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AFLIA Workshop Concludes with Charge for Excellence and Lifelong Learning

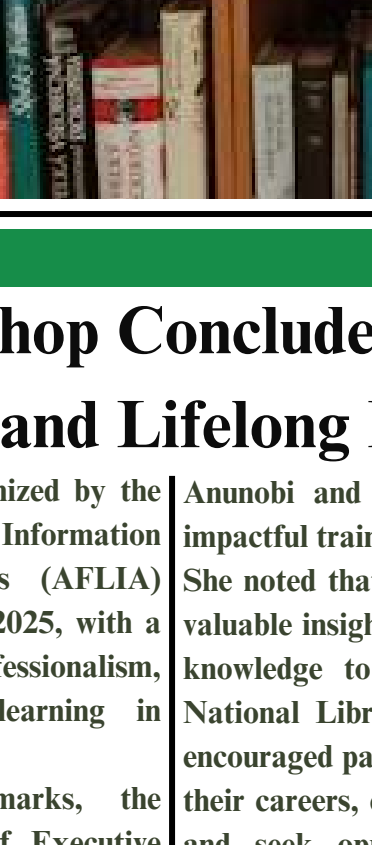
The three-day workshop organized by the African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AFLIA) came to a close on April 10, 2025, with a strong call for professionalism, commitment, and lifelong learning in librarianship.

Delivering the closing remarks, the National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, congratulated participants on successfully completing the training. She expressed her delight at their commitment to personal and professional growth, stating that her own journey had been shaped by a combination of knowledge, skills, competence, and personal sacrifice.

Professor Anunobi urged participants to prioritize knowledge over financial gain in their career pursuits. "Never put money first; put your knowledge and skills first. Your future is in your hands," she emphasized.

Also speaking at the event, Ms. Glory Okeagu, Deputy Director (CDTS), expressed appreciation to Professor - Anunobi and AFLIA for facilitating the impactful training.

She noted that the participants had gained valuable insights and promised to apply the knowledge to enhance the work of the National Library of Nigeria.Ms. Okeagu encouraged participants to take initiative in their careers, embrace continuous learning, and seek opportunities to develop new skills. In her remarks, Dr. Nkem Osuigwe, Director of Human Capacity Development and Training for AFLIA urged participants to make strategic use of social media to showcase their capabilities and expand their professional visibility.



She challenged them to aim higher and reminded them that librarianship extends beyond the National Library of Nigeria.

The workshop concluded with the presentation of certificates to participants by Professor Anunobi, while Mr. Dio Orvell, Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations, delivered the vote of thanks.

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Window on America in Katsina State

The Katsina State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria, has been chosen by the United States Embassy, to house the Window on America in its Katsina State Branch. A grand hybrid launch of the Window on America was held on April 9, 2025.

The event marked a significant milestone as it introduces the first Window on America established within a National Library of Nigeria space.

The event featured diverse groups of dignitaries and stakeholders, including the National Librarian and CEO of the National Library of Nigeria, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, who delivered a speech underscoring the importance of the initiative. Other notable attendees included Ms. Victoria Cook, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer at the U.S. Embassy; Amina Mohammed, Director of Window on America Katsina; Justice Musa Danladi Abubakar, Honorable Chief Judge of Katsina State; and some management staff of the NLN such including Ms Amaka Ojielo, Mr. Kehinde Joseph Ojo, Mr. Bashiru Salawu and Mr. Abubakar Abdulkarim. In her remarks, Prof. Anunobi highlighted the strategic alignment of the Window on America with the core mission of the National Library.

As Nigeria's apex library, we are committed to empowering the public through inclusive access to both digital and physical resources, this initiative is more than just a physical space—it is a gateway to global opportunities." Prof. Anunobi stated.

Speaking further, she emphasized that the space, "the first of its kind in any NLN location, would serve the broader public and not just academic communities. With a presence in 33 states nationwide, the National Library is uniquely positioned to extend the impact of such initiatives to a wider audience, especially the youth. At the crossroads of knowledge and global connection, the National Library and Window on America speak one language: Access, Empowerment, and Shared Growth."

Prof. Anunobi concluded her speech by extending gratitude to the U.S. Embassy in Abuja for the partnership, with special mention of Ms. Cook and Mr. A. O. Daniel, Windows on America Specialist, for their dedication to the project. She also acknowledged the local dignitaries and stakeholders who attended the event, both physically and virtually, for their commitment to youth development and inclusive access to information.

In her opening address, Ms. Victoria Cook noted that the Katsina center is the 28th American Space in Nigeria, part of a global network of over 600 spaces in more than 100 countries. She celebrated the role these centers have played in supporting over 10,000 Nigerian youths and expressed hope that the Katsina center would be equally impactful.

The keynote speaker Mr. McManis Le Counselor for Public Diplomacy, US Embass Nigeria, praised the collaborative effort a reiterated the purpose of the Windows America—to foster open-access learnin cultural exchange, and global engagemer "These spaces are visited by more than 20,0 Nigerians every month and serve as places connection and inspiration," he said.

The opening of the Window on America Katsina sets a new precedent in NLN's drive bridge knowledge gaps, promote literacy, a support youth empowerment throug international partnerships.

National Library of Nigeria hosts American Space

Earlier this afternoon, 7th April 2025, the Director of the Public Services Department (PSD), Mr. Kehinde Ojo, along with the Special Assistant (SA) on Professional Matters, Mr. Baba Mohammed, accompanied the National Librarian/Chief Executive Officer Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi to the Signing of Letter of Intent to Cooperate on American Spaces Programming. This brief but significant ceremony took place at the US Embassy in Abuja, where the NL signed the agreement on behalf of the National Library of Nigeria (NLN), and Ms. Victoria Cook, the Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, signed for the US Embassy.

In her remarks, Ms. Cook expressed satisfaction with the established and positive relationship between the NLN and the Embassy. She voiced optimism that the NLN would fully utilize the opportunities presented by the Windows on America.

Responding to Ms. Cook's remarks, the NL/CEO assured the Embassy that the American Space would be put to maximum use, benefiting library users and the wider community. The NL also emphasized the library's openness to exploring many more partnership opportunities with the US Embassy.

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It's important to recall that the US Embassy had graciously agreed to establish a "Windows on America" at the Katsina State branch of the NLN. This development followed strong advocacy and persistent efforts by the NL/CEO, highlighting commitment to expanding access to information and fostering cultural exchange. The formal opening ceremony for the Katsina American Space is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 8th, 2025, in Katsina.

Windows on America are resource centers established by the U.S. Department of State in partnership with local institutions like Libraries and Universities. They serve as hubs for information about the United States, offering a range of resources and programs, including but not limited to access to information, cultural programs, workshops, lectures, and film screenings. This initiative will not only benefit the National Library of Nigeria but also the general public in Katsina State, especially the youth, who stand to gain significantly from this cooperation on American Spaces Programming. This aligns with the National Library of Nigeria Strategy 2025 - 2030, particularly goals 1, 2, and 3 of Objective 3, as well as goal 2 of Objective 4, which are primarily centered on lifelong learning and international collaborations.

NBRP Flags Off Abuja Book City Project to Promote Reading Culture Nationwide

The Network of Book Clubs and Reading Culture Promoters in Nigeria (NBRP) Abuja Chapter, in collaboration with the National Library of Nigeria and other key stakeholders, officially launched the Abuja Book City Project at the TetFund Auditorium, Tertiary Education Trust Fund headquarters, on Thursday 24th April 2025.

The Network of Book Clubs and Reading Culture Promoters in Nigeria is an amalgam of existing book Clubs in Nigeria. The Network was established in Nigeria in 2020 while the Abuja Chapter began operation in 2022 and one of the principal activities of the Network is the 774 Book clubs project that is a plan to create at least one book club per local government area in Nigeria.

In his opening remarks, Chief Loye Oloowokere, Abuja Coordinator of NBRP and Chief Host of the event, emphasized the theme of the project: "Reading, a Unifying Factor."

He noted that books have the power to transcend cultural, religious, and generational divides, fostering dialogue and unity.

"This event marks a significant milestone in our journey to cultivate a vibrant literary culture and celebrate the transformative power of books," said Chief Oloowokere. He outlined the objectives of the Book City initiative as promoting a love of reading, encouraging cultural diversity, and enhancing community engagement.

The National Librarian and Co-Host Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, applauded the NBRP for its growing influence and dedication. She praised the Book City initiative's expansion across cities like Uyo, Lagos, and Yenagoa, and expressed confidence in Abuja's potential to elevate the project further.

"The National Library of Nigeria stands in full support of this noble mission. We salute the vision and passion of all reading culture promoters who work tirelessly to inspire minds in communities and schools across Nigeria," Professor Anunobi affirmed.

Mr. Richard Mammah, National President of NBRP, was represented by Dr. Chido Onumah, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee. He commended the dedication of the Abuja Chapter and its partners, describing the flag-off ceremony as the culmination of months of intense effort and "This project is a testament to what can be achieved when we work together to build a reading culture," said Dr. Onumah.

In a keynote address delivered on behalf of the Director-General of the Nigerian Copyright Commission (NCC), Dr. John Asien, Mrs. Ijeoma Egwunike highlighted the importance of respecting intellectual property. Coinciding with the 2025 World Book and Copyright Day, themed *"Read Your Way,"* she underscored books as vital vessels for cultural preservation and identity.

"Copyright is not a burden—it's a building block," she stated, affirming the NCC's commitment to combating piracy and nurturing the book value chain.

The event featured vibrant cultural performances by students from Junior Secondary School Area 11, Model Secondary School Maitama, and Junior Secondary School Apo Resettlement.

A Read-Aloud Competition involving schools across Abuja added a spirited touch to the event. Junior Secondary School Apo Resettlement emerged as the winner among other participating schools.

Goodwill messages were delivered by distinguished guests, including Dr. Neemat Daud Abdulrahim, Director of the FCT Education Resource Centre; Dr. Dominic Omokaro, President of the Nigerian Library Association; and Mrs. Msurshima Comfort Chenge, founder and managing director of Fortham Publishers Limited.

Senator Ekong Sampson, Chair of the 2025 Abuja Book City Project and representative of Akwa Ibom South in the 10th National Assembly, was represented by Mr. Paul Nanfiab. He praised the initiative as a bold stride toward inclusive literacy.

"This project represents our collective aspiration to make reading a cherished activity and ensure books are accessible to all," he said before formally flagging off the Book City Project.

Dr. Chido Onumah, delivering the vote of thanks, encouraged participants to continue championing the culture of reading. "Let's celebrate the joy of books and the power of knowledge," he urged.

The Abuja Book City Project is expected to serve as a beacon of literary excellence in the FCT and a model for nationwide replication.

Kaduna State Branch Visitation to Womenhood School of Science And Technology, Kaduna

Still in the spirit of international women's Day which the celebration last till the end of March, 2025. The Head of Branch, of Kaduna National Library visited the women hood school of science and technology, Kaduna on 24th of March, 2025 for a sensitization/ awareness program. This the branch did in collaboration with Federation of Women Lawyers, Kaduna Chapter.

The objective of the event was to empower women and girls with knowledge on personal hygiene and their rights as enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution.

During the event, the HOB National Library, Kaduna, made a presentation on the use of library & personal hygiene, emphasizing the importance of maintaining good hygiene practices for physical and mental well-being. And benefits of reading.

Additionally, representatives from FWL, Kaduna Chapter, delivered a presentation on the rights of women according to the Nigerian Constitution. The presentation highlighted the need for women to be aware of their rights and to assert them in all spheres of life.

The event was well-attended by women and girls from the school and surrounding communities. The presentations were interactive, and the participants engaged actively with the speakers. The event achieved its objective of empowering women and girls with knowledge on personal hygiene, reading habits and their rights.

The commemoration of International Women's Day at women hood school of science and technology was a great success, and I believe that events like this are crucial in empowering women and girls to take control of their lives and to assert their rights.

National Librarian Inaugurates 2025 Readership Promotion Campaign Committee

On the 3rd of April 2025, the National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi, officially inaugurated the 2025 Readership Promotion Campaign (RPC) Committee at the National Library of Nigeria (NLN) Boardroom. This event marks the formal commencement of preparations for the 2025 RPC.

During her remarks to the committee members, Prof. Anunobi urged them to view their appointment as a call to national duty. She emphasized that their respective directors had confidently endorsed their nominations before her, and it was now their responsibility to validate that trust through dedication and excellence.

"The annual Readership Promotion Campaign is a cornerstone initiative for the National Library," Professor Anunobi stated. "It is imperative that we demonstrate the campaign's enduring impact and justify the resources invested in it over the years. Your task is to develop innovative strategies and modalities that will not only showcase the campaign's success but also deliver an exceptional program for 2025." The National Librarian underscored the significance of the annual RPC, describing it as a critical initiative through which the National Library must demonstrate its enduring impact on literacy and readership nationwide.

She expressed her expectation that their efforts would culminate in a transformative and highly successful RPC for the year. The committee, chaired by Mr. Kehinde Ojo, Director of the Public Services Department (PSD), comprises representatives from all departments, including the Office of the National Librarian/CEO, ensuring a diversified and inclusive approach to 2025 RPC.

REPORT ON WORLD POETRY DAY

Kaduna State Branch commemorated world poetry day with the state branch creative writers' club in partnership with the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA) Kaduna Chapter.

World Poetry Day is an annual event, celebrated every 21st March. It was declared by UNESCO in 1999. Poetry and reading have a deeply intertwined relationship. World Poetry Day promotes a deeper appreciation for poetry, linguistic diversity, and creative expression, while also supporting the preservation of endangered languages and cultures.

The HOB, Mrs. Egwuibe in her presentation identified the relationship between poetry and reading to include: Poetry as a form of reading, Poetry promotes reading, Poetry enhances reading comprehension, Poetry encourages critical thinking Poetry inspires creativity and writing, Poetry supports literacy development .

The following activities took place: Talkshow, Poem Reading, Mentoring on Writing and Question & Answer.

The young adult poets appreciated National Library of Nigeria, Kaduna State Branch for their passion in community and youth education and empowerment in Kaduna State.

National Libraries of Nigeria, Bulgaria Renew MoU

The National Library of Nigeria and the National Library of the Republic of Bulgaria have renewed their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at enhancing cultural exchange and institutional cooperation.

The renewal ceremony which held virtually, took place on Monday, April 7, 2024, at the respective headquarters of both National Libraries, in Abuja and Sofia, respectively.

Speaking during the event, the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, expressed appreciation for the enduring partnership with the Bulgarian counterpart, which began with the signing of the first MoU on March 28, 2023, in Sofia, Bulgaria.

According to Professor Anunobi, the new agreement supersedes the previous one and will remain in effect until 2027. She highlighted the National Library of Nigeria's strengths, particularly in legal deposit and the Readership Promotion Campaign (RPC), which led to the establishment of the Bulgarian Corner—an initiative made possible through book donations from the Bulgarian National Library.

She also praised the Bulgarian institution's expertise in preservation, document repair, and digitization of heritage materials.

In her response, Professor Kalina Ivanova, National Librarian of the Republic of Bulgaria, described the agreement as a reaffirmation of both nations' shared commitment to knowledge, culture, and international collaboration. She thanked the leadership and staff of the National Library of Nigeria for their dedication and openness, expressing optimism for a more vibrant phase of cooperation.

The MoU was jointly signed by Professor Anunobi on behalf of the National Library of Nigeria and Professor Ivanova on behalf of the National Library of Bulgaria. The document was executed in both English and Bulgarian languages.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by top officials of both institutions, including all Deputy Directors from the National Library of the Republic of Bulgaria and Maria Stefanova. Also, in attendance from the Nigerian side were Ms Amaka Ojielo (Director, IS&PD), Mr. Abubakar Husani Hambagda (Director, CDTS), Mr. Bashiru Salawu (Director, VLSD), Mr. Kehinde Joseph Ojo (Director, PSD), Mrs. I.G. Akpabio (Director, LD), Barr. Pauline Ogbu (Assistant Director, Legal), Mr. Orvell Dio (Assistant Director, Information and Public Relations), and Mr. Kayode Akinsanya (Assistant Director, ICT).

International Women's Day Celebration At The National Library of Nigeria in Collaboration With the National Association of Seadogs (NAS)

The National Library of Nigeria, Kaduna Branch, in collaboration with the National Association of Seadogs (NAS), commemorated International Women's Day (IWD) on March 11, 2025. This year's theme, "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment," reinforced the global commitment to women's rights and gender equality.

The event was graced by six distinguished female dignitaries: Barr. Sa'adatu Hamma – International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Obiajulu Benjamin – National Association of Seadogs (NAS), Barr. Rukayya Mohammed Yaldu – Coordinator, Copyright Commission, Barr. Mrs. Funke Bamikole – Chairperson, FIDA Kaduna Branch, Mrs. Shafa'atu A. Olarewaju – Fellow, Risk and Insurance Consultants (FRIC), Mrs. Grace Ekanem.

Guest speakers emphasized: Legal Rights & Advocacy – Encouraging girls to stand up against discrimination and abuse. Education & Empowerment – Highlighting knowledge as a tool for breaking societal barriers and Intellectual Property Rights – Raising awareness on protecting creative works. Students also delivered presentations on the rights of the girl child, demonstrating awareness and commitment to gender equality.

As part of efforts to promote education and literacy, each participating school received books donated to enrich their school libraries. Additionally, students who made presentations were gifted books, recognizing their efforts and encouraging a reading culture. To further support girls' health and well-being, sanitary pads were distributed to all female students who participated in the event, reinforcing the message of menstrual hygiene and dignity for young girls.

The IWD celebration at the National Library of Nigeria, Kaduna Branch, in collaboration with NAS, was a resounding success. It reinforced the importance of inclusion, education, and advocacy for women's rights, inspiring the next generation to pursue their dreams without limitations.

Library Visit

On March 10, 2025, the Borno State Branch of the National Library hosted pupils from Soma Delight Academy Primary School. The Head of Branch (HOB), Nafisa Ibrahim, and Mr. Zakaria Musa warmly welcomed the students.

The HOB delivered an engaging talk, highlighting the importance of reading and providing valuable tips for the young learners. Mrs. Halima Baba Shehu also educated the pupils on various types of libraries, showcasing their unique characteristics.

To further enrich their experience, Mr. Buhari Maina and Aisha Abubakar guided the students on a comprehensive tour of the library, showcasing its operations and impressive collection.

National Library of Nigeria Hosts Wikimedia Training Workshop in Collaboration with AfLIA

The National Librarian Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi and her management staff on Tuesday 8th April 2025 welcomed members of African Library and Information Associations and Institutions (AFLIA) for a three days Specialized Wikimedia Training Workshop held at the Headquarters Boardroom in Abuja.

This workshop is a Collaboration between National Library of Nigeria and African Library and Information Associations, it is aimed at enhancing the integration of Nigerian Library resources into the global open knowledge ecosystem. The Training is for National Library Staff, the initiative is supported by the Wikimedia Foundation's Knowledge Equity Fund and Wikimedia Deutschland.

The National Librarian Professor Anunobi in her welcome remark said that this capacity-building workshop is a timely intervention that aligns with the National Library of Nigeria enduring commitment and other African National Libraries to promote the online visibility of our rich Intellectual heritage, particularly the works of our indigenous authors and locally published materials. She further highlighted that AFLIA commitment to revamping librarianship on the African continent is what fascinated our great partners-Wikimedia foundation's knowledge Equity Fund and Wikimedia Deutschland to sponsor this great project which is targeted at bringing African Libraries resources to global scale accessibility and discoverability. She afterwards encouraged the lucky participants, the first cohort of its kind in Africa to approach this training with a curious mind and a bold spirit. She said let it be the beginning of a journey for them to become digital ambassadors of Nigeria national heritage and indeed Africa as a whole.

Dr. Nkem Osuigwe, Director of Human Capacity Development and Training at AFLIA, outlined the goals of the project. She emphasized the need for African librarians to enhance their global presence. She said they will teach participants how to link cataloguing details to global databases and create a unique identity for the National Library of Nigeria, Dr. Osuigwe also revealed plans to develop a training course based on this initiative that will serve as a model for other African libraries.

In his goodwill message, Dr. Dominic Omokaro, President of the Nigerian Association, commended Professor Anunobi's leadership for prioritizing professional development. He praised the organizers for designing a practical and impactful training initiative. He said that this workshop is timely and forward-thinking, especially as libraries globally redefine their roles in the digital era. he encouraged participants to engage deeply and apply their knowledge creatively.

Dr. Angela Ebele Okpala, University Librarian, National Open University of Nigeria who was unavoidably absent but was represented by Dr. Adetola Akanbiemu in her good will message stressed the importance of integrating Nigerian library resources into the global open knowledge economy. She said this collaboration underscores the critical role libraries play in preserving cultural memory, ensuring free access to knowledge, and advancing sustainable development. National Open University of Nigeria strongly support the use of digital platforms like Wikimedia to enhance the visibility and preservation of Nigeria's intellectual heritage.

Goodwill messages were also delivered by senior management of the National Library of Nigeria, including Mr. Yue (Director, Finance and Account), Mr. Bashiru Salawu (Director, VLSD), and Mr. Abubakar Husani Hambagda (Director, CDTS). They expressed appreciation to Professor Anunobi, AfLIA, and Wikimedia Deutschland for this meaningful collaboration and encouraged participants to make the most of the training.

The AfLIA team leading the workshop includes Dr. Nkem Osuigwe, Stanley Boake Achampong (Research Coordinator/Communication Officer), Doreen Appiah (Program Officer), and Eunice Jones Arthur (Membership Officer).

The workshop represents a significant step in bridging the knowledge gap and positioning African libraries, particularly Nigeria's, at the forefront of the global digital knowledge space.

Career Day at Milton College of Arts And Science, Kaduna

On March 19, 2025, a team from the National Library of Nigeria, Kaduna Branch, participated in the Career Day event organized by Milton College of Arts and Science, Kaduna. The event was aimed at guiding students in making informed career choices and emphasizing the importance of reading culture in shaping future leaders. The National Library delegation comprised four staff members, including the Head of Branch (HOB), Mrs. Martina Egwuibe.

The primary objectives of the visit were to: Enlighten students on the significance of reading in their personal and professional growth, Provide insights on career choices and the steps to making informed decisions, Encourage students to stay committed to their studies, Strengthen collaboration between Milton College and the National Library of Nigeria, Support the school's learning environment through a book donation.

The program featured insightful presentations by representatives from the National Library, Mrs. Ngozi Azu delivered a keynote address on the theme for the year's Career Week: Empowering Future Leaders through Reading Culture. She emphasized the role of books in broadening knowledge, improving critical thinking, and fostering leadership qualities in students. She also encouraged them to develop a habit of reading beyond academic requirements.

Mr. Mohammed Sani spoke on Career Choice and the Right Approach to Making a Decision. He provided practical guidance on choosing a career path based on passion, skills, and opportunities. His session helped students understand the importance of early career planning and making well-informed choices.

Mrs. Martina Egwuibe, Head of Branch, gave the closing remarks, summarizing the discussions and encouraging students to remain dedicated to their studies. She motivated them to see education as a tool for success and to utilize resources such as the library to enhance their learning.

As part of its commitment to promoting education, the National Library of Nigeria Kaduna donated a collection of books to the school's library. This contribution aims to enhance students' access to quality reading materials and support the school's literacy development initiatives.

The principal, speaking on behalf of the teachers and students, expressed profound gratitude to the National Library of Nigeria for the insightful presentations and the generous book donation. He acknowledged the impact of the visit and looked forward to future collaborations in nurturing the students and equipping them for a successful future.

The Career Day event at Milton College of Arts and Science was highly impactful and insightful. The engagement with students reinforced the importance of reading culture and strategic career planning. The National Library of Nigeria remains committed to supporting educational institutions through outreach programs and resource contributions. The event strengthened the relationship between the school and the National Library, setting a foundation for continued partnership in empowering future leaders.

Legal Deposit Department to Acquire 50 Titles of 150 Volumes

The book holdings of the National Library of Nigeria is to increase by an additional 50 titles of 150 volumes comprising books from various fields of study: Science and Technology, Statistics, Medicines, Political Science, Information Communication Technology, Librarianship, Research Methodology, Agricultural science and so on.

These collections are expected from the TET Fund public presentation of 50 sponsored textbooks today. The event is part of TET Fund's higher education book development intervention, which aims to support the development of textbooks and other educational materials for tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

Speaking at the event, the Honorable Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa decried Nigeria's heavy dependence on foreign textbooks, stating that the situation worsens the demand for foreign exchange and places local academic publishing in a dire state.

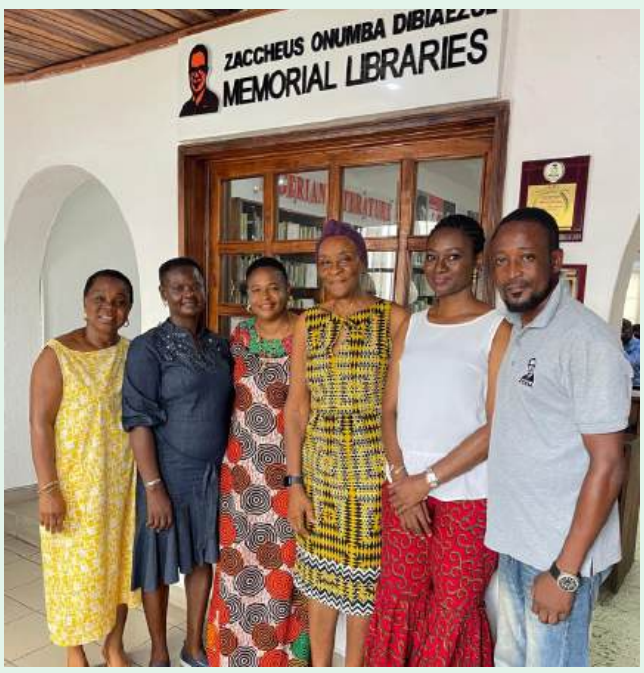
He emphasized the urgent need to foster indigenous authorship to ensure the availability of relevant educational materials while strengthening national identity.

The National Librarian/CEO who also is a promoter of indigenous languages as well as encourages publications in indigenous languages was at the event to ensure that legal deposit obligation was fully enforced in order to increase the country's national heritage.

The National Librarian/CEO was accompanied by the Head of Legal Deposit Department, Ms Akpabio I.G and Mrs. Omon Ize Iyamu.

NLN, Lagos Paid A Courtesy Visit to ZODML

On Friday, 14th March 2025, the HOB in the company of some staff members paid a courtesy visit to Zacheus Onumba Dibiaezue Memorial Library (ZODML). The visit was to show appreciation on previous collaborations, especially on the establishment of the Green Library. Other areas of interest were also explored. They were very pleased to receive us and said they are open to more partnerships.



National Library Signs MoU for Endowment Foundation

The National Librarian Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi on Thursday 3rd April 2025, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Midpoint Innovation Limited, to Establish and collaborate on a National Library Endowment Foundation.

In a brief remark before the formal signing of documents, which took place in her office, Prof. Anunobi expressed optimism that the partnership, holds the potential to provide sustainable solutions to financial constraints that limit the operations of the National Library. She further expressed hopes that the agreement will remain effective even after her tenure, ensuring seamless cooperation between both parties.

Responding, Prof. Emeka Aniagolu, Chief Executive Officer of Midpoint Innovation Limited, lauded the National Librarian for her proactive approach and commitment to progress. He noted that the partnership is a "step in the right direction," highlighting the importance of synergy in achieving meaningful transformation within the sector.

The Memorandum of Understanding was afterwards signed by the National Librarian on behalf of the National Library while Professor Emeka Aniagolu Chief signed on behalf of his organization.

Present during the ceremony were Mrs. Ngozi Odogwu, Director of Planning, Research, and Statistics, Barrister Pauline Ogbo, Assistant Director of Legal, Mr. Orvell Dio, Assistant Director, Information and Public Relations, as well as Engr. Azuka Celestine Adigweme, Senior Research Fellow, Midpoint Innovation Limited.

HOB Imo Branch Advocates Legal Deposit at Book Presentation Event

The Head of Branch (HoB), Imo State chapter of the National Library of Nigeria (NLN), alongside a Principal Librarian, participated in the unveiling and presentation of a new book titled A Father's Rosebud, authored by Mark Irechukwu, the Public Relations Officer of the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANAN).

The well-attended event provided a valuable platform for the HoB to enlighten authors, publishers, and other literary stakeholders on the importance and benefits of the legal deposit law. The HoB emphasized the statutory requirement for authors and publishers to submit copies of their publications to the National Library, stressing its significance in the preservation of Nigeria's intellectual heritage.

The book reviewer, Dr. Chrystabel Onyema, a Senior Lecturer at Imo State University, admitted that it was her first time learning about the legal deposit law. She expressed her commitment to comply with the requirement by submitting copies of her previous publications to the NLN. She further pledged to raise awareness among her colleagues and encourage them to follow suit.

The event was a significant step towards fostering compliance with the legal deposit mandate and enhancing national documentation efforts.

Condolence visit to the Governor of Katsina State Dr Umaru Dikko Radda.

On the 28th of March 2025, the Katsina branch paid a condolence visit to the Executive Governor of Katsina State on the death of his mother Hajiya Safarau on behalf of the National Librarian. The Governor expressed his gratitude and thanked the NLN for the visit.

The HOB also met with the wife of the Governor Hajiya Fatima Dikko Radda and had discussion with her on how she can contribute to RPC and literacy education in Katsina. She expressed her willingness to contribute in whatever way possible and we Should not hesitate to seek for assistance. She also asked the Katsina branch for possible collaboration on literacy education on cancer which is her main project to see where NLN can contribute.

CALIM Pioneer Students Defend Projects

The pioneer students of CALIM Enugu today defended their research work for the award of National Diploma in Library and Information Science (LIS). The Head of CALIM, Mrs. Chijioke and two other members of the faculty, Mrs. Essien and Mrs. Igwe were the panel who guided in enhancing their work during the defense. The college Librarian, Mrs. Onyecherelam and the Ag. Registrar, Mrs. Chinedu Uzor also witnessed the event.

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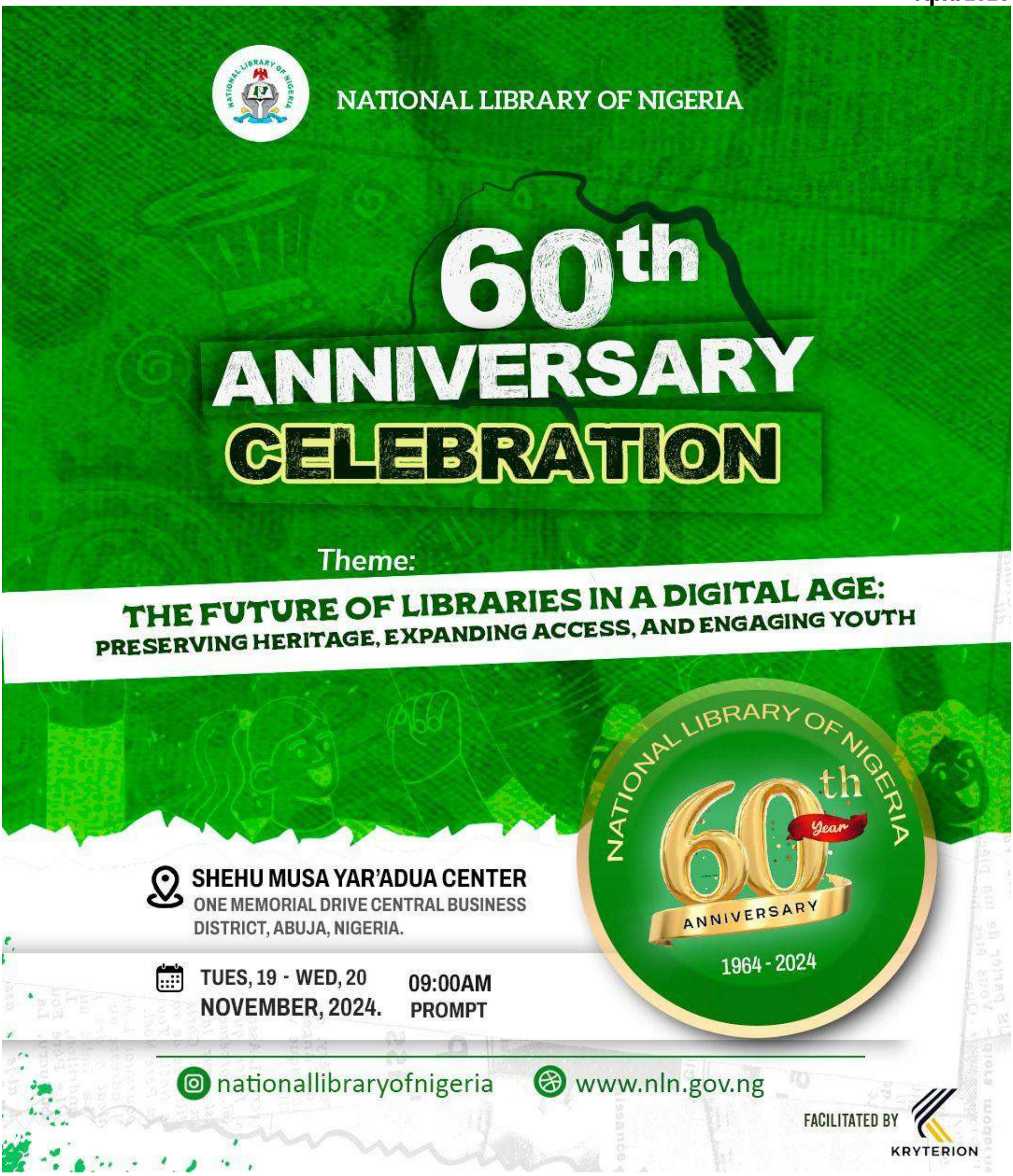

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The students were eight in number, comprising of five females and three males. CALIM was established 1993 and this first set of students were admitted in 2023 when academic programs commenced. Nine students were admitted but eight fought the battle till the end. On behalf of the Provost, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi and the entire CALIM Management and also the supervisory organization - NLN, we say a big congratulations to them for achieving this milestone.

HAPPY Birthday

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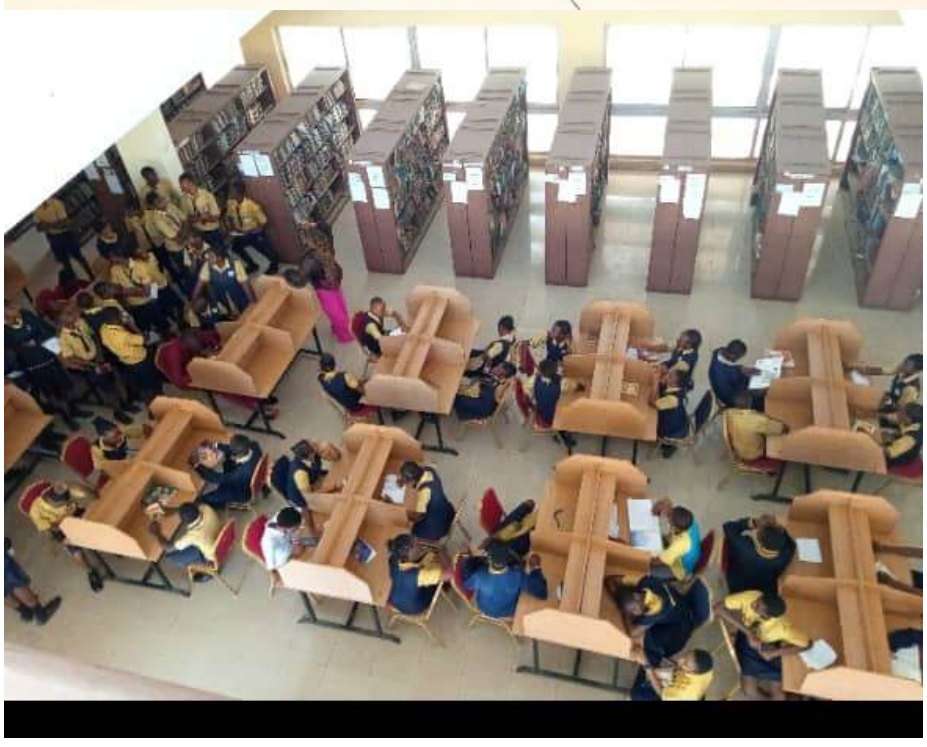

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