Using the Library to Achieve Academic Excellence and Self Actualisation

Lecture During the 2017 NFCS Year One Orientation

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Orientation very crucial for your success
Unveils the instrument for your success: Being studious
Undergraduates expected to be readers
Use of the University Library is the key: private and school library could only act as foundation
Reader discusses widely: Economics, political science, medicine, engineering, etc.

University is centre of Excellence & knowledge, as undergraduates you are to know a little of everything

A reader travels more than physical body and knowledge is unimaginable
Reading: provides unprecedented confidence
Reading in University very important

Claim Africans in general & Nigerians in particular don’t read
BRIEF ON STUDY SKILLS

Acquisition of Knowledge from the University Library is a function of good study skill.

**STUDY SKILLS**

- **Development of schedule for your study**
- **Study space**
- **Strategy for understanding main idea**
- **Revising and Reviewing,**
- **Time management**

**Plan of study to follow for long:** where this not available you find it difficult to allot time: plan helps meet your study need, helps prevent wondering off course.

**Creating enabling environment for study:** Everywhere is good but library is better if not the best. Why: You can always reach out to confirm facts, information or reach out for better understanding, motivated by others who are studying. Quietude is best experienced in the library.

**Taking Notes:** should be for another time.
FUTO LIBRARY ENVIRONMENT

MADE UP PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

Physical environment:
The building and other facilities including tables, chairs, etc.; the print resources; the computers and accessories

The virtual environment:
FUTO website, Social media sites, Electronic resources, OPAC gateways
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT: Three buildings: Library Phase IV (the Bungalow), Library Phase 2A and the New Library Complex.

- Bungalow is the main reading area and place for all circulation services; The Office of the University Librarian is momentarily located there.

Library Phase 2A: The older story building with some reading areas, ICT Unit is located there as well as other operational units.

- The New Library complex is being furnished but meanwhile can be used if a student so desires.
Physical Environment
ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENT

• All virtual operations and services rendered by the University Library
  • Achieved through: Internet & Local Area Network

  **Internet**
  • FUTO Library site: library.futo.edu.ng
  • FUTOLibrary blog: [www.futolibrary.wordpress.com](http://www.futolibrary.wordpress.com)
  • FUTO Library Facebook: [www.facebook/futolibrary](http://www.facebook/futolibrary)
  • Email: librarian@futolibrary
  • Twitter handle: [http://twitter.com/futolibrary](http://twitter.com/futolibrary)
  • FUTO OPAC Online: futo.goalexandria.com

  **Local Area Network**
  ▪ The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL)
  ▪ FUTOSpace: Our Institutional Repository
ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENT: Internet
Local Area Network Environment

FUTOSpace

THE ESSENTIAL ELECTRONIC AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY

FUTO SOCIETY OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS E-LIBRARY
Library Resources: Print

**LIBRARY PHASE IV (BUNGALOW)**
- Arts.
- Social Sciences.
- Science.
- Agriculture
- Technology
- Health.

**LIBRARY PHASE 2A**
- Current Journals;
- Newspapers;
- Bound Periodicals;
- Bound projects;
- Documents and archives;
- Light reading materials;
- Index to Newspapers;
- Some materials set aside as gift;

**NEW LIBRARY COMPLEX**
There are no print resources at the New Library complex.

We are preparing to represent Maker space/Learning environment.
ELECTRONIC RESOURCES OF THE LIBRARY

All aggregated in FUTO Library OPAC
Bibliographic Information of all print resources can be searched here

CD
Accompanying some print resources

Ebooks:
Free books.net, Ebrary, Loaf (Library on A Flash)

Institutional Repository of FUTO (FUTOSpace) containing: Thesis & dissertations, Lectures, Addresses, Past question papers etc

Journals all contained in the flyer you have

OnePetro - A database provided by the Society of Petroleum Engineers of Nigeria
CONCLUSION

To change your academic millstone: From Bad to Good

All you need is to start now

You can make a difference from what people expect from you

Success is all about decision which you need to ask God to bless

A decision to have a study plan which is hinge on the use of Library

Decision to use the library and read beyond what the lecturer taught

Move to commit all to the hand of God

Decision to read every day despite your peers’ distraction

Decision to make a first class

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CONCLUSION Cont..

• Time is Now.
• Do not repeat the mistakes of your friends and relations.
• Be A Scholar
• Start Now

All the best and God bless

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