
UNASUR Library Receives Cuban Donation with José Martí Books

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Quito, April 5 (Prensa Latina) The library of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), located in the Middle of the World, received today books, as well as audiovisual and musical material donated by the Cuban Embassy.

The complete works of José Martí and facsimile versions of the Golden Age (children's stories), also written by the Cuban national hero and renowned writer, journalist and Latin American thinker, were part of the donation.

Other publications related to his life and work, as well as works in the voice of the singer of the Caribbean archipelago Omara Portuondo, complete the donation, Yudy Rivera, the first secretary of the Cuban embassy in Ecuador, told Prensa Latina.

'The library is nourished by donations made by almost all UNASUR member countries and diplomatic representations of other nations accredited in Ecuador and Cuba has, of course, joined in this type of actions, in connection with the celebrations on April 4, Day of José Martí Pioneer Organization,' she clarified.

Meanwhile, Liset Lantigua, head of Gabriel García Márquez Library, located in the headquarters of the multilateral forum, thanked the 'important' gift, which will complement the fund the institution has.

'Here they will be very useful, because we did not have the Complete Works of Jose Marti, and

we are also pleased to have the stories narrated in the Golden Age, as well as the audiovisual material on the magazine *Origins and Cuba*,' she said.

The Cuban award-winning librarian and writer added that some of the literature with which they count makes a sweep of the history of the continent and contains some essays, chronicles and loose books of Martí, but it did not have the Complete Works.

According to her, the main function of Gabriel García Márquez Library is to promote the habit of reading and contribute to the works that guide students from educational institutions located in Ecuador, although people from anywhere can access to it.

One of the actions that characterize the library is the loan of books, which, according to Lantigua, always return and there are some people that even after the return, takes them back with them.

With the Cuban donation, UNASUR and its library expand the possibilities of the visitors, to know the ideology of one of the main Latin American independence leaders.
