



**ACURIL XLIII PUERTO RICO declares
Thursday, June 13, 2013,
ACURIL's Solidarity Day
*with Libraries and Archives in Haiti***



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ACURIL in Solidarity with Libraries and Archives in Haiti
**ACURIL en Solidaridad con las Bibliotecas
y Archivos en Haiti**
**ACURIL Solidaire des Bibliothèques
et Archives d'Haiti**

June 13, 2013 ACURIL Solidarity Day

- ACURIL's Solidarity with Haiti dresses in Green at its XLIII Conference in Puerto Rico. 13 June 2013 Book Donation Drive in French and Creole
- Book Donation for the Haitian Babies
- Purchase of library materials
- Internship of library personnel in Caribbean Libraries
- Caribbean Libraries Twinning Project with Libraries in Haiti
- ACURIL Fundraising Drive for Haiti Libraries and Archives 2010-2015

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We are All ACURILEANS.

And the ACURILEAN Community is in solidarity with the Libraries and Archives in Haiti. ACURIL launched this special campaign, from 2012-2015, to support the ideas and needs of libraries and archives in Haiti.

Let's do as much as we can.

At a meeting held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at the Graduate School of Information Sciences and Technologies of the University of Puerto Rico, President Carmen Margarita Santos-Corrada (2010), Treasurer at the time Ileana Rosa-Sotomayor, Incoming treasurer María de los Ángeles Zavala-Colón and Executive Secretary Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, considered how ACURIL could lead a campaign to contribute significantly to some of the needs of the libraries and archives in Haiti, as identified by Mme. Françoise Thybulle, then Director of the National Library.

After consultation with Executive Council members and some past presidents, decision was made to launch a special campaign to alert our colleagues and friends regarding our major goal and objectives, and to motivate them to join ACURIL in a collaborative effort.

The Campaign, entitled **ACURIL in Solidarity with Libraries and Archives in Haiti**, was launched, and it includes the following key Action points:

- **ACURIL's Solidarity dresses in Green at ACURIL'S Day of Solidarity with Haiti, From 2010 to 2015, ACURIL** declares every Thursday of the annual conferences as **ACURIL's Day of Solidarity with Libraries and Archives in Haiti**. Join ACURIL XLIII in Solidarity with Haiti on Thursday 13.
- **Book and Other Materials Donation Drive in French and Creole.** This item requests Acurilean colleagues and friends to contribute to this Donation Drive, either by presenting resources on the conference site or giving monetary contributions, to allow purchasing the needed materials and eliminate the risk of getting duplicated resources or items that are not needed. Donations can be given at the ACURIL Secretariat/Treasury Table, at the Conference Exhibits area. The book drive and other related activities will take place in this area.
- **Book Donation Drive for Haitian Babies.** This Drive is geared to cater the curiosity and learning needs of babies in Haiti. The call pursues to receive donations of colorful picture books for babies, either by presenting resources at the Conference, sending them to the Executive Secretariat of ACURIL, or by giving monetary contributions. As Mme. Marie-Françoise Bernabe, past Director of Le Service Commune de la Documentation of the Université des Antilles et de la Guyane, has expressed : *"...since these books are full of pictures and colors, language is not a problem"*.

- **Purchase of Library Materials.** This action line is waiting for colleagues in Haiti to identify materials and resources needed. Contact with different suppliers is being made to have them join our Drive and give a special discount to those colleagues and friends that purchase materials to be sent to Haiti. From another standpoint, we will be acquiring materials to be sent to Haiti.
- **Internship of library personnel in Caribbean Libraries.** ACURIL's President, Carmen Margarita Santos-Corrada (2010), and colleague Francisca Corrada del Rio, of the University of Puerto Rico, Conrado Asenjo Medical Sciences Library, and Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, ACURIL's Executive Secretary, coordinate this action item in order to see how ACURIL can ensure collaboration of different libraries in the region. Sponsorship from organizations and the information industry is being sought to help support the costs of internships. The internship experience in libraries can be from 3 to 6 months.
- **Caribbean Libraries Twinning Project with Libraries in Haiti.** For this key item, colleagues in Haiti will identify libraries and archives in Haiti that can get into this project, as well as identify the person in charge, address, telephones, e-mails and ID in Skype, so that the project can be carried out.
- **ACURIL's Solidarity with Libraries and Archives in Haiti Roundtable.** This activity will bring Haitian colleagues together at a special meeting during ACURIL XLIII Conference,. The matter to be discussed is: *The needs of libraries and archives in Haiti and ACURIL's Solidary Action*, in order to respond proactively and be able to plan with a vision to the present and the future.
- **ACURIL Fundraising Drive for Libraries and Archives in Haiti.** This action included the creation of a special bank account from 2010-2015, just for the **ACURIL Solidarity with Libraries and Archives in Haiti Campaign.**

The ACURILEAN Community is in solidarity with the Libraries and Archives in Haiti. Join us in this collaborative effort as soon as you can. Join our cause, the **ACURIL in Solidarity with Libraries and Archives in Haiti Campaign.** Join us in ACURIL XLIII Puerto Rico, June 9-14, 2013, and from thereon we will continue in a much more Collaborative Action.

With kindest regards and a warm acurilean embrace for all,



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