



EXPANDING LIBRARIES

“This gives the people of Bermuda access to a vast new collection of materials, and it adds to the Library’s legacy as an historic place of learning and growth.”

—Joanne Brangman,
Head Librarian, BNL

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Expansion of the Bermuda National Library Resources

The BNL has significantly expanded its resources with a grant that provides both physical volumes and E-book technology as well as a new E-book Centre. These new resources will allow the BNL to double its current holdings, enhancing its role as the national source of reading, writing and literary enjoyment.

- New e-book and music software doubles the Library’s current collection with access to 200,000 additional books and worldwide magazines.
- Expansion of paper collection focuses on Bermudian writers with completion of the Mark Twain hardback collection and expansion of the Bermudian Writer’s corner.
- A new E-book Centre within BNL, now equipped with state-of-the-art iPads and Kindles, provide unprecedented access to the expanded collection.

Resources Allow for Virtual Expansion of National Treasure

While the BNL collection has grown significantly since its founding, space challenges make it hard to host the volumes of material Bermudian residents seek. The new E-book library meets this challenge by significantly expanding the volume of, and the access to, new material within its current space.

A Collaborative Approach Provides Greater Impact

Initiatives within the Read•Write•Bermuda Campaign are designed to provide value across its Partners so that students from CedarBridge Academy and The Reading Clinic, and visitors to the Bermuda National Library, can all benefit from the new resources provided within each organisation. The virtual expansion of Bermuda National Library benefits students at CedarBridge and students with learning differences tutored at The Reading Clinic as they can now directly access the new BNL collection from their own expanded library resources, including new E-book Centres at both locations.

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ABOUT THE PARTNERS

Bermuda National Library (“BNL”)

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CedarBridge Academy

CedarBridge Academy is the largest public high school in Bermuda and is currently celebrating its fifteenth anniversary. Located in Devonshire, its motto is: “At CedarBridge Academy, where excellence is valued, we cultivate Bermuda’s achievers.” Led by Principal Kalmar Richards, CedarBridge Academy has graduated over 1,000 alumni and continues to prepare its students for lives of success.

The Reading Clinic

The Reading Clinic was founded in 1968 in response to the needs of children with dyslexia. Since that time it has grown from providing specialized tutoring based in the founder’s home to an array of services designed to meet the needs of individuals with a variety of learning differences in a purpose-built facility. Its work includes structured, multisensory, phonetic instruction for reading and spelling, neurodevelopmental assessments, and support for family members and educators.

Frederick Buechner and the Buechner Society of Bermuda

Following the tragic death of his father when he was a child of ten, Frederick Buechner found home in Paget and went on to attend Warwick Academy. Buechner has written more than thirty books, including Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award finalist books. Buechner’s works of fiction, autobiography, essays, sermons, and other nonfiction have been translated into over twenty languages and enjoyed worldwide. Through the Buechner Society of Bermuda and its efforts to benefit Bermuda’s children and writing community, Frederick Buechner is giving back to his “Oz of an island” and beloved childhood home, Bermuda.

THE CAMPAIGN

Read•Write•Bermuda is a national campaign to promote reading and writing and to celebrate and support Bermuda’s literary community. Read•Write•Bermuda is a collaborative partnership among the Bermuda National Library, CedarBridge Academy, The Reading Clinic, and the Buechner Society of Bermuda, institutions that will use new resources to expand their capacity to help young readers and writers. These highly respected partners will work individually and collaboratively across organisations to improve student reading skills and increase family literacy. Combining technology, tutoring, E-book resources, professional development for teachers and librarians, writing workshops, and special events and programmes, Read•Write•Bermuda will give young people enhanced pathways to achievement and lifelong learning while nurturing current and future generations of Bermudian writers.

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