

# LIBRARIES TRANSFORM

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## Collective Impact

**C**ollective impact channels the knowledge and resources of multiple partners towards a specific social problem. With their commitment to meeting patrons needs, libraries seek ways to serve and strengthen their communities. Sometimes, however, the needs rise beyond the conventional realm of library services.

Through the strength of non-traditional partnerships, such as liaising with other libraries, the BoG Library offers innovative solutions to a variety of challenges faced by our users. Some of these challenges include finding relevant information on time to take well informed decisions to support

the work of staff.

**T**he BOG library plays a special role in the Knowledge economy of the bank by ordering tailored materials to suit the various operations of the Departments.

The American Library Association's Libraries Transform Program has the notion that Libraries transform is because:

- Libraries makes a difference in their communities
- Its **3am** and you need that Journal Article

- The best search engine in the Library is the Librarian.
- Fake news can have real world consequences.
- Because employers want candidates who know the difference between web search and research.

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/libraries-transform-campaign>



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- Access to Information
- The Role of Special Libraries
- Collection Development
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## Because Access Equals Opportunity

**L**ibraries play a big role in the developments of any kind of organization

The role of our library is to support research for the various operations of Departments of the Bank. The Library therefore needs a

strong supporting that will provide access to relevant information and improved service delivery.

As part of the strategic development goals, activities such as training in online searching will be planned and carried out in the new year.

**W**hen Departments deposit copies of their written papers to the library, these documents will be repackaged and delivered to Management and staff for reference purposes.

## Libraries– the motors for change

**L**ibraries, by providing access to information and skills, help provide opportunities for people to improve their own lives and support informed decision-making by governments, communities and other institutions.

Libraries support literacy programs, provide a safe space for learning, and support researchers to reuse research and data to create new knowledge.

Libraries and access to information con-

tribute to improved outcomes across the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by:

- Promoting universal literacy, including digital, media and information literacy and skills, with the support of dedicated staff;

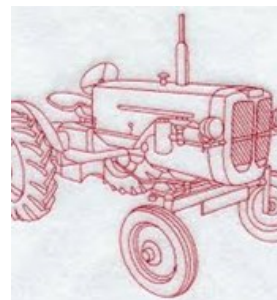
- Closing gaps in access to information and helping government, civil society and business to understand local information needs better;

- Providing a network of delivery sites for government programs and services;

- Advancing digital inclusion through access to ICT

- Serving as the heart of the research and academic community; and

- Preserving and providing access to the world's culture and heritage.



## Libraries-motors for change cont... + Famous Quotes

**T**he BoG library make information easily accessible to staff and Departments to support them in the execution of their daily tasks.

This is done through Selective Dissemination of Information (SDIs), Information Alerts and mailing of Financial Times and other specialized articles.

- To build up a library is to create a life. It's never just a random collection of books.—**Carlos María Domínguez**

- Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.

—**Sidney Sheldon**

**In the nonstop tsunami of global information, librarians provide us with floaties and teach us to swim.**

—**Linton Weeks**

- A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life.

—**Norman Cousins**

## Special Libraries Makes the Difference

**Special Libraries** like the BoG Library offer unique, tailored and valuable services across many departments and the Bank as a whole. The Library plays integral roles in the success of the Bank by delivering information that is timely for the use of all purposes. At present the library's collec-



tion, are Books, technical journals reports, research papers, proceedings, annual reports, statistical bulletin, market research data, Government publications, etc. All these are available just a phone call away or better still via email or personal visit. The Bank's library is the

knowledge hub of learning. The created shelf for BoG publications have some publications of members of staff, it is in line with this that the Library has sent memo to the Bank as whole to deposit a copy of every write-up produced. This will help members to learn more from the Bank. **The use of technology and use of electronic sources** for the delivery of information are more common in BOG

## The new trends in collection development-BOG Library

The term "collection development" refers to the process of systematically building library collections to serve study, teaching, research, recreational, and other needs of library users.

The process includes selection and de-selection of current and retrospective library materials, the planning of strategies for continuing acquisition, and evaluation of collections to determine how well they serve user needs. Overall, collection development encompasses many

library operations ranging from the selection of individual titles for purchase to the withdrawal of expendable materials.

<http://faculty.libsci.sc.edu/bob/class/clis724/SpecialLibrariesHandbook/collection.htm>

The BoG Library is responsible for identifying, acquiring, disseminating and storing literature sources in the relevant subject areas pertaining to the operations of the Bank to support the research and training activities. It is also to provide up

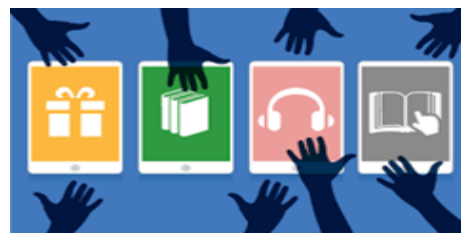
-to-date and relevant bibliographic information to support the decision-making processes of Management. In order for the Bank of Ghana to execute its functions effectively and efficiently, there is the need for the BoG Library to build its collection to meet its information requirement.



## Collection Development Continued...

In recent times, the selection and acquisition of the BoG Library materials is done in collaboration with all the departments in the Bank to ensure that best and relevant books and journals are acquired to stock the Library.

**Access Catalogue**, which has all the library holdings on the Intranet. The OPAC enables staff to browse through the Library to search for Library materials without walking into the Library.



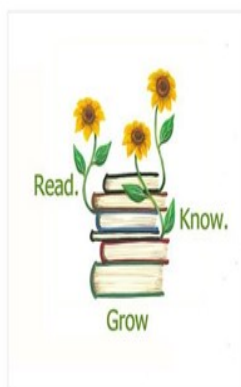
The BoG Library has **Online Public**

**"The only important thing in a book is the meaning it has for you"**  
**W. Somerset Maugham**

## Special Libraries Makes the Difference Cont...

where information alerts are posted on the intranet for management and staff.

The Table of Content of newly acquired books are also scanned and posted on the intranet for easy access which means the BOG Library is on your desktop.



# We

will partner with our stakeholders to ensure satisfaction is guaranteed at all times.

The Library hopes to improve its service delivery by holding programs that will further enlighten our users on how best they can benefit from the services.

Promoting change through Library and Information services would be another area the **LDO** will be dwelling on in the ensuing year to support our users

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**CMS- PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS DIVISION HAS  
THREE OFFICES:**

- Library & Documentation Office
- Corporate Records Management Office
- Printing & Publications Office

***The Library is charged with the responsibility of identifying, acquiring, disseminating and storing literature sources in the relevant subject areas of banking, finance, economics, legal etc. to support the decision making processes of Management. And training needs of staff. We run a current awareness services as well as selective dissemination of information on relevant topics to Management and staff.***

***Watch out for the link to our web page on the New In-tranet!!!***

## The Library's Flashback

**A**ll too soon the year has ended. The BoG Library, looks back to the start of the year and can say that the mandate to supply relevant materials support Management and Staff in achieving their set goals with efficiency has not been easy but it was worth it.

**O**ur Status Report as at November 2017 shows that most of the set goals for the year has been achieved. Those that were not achieved are still in the pipeline waiting to be birthed by the ensuing year God willing. Some of these include :

⇒ The long awaited coffee vending ma-

chine which has now been given full approval and awaiting installation both at the foyer of the Library and the Bank's Clinic.

- ⇒ The RFID 3M Security gate, to safeguard the Library's collection is being assessed by the Security Department
- ⇒ A meeting has been held with Publishers –**BAOBAB** to lead to acquisition of e-books relevant to the Bank's Operations for Management and Staff.
- ⇒ Joining CARLIGH –Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Ghana to have access to specialist Data bases.

**W**e wish our Valued Users-Management and Staff a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

