Recent exhibitions

The display in October/November 2009 commemorated the 10th Anniversary of the Caine Prize for African writing, awarded for a short story published in English by a writer from anywhere in Africa. The anniversary was marked by a tour concluding at the British library, attended by Marilyn. Ben Okri (Nigerian Winner of the Booker Prize) gave the keynote talk, and there was a lively interview panel with three previous winners; Chika Unigwe, Brian Chikwava and Binyavanga Wainana, chaired by Aminatta Forna. This year’s winner was E. C. Osondo from Nigeria for Waiting which you can read in Work in Progress in the library. Other Caine prize anthologies available in the library include:

World Aids Day exhibition

For World Aids Day on 1 December, we combined a display of recent books, journals and DVDs on HIV/Aids with a collection for Médecins Sans Frontières which raised £20.

Out of hours book return

Please note: when the library is closed, books can be returned through the letterbox at the side entrance to the Mond building, or renewed online or by email.

Share your knowledge:

Submit a review of any African studies related title for the next newsletter. Contact us by email or in person.

New books, E-books and DVDs available at the library

- **African Studies in Social Movements and Democracy** / eds. Mamdani and Wamba-dia-Wamba
- **Isle of Fire: the Political Ecology of Landscape Burning in Madagascar** / Kull
- **Ousmane Sembene’s critically acclaimed films Xala and Mooladé**
- **E-Books now available university-wide, and off campus through Raven**
  - **The Making of South African Legal Culture** / Chanock,
  - **Democracy and Political Change in Sub-Saharan Africa** / Wiseman
Recent posts on The Royal African Society Blog

**African Arguments:**
- Who Belongs?: the Politics of Citizenship in Africa – Debate Overview, Sebastian Kohn
- Being a Kenyan, L. Muthoni Wanyeki
- Counter-Terrorism in Somalia, or; How External Influences helped to Produce Islamism
- Citizenship and Land: a Potent Relationship, Dr. Lucy Hovil

**UK web-resources for Africa**

Now accessible through the UL's subscription to the British Library Archival Sound Recordings: a collection of DECCA West African Recordings. These commercial recordings of popular music feature Highlife, Rhumba, Calypso and early Nigerian Juju from the 1940s and 50s. This is just one of the highlights of a great resource.

Follow the link from our webpage:
http://sounds.bl.uk/

**Africa in the news**

You can check the BBC news feed for Africa in the news from the Library's webpage, or go to:
http://newsrss.bbc.co.uk/rss/newsonline_uk_edition/world/africa/rss.xml

You can also keep up to date with current affairs in Africa through the RAS Africa in the News bulletin. Hard copies are available to consult in the library.

**Forthcoming Seminars**

The Centre of African Studies holds a weekly seminar series during term. This term the programme is organized jointly with the Centre of Governance and Human Rights (POLIS) and begins on Monday 25 January. See the Centre's website for details.

The next SCOLMA seminar, *Jazz, Photographs and Youtube: Using Modern Media to Enrich Research on Twentieth Century Africa*, Dr. Susan Williams, Senior Fellow, Institute of Commonwealth Studies, will be on Tuesday 2 February at SOAS. Contact Marilyn at the Library if you would like to attend, or for further information afrlib@hermes.ac.uk.

**Africa book news**

The first African M-novel (composed on a mobile phone) was launched in South Africa on 30 September 2009. *Kontax* by Samuel Wilson is available in English and Xhosa.

The Noma Award for Publishing in Africa was awarded to Sefi Atta for *Lawless and Other Stories* (2008), now published as *News from Home*. A copy is on order for the library.

**Popular books: most borrowed from the AS library last year**
- Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Colonialism, Mamdani
- State in Africa: the Politics of the Belly, Bayart
- In Search of a Nation: Histories of Authority and Dissidence in Tanzania, eds. Giblin and Maddox
- Hotel Rwanda: the True Story of a Man Who Fought Impossible Odds to Save Everyone He Could, (DVD)

**Events supported by the Centre of African Studies Michaelmas 2009**

The University celebrated the UK’s annual *Black History Month* along with its own initiative, Black and Minority Ethnic History Season, with a series of talks, events and workshops across the city in October and November 2009. Information on both programmes was available at the library.

**Cambridge African Film Festival**

The Centre is pleased to be one of the sponsors of the oldest annual African film festival in the UK, which enjoyed another successful season in November 2009.