8th Library Open Access Week kicks off

The University of Nairobi Library has set up an exhibition, showcasing UoN’s information resources including its e-resources and training on various issues such as open access, plagiarism, copyright, searching strategies and E-resources. The Library Department’s 8th Open Access Week kicked off on May 29, 2019 at the Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library (JKML) at the Main Campus. The three days event is being held concurrently in three UoN Libraries, namely, Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library, School of Law and Kenya Science Campus.

The theme of the Open Access Week is “University of Nairobi Library designing equitable foundations for open knowledge.”

Presiding over the opening ceremony, Prof. Bitange Ndemo from the School of Business emphasized the need to have new systems that provide personalized learning and information acquisition. In addition, Prof. Ndemo championed for strategies of moving and transforming Kenya into the digital age in all spheres acknowledging the challenge therein and the need for inclusivity in the process.

Open Access (OA) is the free, immediate, online access to the published results of scholarly research and the right to use, share and re-use those results. The University of Nairobi is an active participant of Global Open Access Movement.

The Library Open Access Week is geared towards realization of the Library’s mission; to provide quality information services that will empower the University in carrying out its core activities of teaching, learning, and research and community services/consultancy.

Through the event, the Library will highlight the role of institutional repository in making scholarly research output available for equitable and inclusive access, transform open access discussions at the university to action in order to enhance research seamless knowledge diffusion and highlight the university’s research fraternity individuals who have contributed to open access research communication.

The management of the Library and Information Services was represented by George Nyawal, Deputy Director, Planning; Harun Mugo, Deputy Director, Administration and Rosemary Otando, Deputy Director, Technical Services. Other Guests were representatives from E-Kitabu who made a presentation on E-Textbooks. Participating students from the three Campuses were also in attendance.