**LIBRARY**

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF CUREPIPE Address: Queen Elizabeth II Avenue Curepipe

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 **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**  
In 1913, Andrew Carnegie the Scottish-American industrialist and philanthropist, founded the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (CUKT) with the objective to create Libraries from the money he donated to the trust. In 1917, the Carnegie Foundation approved the construction of a library in Curepipe which was later named as Carnegie Library. The foundation stone was laid by Sir Henry Hesketh Bell, Governor of Mauritius on 30th June 1917. The library was opened to the public in January 1920.

The Carnegie Library is governed by the **Curepipe Carnegie Library Regulations 2017.**

**LOCATION**

It is found in the center of Curepipe at Queen Elizabeth II Avenue, near Town Hall of Curepipe (Hὃtel de ville)

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MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS  
– To provide access to a wide range of books and periodicals with the aims at offering equal and easy access to its library services and facilities for the purpose of education, culture, research, information and leisure.

– To provide a library for intellectual and personal enrichment.

– To empower users in the information age.

– To be a dynamic centre for knowledge and lifelong learning.

LIBRARY COLLECTION  
The library has a collection of more than 50,000 books and documents including rare collections and local history books.The Carnegie Library is well-known for its rare book collection, comprising mainly of “D’Epinay” and “Rouillard”collections, manuscripts and “Code Noir”. The library has an original copy of “Code Noir” which is unique in the Indian Ocean. Manuscripts may be consulted only for research purposes.

LIBRARY SERVICES  
The Carnegie Library provides the following library services:

1. **Lending Section** - Adults and Teenagers. Books and Magazines can be borrowed.
2. **Children Corner** – Books and magazines are available for Reference and Lending.
3. **Reference Section.** This Section (adults & teenagers) consists of reference books, local history and rare book collection which can be consulted for on spot.
4. **Reading Section –** The reading corner consists of Local newspapers and magazines (foreign & local) that are available for on spot consultation. These magazines are later put on loan in the Lending Section.
5. **Photocopy Service** – This is a paid service and only library materials can be photocopied at Rs 2.00 per page. Photocopy of the materials is subject to copyright act.
6. **Print Service** - Users can equally take advantage of this service to print their work at Rs 3.00 per print.
7. **Cybercafé Services** – The library operates a cybercafé which offers Internet access to the public at .50 cents per minute. Students and old aged persons are given free internet access to the 1st slot (40 minutes). For other users access to Internet is charged Rs 0.50 cents per minute.
8. **Wi-Fi Service** – The library is a free Wi-Fi zone. The library users are given access to free Wi-Fi on request.

CULTURAL AND LITERACY ACTIVITIES

The library organises a series of activities for the promotion of reading & marketing of the library services such as: Quiz, Storytelling, Painting, “Átelier de l’Écriture et de la Lecture”, lecture a haute voix and and so on.

HOW TO BE A MEMBER?  
The library is open to the general public regardless of his/her residential place. Upon filing of an application form and payment of appropriate fees, a person can borrow books/ magazines from the lending section.

A deposit fee of Rs 100 is payable per book and Rs 50 for two magazines which are refundable upon cancellation of membership.

The annual subscription is free for residents of Curepipe but a non-resident has to pay an annual subscription of Rs 50 per books and Rs 30 for magazines.

Books and magazines may be borrowed for a maximum of 21 Days.

Renewal of books and magazines can be done by phone, e-mail and on spot.

A fine of Rs 1.00 per day per book/magazine is charged for late returns

**OPENING HOURS:**

**Weekdays: 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m.**

**Saturdays: 9.00 a.m. to noon**

**Public Holidays: Closed**