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This guide to library resources in the Virgin Islands will introduce the reader to academic, public, secondary school, and special collections of library materials. By scanning the descriptions of the resources, services, and facilities of the territory's libraries, students and researchers can be assured of finding library assistance to fit their needs. Brief notes on major library organizations and agencies and a chronology of local library development complete the work. (Author)

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FOREWORD

This Directory of Library Resources should be considered one preliminary step in the development of the United States Virgin Islands Library Network System. The proposed Virgin Islands Library Network will expand and improve services for the general public through joint library planning efforts. It will extend into all three islands and include all public, school, academic and special libraries. The Network concept means that each individual in the Virgin Islands shall have access to the territory's entire information resources through any library she or he can reach.

The Bureau will act as the focal point of the Network and will provide leadership and technical assistance as needed throughout the system. This Directory should be useful in bringing to the attention of the general public the special library and information services available in the United States Virgin Islands. It also is representative of the cooperative efforts of librarians on behalf of their patrons.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Henry C. Chang".

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide to library resources in the Virgin Islands of the United States will introduce the reader to academic, public, secondary school and special collections of library materials. By scanning the descriptions of the resources, services and facilities of the territory's libraries, students and researchers can be assured of finding library assistance to fit their needs. Brief notes on major library organizations and agencies and a chronology of local library development complete the work.

In compiling this guide, primary consideration was given to those collections staffed by professional librarians. Other collections which are properly organized and maintained by non-professionals have been included if they represent significant information resources. Elementary school libraries are not listed in this directory. If any other library collections have been inadvertently omitted, their librarians are encouraged to contact the Information and Referral Service (I & R) at 773-5715 ext.27 for inclusion in future editions.

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Library: ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 774-0231

Mailing Address: Box 308  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: 12 A Commandant Gade Road across from P.O. downtown,  
up from the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Fees: 5¢ a day overdue, \$1.00 overdue reserve.

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Fri. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Eligibility: School only.

Services: This school library serves 386 people, ages 4-18.  
Materials include 4,300 books, periodicals, records,  
tapes, pamphlets, filmstrips, cassettes A-V equipment,  
teaching kits, and a small Caribbean history section.

German and some Spanish are spoken.

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Library: ANTILLES SCHOOL

Phone: 774-1966

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7280  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Frenchman's Bay near Reef Holiday Inn.

Fees: 5¢ a day overdue (may be revised).

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Students.

Services: This school library serves 300 children, ages 6-18. The  
staff consists of one professional. Materials include  
periodicals, records, tapes, filmstrips and motion pictures.

Antilles School Library offers interlibrary loan, mainly  
between schools.

Some Spanish is spoken.



Library: BLUEWATER BIBLE COLLEGE INSTITUTION

Phone: 774-4029

Mailing Address: Box 5200  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Estate Fortuna, western tip, beyond Bordeaux,  
1½ miles beyond Fortuna Bay.

Fees: 2¢ overdue books, 25¢ overdue reference books  
(overnight only).

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Students and public.

Services: This library serves a population of thirty, ages 17+. There are two students and one paraprofessional on the staff. Materials include 5,000 to 6,000 books, periodicals, cassettes filmstrips, visual stories, tape recordings (used in the library only), a large religion section, and a limited Caribbean collection.

A vertical file and interlibrary loan are now in the planning stages.

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Library: BUREAU OF LIBRARY SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS,  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Phone: 774- 3725, 774-0100 (ext.252, 266)

Mailing Address: Department of Education  
Box 630  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Kongens Gade, Conrade Building across from Adams Guest House.

Fees: None.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eligibility: Public.

Services: This library has filmstrips, films, cassettes, and

BUREAU OF LIBRARY SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

educational materials which are loaned to schools on request. Printing of materials for the Dept. of Education takes place here. The Bureau loans to administrators and will loan to the public.

Spanish is spoken.

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Library: CHARLOTTE AMALIE HIGH SCHOOL

Phone: 774-0237

Mailing Address: Charlotte Amalie High School Library/Media Center  
Department of Education  
P.O. Box 630  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Sugar Estate Road.

Fees: 3¢ a day overdue

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Eligibility: Students and faculty of Charlotte Amalie High School.

Services: This school library serves 2,000 students, ages 13-20, and approximately 135 faculty members. The staff includes three media specialists and one secretary. Materials include 10,081 books, magazines, study charts, and vertical files. Among the A-V material is included cassettes, records, filmstrips, slides, microfilm, film loops, and multi-media kits, overhead projectors, record players, microfilm reader/printer, film projectors, slide projectors, filmstrip viewers, and a cassette player/recorder.

Activities include: reading/listening/viewing, advisory series, reference assistance, orientation, book talks, research method classes, A-V instruction and other media services.

The Library/Media Center's special strengths lie in its Black Studies section.



Library: COLLEGE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS -- CARIBBEAN RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE

Phone: 774-1252

Mailing Address: College of the Virgin Islands  
St. Thomas Campus  
St. Thomas 00801

Services: The library, consisting of information on the Virgin  
Islands, is for the research staff only.

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Library: COLLEGE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS -- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
LIBRARY

Phone: 774-1252

Mailing Address: Bureau of Public Administration  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Near Harry S. Truman Airport

Fees: None.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Eligibility: College of the Virgin Islands students and the public.

Services: This is a non-circulating library. The staff includes  
one librarian and one secretary. Books are catalogued  
and put in the main library. Serial publications in  
Public Administration are available here rather than  
in the main library. Also available are a vertical  
file, V.I. newspapers, periodicals, and materials  
pertaining to government and politics. Local government  
documents are included in the collection.

There is no interlibrary loan.

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Library: COLLEGE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, ST. CROIX CAMPUS

Phone: 778-1620

Mailing Address: Library  
College of the Virgin Islands  
Kingshill P.O. Box 84  
St. Croix 00850

Located at: Golden Grove, halfway between Christiansted and Frederiksted  
off Centerline Road.

Fees: 5¢ per day per item overdue.

Hours: During school sessions:  
Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Holiday hours to be posted.

Eligibility: Students, faculty and staff of the College. In addition,  
the Library seeks to serve the citizens of St. Croix,  
consistent with its primary function and within the limits  
of its resources.

Services: Primary clientele of 700 students served by a staff of  
one professional librarian, one library assistant, a  
half-time clerical assistant, and several student aides.  
The Library of Congress classification system is used.  
The collection includes 9,000 volumes, 225 periodicals,  
a small collection of materials on the Virgin Islands,  
the ERIC collection (resources in education) on micro-  
fiche from 1973, some periodical backfiles on microfilm,  
a beginning collection of A-V materials, and a small  
inventory of A-V equipment.

Books and periodicals circulate to students and to other  
registered St. Croix residents. Interlibrary loan is  
provided to other libraries in the Virgin Islands.  
Interlibrary requests to stateside libraries are placed  
only for the student body.

Field trips to the library by public and private classes  
are welcomed but should be arranged in advance with the  
librarian.

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Library: COLLEGE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, ST. THOMAS CAMPUS  
(RALPH M. PAIEWONSKY LIBRARY)

Phone: 774-1252

Mailing Address: Ralph M. Paiewonsky Library  
College of the Virgin Islands  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: College of the Virgin Islands Campus.

Fees: 5¢ per day per item overdue, students; 10¢ per day per item overdue, faculty and community patrons; 25¢ per item per hour overdue reserve books.

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.  
Fri. 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.  
Sat. 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.  
Sun. 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Students, faculty and staff of the College; general public.

Services: With a target population of 2,500, Paiewonsky Library serves patrons between the ages of 15-60. There are two professional librarians and a number of student aides. The Library of Congress classification system is employed. The collection includes 55,000 volumes, 800 periodicals, motion pictures, and 200 records. Newspapers, filmstrips, cassettes, educational films, microfilm and microfiche comprise the balance of the general collection. Two vertical files, one of general interest and one pertaining to Caribbean topics, are maintained. The Caribbean Collection is housed with the Casper Holstein and Charles William Taussig collections in its own room. The ERIC collection (resources in education) from 1966, U.S. Government documents, a wide selection of current college catalogues, and a browsing section comprise other special collections at the College of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas Campus.

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Library: CRUZ BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Phone: 776-6359

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 280  
Cruz Bay, St. John 00801

Located at: Cruz Bay

CRUZ BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY (CONTINUED)

Fees: None.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Public.

Services: There are adult and juvenile services, periodicals, documents and a Caribbean collection.

There is an interlibrary loan service to St. Thomas.

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Library: ENID M. BAA LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

Phone: 774-0630

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 390  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Main Street, one block east of Market Square. Entrance is on Main Street.

Fees: 5¢ per day per item overdue, 2¢ per day per item overdue in juvenile section.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Von Scholten Collection:  
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Children's:  
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Public.

Services: The Enid M. Baa Public Library is Regional Depository of U.S. and V.I. Government Documents. It also houses the administrative headquarters for the Bureau of Libraries, Museums and Archaeological Services. (See under separate heading, page 22.) There are 35,000 volumes, 200 periodicals, films, records, a vertical file, and reference works in the general collection. There is also a Xerox machine (25¢ a copy). The Children's Room on the first floor, offers story hours, films, a television for daytime program

ENID M. BAA LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES (CONTINUED)

viewing, and library orientation for school classes.

Von Scholten Collection

The Von Scholten Collection, housed in the Baa Public Library, is the most extensive collection of material on the Caribbean area in the Virgin Islands. Included in this non-circulating collection are books, periodicals (600), vertical file material, pictures, and maps. There is a small microfilm reading room, which contains local newspapers dating back to 1770. Prints from microfilm may be obtained for a fee.

The Baa Library participates in interlibrary loan.

French, Spanish, Danish and Swedish are spoken.

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Library: EUDORA KEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Phone: 775-2460

Mailing Address: Department of Education  
Box 630  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Nazareth Bay area, on the road to Red Hook.

Fees: 5¢ a day overdue.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Eligibility: School.

Services: This school library serves 1,900 students, ages 12-18. The library staff consists of two professionals, one library assistant, and one A-V specialist. Materials include periodicals, records, tapes, and filmstrips. A Caribbean collection is being built up.

There is no interlibrary loan at present, but Eudora Kean High School would be willing to participate.

Spanish and Italian are spoken.

Library: FREDERIKSTED PUBLIC LIBRARY

Phone: 772-0315

Mailing Address: P.O. Box Lagoon Complex #3  
Frederiksted, St. Croix 00840

Located at: Queen Street at Lagoon Housing Complex.

Fees: 2¢ juvenile per item per day, 5¢ adult per item per day.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Eligibility: Public.

Services: Services include tutoring elementary school children, story hour, and film showings. The library is involved in the outdoor theatre -- Dorsch Center. Materials in the library include records, books, periodicals, Caribbean Collection, vertical file materials, embassy information, and college catalogues.

Interlibrary loan service is mostly to the Williams Public Library in Christiansted.

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Library: GOOD HOPE SCHOOL

Phone: 772-0022

Mailing Address: Good Hope School  
Frederiksted 00840

Located at: South of Centerline Road, Estate Good Hope.

Fees: 2¢ overdue regular materials, 5¢ West Indian materials.

Hours: Mon. and Thurs. 8:15 a.m. (varies) - 4:00 p.m.  
Tues., Wed., and Fri. (varies)

Eligibility: Students and parents of students; general public (non-circulating).

Services: The Good Hope School air-conditioned library serves 420 children, ages 4-19 and older. Staff consists of one professional and one clerk. Materials include 9,000 books,



GOOD HOPE SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

70 periodicals, a large special collection of West Indian materials and marine science, and a professional collection for teachers. A-V equipment and materials are housed in a separate area of the school.

There is interlibrary loan on an individual, not an official basis.

Some Spanish and French are spoken.

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Library: ISLAND RESOURCES FOUNDATION

Phone: 775-3225

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4187  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Harms Lagoon Marina, Red Hook. Across from Eudora Kean High School.

Fees: None.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Variable hours; open by prior arrangement.

Eligibility: Public.

Services: Island Resources Foundation is a private, non-profit, research organization which serves about 300 people. Staff includes four professional researchers, one paraprofessional and one secretary. It is a very specialized library. There is no formal interlibrary loan, but would be willing to cooperate. Island Resources Foundation houses about 1,000 books, 20 periodicals, audio equipment, slides, pamphlets, manuscripts (Xerox) on West Indian history, manuscripts (microfilm) on maritime history, developmental planning, environmental resource planning, Xerox machine, and resource materials for teachers. It is strong on regional West Indian conservation, and also serves as headquarters for the V.I. Conservation Society and West Indian Museum Associates.

Library: KNUD-HANSEN HOSPITAL LIBRARY

Phone: 774-1321, ext. 203, 218.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7309  
St. Thomas 00801

Services: Located in the Medical Records Department, this library contains medical journals, textbooks, and annual reports. There are plans for expansion.

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Library: LAW LIBRARY AT DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Phone: 774-2178

Mailing Address: c/o Judge's Law Clerk  
District Court Law Library  
Box 720  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Federal Building third floor.

Fees: None.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Eligibility: By permission of the Judge.

Services: The library belongs to the Court. The library contains legal research materials and is non-circulating.

There is no interlibrary loan.

Some Spanish is spoken.

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Library: LEGISLATIVE ARCHIVES

Phone: 774-7875

Mailing Address: Records Analyst  
Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
P.O. Box 477  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Veteran's Drive, at the Waterfront across from Fort Christian. Senate Office Building, ground level

Fees: 5¢ per Xerox page (no charge to the Government).

LEGISLATIVE ARCHIVES (CONTINUED)

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Public; District and Territorial Courts and all Executive Departments.

Services: This library is a part of the Legislative Counsel's research library. It houses microfilm reels of old records for legislative procedures of the past years. It includes legislative journals, debates and proceedings, committee meetings, public hearings, and a copy of all bills on which is indicated the status of the bill.

In addition, there is a 3-part card index to the files: by numerical listing of the bill; by date of the session; and by subject of the bill. This index is not on microfilm. There is also an index listing all bills from 1955 to the present and some from 1906-1954.

Copies of the information on microfilm can be made upon request. There are also copies of special reports which will be loaned out by special arrangement.

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Library: LEGISLATIVE LAW LIBRARY

Phone: 774-4374; 774-0880, ext.210; 774-0895.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 477  
Legislature of the Virgin Islands  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Veteran's Drive, south side of town.

Fees: None.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-5 00 p.m.

Eligibility: Public.

Services: This library is staffed by one professional. The books do not circulate. The collections consist of legal reference books and codes of different states.

There is no interlibrary loan.

Some Spanish is spoken.

Library: ST. CROIX CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Phone 778-0213

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 850  
Kingshill, St. Croix 00850

Located at: Mid-Island, off Centerline Road.

Fees: 3¢ a day overdue 2-week books, 5¢ a day overdue overnight books; to a maximum of \$1 00 per item.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Services: The library staff at Central High School consists of two professionals, one school aide, and an A-V specialist. This library has local newspapers dating back 3-4 years, books, periodicals, videotapes, slides, filmstrips, records, 16 mm. films, art prints, transparencies, equipment to produce transparencies, and jiffy master reproductions (for teachers). There is also a Caribbean collection, a vertical file on countries, a microfilm collection of magazines, and one of the largest collections of Spanish language books on St. Croix

There is an informal interlibrary loan system.

Spanish and German are spoken.

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Library: ST. CROIX COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Phone: 778-1974

Mailing Address: Star Route  
Estate Concordia  
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

Located at: Off North Road close to Centerline Road at Mid-Island.

Fees: 2¢ a day overdue.

Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs. 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Tues. and Fri. 7:45 a.m. 2:30 p.m.

Eligibility: Students.

Services: St. Croix Country Day serves 450 students ages 3-17. The library staff consists of one professional and student aides. Materials in the library include books, periodicals

ST. CROIX COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

pamphlets, etc. The strength of the library is at the elementary level.

There is interlibrary loan on a limited basis at present. Plans are afoot for expansion.

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Library: ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Phone: 773-2650

Mailing Address: Box 69  
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

Located at: Orange Grove, western edge of town.

Fees: 2¢ a day overdue.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Students and sometimes public.

Services: St. Dunstan's serves 300 students, ages 5-18. The staff includes one professional and a part-time student aide. There are 8,378 books, periodicals, a vertical file, and a small collection of A-V software.

St. Dunstan's is willing to cooperate in interlibrary loan.

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Library: ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

Phone: 772-0455

Mailing Address: Box 517  
Frederiksted, St. Croix 00840



ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

Located at: Centerline Road, Mt. Pleasant area.

Fees: No overdue fines; replacement value charged.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Students.

Services: This library serves a population of 280, ages 14-19. The staff consists of one professional. Materials include 3,000 books, a Caribbean collection, A-V material in theology, National Geographic Magazines dating from 1935, American Heritage Magazine (complete), periodicals, motion pictures (twelve 8 mm. films), records, tapes, filmstrips, slide sets, and pamphlets. One-quarter of the collection is Christian theology. This library lends A-V collections to other private schools on the island.

St. Joseph's High School is willing to participate in interlibrary loan.

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Library: ST. PETER AND PAUL GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

Phone: 774-5662 or 774-2199

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1706  
St. Thomas 00801

Located at: Main Street, next to the Catholic Church.

Fees: None.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Students.

Services: There is no full-time librarian in charge of the library facilities; an assistant is in the library at all times. There are about 3,000 volumes, one slide projector, two 16 mm. projectors, a few films (rented elsewhere), record players, one opaque projector, tape recorders, a 3M dry copier, video cassette machine and filmstrips.

There is no interlibrary loan.



Library: TONESKOLEN SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
Phone: 774-6153  
Mailing Address: 7 Bred Gade  
St. Thomas 00801  
Services: This small library of music books is for use by  
students only.

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Library: V.I.REGIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY  
HANDICAPPED  
Phone: 774-6770  
Mailing Address: V.I. Regional Library  
P.O. Box 390  
St. Thomas 00801  
Located at: Multi-Purpose Building, Sugar Estate near Barbel Plaza.  
Fees: None.  
Hours: Mon.-Sat. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Eligibility: Public; anyone blind or physically handicapped; anyone  
for reference materials.  
Services: The staff of this library consists of one professional,  
one clerical, and one part-time helper. The library  
has 5,600 records, tapes, cassettes, a small number of  
braille books, 200 pamphlets and large print books.  
  
There is a learning center for the blind and physically  
handicapped at Violets Villa -- Sugar Estate - which  
teaches braille and daily living skills. Contact  
Mrs. Verna Pemberton at 774-7478.  
  
V.I. Regional Library offers interlibrary loan  
Some Spanish is spoken.

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Library: WEST INDIES LABORATORY LIBRARY, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON  
UNIVERSITY

Phone: 773-3339

Mailing Address: Office of the Director  
West Indies Laboratory  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
P.O. Box 4010  
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

Located at: Teague Bay, East End of St. Croix.

Fees: None.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Public.

Services: The West Indies Laboratory of Fairleigh Dickinson  
University is a scientific library concentrating  
on tropical marine publications. There is no full-time  
librarian and books are non-circulating. The library  
contains a large section of material on science, marine  
biology, geology, oceanography, and associated journals  
and reprints. The West Indies Laboratory has a selection  
of A-V materials covering oceanography, use of  
submersibles, and general interest movies on the marine  
environment. 35 mm. slides are also available, at cost,  
that depict underwater environments.

Contacts with other marine laboratories' libraries  
make acquisition of published material available  
through interlibrary loan.

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Library: WHIM GREATHOUSE

Phone: 772-0598

Mailing Address: Whim Greathouse  
Whim, Frederiksted 00850

Services: For research staff only, this non-circulating library  
houses information and volumes on the West Indies.

Library: WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Phone: 773-5715

Mailing Address: 49-50 King Street  
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

Located at: Downtown Christiansted.

Fees: 5¢ per day per overdue item for adults.

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Fri. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Eligibility: Public.

Services: The Williams Public Library has a Special Collections Section -- U.S. Documents, V.I. and Caribbean materials, microfilm and a vertical file. A card catalogue is being established for Special Collections. There is some interlibrary loan to St. Thomas and Frederiksted Public Libraries. The library has a Xerox machine (10¢ a copy) and Reader/Printers (microfilm at 40¢ a sheet).

The first floor consists of a periodical section, circulation, reading room, reference area, technical services, and Outreach. The second floor has a reading area, circulating book collection, rest rooms, Little Theatre for public meetings and children's programs. The third floor houses the juvenile section and Network Administrative Office. The fourth floor consists of Special Collections, a meeting room and Administrative Offices (Head Librarian, Research and Development, and Bureau Director).

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ACURIL - ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES

President,                    Kenneth Ingram  
1976-1977:                  University Librarian  
                              University of the West Indies

Service:                    ACURIL is an association of national and university libraries either in or associated with the Caribbean. It coordinates collection activities and acquisitions of participating libraries, holds annual conferences for educational purposes, and deals mainly with scholarly materials and pursuits, such as research. The most recent development of ACURIL is a cooperative acquisitions program, which is designed to insure the distribution of recently published Caribbean books and documents to all member libraries. The Enid M. Baa Library on St. Thomas functions as one of five regional distribution centers for the ACURIL program.

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LSCA ADVISORY BOARD - LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT

Contact:                    Helen Laurence, R & D Officer or  
                              Ada Anderson, Chairperson, LSCA Advisory Board  
                              Williams Public Library  
                              49-50 King Street  
                              Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

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Services:                    Begun in 1956 as Library Services Act (L.S.A.), L.S.C.A. is a grant program which provides federal financial assistance to strengthen library programs and services in states and territories of the United States. In the Virgin Islands, the L.S.C.A. Advisory Board (also known as the Governor's Advisory Board) is responsible for making recommendations on issues of library services, policy and programs. It is made up of professionals and members of the community who work with libraries, museums and archaeological services. Federal regulations require that this council exist in order that the territory be eligible for federal funds under the L.S.C.A. program.

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BUREAU OF LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Bureau of Libraries, Museums and  
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773-5715 (St. Croix)

Services: The Bureau of Libraries, Museums and Archaeological Services (BLM) assumes responsibility for meeting the Virgin Islands community's need for information, continuing education, recreation and preservation of cultural heritage. It operates the territory's public library system through the Enid M. Baa Public Library in St. Thomas, the Cruz Bay Public Library in St. John, the Frederiksted Public Library and the Florence Williams Public Library in St. Croix. Reading and instructional services are provided to the territory through the federal "Talking Books" program and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in St. Thomas and St. Croix. (See separate entries.) Outreach services bring library materials to the hospitals, prison and other institutions on St. Croix. The BLM Photoduplication Laboratory reproduces irreplaceable research materials on microfilm and prints a bi-monthly newsletter, Information, for public distribution on the activities of the various BLM agencies.

Other responsibilities of the BLM include supervision of the territorial government publications depository program, planning for local archives and records management, and encouraging the expansion of library service to the territory through interlibrary cooperation. The BLM also operates museums on the three major islands and territorial archaeological research and educational services

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LSIM - BUREAU OF LIBRARY SERVICES AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Contact: St. Thomas:  
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St. Thomas 00801

Phone: 774-3725, or 774-0100, ext. 252, 266.

Located at: In St. Thomas, at the Conrad Building, Kongens Gade  
(Administrative Offices, Professional and A-V Libraries)  
Department of Education).

Contact: St. Croix:  
Juilo Espinosa  
Coff Building  
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

Phone: 773-4557

Services: The Bureau of Library Services and Instructional Materials  
(LSIM) is one of the Activity Centers established under  
the Division of Curriculum and Instruction of the V.I. of  
the United States, Department of Education. The primary  
purpose of LSIM is to establish, improve and upgrade  
unified media programs and services in both elementary  
and secondary schools in the V.I., by supporting and  
complementing all curricular areas. Among the functions  
of LSIM are supervision of the administration, organization,  
and functioning of school library media programs,  
administration of federal programs, a professional  
library for the Department of Education, and the Instructional  
Materials Center (IMC) A-V Library

LSIM in St. Thomas and St. Croix has a collection of films,  
filmstrips, and kits which they will loan to individuals  
associated with educational institutions. They also  
loan projectors for one week. There is a union list of  
films being produced, to be distributed in the fall of  
1977. This list is part of the Network Demonstration  
Project, done in cooperation with the Bureau of Libraries  
and Museums.

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#### ST. CROIX LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Contact: Sylvania Golphin, President  
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Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

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Services: The St. Croix Library Association has four main objectives: 1) to promote better library service in the community; 2) to promote librarianship as a profession, and to assist individuals in the performance of librarianship; 3) to promote better library programs and to assist in the establishment of new libraries in public and private educational institutions, medical, legal and other governmental libraries; 4) and to promote the publication of local research materials. Membership is open to anyone currently engaged in the library field, with fees of \$12.00 for regular members and \$7.50 for associate members. A regular member is any resident of St. Croix who is regularly employed (at least half-time) in librarianship and library service in St. Croix. Anyone who so desires may be an associate member. An honorary member is granted membership by the Association itself.

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#### ST. THOMAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Contact: Rose Bergamini  
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Services: The St. Thomas Library Association was re-formed in April 1977 after being inactive for about one year. Still in its beginning stages, it is endeavoring to start a program next year on a regular basis. The Association is presently composed mainly of school Librarians, but includes the College of the Virgin Islands and public librarians as well. The main objectives of the St. Thomas/St. John Library Association are to improve and extend library and A-V services; to develop these services in cooperation with other organizations concerned with the educational and cultural

ST. THOMAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (CONTINUED)

welfare of the community; and to pursue continuous study and research to improve standards and procedures in the library field and establish standards and criteria of evaluation.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS DEMONSTRATION LIBRARY NETWORK STUDY AND ADVISORY BOARD

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Services: The Network Study is the result of a proposal sent by the V.I. Bureau of Libraries and Museums to the U S. Office of Education. Its purpose is to study how libraries in small, remote, disadvantaged areas could best organize themselves and cooperate to provide better service while impeding the growth of library costs. The Network Study is a project under the Higher Education Act Title II-B, funded through 1978. As yet, there is no established regional library network, but a number of small demonstration projects are underway, and planning continues for further library cooperation.

Advisory Board - Professional librarians, educators, and computer scientists from the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico advise the staff of the Bureau of Libraries and Museums on research and demonstration projects for the Network Study. Representatives from school, college, and public libraries meet with experts in technology and education for discussion on inter-library cooperation in the area. Plans for further study and future programs are presented and modified according to the group's advice. The Advisory Board increases communication among concerned professionals and the staff working on the Network Study.

CHRONOLOGY

The following chronology presents a general outline of the development of library services in the United States Virgin Islands. Those with a serious concern with library history are urged to consult the sources listed at the end for more detailed information.

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| 1920      | Public Libraries open in St. Thomas, Christiansted and Frederiksted, organized through gifts of American Library Association and American Red Cross.                                                    |
| 1920-1922 | Administration of libraries, under the Department of Education.                                                                                                                                         |
| 1922-1932 | Administration of libraries, under the Department of Welfare.                                                                                                                                           |
| 1929-1933 | Carnegie Grants awarded to develop library service.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1932      | V.I. Special Reference Collection begun by Edith C. Moon.                                                                                                                                               |
| 1932-1947 | Libraries established as an independent government department.                                                                                                                                          |
| 1933      | Enid M. Baa becomes Supervising Librarian in the Virgin Islands.                                                                                                                                        |
| 1935      | Reorganization of libraries begun; Carnegie Grants end.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1940      | St. Thomas Public Library moves into its present location at the "Municipal Building" on Main Street, Charlotte Amalie.                                                                                 |
| 1941      | Flood destroys juvenile room in St. Thomas, with new books being replaced by funds from the Lottery Board; new furniture installed in the libraries by Governor Lawrence W. Cramer.                     |
| 1947-1968 | Administration of libraries, under the Department of Education.                                                                                                                                         |
| 1956      | Federal Library Services Act (L.S.A.) funding program provides assistance to public libraries continued at Library Service Construction Act (L.S.C.A.) in 1964.                                         |
| 1958      | St. John Public Library established via L.S.A. funds. Library housed in Cruz Bay Courtroom.                                                                                                             |
| 1958-1972 | Bookmobile service in St. Croix, through L.S.C.A. funds.                                                                                                                                                |
| 1959      | Photoduplication Laboratory established in St. Thomas.                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1960      | V.I. Special Reference Collection in St. Thomas renamed Von Scholten Collection in honor of His Excellency Governor-General Carl Frederik Von Scholten, who freed the slaves in the Danish West Indies. |

- 1964 College of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix Campus opens.
- 1965 Branch library in Frenchtown on St. Thomas opens; St. John Library moves to Julius E. Sprauve School; expansion of library facilities on St. Thomas; microfilm reading room added at St. Thomas Library; refurbishing of the Photoduplication Laboratory.
- 1966 Department of Education, Bureau of Library Services and Instructional Materials is established through federal funds, to serve school libraries.
- 1968 St. Thomas Library is designated as a Federal Documents Depository; Library in Frenchtown opens as a depository for "Talking Books."
- 1969 Ralph M. Paiewonsky Library opens at C.V.I. on St. Thomas; Conference on Sharing Caribbean Resources held at the dedication of Ralph M. Paiewonsky Library
- 1969-Present Administration of all public libraries, under the Department of Conservation, established.
- 1971 St. John Public Library moves to a prefabricated building outside of Cruz Bay; first annual meeting of St. Croix Library Association.
- 1972 Networks of Knowledge, a five year State Library plan, is published through L.S.C.A. funds.
- 1973 Christiansted Public Library is renamed Florence Augusta Williams Public Library; Frederiksted Public Library moves to a new Lagoon Street Building; ACURIL 6th Annual Conference held in St. Thomas.
- 1975 Dr. Henry C. Chang is appointed Territorial Librarian and Director of Bureau of Libraries, Museums and Archaeological Services; St. Thomas Public Library is renamed Enid M. Baa Public Library and Archives, according to Act #3668.
- 1976 All public library collections in V.I. of the U.S. are put on Dewey Decimal Classification System; Demonstration Library Network study is formed.
- 1977 V.I. Historical Records Bureau is organized; V.I. Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped moves to a new location in Multi-Purpose Building, Sugar Estate, St. Thomas; passage of V.I. Depository Law #3975, requiring distribution of public documents to certain libraries.
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