

Legal Deposit in Bermuda

The Legal Deposit Act, 2008, which repeals Section 5 of the Printed Publications Act 1971, sets out the requirements regarding the deposit of new Bermuda publications in the Bermuda National Library. A small section is reproduced below:

"Delivery of copies of publications

- 3 (1) This section applies to—
- (a) a person who publishes a publication in Bermuda; and
 - (b) a person who is resident in Bermuda, or whose principal place of business is in Bermuda, and who publishes, or commissions the publishing of, a publication outside Bermuda for distribution or making available in Bermuda.
- (2) Subject to subsection (5), every person who publishes a publication shall within seven days after the date of publishing it deliver a copy of the publication, at their own expense, to the Head Librarian for deposit in the Bermuda National Library.
- (3) The copy shall be delivered in the medium in which it is published, unless another medium is prescribed."

Cultural Heritage

Most of the materials in the Bermudiana Collection are out-of-print. Many items are fragile and/or rare and need to be protected from both the physical environment and from damage or theft.

For these reasons, **many Bermuda materials are not kept on the open shelves and are not available for loan.** Most Bermudiana is held in the Closed Collection, either in the Library or in off-site storage.

Contacts in the Library

For help with Bermuda research questions contact:

Local Studies Librarian

Available: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

Call for appointment to avoid disappointment

Tel. (441) 296-1297 ext. 223

Fax. (441) 292-8443

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For questions/comments regarding policies for the Bermudiana Collection contact:

Technical Services Librarian

Available: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

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For help with general research questions contact the Adult Services Information desk:

Tel. (441) 295-3104

Available during Library opening hours

For questions/comments regarding general Library Policies contact:

Head Librarian

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Administration Office opening hours:

09.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday

10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. Friday



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The Bermudiana Collection: *an Introduction for Researchers*



At your service, Bermuda!

What's in the Collection?

The Bermuda National Library owns a comprehensive collection of materials about Bermuda.

This includes a wide collection of books, periodicals, government reports, almanacs and yearbooks dating back to early twentieth century, Bermuda Laws, rare books, pamphlets and non-print items. We hold almost complete sets of many local newspapers dating from 1784 to the present. These are available to the public on microfilm.

Where to start

The Library Staff produce two tools to help you find what you need in the Bermudiana Collection.

- The first tool is the **Catalogue**. All new Bermuda books, videos and CDs are listed in both the card and online catalogues. However, most of the older collection is only listed in the card catalogue.
- The second tool that we produce is the **Bermuda Index**. This is a subject index to local newspapers and magazines and is invaluable for enquiries about specific people, events and local hot topics. The Index, in card format, lists entries from 1960 to 1999. A database version of the Index contains entries from 2000 to current date.

If you need help with the catalogues or want to look up something in the Bermuda Index, **please ask a member of staff for assistance.**

Where to find what you are looking for

The most current publications are usually located on the open shelves on the upper floor of the Bermuda National Library, next to the Information Desk.

As with all non-fiction in the Library, books are arranged by subject using the Dewey Decimal Classification system. The class. number is stuck on the spine of the book and appears on the top left-hand side of each catalogue entry or in the call number field on the online catalogue.

Patrons who want to view Bermudiana materials which are not on the open shelves must fill out a Request Form.

Ask a member of staff for the brochure, Bermudiana Collection Policies and a Closed Collection Request Form if you want to learn more about our policies or want to see something that is not on the open shelves.

Services that we provide

With access to this wealth of information, we work with researchers from all over the world. We also help school children to find what they need for their homework, assist the businessperson by providing access to local laws and many Government reports and help visitors to identify a Bermuda bird or local custom.

Generally we will provide you with a list of references or point you in the right direction to allow you to answer your own questions. Unfortunately, we do not have enough staff to be able to actually carry out your research for you.

Overseas students or researchers who need help with a specific project should contact the Local Studies Librarian listed on the back of this brochure.

Some interesting facts about Bermuda newspapers



The Bermuda Gazette was Bermuda's first newspaper. The first copy was published by Joseph A. Stockdale on Jan. 17, 1784. The last known issue was published in 1831. In the 1800's there were 23 different newspapers published. They varied from the Spirit of the Times published in 1872, for which only one copy exists to The Royal Gazette which is still published today. Most publications lasted for anything from two to twenty years; with changes in title, frequency, and merges with other papers being common occurrences.

The Royal Gazette is Bermuda's only daily newspaper today. It was founded in 1828, and is published daily, Monday to Saturday, except public holidays. On 1 Jan., 1921, The Royal Gazette merged with The Colonist (full name at the time, The Bermuda Colonist and Daily News), and became The Royal Gazette and Colonist Daily. It shortened its title to the present form in 1946. The Royal Gazette's sister newspaper, the weekly Mid-Ocean News, was founded in 1911, although an earlier version appeared between 1899-1900.

The Bermuda Sun, which is published twice a week (weekly until March 13, 1998), is a relative newcomer, first published in 1964.

Newspapers on microfilm at the Bermuda National Library

Bermuda Recorder: July to Dec. 1933-1934; Jan. to Dec. 1935-1938; Jan. to Dec. 1943; Jan. to Dec. 1951; Jan. to June 1953; Jan. to Dec. 1954-1957; Jan. to Dec. 1959-1960.

Bermuda Times: March 1987 to Dec. 1995
Royal Gazette (through various name and editor changes): 1784 to present (approx. 3 mths. behind)
Mid-Ocean News: Jan. 1961 to present (approx. 3 mths. behind)

Bermuda Sun: May 1964 to present (approx. 3 mths. behind)



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