

## TIMELINE

May 2013

### **Mt Zion Library is conceived and work starts**

In response to the three year closure of the National Public Library - a group of concerned citizens get together to provide a library and literacy support for the St George's public. The founding partners include author Oonya Kempadoo, Mt. Zion Full Gospel Revival Ministries Intl., Groundation Grenada and Uprising. Technical support is provided by US non-profit, Hands Across the Sea and founding Friends of Mt Zion Library: Angus Martin and Ricardo Keens-Douglas.



September 2013

**Doors open at Mt Zion Children's Library:** After just a few months of planning and a tiny budget, Canadian writer Rick Brazeau gives a major donation of books and the Mt Zion Children's library opens to the children of St George's. By the end of the month we have 25 members.



October 2013

**School children enrol in new after-school programme & story time begins**

One month after the library opens it's clear that the young people visiting our space need extra help. In response to this demand we launch a homework help and reading support service which serves around 6 students each week with specialized volunteer tutoring. Volunteer librarians read and role-play local stories and books on Fridays.



May 2014

**Adults sign-up in new Mt Zion library space**

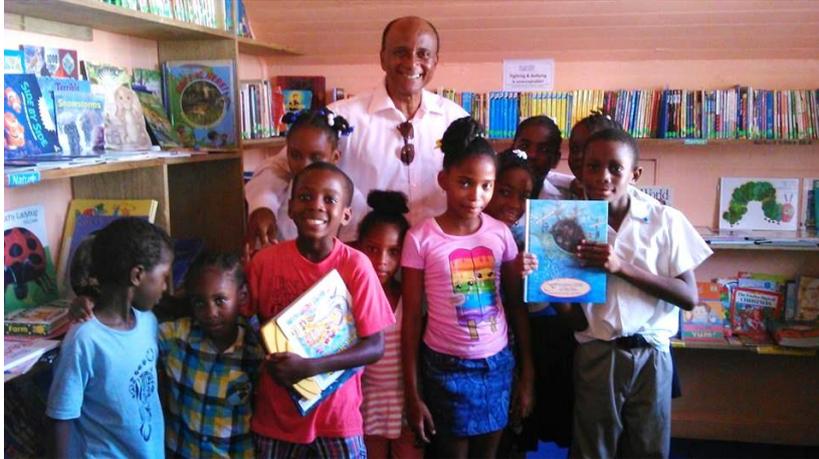
In just twelve months the library is able to expand its offering to include a general collection for teens and adults. Now the two libraries (Children's and General) operate on a part-time basis - three afternoons per week and all day on Saturdays. Membership has now reached 100.



October 2014

**Weekly story time a huge success with kids and parents and creative writing begins**

To encourage more kids to enjoy the library setting local authors, illustrators and celebrities are invited to read and share their stories. We also launch a motivational reading and writing club room for older youth.



Ricardo Keens-Douglas & Mt. Zion Library children

November 2014

**The public enjoys full-time opening hours!** Thanks to a new main sponsor, Urban Humanitarian Projects, library users are able to spend more time at the library with full-time operating hours and two youth-librarians are employed, who began as volunteers. Two government-sponsored IMANI interns join the library staff and great team of volunteers. Membership now 250.

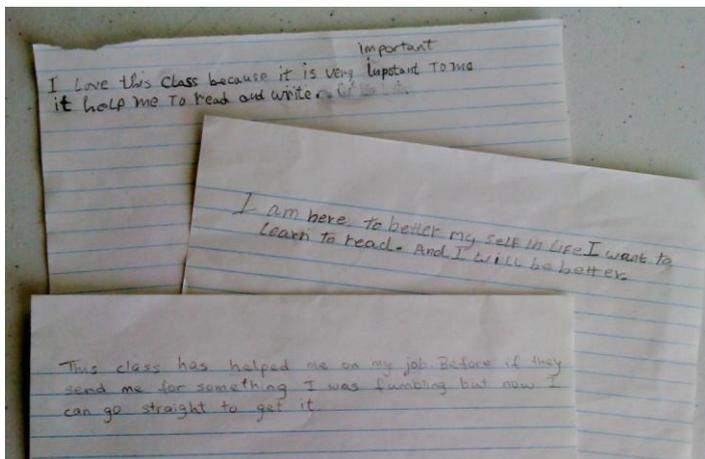


Librarian Alesia Aird and new members



January 2015

**Adults sign up for literacy classes:** Adults who struggle with literacy are now able to get much-needed help as a result of the new partnership with the Adult Literacy Tutors Association (ALTA). These weekly classes teach 18 adults Level One literacy skills.



February 2015

**Digitisation of the library services begins:** A customized IT lending program is designed for Mt Zion Library and online cataloguing continues – aiming to make our library the first digitized Grenadian library open to the public!

April 2015

**1000<sup>th</sup> member joins the library:** Since opening in November 2013 our membership has grown at a phenomenal rate and in April we were proud to pass our 1,000 member target.



May 2015

**3 Grenadian adult literacy teachers are certified and volunteers trained:** ALTA (Adult Literacy Tutors Association) in partnership with our library and with the success of our adult literacy class, certifies 3 new volunteer tutors. This doubles the number of trained tutors and classes available on the island and re-establishes GALTA (Grenada's Adult Literacy Association).



Tutor & Trainer, Debbie Dowlath and new teachers



Professional Development coach, Laura Hall, and our team

July 2015

**Nationwide appeal for funding:** Our fundraising appeal attracted the attention of Grenada's national news programme, GBN News. Our founder, Oonya Kempadoo, and librarian Alisia Aird, explained to viewers how they could get involved in supporting the project and help this public service stay open and *free*. [https://youtu.be/d\\_m6OQkmEq8](https://youtu.be/d_m6OQkmEq8)

August 2015

**Partners for Literacy increase:** Five new Partners for Literacy have joined in solidarity and in-kind and Scotiabank donates the library's first desktop and new computer!



September 2015

**New after-school and creative programs begin**

Responding to the demand and interests of our members, new and exciting programs fill our calendar.



**Starting September 7<sup>th</sup> in the Motivational Reading & Writing Room!**

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Time
10-11am						Art & Craft	10-11am
11-12pm						Music & Poetry for Children	11-12pm
1 pm						Authorizing: Poets & Writers Space	1 pm
2-3pm	Homework, reading & writing support	Homework, reading & writing support	Homework, reading & writing support	Homework, reading & writing support	Homework, reading & writing support		2-3pm
3-4pm	Boys Book Club	Creative Writing Club	Children's Special Help for Reading & Writing	THINK . BOOK . CHAT teen discussions	STORYTIME		3-4pm
4-5pm		Chess Club	Teen Literacy	Teen Literacy	Authorizing: Poets & Writers Space		4-5pm
5-6pm	ALTA Adult Literacy Class		ALTA Adult Literacy Class				5-6pm
6-7pm		CXC & Adult Maths		CXC & Adult Maths			6-7pm