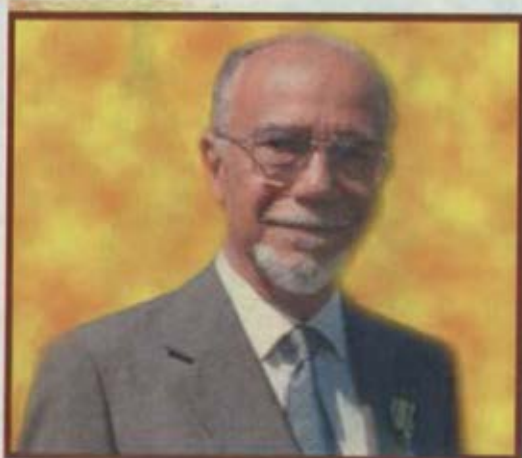


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A librarian, administrator, historian, bibliographer, and scholar, K.E. Ingram's contribution to librarianship and historical scholarship in Jamaica and the Caribbean is monumental. Born in St. Ann on March 2, 1921, he was educated at Jamaica College where he excelled academically. He joined the staff of the Institute of Jamaica in 1941 and after a mere three years won a British Council Scholarship to the United Kingdom to read for his Associateship of The Library Association (ALA) at the Manchester College of Technology, Department of Librarianship. The first Jamaican to qualify as a librarian, he returned to the Institute's West India Reference Library in 1945 and remained there until 1950 when he joined the staff of the then University College of the West Indies.

His association with the University of the West Indies Library spanned some 31 years, during which time he "devoted his energies unstintingly to the academic as well as the administrative needs of the University Libraries". In 1955 he was promoted to Deputy Librarian, and in 1971 he became the Mona Campus Librarian and University Librarian. Although very occupied with administrative matters, he found time to contribute to the development of the Library's collection of books and other learning resources. It was during his tenure that the West Indies and Special Collections Section was created. He also served on government committees and professional associations.

Mr. Ingram's sterling contribution was recognized in 1986 with the award of the Gold Musgrave Medal of the Institute of Jamaica for "distinguished eminence" in the fields of librarianship and historical scholarship, and in 1989 with the award of Officer of the Order of Distinction (OD), by the Government of Jamaica. In 2002 the University of the West Indies bestowed on him the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.

In 1981, after 10 years as University Librarian, Mr. Ingram retired. Being indefatigable, he accepted a one-year consultancy at the University of Gainesville in Florida, and continued his research for several years, publishing books, working at fine book binding, and engaging in other scholarly activities from which the University benefited both directly and indirectly.

Mr. Ingram was a founding member of the Jamaica Library Association, now the Library and Information Association of Jamaica, and served as its first Secretary from 1950 to 1953 and as its President in 1956 and in 1972. He was also involved in regional library activities which culminated in his election, in 1976, as President of the Association of Caribbean Universities, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL). As an officer of the Jamaican Historical Society, he edited the Society's bulletin for most of the 1990s.

Mr. Ingram was an eminent librarian, but it was as a bibliographer that he distinguished himself. Through his painstaking research in many libraries and archives, chiefly in North America and the United Kingdom, hitherto unknown or inaccessible primary source materials have come to light.

Scholarly, witty and urbane, K.E. Ingram was also a poet and his poems have appeared in *Public Opinion*, *Focus* and other publications. It is felt that had he continued writing and publishing poetry he might have become one of the major poets of the region. Had this happened, the fields of librarianship and historical scholarship would have been the poorer indeed.

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Sheep

God made sheep in the early morning.

In his hands he caught the clusters
Of the fleecy clouds of dawning
And tied them in bunches
And fastened their feet and their noses
With wet brown clay.
And into their eyes he dropped
With reeds from a nearby river
The light of the dying morning star
And the light of the dying moon.

And then on that creation morning
When the sun had flooded the peaks and plains
And the dew lay thick on the rushes
Man saw sheep on the grazing grass
And heard the sadness of their bleating.

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