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The joy of reading shared with St. Maarten's elderly

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MARIGOT - As the St. Martin Book Fair Committee (BFC) gears up for the 7th annual St. Martin Book Fair, June 4-6, youngsters and seniors were brought together recently to share the joy of reading Caribbean books.

Book Fair coordinator Shujah Reiph said BFC connected school children and the elderly at St. Maarten's Home at St. John's Estate and the Bethany Home in Marigot.

"It was a beautiful and dignified sight to see those from a generation that once told us stories from memory now enjoying stories being read to them from Caribbean books by our youngsters," said Reiph.

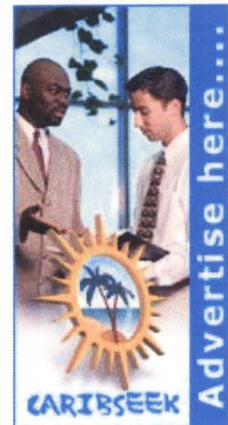
A reception is planned for 15 authors at Radisson St. Martin Resort, Marina & Spa in Anse Marcel Wednesday, June 3, said Reiph.

At the reception, authors, workshop leaders, organizers and sponsors will "meet and greet in a relaxed atmosphere the day before the Book Fair starts. After that it's three hectic days of lectures, discussions, workshops, and school visits," said Reiph.

"At the reception we plan to make a special presentation to four longstanding contributors and sponsors of the St. Martin Book Fair," said Reiph.

Among the confirmed participants are: George Lamming (Barbados), Dr. Molefi K. Asante, Jr. (USA), Sir Roland Richardson (St. Martin), Dr. Afua Cooper (Canada/Jamaica), Dr. Judith Arndell (St. Maarten), Nicole Cage (Martinique), Dr. Danabang Kuwabong (Ghana/Puerto Rico), Caridad Tamayo Fernández (Cuba), Dr. Sandra Paquet (USA), Ernest Pépin (Guadeloupe), Lochard Noel (USA/Haiti), Nicholas Laughlin (Trinidad & Tobago), Max Rippon (Guadeloupe), Mustafa Stitou (Netherlands/Morocco), Lucia Nankoe (Netherlands/Suriname).

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