

BRIEF HISTORY

The Department of Library and Information Science (DLIS), University of Nairobi, was established for the sole purpose of providing quality research, education, training and consultancy programmes in library and information science. Although the university has been offering education and training programmes in Diploma of Information Studies through the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) for the last 20 years, the Department came into existence in October 2013. This was in response to the need to move the training of information professionals to a higher level.

The Department launched the Master of Library and Information Science programme on part-time mode of study in September 2013. DLIS offers MLIS programme with 4-specialization options. Plans for the launch of the Bachelor of Library and Information Science are at an advanced stage. The Department is also home to the Diploma of Information Studies offered by KNEC and the University of Nairobi as the examination center.

DLIS boasts of both full time and part-time academic and teaching staff including support with professional expertise in library and information science. Full time lecturers are Dr. Dorothy Njiraine the Chairperson and Dr. Elisha Ondieki Makori. Presently, DLIS has students in the Main Campus only, but there are plans to expand the programmes to ensure that the Department is operational in respective Satellite Campuses of the university in Kisumu, Nakuru and Mombasa.

The mandate of the Department is to provide holistic education, training, research and consultancy programmes suited to producing information professional leaders for the emerging national and global markets. In this respect, DLIS hopes to develop and implement strategic programmes and policies in information science in line with the holistic vision and mission of the university.

Memorable Historical Alerts

Friday, December 5, 2014, **15 graduands** were conferred with the Master of Library and Information Science degree

In October 2013, DLIS was established

Consequently, in the same period MLIS was launched

Dr. Dorothy Njiraine, became the first Chairperson