

IYALI 2017: New Services and Community Outreach in African Public Libraries

ALGERIA
 We are using digital technology and social media to improve reading levels of children and adults in Oran province. We have three reading clubs with 120 readers. Each club has its own Facebook group for discussions and group members use Google Docs to collaborate with other to summarize books.
 My name is Djilliane, I am Head of Information at Public Library of Oran Cultural Islamique (CCI Oran Public Library) in Algeria.
 Contact me at: chahouajalal@yahoo.com

GHANA
 Our library offers the following services: Outreach programs, Mobile Library and Internet connectivity service and reading skills in communities that do not have libraries. We are reaching out to many children as we can use also reading tools to use computers and reading skills.
 Hello! My name is Felicia Kwame. I am a Librarian at Brong Ahafo Regional Public Library in Ghana.
 To find out more, you can reach me at felicia.kwame@brong.gov.gh

NIGERIA
 We offer a "Reading on the Move" outreach programme to encourage children and young adults to come to library. We have reached over 185 children & youth in five communities since we started the programme in 2016.
 Hello! My name is Banti Ishola. I am assist. librarian for Oyo State Lib. Board in Nigeria. - Please contact me at bantiishola@gmail.com

UGANDA
 Hello! My name is Kai Kazungu. I am a Senior Library Assistant at Kamuli Community Library in Kenya.
 Our library provides educational materials and access to educational content to improve an individual's literacy skills. We are also planning to introduce computer training which will also cater to the national program of "Building a Digital Future for Uganda". We have trained 100 teachers and 400 children in basic digital skills.

KENYA
 Hello! My name is JOSECK OLALA. I AM ICT OFFICER AT NAKURU PUBLIC LIBRARY IN KENYA.
 IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE, WRITE TO: JOSECK.OLALA@KNLS.AC.KE
 OUR LIBRARY ORGANIZES LEARNING CIRCLES, WHICH ARE STUDY GROUPS FOR MEMBERS WHO WANT TO TAKE ONLINE COURSES TOGETHER AT THEIR LIBRARIES. I AM A TUTOR FOR WEB DESIGN STUDENTS AND I AM PROUD TO SAY MANY OF MY STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY CREATED THEIR OWN WEBSITES.

ZAMBIA
 Hello! My name is Isa Mwanza. I am Chief Librarian and Head of projects and programmes at Namuli Sheppia Community Resource Centre, in Bulawayo in Zambia.
 We are piloting a mobile library outreach project called "Reading on the Streets" which fights illiteracy by taking books to children and adults, including prisoners, who have no access to books.
 Write to me at Mwanzaisa@gmail.com to find out more.

TANZANIA
 Hello! My name is JEMMIMA JIHAURA. I AM A LIBRARIAN AT THE "HON. J.M. MCHENGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY" IN KANGEMA IN KENYA.
 OUR LIBRARY RUNS AN OUTREACH SERVICE THAT TAKES READER TO READERS TO HELP CHILDREN WITH THEIR READING AND OTHER STUDIES. OUR STUDENTS ARE NOW REGULAR READER USERS AND THEY SAY READING HAS BECOME EASIER.
 YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE? CONTACT ME: jemjimajihaura@gmail.com

NAMIBIA
 Hello! My name is Allan Mugwete. I am a Provincial Librarian at the Provincial Education Office, which manages libraries in Zambia's Southern Province.
 We reach out to peri-urban and rural schools to promote reading. We do this through reading sessions and by raising awareness about libraries and library activities. Library attendance has increased by 400 percent since the programme began!
 To find out more, email me at: allanmugwete@yahoo.com

SOUTH AFRICA
 Hello! My name is SINDILE NOKO. I AM A LIBRARIAN AT EMINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY IN CITY OF MOSELELA MUNICIPALITY SOUTH AFRICA.
 We run a back to school campaign which encourages school learners to use our service and our computers, tablets & loan from educational content to play games to make sure that children come to the library safely. We work with traffic officers to let more children and new coming to the library.
 TO LEARN MORE CONTACT ME AT: sindile.noko@eminentpubliclibrary.co.za

Other callouts include:
 - **Kenya:** Hello! My name is Isaac Mwanza. I am Chief Librarian and Head of projects and programmes at Namuli Sheppia Community Resource Centre, in Bulawayo in Zambia.
 - **Zambia:** Hello! My name is Felicia Kwame. I am a Librarian at Brong Ahafo Regional Public Library in Ghana.
 - **Tanzania:** Hello! My name is Jackline Marissa. I am Head of Projects and Programmes at the National Central Library in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.
 - **Namibia:** Hello! My name is Allan Mugwete. I am a Provincial Librarian at the Provincial Education Office, which manages libraries in Zambia's Southern Province.
 - **South Africa:** Hello! My name is SINDILE NOKO. I AM A LIBRARIAN AT EMINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY IN CITY OF MOSELELA MUNICIPALITY SOUTH AFRICA.

IYALI - Initiative for Young African Library Innovators - is a peer network and international networking experience for emerging leaders of African public libraries.

The initiative is coordinated by EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) through its Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP), in partnership with the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AfLIA) and IFLA.

EIFL-PLIP supports public libraries to use ICT to implement community development projects, through grant support, capacity building and sharing knowledge.

Learn more at www.eifl.net/plip

