nearest public library. JLS: Transforming Lives, Empowering Communities !

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