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AT YOUR SERVICE: **OURIC's got it "all wrapped up..."**

At the Office of Utilities Regulation Information Centre (OURIC) we take great pleasure in serving you! Throughout 2018 our users enjoyed quality service in: Reference and Information; Loans; Printing and Photocopying as well as computer and internet access. Look out for the exciting products that we have in store for you in 2019 as we seek to serve you better!



A user accesses the computer and internet service at OURIC

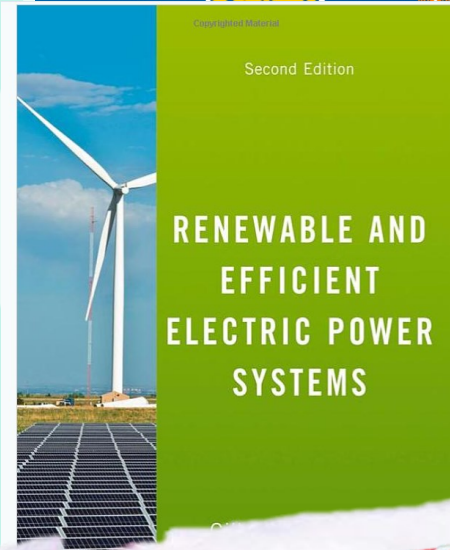
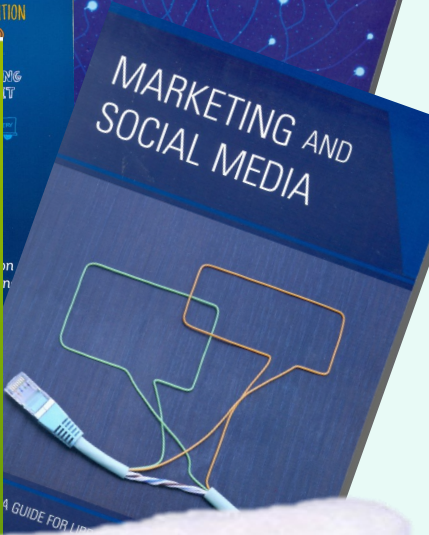
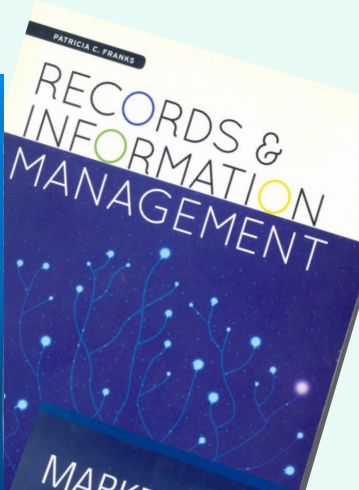
It's the Christmas Edition of **THE OURIC FACTOR**

It's the yuletide season and OURIC gives you its special Christmas edition of The OURIC Factor. Turn the page or scroll for this enlightening, festive and fun experience. You'll find the Christmas spirit on every page. Happy Reading!!



STOCKING STUFFERS

Look what got stuffed into our stocking! Come check them out at **OURIC!**



Word Wise

TARIFF REVIEW



The National Water Commission (NWC) has applied to the OUR for a **tariff review**. But what exactly does this mean? A tariff review is a proposal made by a utility for an adjustment to its rates and services as well as operational standards.

SOURCE:
Office of Utilities Regulation. (2013). Review of Rates Determination Notice, Kingston: OUR.

OUR Celebrates some of the JAMAICAN ICONS of the WINDRUSH GENERATION



During the period 2018 October to December OURIC collaborated with the National Library of Jamaica (NLJ) to mount an exhibition documenting the experiences of some of the Jamaican icons of the Windrush Generation. The exhibition depicted post-war immigrants who in 1948 went to the United Kingdom to chase after their dreams. It was viewed daily by many of the visitors to the facility. Here OURIC Coordinator, Colleen Mignott listens attentively as one very interested visitor shares her views.

GIFTED!

Getting the most out of giving this Christmas

Gifts! They're what we all want for Christmas. 'Tis the season of giving so don't forget to give something in return! Here's some advice as you gift family and friends this Christmas.

1. Create a Budget

Create a solid spending plan. Review your finances and decide how much you can afford to spend on Christmas expenses while covering your usual bills. Divide this amount among your various Christmas expenses – gifts, food, decorations, etc.

2. Make a Gift List

Make a list of all the persons you plan to shop for. Set a spending limit for each person and jot down gift ideas.

3. Trim Down Your Gift List

Have more people on your gift list than you can afford to buy for? Then, it's time to give that list a trim. Look over your current list, and decide who is priority. Remember: a shorter Christmas list is always better than adding debt and stress to your life.

4. Start Early

Christmas sales abound but do not feel pressured to buy items on sale that do not fit into your Christmas spending plan. Start shopping for gifts as soon as you can afford to do so, and you'll have more time to bargain shop and feel less pressure to buy at any price.

5. Shop Smart

Giving a nice gift doesn't have to mean spending a lot, so shop with your budget in mind. Make a note of all the places that offer discounts or competitive prices before going on your shopping adventure.

6. Shop Second-Hand

There's no rule that says gifts have to be bought new. Scour thrift stores, yard sales, flea markets and other second-hand sources for gift-worthy items at prices well below retail. Just a few possibilities: unburned candles, antiques, collectibles, vintage jewellery and books.

7. Make It Yourself

Homemade gifts are every bit as nice as store-bought gifts, and sometimes nicer. Put your creativity to work, and knock off everyone on your gift list.

8. Don't Shop for Yourself

All of those holiday deals make it easy to adopt a "one for me; one for you" mentality. Set a rule that you'll only shop for the people on your list – and not yourself. The pay off: less stuff in your house and more money in the bank.

SOURCE: <https://jjs.gov.jm/information/tips/christmas-spending-tips/>



OURIC's BUCKET LIST

What's on your bucket list for Christmas and the new year? Here are 5 things that OURIC recommends for you for the season into 2019.

1. Visit the OUR Information Centre or any of your favourite libraries.
2. Visit the OUR website to learn more about what we do.
3. Call or email your favourite librarian (who knows that may be me. :))
4. Follow the OUR on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or LinkedIn. (any or all of the above).
5. Finish reading one of your favourite books or the entire series in less than a month.

Christmas Sayings...



In Jamaica, folk customs and beliefs have formed part of the overall value system and practices for centuries. Jamaican Christmas celebrations also have a set of closely held beliefs and sayings that influence the practices during and after the season.

Some Jamaican sayings linked to Christmas and the New Year include:

- First crops planted on Christmas Day (December 25) will bear heavily afterwards.
- If a glass filled with soap suds on New Year's Day (January 1) is placed outside at noon, it will show the person's destiny.
- If a person climbs a hill on the morning of New Year's Day, he/she will see the sun dance.

If you know other Jamaican folk customs associated with Christmas, please share them with us.



SOURCE: <https://jis.gov.jm/>

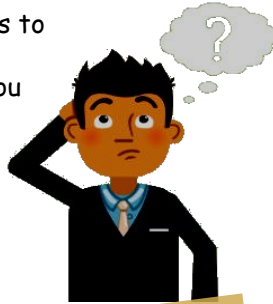
Christmas WISH LIST



All I want for Christmas is...

OURIC wants a lot for Christmas to help to make the season bright! What's on our Wish List? Can you guess?

1. SDTBAAAS _____
2. LIUVTRA ENEEFCRR VEIRECS_ _____
3. ROEM STORANP _____
4. ZGMINAEA ICTOSSRNUIBSP _____
5. YBALRIR GATAMENENM TAORSWFE _____
6. KOBESO _____
7. TAGLIDI DIMAE _____



WHAT'S ON YOUR WISHLIST?

Email answers to colleen.mignott@our.org.jm by January 2019. There is a surprise for the first respondent with all 7 correct so start unscrambling guys!

OURIC Coordinator, Colleen Mignott



Season's Greetings

And a big thank you for your support of The OURIC Factor and the OUR Information Centre in 2018. We look forward to continued service to you all in 2019. !!



BETTA WATCH OUT...



OURIC Virtual Space

OURIC Open House

ASK a Librarian



Have a question?

Answers to:

YARD STYLE Triv?a

1. The longer it tan the shorter it get. **Candle**
2. One slice a yam serve di whol' worl'... **The moon**
3. Roun' like a biscuit, busy like a bee...what am I? **Clock/watch**
4. Why wi have to go to bed? **It cant come to us**
5. Prime Minister, Doctor, Governer General - Which one wear di biggest hat? **The one with the biggest head**
6. Why trains and clothes related? **They both spend a lot of time on lines**
7. Patch by patch and nuh have nuh seam. **Lettuce/Cabbage**
8. King tek off him crown to only one man. Who? **Barber**

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