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**IN HIGH PRAISE:** Professor Daphne Douglas, Head of the Department of Library Studies, U.W.I., right, smiles appreciatively as she receives a citation noting her contribution to library service from Miss Lelia Thomas, Director of JAMAL, at a reception held in her honour at the Kingston and St Andrew Parish Library, Tom Redcam Avenue on Thursday, March 15. The citation lauded her as one who had served with distinction and an excellent teacher in cataloguing and classification. She was being honoured by the Jamaica Library Association on her appointment to the Chair of Library Studies, U.W.I. Looking on is Professor Douglas' sister Enid Douglas.

# Reception for Professor Daphne Douglas

Professor Daphne Douglas, Head of the Department of Library Studies, U.W.I., has been lauded as a teacher and educator of distinction and a woman of excellence.

Professor Douglas was so praised in tributes paid to her at a reception held in her honour on Thursday, March 15. The reception, honouring her on her recent appointment to the Chair of Library Studies, was held at the Kingston and St Andrew Parish Library, Tom Redcam Avenue.

Tributes came from Dr Joyce Robinson, Chairman of the National Council on Libraries, Archives and Documentation Services, Mrs Sybil Iton, Acting Director, Jamaica Library Service, Mr Gerald Groves, Deputy Chairman of the Institute of Jamaica, Dr Wilvin Wiggins, Senior Lecturer, Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and General Studies, U.W.I., Miss Steph-

nie Ferguson, Director, National Library of Jamaica, Mrs Hazel Bennett, Senior Lecturer, Department of Library Studies, Mrs Lilleth Morris, President, Jamaica Library Association

and Miss Lelia Thomas, Director, JAMAL. They all praised her as a devoted and hard working person and an excellent teacher. Note was made of her work in various areas of the library service in Jamaica.

Dr Robinson described her as a woman of varying interests, many talents and achievements and one whose life was one of service. She was a brilliant academic, a distinguished career woman and one who "strives for excellence, not only strives but has achieved it", Dr Robinson said. She said she was a social worker, idealist, administrator, sportswoman, actor and dancer and one greatly admired and respected for her professionalism.

Mr Groves who outlined the early days of her work in the Colonial Secretariat, said Professor Douglas was a hard worker and one well deserving of her recognition. Mrs Iton said Professor Douglas brought enthusiasm to the library service and performed with distinction. She said the Professor was always devoted to library education and the development of people. She was dedicated to duty, meticulous, committed, sensitive, caring and thoughtful of her colleagues in the service.

Dr Wiggins, speaking on behalf of the Faculty of Arts and General Studies said she was competent and spoke of the "humanising influence", she brought to the Department. Miss Ferguson noted her work in the establishment of NACOLADS, and that in setting up an organised information network throughout the island. She said that the organisation had bene-

fitted from her sound judgement and advice and her attention to details.

Mrs Bennett said she was recognised as an outstanding teacher and one of "untiring dedication". She said she was always concerned about her students whom she nurtured and guided. Mrs Bennett also noted her work in improving the enrollment at the school and said that she was protective of its image. She was described by a past student, Mrs Morris as a helpful and patient teacher, pleasant, hard working and humane.