

# MUAST LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome message to new students

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAST). I wish to congratulate each of you, first, on having secured your university place and second, for having the good sense to choose to study at MUAST.

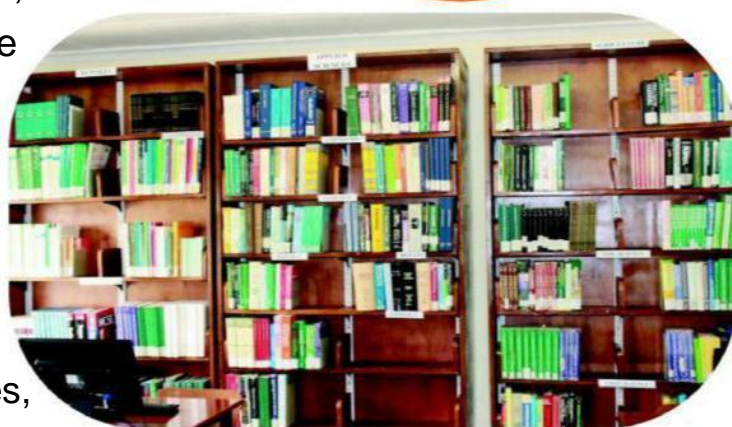
MUAST Library puts the student at the centre of everything it does,

your experience here at MUAST and your success is important to us.

While you are here at MUAST you will have the opportunity to learn new things, acquire new knowledge, develop new skills, and enhance your personal attributes in profound ways that will equip you for life after university. The Library will provide reading space with a wide and inclusive range of resources to support learning and teaching throughout your stay.

E-resources@MUAST

ONLINE PUBLIC  
ACCESS CATALOGUE  
E-JOURNALS  
E-BOOKS  
OPEN ACCESS  
RESOURCES



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## NEW SERVICES IN THE LIBRARY

### 1. Book Express Delivery Service (BEDS) for Lecturers

MUAST Library wishes to introduce the book express delivery service. Lecturers can now request for books whilst in the comfort of their offices or lecture venue. The books will be delivered directly to the Lecturers office or lecture venue.

### 2. Intra-Library Loan Facility (ILL)

The ILL facility between CSC Campus Library and Dozmery Library is now working. Books that are not available at CSC Campus Library but available at Dozmery Library and vice versa will be delivered to the requiring destination within 24 hours.

### 3. E-resource training

Refresher practical training sessions for all lecturers and students on use of e-resources are now available upon request. Visit the nearest Branch Library and make necessary arrangements for E-resources training.

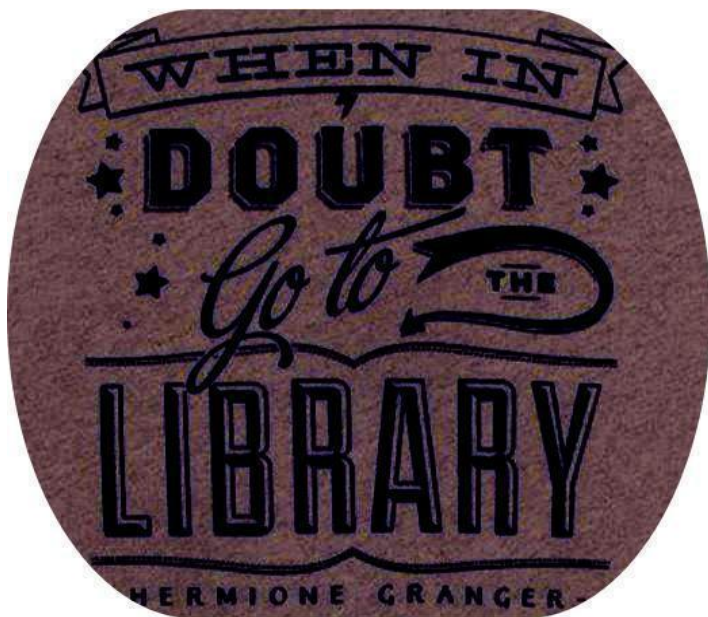
## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

### Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Institutional Repository (MUAST-IR)

Institutional repository is a new concept for collecting, managing disseminating and preserving scholarly works created in digital form by users in individual academic institutions. In an academic institution, an IR is created from the research output of the faculty, staff and students.

### Benefits of an Institutional Repository (IR) to MUAST

1. An IR increases visibility and prestige. A high profile IR may be used to support marketing activities to attract high quality staff, students and funding.
2. An IR helps in centralization and storage of all types of institutional output, including unpublished literature.
3. An IR supports for learning and teaching. Links may be made with the virtual teaching environment and library catalogues.
4. An IR assists in standardisation of institutional records. The compilation of an 'Institutional CV' and individual online dossiers linked to the full text of articles become possible.
6. IR breaks down publisher's costs.



### MUAST LIBRARY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK



You can now like our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Marondera-University-of-Agricultural-Sciences-and-Technology-Library-775593236156673/>

# DATABASE OF THE QUARTER



**EBSCO**host

## What is EBSCOhost used for?

**EBSCO** is a company that supplies information resources to many different libraries. ... So remember: **EBSCO** is a company that provides database access to you in the form of many different databases.

## Is EBSCOhost free?

**EBSCO** provides free research databases covering a variety of subjects for students, researchers and librarians at **MUAST**

## How do I open an article on EBSCOhost?

In **EBSCO** databases, look for the "Full text" check box under "Limit your results". Click the box to select, then start your search. All articles or books in your results should have a "full text" link below their citations. Click the full text link to start reading!

## How do you cite EBSCOhost?

1. Perform a search in any EBSCO database.
2. Click on the title of any article from your list that you want to cite.
3. Click on the cite icon on the right side of the article.
4. A pop up window will appear with the article or e-Book cited in multiple formats.

## Librarians will be happy to assist you with:

- Basic Searching Advanced Searching (Single Field)
- Advanced Searching (Guided Style)
- Viewing Results
- Reading an Article
  - Using the PDF Full
  - Text Viewer

## AND

- Searching with Boolean Operators
- Searching with Field Codes Using Wildcards and Truncations
- Browsing Databases Using the Thesaurus
- Best Practices for Finding Key Articles

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## How do I access EBSCOhost?

Follow the link below:

<https://search.ebscohost.com>

# LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

## DOZMERY LIBRARY

### VACATION:

MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS: 8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

FRIDAYS 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

### SEMESTER

MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS: 8:00 AM TO 00:00 PM

FRIDAY: 8:00 AM TO 19:00 PM

SATURDAYS: 9:00 AM TO 13:00 PM

## CSC CAMPUS LIBRARY

### VACATION:

MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS: 8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

FRIDAYS 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

### SEMESTER

MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS: 8:00 AM TO 10:00 PM

FRIDAY: 8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

WEEKENDS: 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

## Library Book Loan Periods

Students

Staff

Reserve -Overnight

Reserve 1 wk

Open Shelf- 3 Days

Open Shelf 2 wks

## LIBRARY HUMOUR



### Important Days in the first quarter of the Year

01 January 2018 New Years Day

New Year's Day which is on January 1 marks the start of the year in the Gregorian calendar and it's a public holiday in many countries.

1  
14 February Valentine's Day

On February 14, people exchange cards, candy or flowers with their special "valentine." St. Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century, but has origins in the Roman holiday Lupercalia.

2  
21 February National Youth Day

National Youth Day legally known as Robert Mugabe National Youth Day is a national holiday in Zimbabwe celebrated in Zimbabwe on 21 February on the birthday of former president Robert Mugabe.

8 March International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8 every year. After women gained suffrage in Soviet Russia in 1917, March 8 became a national holiday there. The day was then predominantly celebrated by the socialist movement and communist countries until it was adopted in 1975 by the United Nations.

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