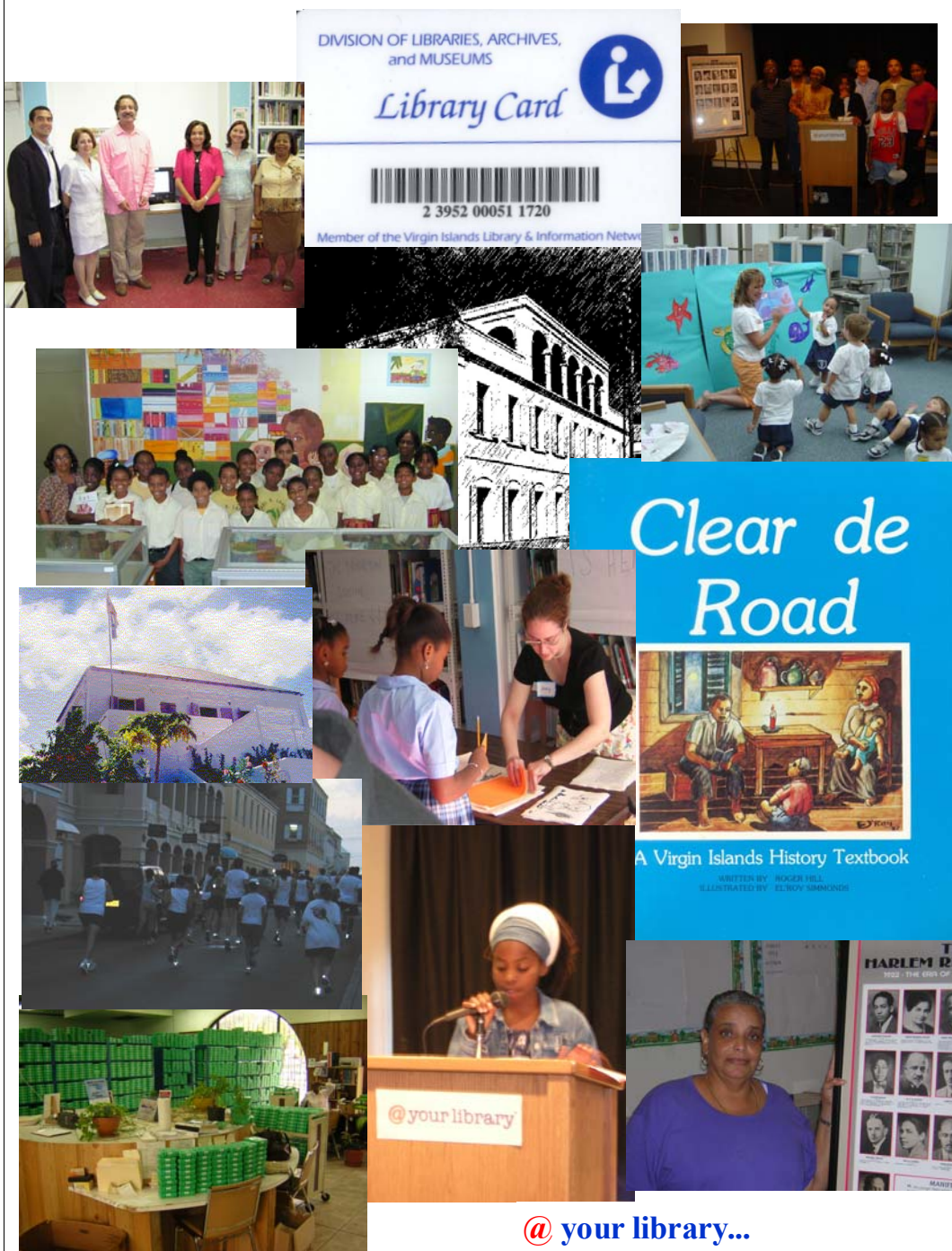


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The Virgin Islands of the United States

The Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums

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Edgar Lake, (first from right) representing V.I. public libraries, joins a group from the Virgin Islands at the 5th Annual National Book Festival in Washington, DC in September. The Virgin Islands group was featured on the IMLS website <http://www.imls.gov/> pictured with Acting Director of IMLS Mary Chute (fourth from left) which hosted the Pavilion of States; Ingrid Bough (first from left), Library of Congress, is the coordinator for the Territories for the festival sponsored by the Library of Congress and hosted by First Lady Laura Bush.



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Executive Summary

Introduction

The Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums (DLAM) developed its five-year plan in 2003; it included the public library system's mission statement, its background and needs assessment, its goals, its evaluation plan, its stakeholder involvement and its monitoring and assurance procedures.

The DLAM serves the people of the Virgin Islands of the United States (Territory) as the public library system of the Territory as well as the Territory (State) Library. The scope of service/operation of the six library and system office facilities which make up the system, does not require an outside evaluator. The evaluation was conducted by the DLAM executive and selected staff including head librarians and The Virgin Islands Automated Library Systems (VIALS) automated systems manager.

Of the 111,000 persons in the Territory, 37,000 have library cards, a card that provides access to services at all public libraries including its holdings and Homework Help @ your library (live chat with a tutor). All patrons who have access to a computer that is online, has access to priority databases offered by the public library and to Ask a Librarian @ your library (live chat with a librarian for reference).

The Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped now has...
READS: a microcomputer-based system to support automation in network libraries. NLS provides software and technical support. The network library provides hardware. READS supports circulation, maintenance of patron and book information, playback-machine inventory management, and production of statistics and management reports.

Although much of the focus has been on disaster recovery, public library service in the Territory have improved considerably as a result of LSTA funding. The DLAM has maintained its capacity to facilitate each of the public library service centers, three of the four public high schools, and an added a number of junior high schools to its client pool. The "Virgin Islands Virtual Library" has evolved with the establishment of the DLAM "Virgin Islands Public Library System" website. Thousands of patrons of all ages are now able to access library resources as a result of the DLAM initiatives supported by LSTA.

If asked to craft a statement that addresses the issue of threshold demands on grant funds for relatively microscopic populations such as the territories and even the sparsely populated states. It should be clear that the same proportional yardstick cannot be fairly applied to the territories and the aforementioned class of jurisdictions. At the threshold level, the Territories have the same need for IT professionals and other assorted range of technical specialties as the mid-sized and larger jurisdictions. Because the grant is purely driven by population count and populations of the Territories so small, it is almost impossible to meet the direct staff versus other program cost ratio mandates.

The public libraries in the Virgin Islands have successfully met the challenge of enduring and recovering from the impact of hurricanes as was the case up to and including 2002. In fact, the last hurricane that had the most impact on the library facilities in the Territory was Hurricane Lenny which struck one week before Thanksgiving of 1999 during the proceedings of the first IMLS annual conference...

Background Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums

Product

- Public Library
- Territory Library
- Virgin Automated Library System
- DLAM Website
- Archives/Records
- Photo Duplication/Digitization

Service

- Adult Reader Services
- Children Reader Services
- Young Adult Reader Services
- Adult New Readers
- Caribbean/V.I. Collections
- The Blind and Physically Handicapped
- Outreach Service

Programs (see accomplishments 2006 attached)
(see DLAM 2005 Report Cover attached)
(see Virgin Islands Virtual Library attached)

Organization Description (see DLAM Function Chart attached)
Executive Branch of Government (see Executive Chart attached)

- Dept. of Planning & Natural Resources
 - Division of Libraries Archives & Museums
 - Florence Williams Public Library—St. Croix
 - Athalie Petersen Public Library—St. Croix
 - The Regional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped—St. Croix
 - The Sunny Isle Public Library (Kiosk)—St. Croix
 - The Enid Baa Public Library & Archives—St. Thomas
 - The Virgin Islands Automated Library System—St. Thomas
 - The Elaine Sprauve Public Library & Museum—St. John

Product/Service/Program Description Evaluated

Goals

Goal I. Strengthen and Support the Virgin Islands Automated Library System (VIALS)

Timeline: Years 1-5

Evaluation: Continued growth and strength of VIALS
This goal was successfully met.

Evidence of consistent progress relative to purchase and installation of software and hardware upgrades. Improvement with bandwidth provision to libraries. Establishment of public library system website. Utilization of OCLC utilities for maintenance of bibliographic records. Hiring of retired librarian/cataloger.

Obvious need to provide additional professional and technical staff.

Goal II. Purchase and install a library material security system

Timeline: Year 1

Evaluation: Availability of Material Security System at all public libraries with statistics on current rate of loss since its installation. A decrease in the amount of materials lost from each library collection. The % change of materials regularly returning to the library's collection.

This goal was not successfully met.

Funding insufficient to carry-out this goal.

Goal III. Establish a Division-wide Summer Reading Program

Timeline: Years 1-5

Evaluation: Using the survey methodology, participants and parents will be asked to rate the quality and success of the program. Children's reading level will be tested at the program's beginning and end. Participants will be reading at a higher level than at the program's beginning.

The program aims to increase circulation of the children's collection. The public libraries hope to see a minimum increase of 30 percent of participants reading at or above their appropriate grade level. Success will be indicated by the # and % of children enrolled in the summer reading program who are able to read at or above their grade level by the beginning of the new school year.

This goal was successfully met.

An increased level of exposure of library services to children was accomplished, although the formula for a centralized format was not whole. Hired one children's librarian who worked for the system one year.

Need more professional librarians to address the needs of the children, young adult, adult and Spanish speaking readers.

Goal IV. Teaching And Learning Technology Lab

Timeline: Year 2

Evaluation: Increased use by different populations. Availability of a lab for teaching community groups on use of the Internet and various software programs. The level of knowledge exhibited by regular library patrons will be assessed as it should indicate a decrease in the numbers of basic questions asked of staff.

This goal was successfully met.

Each public library and school library associated with VIALS has a station/s with multiple computers that are online. Consistent orientation to students visiting the public libraries as classes or as individuals is provided.

The Territory has been awarded an IMLS grant to reinstitute the Virgin Islands Library Network. This institution will approach ways and means of delivering expanded unified concepts that will make it possible for more library patrons to have access to services including traditional and automated services. Examples of this: joint purchase of e-books, online subscriptions, servers, bandwidth, digitized local history/culture content as well as shared technical support and planning. The sharing of resources will no doubt, will reduced in reduced cost and increase in efficiency and scope of effort.

Goal V. Participation in library shared cataloging services

Timeline: Years 1-5

Evaluation: Increased holdings in the OCLC Union Catalog

VIALS continues to serve as the model for automated services in the Caribbean. The Territory was the second customer for Dynix back in the early 80's as the first automated library system in the Caribbean. It is through the LSCA and LSTA funding that the reputation for the system remains in tact.

Upgrade to Sirsi/Dynix suitable software is planned for next year in conjunction with building of a new library in St. Thomas (recently made aware of Sirsi/Dynix new software initiatives and not sure of its potential impact on Territory's plans). This initiative will take VIALS and services capacity to the next level.

Challenges with integrating with the Government of the Virgin Islands technology program are being addressed.

**Goal VI. Support the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Timeline: Year 1**

Evaluation: Acquisition installation of READS electronic system

This goal was successfully met.

A Regional Librarian was hired, the READS electronic was purchased and installed, the RL is in the final stages of renovation with a new lease agreement in place. Hardware and software upgrades are all but complete.

The RL needs to further meet the challenge of expanding its services to more patrons on the other islands.

Outcomes

Goal I. Strengthen and Support the Virgin Islands Automated Library System (VIALS)

Timeline: Years 1-5

Patron Registrations

Over the past five years the enrolled patron count has risen over 100% from 19,000 to almost 37,000.

The Enid Baa Public Library and Archives, St. Thomas– 10,492

The Elaine Sprauve Public Library and Museum – 3,912

The Sunny Isle Public Library (Kiosk)– 996

The Athalie Petersen – 5,443

The Florence Williams Public Library – 16,087

VIALS Catalog

The current Virgin Islands Automated Library System (VIALS) Catalog is comprised of 120,551 Bibliographic records with total Holdings of 252,921 items. (DLMAS – 194,032 / EDUC – 58,889).

Over the last five years 34,265 items or 13.5% of the total holdings have been added. The distribution is 28,581 (11.3%) and 5,684 (2.25%) items DLMAS , EDUC respectively.

Applying approximately 9 minutes per item for physical, technical and logistical processing, these added items represent 2.56 person-years of direct labor..

Workstation Upgrades and Replacements:

The total complement of workstations in each of the networks five primary locations has been changed out over the last four years. The replacement plan calls for an increase in public workstations of thirty-five per cent.

Library Code	Workstation Type		FY 2002	FY 2007	Change Factor
BAA	Staff / Mgmt.		3	5	+167%
	Public/ OPAC		9	18	+200%
	Totals		12	23	+192%
SPR	Staff / Mgmt.		2	2	0.0%
	Public/ OPAC		4	6	+150%
	Totals		6	8	+133%
PET	Staff / Mgmt.		2	2	0.0%
	Public/ OPAC		6	10	+167%
	Totals		8	12	+150%
SUN	Staff / Mgmt.		1	1	0.0%
	Public/ OPAC		0	1	+100%
	Totals		1	2	+200%
REG	Staff / Mgmt.		0	3	+300%
	Public/ OPAC		0	0	0.0%
	Totals		0	3	+300%
SYS	Staff / Mgmt.		7	3	-233%
	Public/ OPAC		0	0	0
	Totals		7	3	-233%
WIL	Staff / Mgmt.		6	9	+150%
	Public/ OPAC		9	13	+144%
	Totals		15	22	+147%
TOTALS	Staff / Mgmt.		22	26	+118%
	Public/ OPAC		28	49	+175%
	Totals		50	75	+150%

- All workstations now have access to the Internet at a minimum bandwidth of 256 Kilobits per second asynchronously. This is at least a fourfold increase over the rates used five years ago.
- Each new workstation represents approximately \$1,300 in capital investment and is projected to have a useable life of forty-eight months.
- New servers have been installed in five facilities, accommodating the operating system upgrade to Windows Server 2003. This major effort represents a direct equipment cost in excess of \$16,000.00.

Note: 90+% of the LSTA funding was applied to VIALS over the five-year period.

Circulation

The Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums--VIALS CIRCULATION for FISCAL YEARS 2002 THROUGH 2006

	FY 2006 CIRC	CKO SES	FY 2005 CIRC	CKO SES	FY 2004 CIRC	CKO SES	FY 2003 CIRC	CKO SES	FY 2002 CIRC	CKO SES
BAA	4,799	1,807	5,156	1,971	5,945	2,248	10,037	3,711	7,781	3,075
% CHANGE	-7%		-15%		-69%		22%			
AVE.SESS / DAY	7.23		7.88		8.99		14.84		12.30	
PET	1,910	601	2,749	884	1,868	661	1,843	685	2,095	737
% CHANGE	-44%		32%		1%		-14%			
AVE.SESS / DAY	2.40		3.54		2.64		2.74		2.95	
SPR	4,198	1,803	3,914	1,812	3,723	1,630	3,723	1,552	4,131	3,225
% CHANGE	7%		5%		0%		-11%			
AVE.SESS / DAY	7.21		7.25		6.52		6.21		12.90	
WIL	7,118	2,574	6,607	2,270	6,326	2,242	5,557	1,712	4,131	3,225
% CHANGE	7%		4%		12%		26%			
AVE.SESS / DAY	10.30		9.08		8.97		6.85		12.90	
SUN	316	74	341	111	985	304	900	233	295	87
% CHANGE	-8%		-189%		9%		67%			
AVE.SESS / DAY	0.30		0.44		1.22		0.93		0.35	
TOTALS	18,341		#REF!		#REF!		#REF!		18,138	
% CHANGE	#REF!		#REF!		#REF!		#REF!			

VIALS = Virgin Islands Automated Library System

CKO SES = Check Out Sessions

FY CIRC = Fiscal Year Circulation

NOTE: The chart presented above illustrates that the decline in the circulation of traditional materials experienced over the prior five years has leveled off. This may be attributable to the dramatic infusion of new materials and the modernization of the collections, which has better synchronized them with the current reading interests of our present patron base.

Over this period observed is the marked shift of demand to electronic services, predominantly Internet driven, by patrons. This change has nearly overwhelmed staff capacity to support the various client demands for this new form of information access.

At each of primary library facility, literally keep every machine is busy every minute that the doors are open. The service is the free alternative to Internet cafes.

“Yet another challenge that all libraries meet with is the one associated with the development of it book collections, particularly its reference collections. Reference continue to rise in cost and become outdated almost when they come off the press. With our continuing efforts to develop the DLAM Virtual Library, we are partially solving this problem. With the increasing number of electronic references sources available on the DLAM website and the numerous others available on the Internet, patrons are presented with a wealth of resources for their use. Additionally, the electronic book (e-book) is becoming more popular every day and is helping to assist libraries in meeting the challenge associated with collection development.”

Goal II. Purchase and install a library material security system

Timeline: Year 1

In planning stage.

Goal III. Establish a Division-wide Summer Reading Program

Timeline: Years 1-5

- The children’s reading program within the individual public libraries were implemented consistently over the five-year period under the title Story Hour...
- Reading Time @ your library (for the purpose of promotion). The formats of the programs varied with some conducted in conjunction with the Friends of the library; with varying themes.
- Examples of programming:
- The Florence Williams Public Library (FWPL) was selected by ALA to participate in the NEH funded “National Connections” family literacy project.
- FWPL was selected by ALA to participate in the “Prime Time...Family Reading Time” family literacy project. These models were successfully tested and are primed to continue.
- The three main libraries collaborated with the Friends of the library, the Department of Education or other agencies to provide summer reading programs.

These programs were funded primarily with Government funds.

On average 30 children populated these sessions.

Goal IV. Teaching And Learning Technology Lab

Timeline: Year 2

Each public library provided the VITELCO (name changed to Innovative)/Public Library Learning Center which consisted of a bank of computers for public use. These computers included those purchased with LSTA funds; some donated by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and some donated by the local telephone utility (donated equipment has been all but replaced LSTA funded systems). This project was in place each of the five years and continues.

The Virgin Islands Virtual Library was ramped-up over the past two years of the five-year cycle to include:

- Launch of DLAM web site
- Purchase of additional electronic resources for public use (Thomson/Gale)
- Purchase of V.I./Caribbean history/culture related microfilm
- Provision of training seminars in collaboration with the National Library of Medicine (2 live seminars).
- Provision of tours and orientation on GPO Access resources at FWPL Gov. Depository
- Provision of dozens of class visits from elementary, junior high and high school students with orientation on the use of electronic/online systems
- Purchase of collection of Caribbean/Latin America dissertations/masters thesis
- Provision Tutor.com Homework Help @ your library online service
- Provision of Tutor.com Ask a Librarian @ your library online service
- Provision of valuable links to general and V.I. related historical, cultural, government and other resources.
- Successful implementation of IMLS grant to upgrade existing microfilm reader/printers so as to enable patrons and staff to scan microfilm into digitized format in three of four public libraries

Goal V. Participation in library shared cataloging services

Timeline: Years 1-5

- Contracted with SOLINET/OCLC for the purpose of accessing cataloging resources.
- Provided cataloging support for three of four public high schools; two curriculum centers
- Added two junior high schools

Goal VI. Support the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Timeline: Year 1

- Installed READS automated system.
- The library is being completely refurbished as this report is prepared.
- Preparing to implement new format reader as per provision of NLS.
- Hired a Regional Librarian.
- Complied with previsions out NLS site visits.

Additional Information

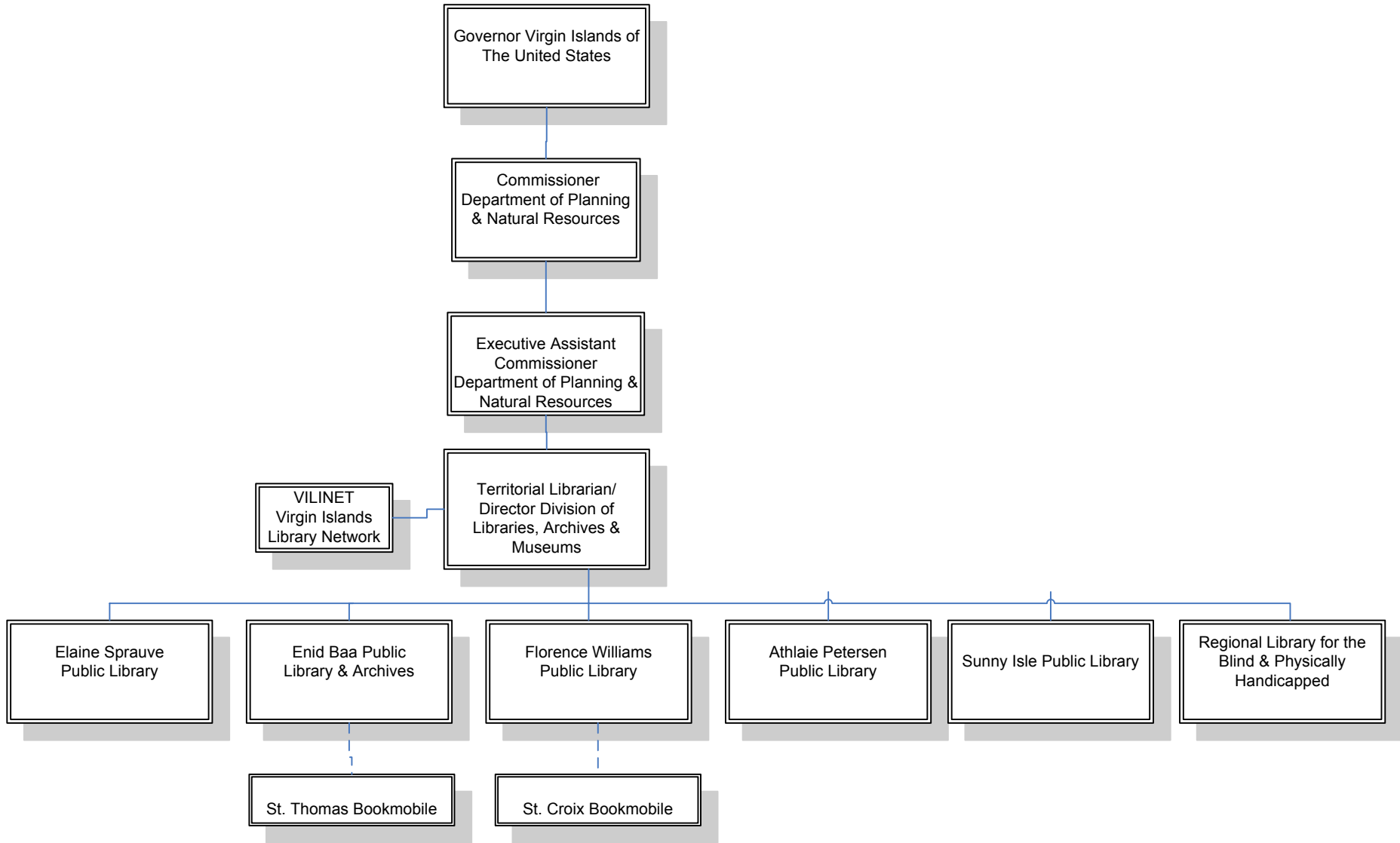
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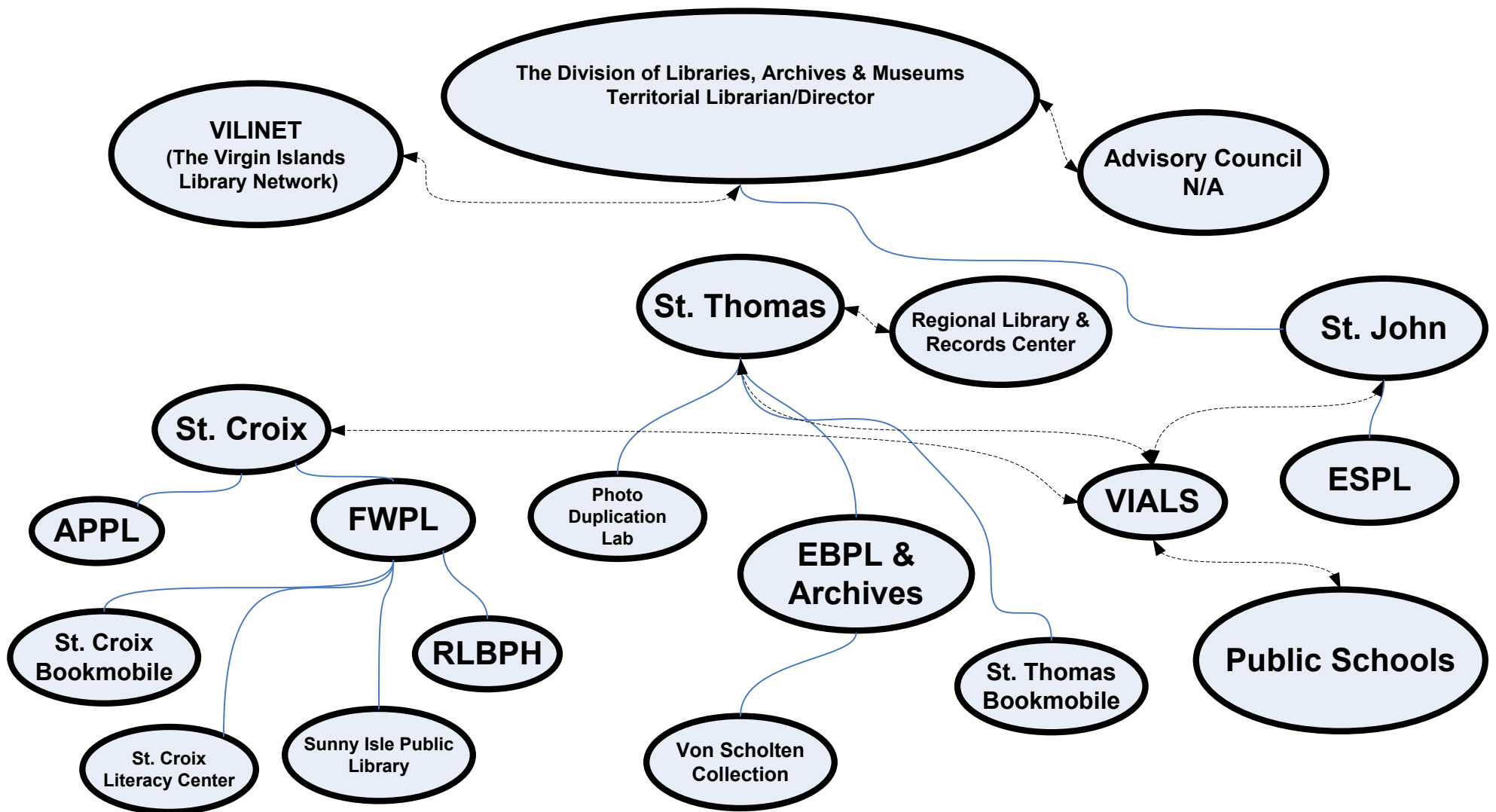
DLAM Executive Chart

DLAM 205 Report Cover

DLAM Function Chart

DLAM Virtual Library





Legend Service Functions of the Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums

VIALS = Virgin Islands Library Network

VILINET = Virgin Islands Library Network (to be re-instituted with IMLS Grant)

FWPL = Florence Williams Public Library

EBPL = Enid Baa Public Library & Archives

ESPL = Elaine Sprauve Public Library

APPL = Athalie Petersen Public Library

RLBPH = Regional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

Advisory Council = Inactive

**The Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums
Goals/Accomplishments 2006**

Goals:

- To construct new library and archives building in St. Thomas.**
- To refurbish the Enid Baa Public Library**
- To refurbish the Athalie Petersen Public Library**
- To refurbish the Elaine Sprauve Public Library**
- To upgrade the Virgin Islands Automate Library System**
- To restructure the descriptions and reallocate accordingly, existing job classifications for staff.**
- To reinstitute the Virgin Islands Library Network (VILA)**
- To institute two new bookmobile services, one in St. Croix and one in St. Thomas**
- To upgrade the library book collections.**
- To further develop the Virgin Islands “Virtual Library”.**

Accomplishments:

Last year The Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums (DLAM) was provided by the Commissioner of DP&NR, the opportunity to present a projected budget for libraries at the legislative hearings totaling over \$7,500,000 resulting in the allocation of \$5,000,000 from the Governor. Subsequently The V.I. Public Finance Authority *VIPFA) approved funding totaling approximately \$9,000,000 for the construction of an archives and records center on the same site for the future public library in St. Thomas near the Tutu Mall Shopping Center. In addition, the Legislature of the Virgin Islands appropriated \$1,000,000 for libraries, marking the most successful year for funding ever for V.I. public libraries and archives.

Extensive repairs were completed on the Florence Williams Public Library, making it one of the most attractive government buildings in Christiansted. Funding provided by the VIPFA also made it possible to move ahead with plans for refurbishment and repairs to three historic building in the DLAM which serve as libraries: the Athalie Petersen Public Library in Frederiksted, the Enid Baa Public Library and Archives in Charlotte Amalie and the Elaine Sprauve Public Library and Museum in Cruz Bay.

Partnerships: The Virgin Islands public libraries continue to develop local, regional, national and international partnerships that are of benefit to the library patron the list includes:

- **The FRIENDS of the library in St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John continued to provide support for programs and project. Examples include: Story Hour...Reading Time @ your library at the BPL in St. Thomas (Saturday morning); the ESPL (weekly) and the FWPL (pre-school patrons). Poetry Reading @ your library at FWPL completed its third successful year. For eight months of the year an average of forty-five participants per monthly session.**

- **Innovative—continues to provide bandwidth for the DLAM Virgin Islands Automated Library System and initial system upgrade.**
- **The U.S. Coast Guard**
- **The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation—computers and software for public use.**
- **The Virgin Islands Community Foundation has been instrumental in facilitating benefactors for the public libraries in St. Thomas and St. John.**
- **The Golden Eagle Corporation donated video disc collection to the ESPL in St. John and equipment to the EBPL in St. Thomas.**
- **Mahogany Run Golf Course/The Ginn Co. followed up its donation of \$25,000 worth of Scholastic children and young adult books to the St. Thomas Public Libraries with the staging of the first Resort to Reading @ your library celebrity read project.**
- **The St. Croix Foundation for Community Development continued its support of the FWPL by facilitating a donation of \$27,000.00 to fund the painting of the exterior of that building.**
- **The Rotary Club of St. Croix continues to donate a book each week on behalf of their weekly guest speaker.**
- **The Rotary Club of St. Thomas The Rotary Club of St. John and The Rotary Club Mid-Isle St. Croix, continue to support the library.**
- **The Institute of Museums and Libraries/Library Services Technology Act (IMLS/LSTA) makes it possible for the public libraries to offer the Virgin Islands Automated Library System which contains the collections of all the books in the public libraries and three of four of the public high schools and the curriculum center and all the patron records for the people who use them and the public library web site.**
- **The Southeast Library Network (SOLINET) supports the libraries of the Virgin Islands by serving in the capacity as consultant, facilitator and information provider. The Territorial Librarian has been provided the opportunity to benefit from at least two gatherings of heads of State Libraries on topics including “Virtual Library” and State Library Planning. SOLINET has scheduled a special meetings in the upcoming months and invited the Virgin Islands to attend to develop the concept to include: Major Initiatives Review, Financial Framework, E-Resources Access, Cooperation, Membership and Governance and future considerations.**
- **The American Library Association (ALA) remains the steady influence on the total library experience with its offering of development materials, organizational capacity and conferences.**
- **The U.S. Government Printing Office—has reinstated the Depository Library at the Florence Williams and continues to supply the library with print and non-print publications.**
- **The National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped—provides library materials in the form of “talking books”, equipment, consultation and transportation of materials and equipment through the U.S. Postal Service.**

- **The Council on State Library Administrators (COSLA) provides funding for the Virgin Islands’ representative to the National Book Festival and for the seminar: “Sustaining State Library Agencies in the 21st Century” for heads of state libraries.**
- **The International Association of Library Federation (IFLA) provides for its membership (the V.I. joined this year) a wealth of contacts and library resources not available locally or in the U.S.**
- **The Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries.**
- **The Association of Virgin Islands Visual Arts in Education the Quelbe Exhibit housed in the Caribbean Collection of FWPL and available to the public for loan.**
- **The Forum, Chase Bank and 826 Valencia—Storytelling and Bookwriting @ your library.**
- **The Virgin Islands Humanities Council—Collaborative projects and resource materials.**
- **The Virgin Islands Council on the Arts—support for Iamharmony Art Exhibit at FWPL for National Library Week and resource materials.**
- **St. Mary’s School/Under the Umbrella Theater Company—theatrical productions by the students at FWPL**
- **St. Peter and Paul School—venue for Resort to Reading @ your library.**
- **The National Library of Medicine—training sessions at FWPL,EBPL and ESPL “Prescriptions for Success” for staff, invited librarians, interested patrons.**
- **The Virgin Islands Library Association, the St.Croix Library Association, the St. Thomas-St. John Library Association—Professional support organizations.**
- **The Close-up Foundation—student leadership developmental programming EBPL.**
- **The National Endowment for the Humanities—Alexander Hamilton—“The Man Who Made Modern America” exhibit, FWPL, Close-up Foundation programming.**
- **Dr. Seshagiri Alla—EBPL Gammers (young adult program)**
- **HOVENZA—equipment donation FWPL.**
- **Trusts Assets Management—Online resources for DLAM.**

Collection Development: Each public library in the Territory continues to select and acquire new titles for their collections. One of the most popular collections, the Mc Naughton Collection (new and best-sellers) is being expanded to include more titles and contracts for three years. Each library will soon have new collection of “History Channel DVD”s. These DVD’s are the best of the History Channel and can be checked out by library patrons. The libraries will plan educational programming in collaboration with the discs for patrons. Each library will have a

collection of Arco books (assist with studying for tests, skills, etc.); St. Croix libraries will have an opening-day collection of Spanish books.

Virtual Library—the public library web site: <http://www.library.gov.vi> offers the public both electronic resources to V.I. libraries and those outside the Territory and to the wealth of quality resources available for purchase. With the evolution of technology and its use in the transfer of information, the public libraries in the Virgin Islands are in perfect situation to utilize and take advantage of existing and new technologies. The DLAM has acquired over \$100,000 worth of priority reference resources that are offered free with the use of the library card. These resources are geared for children and adults and make it possible to complete homework assignments and research projects at home or other locations where there is access with a computer. At the start of the school year, students will be able to have the assistance of a live tutor by logging in to the public library web site. Patrons can login and ask reference questions and receive the assistance of a live librarian. Patrons can access microfilm via computer, make copies and/or transfer them via email, etc. A complete review and evaluation of the existing automated system is underway and new software and hardware is being added daily.

Programs/Projects

- **KWANZA @ your library**
- **Poetry @ your library**
- **Resort to Reading @ your library**
- **Story Hour...Reading Time @ your library**
- **Creative Writing @ your library**
- **Virgin Islands Book Week**
- **The National Book Festival**
- **Close-up Club**
- **National Library Week**
 - **A press conference to introduce the exhibit “The History of Quelbe @ your library...” FRIENDS of FWPL President Willard John, coordinated this project which was produced by Edney Freeman, President of the Association of Virgin Islands Visual Art Education. The exhibit is available for loan.**
 - **In celebration of National Library Workers Day, individual staff members were presented with a special stainless steel vacuum flask with DLAM and national library symbol inscription.**
 - **Online Reference Books @ your library...Thompson/Gale Co. The DLAM invests several thousand dollars on subscriptions to a variety of online references services and outright purchase of reference collections for its Virtual Library. Thompson/Gale is the main supplier of these collections for the DLAM. Nelson Class, District Sales Manager, traveled from Puerto Rico to provide an update on the existing and newly released products. The informal session held at the library, provided staff and invited librarians the opportunity become more familiar with the products, particularly The Eighteenth**

Century European History which the DLAM purchased and is now a part of the permanent collection and accessible only online. This collection contains over 150,000 titles of primary and otherwise valued resources.

- **Reception Batiste exhibit (Ongoing—St. Croix Art Exchange @ your library) The St.Croix Art Exchange @ your library lives...the history of art at the FWPL is rich with work of its patrons young and old. In 1974 when the building was constructed and open to the public, noted photographer Fritz Henle made available to the library a collection of famous St. Croix photographs. They were displayed throughout the library for years and up until 1989 when hurricane Hugo devastated the building, they were in tact. We were able to save most of them, one that is notably missing is that of Bomba. In the early 80's Leo Carty painted the portrait of Florence Augusta Stephens Williams which hangs for public view on the second floor. Subsequently Carty became our artist in residence and undertook a project funded by the St. Croix Arts Council and taught the young patrons of the library the art of paint murals. A number of those students pursued art in college and came back in the summer and taught others. Their products remain in the building on the third floor. LaVaughn Bell, local artist originated the concept St.Croix Art Exchange and undertook the first exhibit. The idea is to provide local artist with the opportunity to exhibit in the setting, in exchange the library receives at least one piece of art for its collection. For at least two years Danica Art Studio has held children's art programs for the summer and their art is exhibited. For NLW 2006 the FWPL was pleased to host the exhibit of the art of Andrea Batiste, her first exhibit i am h a r m o n y was up until April 29. Ms. Batiste, Ms. Belle and Danica are products of our community and are "library children".**
- **Read On the Green a collaboration between the Baa Public Library the University of the Virgin Islands made it possible for children to read on the campus of UVI St.Thomas. Dozens of children participated and received rewards.**
- **For 24 years the public is invited to participate in this run which starts and finishes at the FWPL. The race course loops (3.1 miles) in the town of Christiansted. This annual event attracted over 30 runners who support the library. Awards were presented on the steps of the library.**
- **Volunteer readers from Athalie Mc Farlane Petersen Public Library Reading Club @ your library, made a visit to the FWPL and read to children.**
- **The Sprauve Public Library hosted Learn/Explore MS PowerPoint, a workshop.**
- **Sprauve Public Library hosted Story Hour...Reading Time @ your library... Art Frederik, Superintendent National Park Service, was the reader.**

Promotion/Publicity--The DLAM has adapted and embraced the national library initiative as follows: @ your library Campaign for America's Libraries. While libraries are popular, they are often taken for granted. While libraries are ubiquitous, they are not often visible. And, while libraries are unique, they are facing new challenges. Out of these challenges was born @ your library®, The Campaign for America's libraries, ALA's multi-year public awareness and advocacy campaign designed to showcase the value of public, school, academic and special libraries and librarians in the 21st century. Based on research and crafted to target key audiences, The Campaign for America's Libraries is designed to remind the public that libraries are dynamic, modern community centers for learning, information and entertainment. The campaign's goal is to increase awareness about the vibrancy, vitality and real value of today's libraries, to galvanize public support and ultimately influence public policy and impact funding.

The DLAM and its service facilities were featured in *The Virgin Islands Child Care Guide*, *V.I. Black Pages*, *The Settler's Handbook* and others. The Territorial Librarian visited several Rotary Clubs and followed up with promotional materials to promoting library services, online resources, the web site to the Chamber of Commerce and local, national and regional associations and forums.

The DLAM/Virgin Islands Public Libraries was represented at the National Book Festival in Washington by Mr. Edgar Lake. He distributed promotional materials produced by the DLAM, greeted the public at the special exhibit booth, was photographed with the Director of IMLS, one of the sponsors of the event. Mr. Lake's trip was funded by COSLA (Council of State Library Administrators) of which the DLAM is a member.

The Territorial Librarian presented at the American Library Association Black Caucus of Librarians on librarianship as a profession, he attended the International Federation of Library Associations and registered the DLAM as a first-time member.

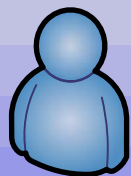
Another example of a library promotion was at the American Library Association where Rachel Fenske of Eastern Washington University presented in a poster session her experience while on sabbatical in St. Croix and particularly the public library, *“One school was very limited in their print collection and had no subscription based electronic resources. Students were retrieving information for class assignments using the web and did not know how to evaluate this information. The Virgin Islands Public Library System had many electronic resources available; however, no one knew how to gain access to these resources or how to use them. The collection would enhance the school resources and open doors to credible information for these students. By simply obtaining a library card, access was unlimited”*.

Public library programs and projects continue to be featured in the print and non-print media, in editorials, news releases, public service announcements, ads, etc.

On one occasion the EBPL was featured on the cover page of both V.I. daily newspapers on the same day.

Human Resources—efforts continue to upgrade and expand the staff. Librarians were added for the EBPL, the FWPL Government Documents, Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Technical staff was added to the Virgin Islands Automated Library System and the EBPL. A number of staff training sessions were conducted including one from the National Library of Medicine. Efforts are being made to upgrade the staff through review and revision of the job descriptions.

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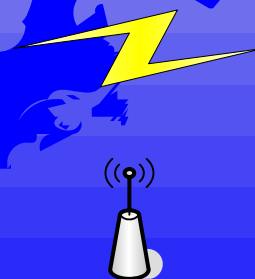
The Internet world and its computers



New Library/Records Center—St. Thomas



Patron access resources via computer...



DLAM/VIALS Server



Quarter of a million books...



VILINET (Virgin Islands Library Network)



IMLS Grant Microfilm Project



Programs



Florence Williams Public Library



Enid Baa Public Library & Archives



Elaine Sprauve Public Library



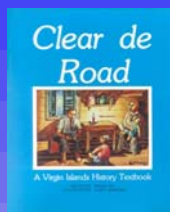
Athalie Petersen Public Library



New St. Croix and St. Thomas Bookmobiles

Sunny Isle Public Library

The Regional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped



DLAM Published Books



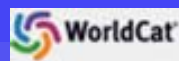
Online Databases



Kids Infobits



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