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INFORMATION LITERACY SKILLS (ILS)

Traditionally, Literacy meant the ability to read and write. In this day and age, there are various types of literacy, for example, audiovisual literacy, print literacy, computer literacy, media literacy, web literacy, financial literacy, functional literacy and library literacy. Information literacy is a combination of all these concepts but goes beyond them.

According to the *American Library Association*, information literacy is the ability to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information" (ACRL, 2000).

The twenty-first century has been named the **information era**, owing to the explosion of information and information sources. One cannot achieve the study target without practicing special information literacy skills. In other words information literacy skills empower people with the critical skills which will help them to become independent life long learners. The burgeoning universe of information now at everyone's fingertips requires a high degree of sophistication at every step of the research process – from the basic defining and limiting a topic, to finding the text, to evaluating resources and choosing the most appropriate ones for a given topic, to finally citing sources completely and accurately.

Ann Marlow Riedling (2006), in her book *Learning to Learn: A Guide to Becoming Information Literate in the 21st Century*, points out that information literacy skills can be applied to all disciplines, environments and levels of education. This offers a substantial benefit to all staff and students and the academic departments to which they belong. They will be able to apply information literacy skills to all of their endeavors, regardless of major area of study, during college and beyond.

MUAST Library supports ILS in the following ways, Instructional support, drop in sessions, reference services, library materials, tours and general orientation. If you wish to organise an Information Literacy Skills Training Session please contact the Librarian for assistance (library@muast.ac.zw).

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DATABASE OF THE QUARTER



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Advanced search overview

Advanced search offers more detailed searching, allowing one to set detailed parameters for their search, such as limiting it to a certain article/chapter title, publication name, author, or keyword(s), as well as giving one the option to set a particular date range and incorporate Boolean operators (AND/OR/NOT) into their search. In addition, one can run citation searches and save searches, and request alerts for new results for the search(es) they would have saved.

Lemmatization

Searches return all relevant results by applying lemmatization to search queries. Lemmatization is the process of reducing the word used as a search term to its base, the "lemma," by removing all inflectional endings, and by taking word categories and relatedness into account. This process is significantly more sophisticated than stemming, which just cuts off word endings in order to determine the word "stem."

How does one save searches?

Click on *Advanced search* (found on the right-hand side of the search bar) and enter your required search criteria. At the bottom of the page you will be able to name this search and say whether you would like to receive alerts relating to this search. Click *Save search*.

At this point you can enter your email address to get updates. In order to manage your saved searches you will need to register or sign in.

How do I manage saved searches?

Sign in with your username and password and go to *My Account*. Click the *Manage Saved Searches* button. Here you can run your search directly, delete your saved searches,

MUAST WORKERS CHAIRPERSON

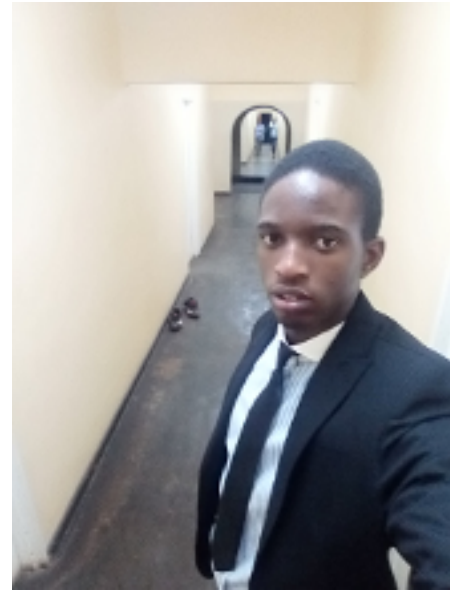
Sydney Mudukuti was elected as Chairperson of the Workers Committee on the 11th of June 2019. His term will run for two years.

A Workers' Committee is essentially a committee created and elected by the workers to represent themselves in discussions and negotiations with members of management.

Sydney Mudukuti



Pearson Takundwa



Important Days in the Second Quarter

7 April- World Health Day

World Health Day is celebrated worldwide every year on the 7th of April. Various programs and arrangements are managed by World Health Organisation. It was first time celebrated in 1950.

19-22 April-Easter

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 May-International Workers' Day

International Workers' Day, also known as Workers' Day, Labour Day in some countries and often referred to as May Day is a celebration of labourers and the working classes that is promoted by the international labour movement which occurs every year.

25 May- Africa Day

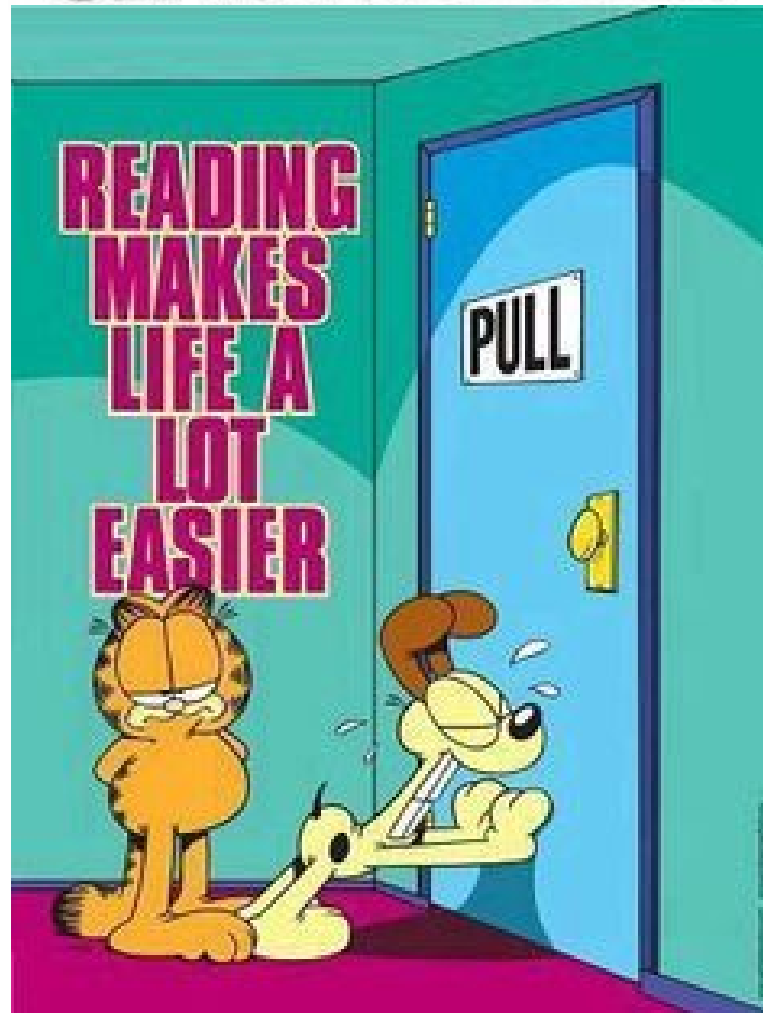
Africa Day is the annual commemoration of the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) on 25 May 1963.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESIDENT

Pearson Takundwa won the 2019 MUAST SRC Presidential Elections and is expected to lead the student body to greater heights.

The Library Department congratulates him and his executive for being elected. We hope to work with the SRC in many ways particularly in the provision of information.

LIBRARY HUMOUR



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