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Ogun Branch Trains staff on Indexing and Abstracting



The training was facilitated by Dr. Idowu Fashanu, a retired lecturer from Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta, Ogun State, who shared his expertise on the concepts, principles, and practical applications of indexing and abstracting in library and information services.

Dr. Idowu Fashanu highlighted the importance of indexing and abstracting as essential tools for organizing information resources and facilitating efficient access to knowledge. He explained that well-prepared indexes and abstracts enhance information retrieval, support academic research, and improve the overall effectiveness of library services.

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Gombe Branch Challenge for Girls



Gombe State Branch, in collaboration with BLOOM, recently held the fourth edition of the Mathematics Challenge for Girls aimed at encouraging interest in Mathematics among young learners and promoting its importance as a foundation for science, technology and innovation.

Hosts Mathematics

The educational programme, which held on Saturday, 4 July 2026, at the Gombe State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria, brought together students from primary and secondary schools across the state to showcase their mathematical skills and deepen their appreciation of the subject.

The competition attracted participation from ten secondary schools and five primary schools, providing a platform for the students to develop confidence, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities through Mathematics.

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Librarianship Still Waxing Strong - Prof. Anunobi



The National Librarian/CEO, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi has expressed strong belief that library and information science is still progressing and umaking waves across the nation.

Addressing the 64th Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Library Association held at Siyyam International Conference & Event Center in Minna, Niger State, the National Librarian dismissed the prophecy of some individuals stating that librarianship is dying. She emphasized that the profession is not only standing and progressing but also waxing strong as members are making waves in diverse areas including IT, AI and of other cutting-edge technologies.

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At the end of the competition, Matrix International School emerged winner in the secondary school category, while Police Children School, Kumo, took the first position in the primary school category.

Addressing participants and guests, the Head of Branch, Gombe State, Mr. Abubakar Yakubu Musa, highlighted the significant role of libraries in supporting academic excellence and lifelong learning. He encouraged students, parents and schools to cultivate the habit of reading by establishing reading corners and functional school libraries to support learning beyond the classroom.

Mr. Musa further urged participants to take advantage of the resources and facilities available at the National Library of Nigeria, noting that the Gombe State Branch remains

open to partnerships with individuals, schools and organizations committed to positively impacting the lives of young people and promoting education.

Participants were also taken on a guided tour of the library facilities, where students and guests were taken through the various sections and units of the branch. The participants expressed excitement and appreciation after being introduced to the wide range of information resources and services available at the library.

The Mathematics Challenge for Girls reflects the commitment of the National Library of Nigeria, and its partners towards promoting education, encouraging reading culture and empowering young learners with skills necessary for future academic and professional success.

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However, in spite of the waves, she however advised of the need to double our efforts to be able to arrive at our destination hence librarianship is evolving with a speed of light".

Highlighting the theme of the Conference, "Our Future, Our Hope: The State of Libraries and Librarianship in Nigeria," Prof. Anunobi maintained that "the state of libraries and librarianship in Nigeria can only change effectively if individual decide to change.

Prof. Anunobi stated that "we have to learn new things, re-learn and also unlearn what has already been established and then devise a means of deploying the acquired knowledge to promote the profession". Those in the academic environments should thrive to discover new tools to support teaching, learning and research. "Librarians and information scientists as a matter of urgency must uphold the institutional heritage of your various domains". Prof. Anunobi concluded.

The Conference was attended by 800 librarians from across the country with sixteen delegates representing the National Library of Nigeria.

Ondo Branch Trains for Ondo State Government Staff



Ondo State Branch, Akure, has organized a two-week in-house training programme for four staff members of the Ondo State Government aimed at enhancing their knowledge, skills and competencies in library and information service delivery.

The training, which commenced on Monday, 6 July and ended on Friday, 17 July 2026, focused on equipping the participants with essential professional skills and practical knowledge required for effective management and delivery of modern library services.

The Head of Branch/Deputy Director, Prince Ajani M. Akinlolu, led a team of experienced facilitators, including Mr. Kakulu Evans, Mr. Rodiya Olanrewaju, Mrs. Abiodun Ayeni and other professionals, who delivered comprehensive sessions covering various aspects of library operations.

The areas covered during the training included Reference and User Services, Library Routine and Circulation Services, Shelving and Shelf Reading, Legal Deposit Services, International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), International Standard Book Number (ISBN) and Copyright Services

Services, Children and Outreach Services, Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials, Security and Safety of Library Holdings, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Digital Library Management, Conflict Management in Libraries, and Collection Development and Maintenance.

Speaking on the objectives of the programme, the organizers stated that the training was designed to enhance participants' professional competence by updating their knowledge of current principles, practices and ethics of library and information science in line with national and global standards.

The programme also sought to improve service delivery by equipping participants with the skills required to provide efficient, courteous and user-centred library services, including reference, circulation and reader advisory services. It further aimed to strengthen technical operations in key areas such as collection development, cataloguing and classification, legal deposit, national bibliographic control and digital library management.

The initiative aligns with the National Library of Nigeria's 2025–2030 Strategic Framework, which prioritizes literacy development, research support, policy formulation, lifelong learning and collaboration with government institutions and other stakeholders towards building a knowledge-driven economy for national development.

Ondo State Branch, expressed its commitment to continuous capacity building and professional development as part of efforts to strengthen library services and promote access to knowledge across the country.



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The training also featured interactive discussions and practical learning sessions, during which participants sought clarification on various aspects of indexing and abstracting and exchanged ideas on their application in library operations.

The Head of Branch Dr. (Mrs.) Abosede Sangosanya expressed appreciation to Dr. Fashanu for sharing his wealth of knowledge and professional experience, noting that the training would enhance their efficiency in delivering quality library and information services.

Lagos Branch Holds Statistics Seminar

The Lagos State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria (NLN) has organized an in-house seminar to enlighten staff on the critical role of statistics in enhancing library operations, supporting evidence-based planning, and improving service delivery.

The lead paper, titled “The Relevance of Statistics in Library Operations,” was delivered by Mrs. Bisola Bilewu, an Assistant Chief Librarian, on Wednesday, 8th July 2026, during the Branch’s Second Quarter Staff Meeting held at the E-Library Unit of the Lagos State Branch. The session was attended by the Head of Branch, Mrs Uju Onuorah, and members of staff of the Branch.

Mrs. Bilewu explained that statistics provide measurable evidence of the library’s performance, impact, and contribution to national development.

She noted that accurate and consistent statistical records are essential tools for effective institutional planning, informed decision-making, and continuous improvement in service delivery at the National Library of Nigeria.

Mrs. Bilewu Highlighted key areas where library statistics are generated, such as user engagement records, resource utilization data, legal deposit compliance records, and revenue statistics as critical components of library operations.

She explained that user engagement statistics include the number of registered users, daily, monthly, and quarterly door counts, as well as hourly user counts, which help the library identify peak periods and improve service efficiency.

According to her, resource and query utilization statistics capture the volume of information resources consulted by users, reference enquiries attended to, and the number of clients served through various library services.



She further highlighted the importance of legal deposit and compliance statistics, which track publishers’ compliance with the Legal Deposit Act, the number of deposited publications, and the issuance of International Standard Book Numbers (ISBN) and International Standard Serial Numbers (ISSN).

On revenue statistics, Mrs. Bilewu stated that records of income generated from

statutory and fee-based services, including ISBN/ISSN processing and certification of subpoenas, assist management in monitoring internally generated revenue and strengthening financial planning.

Speaking on the importance of maintaining accurate statistics, the Assistant Chief Librarian noted that data supports policy formulation, performance evaluation, resource allocation, accountability, and strategic planning. She added that reliable statistics enable the institution to demonstrate its value to government, funding agencies, and other stakeholders.

She emphasized that statistics also provide justification for budgetary requests, additional resources, improved infrastructure, and staffing needs by reflecting users’ needs and institutional demands.

Mrs. Bilewu concluded her presentation with the statement, “An unrecorded service is an invisible service,” urging all staff members to take ownership of data collection and ensure that every service rendered by the library is properly documented.

In her remarks, the Head of Lagos State Branch, Mrs. Uju Onuorah, commended Mrs. Bilewu for the comprehensive presentation and encouraged staff members to attach greater importance to the accurate recording of statistics generated from their daily activities.

Yobe Branch Forge Alliance with Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education.

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen literacy development and promote lifelong learning in Nigeria, the National Library of Nigeria, Yobe State Branch, On Tuesday, 21st July 2026, hosted the National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education (NMEC), Yobe State Chapter, the visit aimed at fostering strategic collaboration for the advancement of literacy and inclusive education.

The NMEC delegation, led by the State Director, Mr. Musa Ali Bwala, was received by Mr. Mohammed Abdullahi Baba, who welcomed the initiative as a significant step towards

building stronger institutional partnership for national development.

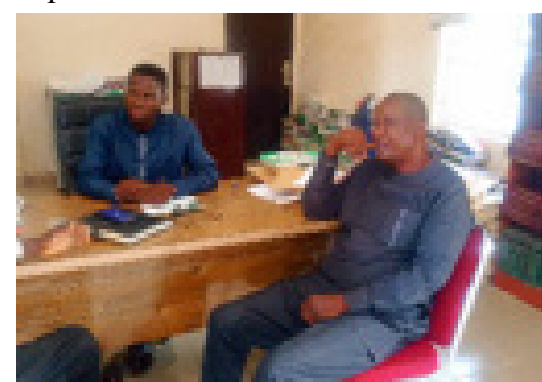
Mr. Mohammed Abdullahi Baba delivered a comprehensive presentation highlighting the mandate, statutory responsibilities, programmes and services of the National Library of Nigeria, which includes in promoting literacy, supporting education and research, preserving Nigeria’s documentary heritage, and ensuring equitable access to information and knowledge for all citizens.

The Visit afforded both federal agencies opportunity to exchange ideas on practical strategies for strengthening literacy programmes, expanding access to learning resources, and enhancing collaboration to address educational challenges in Yobe State.

The educational visit formed part of NMEC’s practical initiatives to eradicate illiteracy and promote vocational and life skills among adults and youths in line with its statutory mandate. The engagement also explored opportunities for providing greater educational access to women, youths, out of school children, and learners within the non-formal educational system through the extensive information resources and conducive learning environment offered by the National Library of Nigeria.

According to Mr. Mohammed Abdullahi Baba, “The National Library of Nigeria remains committed to working with institutions such as NMEC to expand access to knowledge, strengthen literacy programmes, and create inclusive learning opportunities for all segments of society. Together, we can build a more informed, educated, and empowered citizenry capable of contributing meaningful to national development,” he said

The proposed collaboration aligns with the National Library of Nigeria’s 2025-2030 Strategic Vision, which places strong emphasis on literacy promotion, education, research, cultural preservation, digital inclusion, and universal access to knowledge. The successful realization of this vision depends on strategic partnerships among government institutions, educational agencies, development partners, the private sector, and other stakeholders committed to advancing human capital development.



Ogun Branch Commemorates World Youth Skills Day 2026

Ogun State Branch, on Wednesday, 15th July 2026, commemorated World Youth Skills Day 2026 with a book exhibition and awareness programme aimed at promoting skills acquisition and lifelong learning among young people.

The event underscored the importance of equipping youths with the knowledge, digital competencies, and practical skills required to thrive in an increasingly dynamic and technology-driven world.

As part of the celebration, the library showcased a wide range of books and information resources covering entrepreneurship, innovation, creativity,

leadership, digital literacy, career development, and lifelong learning.

Library patrons, particularly young people, were encouraged to explore the displayed resources and make effective use of the library's collections to enhance their personal, academic, and professional development. The programme also served as a platform to raise awareness of the vital role libraries play in supporting youth empowerment through equitable access to information and educational resources.

Kogi Branch Strengthens Reading Culture Through School Reading Club Visit

As part of ongoing efforts to promote a reading culture among young learners, the Head of the Kogi State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria, Mrs. Elizabeth Agu Oyiza, paid a visit to the Excellent Reading Club at Divine Excellent International School, Ajaokuta, Anambra Estate, Kogi State, to encourage pupils to cultivate a lifelong love for reading.

The visit, which took place on Friday, 3rd July 2026, provided an opportunity for pupils to engage in reading activities, share their understanding of books, and demonstrate the impact of the Reading Club initiative.

During the programme, pupils from different classes presented book reviews and shared lessons from selected books authored by Mrs. Alice Halidu.

Primary One pupil shared their experience from "JoJo Goes to School," while Primary Two pupils presented lessons from "The Rich Also Cry." Primary Three pupils discussed "Trouble in Paradise," Primary Four pupils shared insights from "Nda the Fisherman and the Little Wise Boy," and Primary Five pupils presented "Beauty from Ashes."

Mrs. Elizabeth Agu Oyiza read from the book "The Rich Also Cry," followed by an interactive question-and-answer session where pupils enthusiastically participated and demonstrated their understanding of the story.

In her remarks, the Proprietress of Divine Excellent International School, Mrs. Amina Mohammed, expressed appreciation to the National Library of Nigeria, Kogi State Branch, for establishing and sustaining the Reading Club through one of its Reading Promotion Campaigns (RPC). She commended the initiative, noting its positive impact on the pupils' reading habits and academic development.

Plateau Branch Holds July Edition of Kids Reading Club

Plateau State Branch, successfully held the July edition of the National Library Kids Reading Club, providing an engaging platform for children to enhance their reading, communication, and literacy skills.

The session focused on confident reading and peer-to-peer learning, with participants taking turns to read aloud while encouraging and supporting one another. The interactive activities helped build the children's self-confidence, improved their reading fluency, and strengthened their ability to express themselves effectively.

As part of the programme, the children also participated in a speech writing session, where they demonstrated remarkable creativity and critical thinking by developing speeches on various topics. The exercise provided an opportunity for the young participants to improve their writing and public speaking skills while confidently communicating



their ideas.

The younger members of the Reading Club received lessons on syllables, learning how to break longer words into smaller units to enhance their reading, pronunciation, and vocabulary development. The practical session further strengthened their foundational literacy skills and reading comprehension.

Kaduna Branch Promotes Peace, Security and Unity.



Kaduna State Branch, in collaboration with the Conflict Management and Social Development Initiative (CM&SDI), a non-governmental organization based in Kaduna State, on Wednesday, 22 July 2026, organized a peace parley, themed "Building Bridges of Peace, Security and Unity in Nigeria Among Secondary School Students in Kaduna State." It brought together students, teachers, librarians, traditional leaders, peace advocates and other stakeholders committed to fostering a culture of peaceful coexistence. In her welcome address, the Head of Kaduna State Branch, Mrs. Martina O. Egwuibe, underscored the importance of peace, security and national unity among young people, noting that libraries play a vital role in shaping responsible citizens by providing access to information, encouraging dialogue and promoting values that foster peaceful coexistence.

Delivering the keynote address, the District Head of Doka District, Alhaji Bala Muhammad Tijjani, encouraged the students to become ambassadors of peace within their schools and communities, stressing the need for unity, respect and harmonious coexistence as essential ingredients for national development.

The programme concluded with a communiqué been adopted. In his closing remarks, the Founder and President of the Conflict Management and Social Development Initiative (CM&SDI), Mallam AbdulHakeem Mustapha, commended the National Library of Nigeria for partnering with the organization to advance peace education among young people.

Mrs. Egwuibe expressed appreciation to the participating schools, teachers, librarians and stakeholders for their active participation and encouraged the students to put into practice the lessons learned by serving as ambassadors of peace in their schools and communities.

Literacy Can Help Combat Sickle Cell Disease - Prof. Anunobi

The National Librarian/CEO, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi has affirmed that “intersection of knowledge, culture, literacy, behavior and access to credible information are the antidotes against sickle cell disease. However, the "reality is not access to information alone but knowledge translated into action, or transformative literacy which provides knowledge that changes behaviour."

The National Librarian stated this in a keynote address titled: The Power of Knowledge and Literacy in Combating Sickle Cell Disease - Building a Healthier and More Productive Nigeria, delivered at the public presentation of a book titled: Sickle Cell Anemia: The Audacity of Hope by Mrs Funmilayo Braithwaite, held on Wednesday 29th July, 2026 at Shehu Musa Yar'Adua Centre Abuja.

The theme reflects on an "issue that extends beyond medicine into the domain of education, information, public policy and national development.

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She stated that Nigeria accounts for roughly one-third of all global births of children with sickle cell disease.



Speaking on how literacy helps to combat Sickle Cell Disease, Prof. Anunobi stated that the solution to the problem is to place knowledge at the centre of national development. The government should not only invest in hospitals but also in libraries, schools, research institutions and lifelong learning.

Prof. Anunobi advised that the burden of Sickle Cell Disease could be reduced in Nigeria by building a society where knowledge shapes attitudes, literacy informs choices and responsible behaviour becomes our collective culture".

Earlier, the chief launcher while commending the Yound African Writers Foundation and the Founder/Author for the wonderful book, stated that the book is going to be a tool for education, advocacy and social transformation. He informed that the medical condition should never be allowed to completely define a person or determine the limits of one's future.

The National Librarian/CEO was accompanied to the event by the Director of Planning, Research and Statistics, Mrs. Ngozi Odogwu, Director Public Services Department, Mr. Joseph K. Ojo, the Head of Legal Deposit Department, Mrs. K. Abdulazeez and the Head of Virtual Library Services Department, Mrs. Rachael Nebo, as well as the Special Assistants on Professional Matters and Special Duties; Mr. Baba Mohammed and Mrs. Chinwe Enekayi respectively.

Enugu Branch Partners Edigix to Empower Students with Coding, Robotics and AI Skills

Enugu state branch in collaboration with EDIGIX, recently organized a free two-day Coding, Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Experience aimed at equipping young learners with essential digital skills for the future.

The programme provided students with a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience in coding, robotics and artificial intelligence through practical and interactive learning sessions.

Participants at the training demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity, reflecting their readiness to embrace emerging technologies and innovative learning methods.

As part of the National Library's mandate to promote literacy and knowledge acquisition, participants were encouraged to develop a strong reading culture as a foundation for academic excellence and personal growth.

Drawing lessons from Chapter Four of Gifted Hands by Dr. Ben Carson, the students were reminded that the renowned neurosurgeon attributed much of his academic success to his mother's unwavering commitment to ensuring that he regularly visited the library and cultivated the habit of reading. They were encouraged to emulate this example, with emphasis on the fact that reading broadens knowledge, stimulates creativity, enhances communication skills and opens doors to limitless opportunities.

The training featured practical demonstrations, collaborative exercises and project-based learning that ensured active participation by every student. Participants acquired new knowledge, developed practical skills, designed innovative projects and strengthened their understanding of coding, robotics and artificial intelligence.

Nasarawa Branch Chaired Creative Writing Exhibition

The Head of Branch, Nasarawa State Branch, on Wednesday, 29th July 2026, chaired the 2026 Creative Writing Exhibition organized by the Department of English and Literary Studies, Faculty of Arts, Federal University of Lafia, Nasarawa State.

The event, themed "Creative Writing Exhibition," was held at the Faculty of Arts Multi-Purpose Hall (FAMPH) and brought together lecturers, students and other stakeholders to celebrate literary creativity and academic excellence.

Speaking during the programme, the Head of Branch, Mrs. Angela Anya, highlighted the mandate and services of the National Library of

Nigeria. She informed participants about the presence of Nasarawa Branch in Lafia and encouraged students, lecturers and non-academic staff to take advantage of the library's resources and services in support of their academic, research and personal development. Mrs. Anya also underscored the importance of cultivating a strong reading culture, noting that reading remains a vital tool for acquiring knowledge, developing critical thinking and achieving academic success. She urged the students to make books their constant companions, emphasizing that "readers are leaders."

Commending the students for their creativity in translating Land of the Sleeping Giants, a text written by their course lecturer, Dr. Agbo Chika, into Pidgin and Hausa languages, Mrs. Anya encouraged them to refine and edit the translated versions for publication. She further advised them to obtain International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) for the translated editions, explaining that this would broaden the reach and accessibility of the work beyond its original English version. She noted that the original publication had earlier benefited from ISBN registration facilitated through the National Library of Nigeria.

EXCURSION

MINNA BRANCH RECEIVES SCHOOLS ON EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION

The National Library of Nigeria, Minna Branch, hosted students and staff of Semait School of Basic and Remedial Studies and JIWO Academy, Dutsen Kura, Minna, on educational excursion studies and JIWO Academy, Dutsen Kura, Minna, on educational excursion visits aimed at exposing the students to effective utilization of library resources among students. information literacy, and reading culture.

During the visits, Mr. Umar John, a Senior Librarian, took the students on guided tours of key sections of the library, including the Reference Section and the E-Library. He introduced them to various library services, explained cataloguing processes, borrowing procedures, and the importance of proper handling and preservation of library materials.

Before the facility tour, the Head of Branch, Mrs. Christiana Tiniola Ogunmade enlightened the students on the importance of libraries in research, learning, and national development. The engagement provided them with practical knowledge of how library resources can complement classroom learning and improve their academic performance.



FCT BRANCH HOSTS STUDENTS ON EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION



The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Branch of the National Library of Nigeria, on Tuesday, 14th July 2026, hosted pupils of Eduguide Unique Academy, Aco Estate, Abuja on educational excursion aimed at exposing them to library resources and promoting a reading culture among young learners.

The visiting delegation was received by the Head of Branch, Mrs. Margaret Oye, who introduced the students to the history, mandate, and core functions of the National Library of Nigeria. She emphasized the institution's role as the nation's repository library, responsible for preserving Nigeria's published heritage, promoting literacy, and providing access to quality information resources.

During the visit, Heads of the various sections of the library took turns to educate the pupils on the services and activities carried out in their respective units, including reference services, children's library services, electronic library resources, serials, and the preservation of information materials. The interactive sessions provided the students with a broader understanding of library operations and the importance of libraries in supporting education and lifelong learning.

The pupils expressed excitement throughout the excursion as they explored the library's serene learning environment and interacted with its rich collection of intellectual resources.

NIGER BRANCH HOSTS FUTMINNA STUDENTS

Niger State Branch, Minna, on Monday, 20 July 2026, received students and lecturers from the Department of Library and Information Technology, Federal University of Technology, Minna (FUTMinna), on an educational visit providing the students with practical exposure to professional library operations and services.

The delegation comprised students from the department, and two of their lecturers, Dr. Chucks-Ibe and Mrs. Amina Abubakar Sadik.

The students were welcomed by Mr. Umar John, a Senior Librarian who led them on a guided tour of the library and provided detailed explanations on the functions and activities of the various sections and units.

The students were introduced to the processes involved in delivering effective library services, including the organization of library resources, user services and other operational procedures that support access to information and knowledge.



The visit provided the students with valuable practical insights into modern library practices, complementing the theoretical knowledge acquired in their academic programme.

EXCURSION

LAGOS BRANCH RECEIVE UNILAG STUDENTS

Lagos State Branch, hosted 200-level students from the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Lagos, Akoka, and pupils of Krystal-Bal School during separate educational visits aimed at enhancing their understanding of library operation, promoting effective library usage and fostering a culture of reading among students.

The first visit, which took place on Monday, 20 July 2026, formed part of the practical requirements for their coursework and was designed to provide them with firsthand exposure to professional library practices, thereby bridging the gap between theoretical classroom knowledge and real-life library operations. The visit enabled the students to gain practical knowledge of the organizational structure, management practices, operational procedures and services of the National Library of Nigeria, while deepening their understanding of key concepts in library and information science.

The students were received by Mrs. Beatrice Bashorun, a Chief Librarian, who served as the resource person for the engagement. Mrs. Beatrice Bashorun, delivered a presentation on the history, vision, mission, statutory functions and services of the National Library of Nigeria, as well as the organizational structure and operations of the Lagos State Branch.

Similarly, on Tuesday, 21 July 2026, students of Krystal-Bal School, comprising pupils from both the Primary and Secondary sections, were at Lagos state branch on excursion

The visit was aimed at introducing the students to effective library usage, research techniques, and the importance of cultivating a sustainable reading culture. On arrival, the students were received by Mrs. Omowumi Faloye, An Assistant Director who gave an overview of the National Library of Nigeria,



highlighting its history, statutory mandate, and the wide range of services available to library users. Mrs. Omowumi Faloye also delivered a lecture titled "Effective Use of the Library for Academic Excellence," during which she emphasized the importance of maximizing the use of library resources to enhance academic performance, promote independent research, and foster lifelong learning.

As part of the excursion, the students embarked on a guided tour of the various sections of the library. Heads of the respective sections introduced them to the functions, resources and activities of each unit, giving them practical insight into the operations of a professional library environment.

The students also visited the Green Library (Children's Section), where they were introduced to the available collections and educated on the proper use of the section designed to support young readers.

The students were also advised on the importance of discipline and time management in developing effective reading habits, as well as the need to observe library rules by handling materials responsibly, returning borrowed resources promptly and maintaining a conducive learning environment.

To reinforce the lessons from the session, the students participated in a 30-minute silent reading exercise after which they were given the opportunity to present summaries of their readings and share key lessons learnt from the activity.

PERSONALIA

OKEAGU, NGORNGOR AWARDED PHDS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT.

Two directorate officers of the National Library of Nigeria were awarded their PhD by the university of Nigeria Nsuka in July 2026 during the university's 55th convocation.

Dr. Okeagu's research is on the topic: "Merchandising Techniques by Librarians for Improved Undergraduate Students' Patronage in University Libraries in North-Central Nigeria" while Dr. Ngorngor's research explored: "Readership Promotion Programme in the National Library of Nigeria for Enhanced Literacy Among Adolescents in North Central, Nigeria".

On behalf of management and staff, we congratulate the duo on their academic feat.



Mr. Elijah Azeez a Librarian II in the Database Management and E-Library Services Division of the Virtual Library Services Department was awarded Young Library and Information Award 2025 by the Nigerian Library Association.

National Librarian Applauds Staff for Improved Productivity, Global Visibility.

The National Librarian/Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria Library of Nigeria, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi has commended staff of the organization for improved productivity that has greatly enhanced global visibility of the National Library of Nigeria.

Professor Anunobi attributed the institution's growing international recognition to the collective hard work, innovativeness, and passion of its workforce. She cited her recent election as Vice President of the Conference of Directors of National Libraries, her appointment as a member of the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) International Centre Governing Board, her membership of the Steering Committee for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, and her appointment as Co-Chair of the Global Task Force for the International Decade of Indigenous Languages as notable milestones that reflect the National Library's increasing prominence on the global stage.

She described these achievements as a testament to the unwavering commitment of the staff and an indication that the National Library of Nigeria is gaining international recognition for its contributions to library and information services.

The National Librarian stated this during her week-long interactive engagement with staff held from Monday July 6th to Friday, July 10th 2026. The interactive engagement covered all the nine departments at the National Library Headquarters, Abuja and the 34 State branches of National Library of Nigeria virtually.

The interactive sessions formed part of Professor Anunobi's ongoing efforts to strengthen communication with staff, assess

departmental achievements, identify operational challenges, and collectively develop strategies for improving service delivery and advancing the mandate of the National Library of Nigeria.

Receiving the National Librarian to their departments, the respective Heads of Department described the visit as a valuable opportunity to showcase their activities, achievements, challenges, and future aspirations. They expressed appreciation for the digital innovations introduced by the National Librarian, noting that the initiatives have significantly enhanced efficiency and productivity across the various departments.

The departmental heads also highlighted the strategic roles their departments play in supporting the statutory mandate of the National Library while outlining notable achievements recorded under their leadership. They, however, identified several operational challenges affecting effective service delivery, including poor internet connectivity, inadequate computer systems, faulty air-conditioning units, and insufficient office furniture.

Responding to the issues raised, Professor Anunobi commended staff for their dedication, professionalism, and innovative contributions, noting that their collective efforts have significantly enhanced the visibility and international recognition of the National Library of Nigeria.

Addressing concerns raised by staff across the various departments regarding poor internet connectivity, inadequate computer systems, faulty air-conditioning units, and insufficient office furniture, the National Librarian acknowledged the funding

challenges confronting the organization. She further noted that the National Library of Nigeria is not a revenue-generating agency and relies entirely on government funding to carry out its statutory responsibilities.

Despite the financial constraints, she assured staff of management's commitment to addressing urgent departmental needs through the monthly imprest allocated to Heads of Departments to resolve minor operational issues. She urged staff to remain patient, emphasizing that while some challenges may not be resolved immediately, they can be effectively managed pending long-term solutions.

The National Librarian also encouraged staff to familiarize themselves with the National Library of Nigeria Strategic Plan (2025–2030) and align their daily responsibilities with its objectives. She emphasized the importance of professionalism, respect for constituted authority, adherence to the Public Service Rules, and strict compliance with the Performance Management System (PMS) by accurately documenting daily tasks for effective performance evaluation.

She further urged staff to understand the organization's vision and mission and remain committed to achieving its strategic goals through diligence, discipline, and teamwork.

Professor Anunobi concluded the engagements by reminding staff that commitment, hard work, and collaboration remain the foundation for institutional growth, adding that, *"the reward for hard work is more work."*

National Library of Nigeria Activates Taylor & Francis Database, Trains Staff on Operation

The National Library of Nigeria on Thursday, 30th July 2026 activated its recently subscribed Taylor & Francis database, and simultaneously trained staff on its operation.

The event which was coordinated by Havilah Merchants Limited was facilitated by Ms. Anjuli Gupta, who provided participants with practical guidance on the effective use of the Taylor & Francis database and also demonstrated how to navigate the platform to access electronic journals and e-books using the Google Chrome web browser.



The training is part of the National Library's ongoing commitment to strengthening the digital competencies of its staff and expanding access to quality

electronic information resources for researchers, library users and general public.

Speaking at the session, the National Librarian/Chief Executive Officer, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, commended Ms. Gupta for the insightful presentation. She requested that Havilah Group provide the National Library with a comprehensive step-by-step user guide to enable staff to effectively apply the knowledge gained and maximize the use of the Taylor & Francis database in their daily operations.

Nigerian Content Board Pays Benchmarking Visit to National Library of Nigeria.



The National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria, Professor Chinwe Anunobi, on Friday, 10 July 2026, received a delegation from the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) at the National Library Headquarters, Abuja, on a benchmarking visit aimed at strengthening plans for the establishment of the Board's library and knowledge management Centre.

The delegation led by the General Manager of the Nigerian Content Academy, Mrs. Doris Opuwari-Bai, stated that the visit was to understudy the National Library's best practices in establishing and managing a standard library. She explained that the visit was aimed at gaining insights into key areas such as library policies, operational procedures, staff training requirements and professional certifications necessary for effective library management. According to her, the proposed library would serve as a heritage repository for the oil and gas sector, preserving valuable information on local content development and other related fields. Welcoming the delegation, Professor Anunobi described the National Library of Nigeria as the apex institution for library development in the country, that serves as the custodian of its published heritage and the driver of library

standards and development.

She explained that establishing a functional special library requires a well-structured knowledge management framework for acquiring, organizing, preserving and providing seamless access to information. According to her, the proposed library should have a repository, subscribe to relevant electronic resources, embrace emerging technologies and digitize its collections to enhance research and information accessibility.

The National Librarian stressed the importance of maintaining both digital and physical archives in line with established preservation standards, while ensuring that the library environment is conducive for users.

Professor Anunobi further advised the Board to invest in critical infrastructure, such as reliable power supply, high-speed internet connectivity, computers and scanners, noting that these are essential tools for modern library operations.

Speaking on information dissemination, she encouraged the Board to obtain International Standard Serial Numbers (ISSN) for its blogs, journals and newsletters to ensure

they meet internationally recognized publishing standards.

Members of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board delegation included Mrs. Salamat Ibrahim, Assistant Manager, Corporate Communication; Mr. Gabriel Ojo, Supervisor, Finance and Accounts; Dr. Gbenekanu Mpigi, Supervisor, Nigerian Content Academy; Dr. Simon Olise, Library Services, Human Resources; and Mr. Muhammad Sirajo, ICT Officer.

The National Library management team at the meeting comprised Mrs. Ngozi Odogwu, Mr. Joseph Kehinde Ojo, Mr. Abubakar Hambagda Husseni, Mrs. Jekhine Phyllis, Mrs. Abdullazzez Mistura, and Mrs. Rachael Neboh. They are the Director, Planning, Research and Statistics Department; Director, Public Services Department; Director, Collection Development and Technical Services Department; Head, International Standard and Program Department; Deputy Director, Legal Deposit Department; and Deputy Director, Virtual Library Services Department, respectively.

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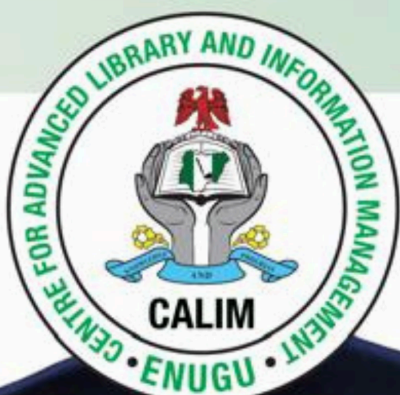
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