

Library department open week kicks off



Library staff attend to students during the open week

The University of Nairobi Library open week was launched today outside at the Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library.

Dubbed “Taking the University of Nairobi Library to the users for innovative teaching, learning, research and community services/consultancy,” the open week aims at marketing the library services in support of education, training, research and enhance visibility of the University.

During the launch, Hudson Liyai, Deputy University librarian, noted that the three day programme scheduled to take place from 31st October to 2nd November 2012 will be conducted simultaneously at the Colleges of Education and External Studies, Health Sciences and Humanities and Social Sciences and is part of the Libraries initiative to realize the improvement of the library user awareness of the latest development in information services over the last few years.

In addition, the open week will promote Open Access initiative, which is a worldwide movement aimed at harnessing the sharing and dissemination of information globally. Indeed, a survey conducted last year, revealed that the usage of library materials is low and that electronic resources have been under- utilized. The UoN library subscribes to over 50,000 journals, 60,000 e-Books including reference materials and 750,000 print resources, and thus the opportunity exists for the library to showcase its services to the university fraternity