



HANOVER PARISH LIBRARY

Set against the blue- green Caribbean the Hanover Parish Library in Lucea offers a constant invitation to young and old to access information in its spacious rooms. The building was erected in two stages, the first wing in 1963 and the second in 1965. Built at a total cost of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), it was designed by the firm of Harold Ashwell and Associates who pioneered the design of public library buildings in Jamaica. Notably, the main feature of the Ashwell-designed public library was the level which provided maximum ventilation and light without reducing the wall area available for shelving. The books were also protected from direct sunlight by this positioning of the windows.

Although there was no organised library service for the parish until 1950 when the Hanover Parish Library was established in premises rented from the Hanover People's Co-operative Bank in Lucea. The library was located on the ground floor and started with a stock of one thousand (1000) books. It remained there for 13 years until the new library building was erected in 1963 at Watson Taylor Drive, Hanover.