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### **Education minister views new books for school libraries**

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EDUCATION, Youth and Culture Minister, Senator Burchell Whiteman was last week presented with two new books to be used in school libraries.

The books were Nancy and Grandy Nanny by Rebecca Tortella and A Celebration of Jamaican Art by Dr Wayne Lawrence.

Nancy and Grandy Nanny is a children's book that depicts the life of Jamaica's national heroine as she teaches her young friend one of life's most important lessons.

The book is written in simple language and can be used for Grades 3 and 4. The 23-page book tells the story of Nanny and her life as a slave and the heroic acts she performed to fight for the liberty of the Maroons. The author brings a fresh perspective to Nanny, the woman, as opposed to Nanny, the heroine. It shows that despite her heroic acts, she was still human.

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Meanwhile, A Celebration of Jamaican Art is a compilation of interviews with 21 of Jamaica's most influential and well-known artists in the last 60 or more years.

Some of the artists featured are Cecil Baugh, David Boxe, Hope Brooks, Cecil Cooper, Carol Crichton, Gloria Escoffery, Milton Harley, David Pottinger, Zion and Anna Maria Hendricks.

The book not only explores the works of these artists but it also gives a brief biography of each and their perspectives on art in Jamaica.

Minister described both books as "exciting new works which will be of value to the children within our schools".