

EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme - EIFL-PLIP - Sept 2019 – Sept 2020

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Since 2017 EIFL-PLIP focus



to strengthen
and support
continuous
transformation
of public library
field in Africa

What we do

- Advance Community Development through Sparking Innovation in Public Libraries by
 - **Building Capacity** of Public Librarians in Africa to start new services
 - **Supporting Advocacy for Connectivity** and New Roles of Public Libraries
 - **Empowering and Recognizing** Public Library **Innovators**

Public Libraries' response to Covid-19: One Example

Eureka Design, innovate, engineer

With Laibu Mkononi, Yusuf Ganyana wants students to access education in informal settlement and far-flung areas

Librarian recycles phones to offer e-Learning content



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Revision copies
Students are using their revision copies to access education in informal settlements and far-flung areas.

Learn from the side of the road
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How it started
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Laibu Mkononi (Library at your hands) service started by Yusuf Ganyana, ICT officer at KNLS Kibera Community Library, IYALI 2020 participant

More examples in a blog [‘You can't keep a good library \(locked\) down’](#)

[An impact of EIFL-PLIP](#) as described by former and current grantees, and partner organizations



EIFL guest blogger Deborah Jacobs, former director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Libraries Initiative, [celebrates 10 years of EIFL-PLIP](#)

EIFL KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES
Electronic Information for Libraries

10 YEARS OF EIFL-PLIP

November 2019 marked the 10th anniversary of the EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP), which has worked with hundreds of public libraries in developing and transition economy countries, inspiring innovation and building capacity to use ICT in services that improve lives.

The past 10 years have been an incredible journey, which we are proud to have shared with out-of-the-box thinking public librarians, visionary experts and partners from across the world. We look forward to more inspiring partnerships and projects in the future.

Thank you to everyone who sent us good wishes for our anniversary - we take pleasure in sharing some of them in this map.

A DECADE OF TRANSFORMING PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Ramune Petuchovaite, EIFL-PLIP Manager, looks back at 10 years of supporting access to knowledge through public libraries in developing and transition countries

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Posted by [Ramune Petuchovaite](#), Public Library Innovation Programme Manager, November 13, 2019

The EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP) was launched with a grant from The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in November 2009. The programme aimed to spark innovation in public libraries in developing and transition economy countries. Ramune Petuchovaite, EIFL-PLIP Manager, reflects on a decade of EIFL-PLIP.

[A Decade of Transforming Public Libraries](#) - A blog by Ramune Petuchovaite, EIFL-PLIP Manager



Capacity Building of Public Librarians in Africa

- **62** public librarians trained to become trainers in Kenya, Namibia, Zambia, and Uganda
- Newly skilled trainers have trained **677** librarians in their countries
- Subjects include **Facilitation skills; Leadership skills; Re-thinking Library Spaces, Design Thinking, Learning Circles for Online Courses,** and more

Capacity Building of Public Librarians in Africa – IYALI 2020



- Five young public librarians from Kenya, Namibia, Uganda and Zambia attended the PLA 2020 conference in Nashville, U.S.
- Read about learnings in a blog [‘African Librarians in a journey of Discovery’](#)

Advocacy for connectivity in libraries

Internet Governance Forum's (IGF) **Dynamic Coalition for 'Public Access in Libraries' (DC-PAL)**

- **Study** on [The Role of Libraries in Broadband Policies](#) (2019)
- **Session at IGF 2019 in Berlin, Germany** on [Public Access Contributions to Public Policy Success](#)
- **Coming soon – Online Session at the IGF 2020** on Equitable access to digital content: lessons from COVID-



Empowering and recognizing public library innovators



- The 14th EIFL Public Library Innovation Award is [NOW OPEN](#):
 - For innovative services that address issues outlined in SDG's, and for services that respond to COVID-19

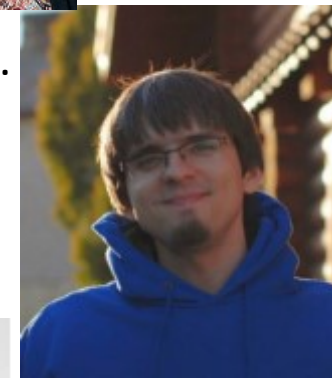
Future plans - 2021

- New project to close digital divide in Uganda
 - funded with a grant from Belgium development agency Enabel through Wehubit programme
- CPD/ ToT programme in Ghana
- Advocacy for public library connectivity
 - Zambia, Uganda and Ghana
- IYALI 2021 - a new partnership under construction

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