

# Varsity marks International Open Access Week



Prof. Lucy Irungu, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, is taken through the stands during the exhibition.

This week, the University of Nairobi (UoN) joined the rest of world in marking the International Open Access Week.

To this end, 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.

While officially launching the exhibition, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research, Production and Extension, Prof. Lucy Irungu, emphasized on the importance of the library as the "heart" of the University. she noted that one of the challenges the library is facing is underutilization of resources. It is hoped that activities such as Open Access Week will help in increasing accessibility of Information Resources.

Open Access is a global event that advocates for free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research. The University of Nairobi has been at the forefront in advocating for open access initiatives.

This is the 3rd Library Open Week is scheduled to take place from 23rd –25th October 2013. The exercise is being conducted simultaneously in two colleges and one school, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Science, Main campus and School of Law.