

REMEMBERING DR. ALMA THEODORA JORDAN

CO FOUNDER (1969)
AND PAST PRESIDENT
ACURIL (1969-1970)

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PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- Dr. Alma Theodora Jordan has left a rich legacy of professionalism in academic librarianship, as a co-founder, executive council member and past president of ACURIL.
- Not only did she serve as the first president of ACURIL in 1970 but she also served as the first Campus Librarian of the Main Library, the University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, 1960-1989.
- During the period 1982-1989, she served as University Librarian at the University of the West Indies with responsibility for the administrative leadership of the three campus libraries in Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica and Barbados.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- Dr. Jordan was notably an academic librarian who obtained a PhD in Library Science from Columbia University in 1966.
- Throughout her career, she performed her duties with academic excellence and professionalism.
- She has published extensively on Caribbean librarianship in peer reviewed journals and other publications.

DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

- Advocate for the development and enhancement of professional library associations.
- Founding member of the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT)
- Founding member Association of Caribbean, University Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), 1969
- She held leadership positions in several professional library associations
 - > President, Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago (LATT), 1962-1963
 - > She presided over her conference held on Nov. 22-27, 1970. The theme was entitled Official Publication of Caribbean Governments
 - > President, Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Association (SALALM), 1979

AWARDS

- She has received many awards and honours for her pioneering work in librarianship.
- National Award - Hummingbird Medal (Gold) of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (1989).
- ACURIL has dedicated a scholarship in her name entitled “The Alma Jordan Scholarship Fund.”
- In honour of her years of distinctive service to academic librarianship, the then Main Library was renamed the Alma Jordan Library on February 28, 2011.
- In 2018, she was honoured by the President, ACURIL 2017-2018 at the annual ACURIL XLVIII Conference in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic – June 3-7, 2018 for her dedication to ACURIL and her excellent work to the library profession nationally, regionally and internationally.

TRIBUTES ON HER PASSING

- Dr. Jeannette Lebron Ramos, President ACURIL 2021-2022

My deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Jordan for the loss of one of ACURIL'S founders. Rest in peace

- Mr. Frank Soodeen, Campus Librarian, The Alma Jordan Library, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago:

Dr. Jordan was a leading light of librarianship in the Caribbean region, Dr. Jordan was instrumental in the founding of ACURIL and the national library association.

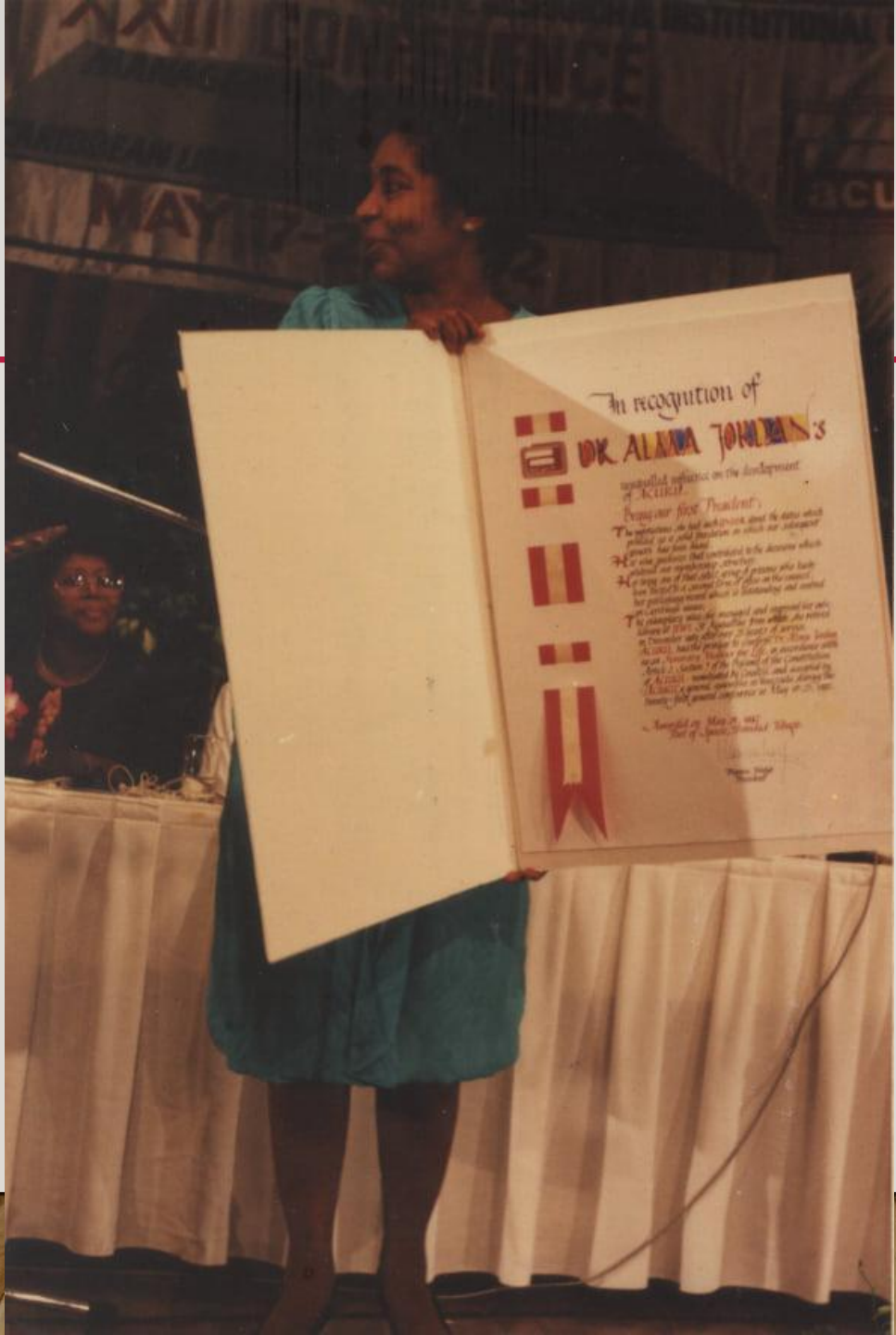
TRIBUTES

- Mrs. Dorcas Bowler, Past President, ACURIL 2014-2014, Executive Council member, ACURIL and Director, National Library of Bahamas
 - *Dr. Jordan was an exemplary librarian and an educator of the highest order. She was a strong pillar and the last of the founding members of ACURIL. Our condolences to her family and the ACURIL family.*













Hon. ACURIL Past Presidents

BIENVENUS









DR. JORDAN WAS LAID TO REST ON FEBRUARY 1,
2022 BUT HER MEMORY LIVES ON.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

REMEMBERING MR. ESAHACK MOHAMMED, PAST PRESIDENT ACURIL 1992-1993



Mr. Esahack Mohammed passed away on Thursday 11th November, 2021 and was subsequently laid to rest on Saturday 13th November, 2021.

REMEMBERING MR. E. MOHAMMED

- Served as Former Director, Educational Library Services Division, National Library and Information Systems Authority, Trinidad and Tobago.
- President, Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago - 1985-1989 and 1997-1999
- President of the Association for Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL), 1992-1993.

RECIPIENT : PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL OF MERIT, SILVER, FOR OUTSTANDING
AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO TRINIDAD & TOBAGO IN THE SPHERE OF
PUBLIC SERVICE AND EDUCATION, 2011





TRIBUTE

- *He was a consummate library and information professional and gave many years of tireless service, which culminated in him receiving a Public Service Medal of Merit, Silver, for Outstanding and Meritorious Service to Trinidad & Tobago in the sphere of Public Service and Education. We will remember Mr. Mohammed for his support of library and information professionals and paraprofessionals and his dedicated service to the people of Trinidad & Tobago. Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago... Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago, November 17, 2021*

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Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago. 2021.

Email message to author, November 19.

THANK YOU

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