

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Introduction

In this information age, innovation and technology are part and parcel of today's culture and activities. The library has embraced this by integrating Information Technology into the library services to promote quick and easy access to up-to-date wide range of agricultural information.

Objective

In line with this year's theme, the library intends to mainly focus on sensitizing users on access to information through the digital platforms available in the library. This will not only improve access but also encourage research on various innovative projects in agriculture and trade.

Information Access Platforms

i). Institutional Repository (DSPACE)

This is a platform Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology uses to collect, preserve and distribute digital material such as open lectures, thesis/dissertations, research papers, conference papers, conference proceedings and inaugural lectures.

The reservoir is unique to us because it contains content produced by our very own academic staff. The communities comprise range of subjects on green planning environmental management, agriculture among others.

Our interest in this year's show is to highlight the agricultural content available in the repository.

E-Resources

JOOUST library services provide access to a huge range of electronic resources to support studies, research and teaching.

A Discovery search will retrieve items from the e-resources and provide access to the full-text of some of our electronic resources, databases and journals.

The main reason we value promotion of access to these resources is because our mandate as library is not only to provide information but also ensure the information benefits the intended users. These resources can be accessed both on and off-campus and we will demonstrate this during the show.

iii. Social Networks

In the Technological era we the library professionals have to express our identity by acquiring the requisite knowledge and skills and providing the right information to the user at the right time, which in fact has been our motto from ever since. Through this the library is able to

Strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of existing, formal communication channels and even

Make out opportunities to accelerate knowledge flows among users.

Our library therefore has the following pages which a number of our users:

- **JOOUST LIBRARY**- Facebook page
- **@JOOUST_LIB** - Twitter handle

Both pages create awareness for the users about new arrivals in the library, show new information in the form of notification and also form an interactive forum where users and library staff discuss issues of importance pertaining to the library services

Our Expectation at the end of the Show

Users are well acquainted with how to access the digital platforms.

To answer all the questions regarding the library services and access to information are answered.