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Bio-note

Professor Daphne Douglas recently retired from full time employment at the University of the West Indies after a distinguished career as Academician/Information Specialist/Library Educator. Following on her retirement, she has been appointed Professor Emeritus in the University. This is in recognition of her outstanding service to the University and in the wider national, regional and international fields. In 1992, Professor was invested as a member of the Order of Distinction in the Rank of Commander (C.D.) by His Excellency, the Governor General of Jamaica.

She was educated professionally at the Eastern Caribbean Library School, Trinidad, Leeds School of Librarianship, England, the Danish School of Librarianship, the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Science and the University of Western Ontario School of Library and Information Science. Her qualifications are Associate of The Library Association (A.L.A.), Fellow of The Library Association (F.L.A.), Master of Library Science (M.L.S.).

She was a foundation member of the staff of the Department of Library Studies, having been appointed Lecturer in 1971, Senior Lecturer in 1979 and Professor in 1984. She was Head of the Department from 1976 until 1993, with a two year break in 1980-1982. Previous service was with the Jamaica Civil Service, working at the old Treasury, the Colonial Secretariat and the Forest Department. Following this, she worked in the Jamaica Library Service, as Cataloguer and later Principal Librarian in the Headquarters and also in St. James. She also served, on secondment, as Chief Librarian at the Institute of Jamaica and as Librarian/Registrar at the Jamaica Mission to the United Nations in New York.

Professor Douglas has been involved on the local, national, regional and international scenes, lecturing on a variety of occasions, presenting papers at conferences and seminars and participating in advisory and expert work. This latter has taken her to Gabon, France, Cuba, Finland and Senegal among the most recent visits. She serves on the National Archives Committee and on the Board of Management of the National Library of Jamaica. She has been very active in the work of the Jamaica National Council on Libraries, Archives and Documentary Services, serving as Vice-Chairman until 1991 when it changed its composition. She still serves on a number of committees.

She has been very involved in the Association of Caribbean University, Research and Informational Libraries (ACURIL), having attended annual conferences and contributed papers regularly since 1976 and having served on the Executive Council for six years. She was President for 1984. She has also been an active

