

BINGHAM UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT



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Introduction

The importance of a library in an academic environment cannot be overemphasized. A library is an integral part of the university and an important source for knowledge to young minds in schools. Besides, the library is a custodian of knowledge and where successful leaders, victors and innovators are incubated and produced. Therefore, it can be said that, ‘just like the strength of an army lies in the quality of its armory, so also is the strength of any academic institution lies largely in the quality of its library’. This ‘quality’ refers to the quality of its human (qualification and experience) and material resources (information resources including physical and electronic form, online and offline resources). The aforementioned fact Bingham University is very conversant with and takes cognizant of and it is evident in its activities for this academic session.



University Main Library

NUC Accreditation and Resource Verification

The library has grown from zero level in space, staffing and collection to the current library building with a sitting capacity of over 500 Users (Departmental libraries inclusive), 52 staff members (Administrative staff inclusive) and a book collection of over 15,000 volumes.

This accomplishment was part of the reason the library during November 2017 NUC accreditation exercise scored far above the 70% which is minimum score or Bench Mark required in the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation. The high standard of the university library in both human and material resources was therefore a major boost that gave the university full accreditation in 9 programmes in Economics, Business Administration, Sociology, English, Mass Communication, Chemical Sciences, Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Biochemistry. The tenth programme (Accounting) got an interim accreditation. Even, Political Science that was denied accreditation within that period later got Full accreditation within 6 months and this could also be attributed to the high standard of the university library. Right now, Political Science Departmental library has an e-library attached to its Physical library and this is one of its kind in Nigeria's Library Operation where departmental libraries are becoming Hybrid-libraries.

According, the essential role the University Library played during the National Universities Commission's resource verification exercise cannot be over emphasized. The departments of Nursing, Pharmacy and Law had their resources verified by NUC and the library's rich collection development in books and periodicals, online and offline resources, couple with its numerous accessible and relevant databases in related fields for teaching, learning and research gave these programmes positive impression before their assessors.



Left wing of Political Sci. Departmental E-library



Right wing of Political Sci. Departmental E-library

Library Service Points (LSP)

Bingham University practices a Decentralized Library System (DLS) to enable it meet its Users' information needs. Previously, the library had four main service points but very limited service points are the departmental level except for computer science and chemical sciences.

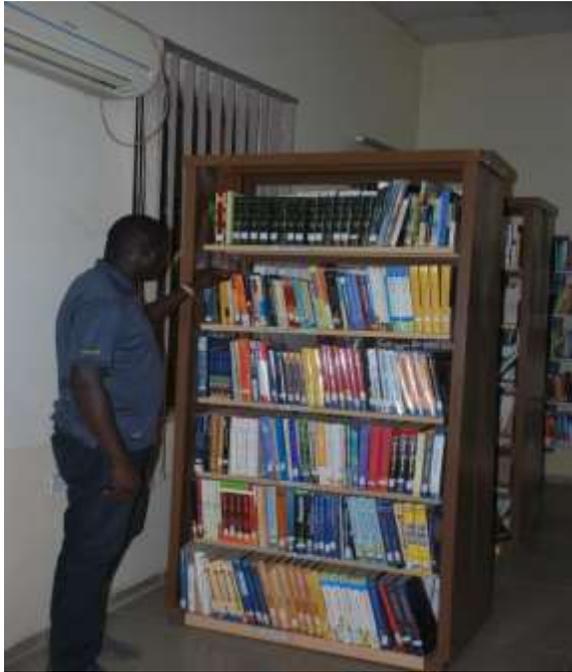
The library operated from six (6) points:

- Main Library, Karu
- Library Annex, Karu
- Medical Library, Karu
- Medical Library, Jos
- Computer Science Departmental library, Karu
- Chemical Sciences Departmental library, Karu

The University Library now has its Service Points increased to nine (9), which are:

- Law Library, Karu
- Accounting Departmental library, Karu
- Anatomy Departmental library, Karu
- Business Administration Departmental library, Karu
- Economics Departmental library, Karu

- English Language Departmental library, Karu
- Mass Communication Departmental library, Karu
- Political Science Departmental library, Karu
- Physiology Departmental library, Karu.



*A cross section of the library's bookshelf
(Reading Room A)*



*A cross section of the library's bookshelf
(Reading Room B)*



A cross section of the Library Annex



A cross section of the Serials Section



A cross section of Political Sci. Dept. Library



A cross section of Physiology Dept. Library

College of Medicine E-library

The establishing of an E-library for the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences was finally concluded in 2018, precisely in September. It has a sitting capacity of 32 users, with about 28 Modern Computer Systems and extra spaces for Users with Personal Computers. Full Internet is service also available to both students and staff to enable them have access to the numerous, current and relevant online resources for their day-to-day teaching, learning and research activities. Online databases that are available to Users include HINARI, JSTOR, AGORA, OARE, PDF drive, Book boon, AJOL, DOAJ, DOAB, etc. Furthermore, the University Library in conjunction with an Electronic Resources Company has provided offline resources of over 20,000 current and relevant articles in the most prestigious International Journals in Medicine and Health Sciences, as well as over 1,000 current and relevant E-books in various fields of Medicine and Health Sciences. Finally, the Faculty of Basic Clinical Sciences library is now automated, where most library activities and services are done using the library's Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC).



Middle – The University Librarian, Dr. Dan. Ajibili, College Librarian, Dr. Shehu Allahde and other Library staff in a group photograph after establishment of the e-library and a 2-day training session.

Gifts and Donations

In recognition of Bingham University's rising profile, the Federal Ministry of Justice donated some journals and books to the Law Library. The donation of the Law publications to the university, which according to the donors, was the first of its kind to any institution by the Federal Ministry of Justice, which is intended to enhance legal education in the country. Some of the resources donated were the Nigeria Law Reports, International Finance and External Debt Management Publications, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, Abuja, Justice Journal, The Laws of the Federation of Nigeria and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, etc.

In the same vein, the University Library also donated about ninety (90) cartons of books in various fields to schools in neighboring communities and states. These ranged from the arts and general knowledge to the sciences/technology such as chemistry, computer science. This gesture is part of the university's community service delivery to neighboring communities and states via their schools (government, private and mission schools inclusive).



First Right, Rep. of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of the Federation, Abubakar Malami, SAN, Barr. Mamman Tahir presenting the books and journals to the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Alexander B. Adelaiye, while Dr. Dan. Ajibili, the University Librarian looks on.

International Standard Serials Number (ISSN)

For any publication to be recognized as having an international standard, such a publication requires an ISSN which in Nigeria is acquired from the National Library of Nigeria. For the reporting period, the Library acquired ISSN for two of the University's key publications: Bingham University News Bulletin, a bi-annual publication and the Bingham University Magazine which is currently a work in progress and is expected to have a quarterly frequency. This implies that these periodicals now have both national and international recognition and can be practically accessed from the National Library or online via the University website.



A display of the current and backsets of one of the two publications, in the Serials Section of the library.

Internal Seminar

Practicing librarians in every academic environment especially in the university, is not just a custodian of knowledge but also an academician/academic staff. They are expected to partake in research activities and it is even mandatory for them to produce papers for their assessment for promotion. The University Library as part of its academic activities, have started Internal Seminar Programmes for its senior staff which provides the fora for librarians or staff of the library to present papers to present papers on various topics in librarianship. However, about ten (10) topics have been allocate to competent librarians according to their area of specialization to present papers. So far, half the number has been submitted, presented and recommended for publication in reputable local and international reputable journals in library and information science.