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COVID-19: The Caribbean and Latin American Information Professionals and Academic Library Directors Speak!

Opening Remarks

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Speakers

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Moderator

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The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the way academic libraries and archives have traditionally worked by limiting access to physical collections. In the Caribbean and Latin America, the lack of access to materials such as books, periodicals, and ephemera has been felt acutely. The intense economic, social, and political pressures in these regions have forced some regional governments to provide less attention to issues of education.

Many recent webinars have given rank librarians an opportunity to discuss the challenges of securing access to materials and providing instruction to students, scholars, and faculty. But among library administrators and information professionals, these conversations have largely been dominated by men. This panel tries to correct this aberration by providing a venue for female library directors and information studies faculty to offer their perspectives on the pandemic's effects on the institutions they manage.

The speakers will unpack the challenges they have faced in their efforts to sustain services and provide access to materials at their institutions. They will interrogate some of the strategies they are leveraging to move forward and onward in their respective domains of expertise.

This virtual panel is part of a six-part, bi-monthly webinar series, "Collecting Conversations: Academic Libraries and Research in Flux," which is dedicated to various aspects of librarianship. These activities will feature librarians, archivists, scholars, administrators, and vendors from all parts of the world.

The presentations will be recorded. There will be a thirty-minute session for questions and answers, which will not be recorded. The event will be conducted in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.



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