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### National Library Flags-Off 2023 Readership Campaign

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- Akogun Lanre Adesuyi Donates Naira 50m Books

A renowned social activist and book crusader, Senator Shehu Sani has commended the efforts of Nigerian authors for keeping education alive and making Nigeria known in the world of literacy.

Senator Sani who was speaking after his induction as “Ambassador of Reading” at the flag-off ceremony 2023 Annual Readership Promotion Campaign held at the Federal Ministry of

Education Abuja, emphasized the impact of some prominent authors like Chinua Achebe, Wole Soyinka, Cyprian Ekwensi, Ola Rotimi, Chimamanda Adichie, Chika Unigwe and Helon Habila who through

their literary works promoted education and reading.

According to Senator Sani, “while it is true that people are getting discouraged because reading is not producing what is expected, reading actually expands your vision and makes you know what is happening in wider society”. Sani further stated that there is need to address our reading culture which is the key to economic development since democracy, cannot exist in ignorance. He further charged all to improve their reading skills so as to derive the benefits of reading.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Mr. Andrew Adejoh stated that “a country cannot rise above its level of education and our level of national development can be assessed by our reading culture”. He emphasized the need for Nigerians to embrace reading and make it their culture which is the key to a knowledgeable economy. Mr. Adejoh added that “Development growth is no longer achievable through mineral resources found below the earth surface, rather the level of development of any nation is livable from the level of its intellectual capital”.

The Permanent Secretary therefore charged all to imbibe the culture of reading

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## CDT&S Organizes Send-Forth for Retired Staff

The Collections Development and Technical Services Department (CDT&S) has organized a send-forth party for two members of staff, Mr. Christian Ebere Pepple and Mr. Charles Ihedoro, who recently retired from active service after 35 years of meritorious service to their fatherland.

Speaking at the event, the Director, CDT&S, Mrs Anthonia Onuoha said that the department will miss the services of Mr. Pepple for his discipline and dedication to duty. According to her, "Mr. Pepple is a good teacher, always willing to impact his knowledge to others. He goes the extra mile to do his work and never complains about anything. He has contributed to the success of cataloguing and classification and will be greatly missed by all."

Speaking about Mr. Charles Ihedoro, Mrs. Onuoha appreciated him for his commitment to duty as she prayed that God will sustain both of them and grant them success in their future endeavors.



The Director, CDT&S, Mrs. Anthonia Onuoha, 3rd from Right, Mr. Pepple 4th from Right, & Others



The department also honoured three members of staff, Mrs Ojo Kubura, Mrs Ijeoma Okwuduba and Mrs. Imonikhe Bright, who were posted from the department to other departments at the headquarters



# National Librarian's Office Sends Forth Azeez

The Office of the National Librarian recently held a send forth Party in honor of a retired Director of Finance and Account, Mr. Adewole Toufik Azeez.

The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi during her remarks described Mr. Azeez, who once worked under her as a Deputy Director and Head of Audit Division, as a very gentle Man with good character, dedication and uprightness. She commended him for his excellent

emulation.

Prof. Anunobi stated that National Library would miss an excellent and competent Accountant who had dedicated his life and energy to the services of the National Library of Nigeria until his retirement. Prof.



performance in the accounting job which she described as worthy of

Anunobi urged the both of them to continue to be good ambassadors of the

National Library of Nigeria, she also expressed appreciation to the both them for the good services they have rendered in the National Library of Nigeria and assured them that the Organization would not forget them. During the goodwill messages many Staff Members also showered their encomiums



testifying the characters exhibited by the two gentle Men and wished them well in their future endeavour.

and a Chief Driver Mechanic Malam Usman Abdulkareem whom the both of them retired from the services of the National Library of Nigeria recently, held in the Boardroom, Corporate Headquarters, Central Business District, Abuja.



## ... ISP& D Too

Similarly, the International Standards and Programs Department, IS&PD organized a send forth party in honor of one of their staff, Mr. James Kaka, who retired from the public service on 7th February, 2023.

The Director of IS&PD, Ms. Amaka Ojielo commended Mr. James Kaka for his dedication, selfless service and commitment to his job schedules. She advised Mr. Kaka to continue to be good ambassador of the National Library of Nigeria.



The Director IS&PD Ms. Ojielo Handing over the Present to Mr. Kaka

## National Library Flags-Off 2023 Readership Campaign

at least one book in a week saying that reading improves memory, empathy and communication skills.

In a welcome address, the National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the NLN, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi informed that the Readership Promotion Campaign is an intervention to awaken the consciousness of all Nigerians to embrace the habit of reading with a view to eradicating illiteracy in Nigeria. The National Library of Nigeria has remained focused on the aims of the campaign which among others includes inculcating reading habit for lifelong learning beyond reading for examinations, promotions and interview purposes, encouraging reading for sustainable growth and development, to ensure the provision of books and other reading materials in number and variety, which are relevant to our culture and situation. The aim according to her was

to impact the hinterlands where we could reach out of school children”.

The National Librarian stated the resolve of the National Library of Nigeria never to rest on her oars until she achieves a reading nation, “for a reading nation is a leading and developed nation”. She therefore called for greater collaboration among stakeholders in the world of reading as well as concerned citizens of this country to achieve a reading nation.

The Chairperson of the Readership Promotion Campaign, Ms Amaka Ojielo said the campaign was in line with the organization's mandate of connecting and building informed citizenry. “The difference between you and the person you intend to be in the next ten to twenty years is determined by what you read and a deliberate network of valuable people that you interact with”. She encouraged all to join hands with the National Library of



The Permanent Secretary, Mr. David Andrew Adejoh, Presenting the Award to Sen. Shehu Sani

in line with the sustainable development goals no. 4 which focuses on quality education, inclusivity and quality for lifelong learning opportunities, these cannot be achieved where 20 million Nigerians are illiterates.

Prof. Anunobi while relating the efforts of the organization to encourage and deepen reading culture, stated that NLN has donated 1,855 volumes in 1,740 titles of reading materials to 16 Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Institutions within the year. She said that the theme for the 2023 readership campaign, Read Your Way to the Top is strategically designed to focus on reading competitions amongst students of Junior Secondary Schools across the nation. “It will be another block placed on the foundation of last year's campaign

Nigeria and build a virile reading nation.

Two distinguished personalities, Senator Shehu Sani and Akogun Lanre Adesuyi, the Managing Director of Havilah Merchants Ltd, were awarded “Ambassadors of Reading” in recognition of their immense contribution and support to the educational sector.

Mr. Adesuyi donated books worth 50 million naira to the apex library. Ziora Adighibe a young author of six years old who has written six books was also recognized at the event.

The National Readership Promotion Campaign is an annual program of the National Library of Nigeria that is carried out in all the states of the federation, including the FCT.

## Lagos Branch Receives Schools on Excursion

Four Primary Schools within Ikorodu Local Government Area of Lagos State, namely Beam of Glory Group of Schools, Navimat Prestige School, Perfect Life School and Focus International Schools paid a library visit to the Lagos State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria to provide the Students with some basic library services skills.

They were received on arrival by the Head of Branch, Mrs. Obianuju Onourah, who welcomed and explained to them the basic skills needed for student to explore and make the best use of the library. The Head of Branch further counseled the visiting students on the importance of visiting the library.

Mrs. Onourah further advised the schools' proprietors to establish functional libraries in their respective schools in order to encourage students develop the love for reading. The pupils were also taken round the different sections of the library including the Nigeriana section, Foreign Monographs section, Serials section, the Internet Café section where Professional Librarians were on ground to intimate them on some activities of the library.

### PHOTO SPEAKS





## National Library: Create Activities That Will Attract Readers

**N**ational Librarian/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Library of Nigeria (NLN), Professor Chinwe Anunobi has urged librarians to work with the equipment and personnel they have despite being short-handed.

The National Librarian spoke during her visit to the Portharcourt branch on Tuesday, April 12th 2023.

According to the Deputy Director and Head, National Library, Rivers State branch, Mr Kingsley Egbulun, the branch which opened on January 27, 2020, occupies the former World Book Capital building, with a total stock of 6,319 titles in 7,126 volumes.

The library, he said, is a testament of the branch's staff efforts.

"My staff and I rolled up our sleeves, and arranged the books on the shelves and opened the library to the public.

While applauding the branch for its efforts – from its establishment to the sanitation of its environment, the CEO urged it to work with what they have, and to develop programs that will attract users to the library.

"The library is a social service, and therefore we must create activities that will bring extra income to government. She also encouraged them to partner with private sector to bring library closer to users."



## Kwara State Branch Organizes Seminar/Workshop On Cataloguing Skills

**T**he Kwara State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria in collaboration with Nigerian Library Association (NLA) and Free Knowledge Africa recently held a sensitization workshop to educate staff members and other library and Information science professionals within Kwara State about some of the difficult tasks in cataloguing and other services in librarianship profession.

The workshop which held at the premises of the State Branch in Ilorin, Kwara State had participants made up of librarians from various libraries in Kwara State and shared Prospects of copyright and copy left issues on published works for public domain.



## National Librarian Meets With Public Services Department

**C**hief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Library of Nigeria (NLN) Professor Chinwe Anunobi, hosted a virtual meeting with staff of the Public Services Department.

Speaking at the meeting Director, Public Services Department, Dr Oluchi Kalu thanked the National Librarian for the Departmental meeting and seized the avenue to detail the challenges of the department to the CEO, which ranged from inadequate office space for newly employed staff, to low internet service.

Similarly, the Head of Branches listed their own workplace challenges including lack of office furniture, water supply, irregular payments of outsourced staff, and zero signpost identifying to the public the location of the library in some branches.



In response, Prof Anunobi commended the HoBs for keying into her administration's eight point agenda to upgrade and develop the national library in all states to better serve Nigerians.

To the HoBs, She advised, "Bear in mind that you are the face of the National Library of Nigeria. Look inwards on how to improve the library's environment." She also advised them on how to live life within their means and how not to embarrass the organisation.

The meeting had a large number of the library's Public Services Departments across the country in attendance, as well as thirty-three Head of Branches (HoBs).

# Prof. Anunobi Inspects Prototype Branch Building in Yenegoa

The National librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi on Thursday 13th April 2023 visited the site of the prototype branch building in Yenegoa, Bayelsa State to assess the level of work done.

In her remarks, Prof. Anunobi expressed satisfaction on the quality of work on the nearly completed prototype building. She urged the contractor to tidy up the loose ends and hand over the building.

The head of Branch Mr Nwoko assured the National Librarian that the edifice would encourage traffic to the library.

In his contribution, Head of Physical Planning Division, Mr Wilson Odumbaku expressed appreciation to the contractor Ivory Link International Nigeria Limited for their ingenuity they put in the

structural works according to him it was highly appreciative.

Responding, the project manager who represented the contractor, Engr Adesanya Sukanmi assured the national librarian of their preparedness to do all that identified.



## National Library Management Visit Former CEOs

The National Librarian Professor Chinwe Anunobi recently paid a courtesy visit on a former National Librarian, who served from 2011 - 2016 Mallam Habib Abba Jato in his Residence at One Man Village along Keffi Road in Nasarawa State as part of her strategy to improve services of the National Library of Nigeria to greater height. The National Librarian who



was accompanied by her Management Team disclosed during her opening remarks the purpose of her visit was to tap from the wealth of experience from her predecessors which according to

her would give her more innovations and strategies to improve services of the apex Library of the nation. It would be recalled that the National Librarian had in the past paid a similar visit to the former National Librarian Mrs. O. Omolayole and Dr. Linus Ikpaahindi all in an efforts to fine tune where challenges were left unattended to so that her administration would address them.

Prof. Anunobi said her desire to digitize all rare materials of the National Library of Nigeria remained unchanged, she added that in the process she discovered that there were some materials stocked at the University of Ibadan that she could not lay her hands on, which was slowing the process and she expressed determination to complete the digitization processes soon so that all over the world people would have access to materials.

The National Librarian also expressed with dismay the uncompleted Headquarters building of the National Library of Nigeria which she wondered why would the project be under the Federal Ministry of Education not with the National Library of Nigeria. In his Response, the former National Librarian, Mallam Habib Abba Jato



expressed appreciations to the National Librarian for the visit, he also thanked the Management Team for their visit. He commended the National Librarian for a Job well-done, he charged the Directors to remain committed to the progress of National Library of Nigeria and also advised them to cooperate with Prof. Anunobi to explore the Organization to discharge standard Library services to Nigerians. He also advised the Chief Executive Officer to be patient with Staff in order to get the best out of them. The Management had also made a presentation of a selfless service award, beautiful Plaque to the former National Librarian.





# National Librarian/CEO Concludes First Quarter Departmental

The quarterly departmental meeting with the National Librarian/CEO was concluded today as the NL met with the members of staff in the National Librarian's Office. The interactive session which was held in the board room had all the divisions/unit heads with their staff present.

The National Librarian appreciated those who come to work on time, and ensure that their work is done, yielding maximum output, but condemned the attitude of those who even though come to work but with whose productivity is below par.

your resources; Departmental/divisional meetings should be held regularly; Work schedule should be defined.

The National Librarian/CEO concluded her speech by assuring members of staff that given the availability of resources, staff training will be extended to those who



While speaking on the issue of supervisor - subordinate relationship, she maintained that Heads of division/units should be firm but with human face so as to get the best out of their subordinates. She also emphasized that henceforth, APER forms should be rated according to officer's performance.

The NL/CEO also highlighted on the following areas of concern:

HODs to know the whereabouts of staff at any point in time and should be able to defend it; Monthly reports to be submitted by all staff to the HODs; Develop your capacity for other jobs to better your living; All works must be channeled towards the achievement of NL mandate; Avoid financial embarrassment - live within

have not yet attended which is dependent on specific need. She encouraged all to endeavour to be good representation of the organization while striving to key into the eight point agenda and at the same time conducting oneself in the right manner.

Earlier, in a welcome address, Builder Wilson Odumbaku who stood in as the Head of department, commended the National Librarian for her good works in piloting the affairs of the apex library. He noted that the NL/CEO is not leaving any stone unturned in her bid to take NLN to amiable heights.

Members of staff had the opportunity to air their minds in relation to work and personal issues. NL/CEO took time to attend to the issues raised.

## National Librarian Visits Kwara State Branch,

The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Anunobi on Tuesday 18th April visited the Kwara State branch, to interact and familiarize with the staff.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Library of Nigeria (NLN) pleased by the efforts of the branch praised the Head of Branch (HOB) Kwara State Branch Mrs Olabimpe Olani for her dedication to and execution of her duties with aplomb and passion.

Earlier, the HOB Kwara State complimented the CEO for the recent facelift of the branch's environs, which gave it a more contemporary look. According to her users stay in library in a more relaxed atmosphere.

Updating the National Librarian/CEO on developments and activities at the branch, she noted that the staff have been 'up and doing to meet up with the best practices in librarianship'



Prof. Anunobi in Group Photo with Staff of the Kwara State Branch

"In order to key into the National Librarian's eight-point agenda, we encourage the hard-to-reach communities to write about their family heritage and community. And now, we have publications written about their communities brought to the library. In terms of repository, we encourage publishers to deposit e-Copies of their publications. As we speak, we have about 50 books in e-Copy."

Mrs Olani however, requested that the defunct annual index and abstracting workshop in the National library of Nigeria should be resuscitated .

Congratulating the HOB's effort as worthy of emulation, Anunobi said, **"she has done me proud and she knows the reason for the establishment of the national library."**



# UNN Library School Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Department of Library and Information Science, University of Nigeria, Nsukka in celebration of UNN Library School at 40 today honoured the National Librarian/CEO, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi in recognition of her contribution to the educational sector. The Award of Excellence was in recognition of her contributions to the educational sector and librarianship.

Speaking on the theme of the event: **\*Library and Information Science Education and Practice for Enhanced Graduate Employment and Employability\***, Prof. Anunobi stated that what the forefathers had as informal education does not worth being education hence the need to seek for formal education which will help develop skills to solve the problems of the community/ society. It is expected that the graduates who are the outputs of information system, having passed through the educational curriculum/facilitators acquired the knowledge and skills to enable them practice their chosen profession competently.

She thanked the School for finding her worthy of such honour.

National Library Partners with Coderina Edtech in Inclusive Library Project The apex library of the country has continued its collaboration with the Coderina Education and Technology Foundation to advance the course of learning particularly in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM).

In an activity report signed by Mr. Femi Niyi, the Chairman Board of Trustees of

Coderina and submitted to the National Librarian/CEO of the National Library of Nigeria, it stated that their focus has continued to be on coding, robotics, 3D printing, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Web and App Development, and other 4IR skills and competencies. They

goals which includes: development of innovation, STEAM and critical thinking skills among young learners; to foster an ecosystem of creative natives; trigger collaborative and cooperative learning and make libraries appealing to young learners looking to do more than just read.

Coderina Education and Technology Foundation has been established and fully operational in six pilot locations of the National Library state branches: Abuja, Lagos, Port-Harcourt, Kaduna, Bauchi and Enugu respectively. Bauchi state branch, being the latest kicked off with an official opening ceremony and media parley on the 18 th October, 2022. The event was attended by the National Librarian/ CEO, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi and other dignitaries.

While acknowledging the impactful move of Coderina Education Foundation, the National Librarian/CEO was optimistic that the National Library of Nigeria will play its role to enhance the success of the



also provide information, opportunity and choices to prepare learners for the future of work or entrepreneurship.

The Inclusive Library Project according to the report is aimed at achieving four major

project. Provide a conducive learning environment and space for the learners and lend support staff to offer required assistance at all times.

## UNN Students Visit Enugu State Branch

The first year students from the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Nigeria Nsukka recently paid an orientation visit to Enugu State Branch in partial fulfilment of their course of study.

The Head of branch, Mrs R.I. Neboh gave them a welcome address while Mrs C. Chijioke a chief Librarian took them on the history, services, clients, resources, structure and challenges of the National Library of Nigeria.





# Stakeholders in the Book Industry Urged to Comply with Legal Deposit Law

Stakeholders in the book industry have been advised to ensure compliance with the legal deposit law which compels them to deposit copies of their publications with the National Library of Nigeria for preservation.

The National Librarian Prof. Chinwe Anunobi made this submission at the 2023 sensitization workshop organized by the National Library of Nigeria which held at the Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja on the theme: “Bibliographic Control in Information Resource Publishing in Nigeria: the Way Forward”. The National Librarian remarked that although there has been some level of compliance to the legal deposit requirement, it is statistically clear that many are yet to comply. According to her, the NLN collected a total number of 8,051 titles in 2021 and 5,504 titles in 2022 which does not represent the total number of publications emanating from the country in the years under reference. She therefore urged authors and publishers to always ensure that they deposit the required number of their publications within one month, as required by Section 4 of the National Library Act.

Also speaking about the quality of publications, Prof. Anunobi emphasized on the need to ensure that all publications meet global standards of publishing. “It will be embarrassing to have our published heritage despised and/or criticized in the global community of documented knowledge. A published document is globally accepted only when it has an international standard number which has been duly assigned to it as a unique identity and in Nigeria, the responsibility

of assigning these numbers is vested on the National Library of Nigeria”, the National Librarian stated.

She further informed that NLN has successfully automated the process of obtaining ISBN and ISSN and encouraged authors and publishers to get familiar with the process and access the numbers for their publications seamlessly. Ministries, Departments and Agencies were also urged to obtain the international numbers for all their publications, including their news bulletins.

In his opening remarks, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Andrew Adejoh, who was the Chairman of the occasion commended the NLN for bringing authors and publishers together via the workshop so that the country’s heritage could be collated. According to the Permanent Secretary who was represented by the Director of Special Duties in the ministry, Malam Zubairu Abdullahi, “It is very imperative to harness and put this national history in a single repository which then becomes a national asset”. The responsibility has been assigned to the NLN and as government, the Federal Ministry of Education will continue to support the NLN to coordinate the country’s knowledge to compete with global standards.

In his keynote address at the workshop, the Managing Director of Havillah Merchandise, Mr. Lanre Adesuyi called

on all publishers and producers of information resources to redouble their commitment in supporting the National Library in effective bibliographic control as “it is not only a foundational element for organising knowledge but also a gateway to a more accessible and interconnected world of information.”



Also present were the Registrar, Librarian Registration Council of Nigeria, Mr. Idris Wase, and the President of Nigerian Library Association, Mr. Dominic Omokharo who both presented goodwill messages commending the NLN and encouraging authors and publishers to adhere to legal deposit law and ensure compliance to international publishing standards.

Two papers were presented at the workshop; Administration of International Standards in Book Publishing and Legal Deposit Compliance in a Digital Age. The papers were presented by Ms Amaka Ojielo and Dr. Adejumo Ajibola, the Director of the International Standard and Programmes Department, and the Director Legal Deposit Department, respectively.

Participating stakeholders who attended the workshop included authors, publishers, librarians, academicians, researchers, book sellers including government printers.

## Lagos State Branch Inaugurates Book Club

The Lagos State branch on 6th May 2023 inaugurated a Children’s Book Club at its premises on number 227, Herbert Macaulay Way, Yaba, Lagos.

Addressing the over 40 children drawn from different schools in the metropolis, the Head of Branch, Mrs. Obianuju Onuorah emphasised that the objective of the club is to encourage the children to embrace reading as an entertainment and enjoyable activity and not punishment as some of them thought. She further stated that it is intended to create an avenue for

the children to relate with each other and make friends.

The programme, according to the HOB will be held fortnightly with various



educational activities to educate, enlighten and entertain the children. Activities



mapped out for the event includes: reading, story-telling, spelling bee, robotics etc. Children would also be exposed to the use of library and different resources found in the library.

# National Library Organizes Send forth Ceremony for Prof. Aina, Four Others

The National Library of Nigeria on 31st May 2023, held a send-forth ceremony in honour of the immediate past National Librarian, Prof. Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina at the headquarters of the organization. The ceremony was also convened to honour four Directors who had retired from the services of the NLN within the year; Mr. Paul Mamman, Mr. Adewole Azeez, Mrs Mojisola Ogunyemi and Mr. Philemon Aya.

In her opening remarks, the incumbent National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe Anunobi who appreciated the management, his predecessor and the other retirees said it was a wonderful day and exciting moment to say thank you to her mentor and boss who is the sixth indigenous National Librarian. According to her, leadership is not easy, therefore it is not out of place to appreciate someone who has done so well. "It is the work of the Chief Executive to align the staff to the vision and mission of the organization". He thanked the former CEO for opening up NLN to the world.

Prof. Anunobi also commended the services of the former Director of Virtual Library Services, Mr. Paul Mamman who she said was a utility staff, always ready to deliver and discharge his duties efficiently. Speaking about the retired Director of Finance and Account, Mr. Adewole Azeez, who was appointed a Director few days before his retirement, Prof. Anunobi said was meticulous and coached her about the essence and processes of audit work. She equally commended Mr. Philemon Aya, the former Director of Planning, Research and Statistics Mrs Mojisola Ogunyemi, for their dedication and commitment to work, during their time with the organization.

In a goodwill message, the Director of International Standards and Programs, Ms Amaka Ojielo poured encomiums on the former Chief Executive Officer, stressing that he actually turned National Library and staff around by boosting the fallen morale of staff, with his love, peace and humane feeling. Speaking further, Ms. Ojeilo stated that Prof. Aina, "through his open door policy, made the staff the center of his administration, granting amnesty to a good number of staff, expanded National Library branches from 23 to 33 branches,

extended RPC and Sensitization workshops all over the federation as well as introduced an Online application for processing ISBN and ISSN." She prayed God to grant him sound health in his future endeavors.



Responding, the former National Librarian expressed his gratitude to the incumbent National Librarian/CEO for the honour done to him.

According to Prof. Aina, when he resumed duty at the Library, he was not satisfied with the state of affairs from

the personnel, to the infrastructure and materials and that set him on his toes to ensure that he transformed it to be at par with other National Libraries in the world.

According to him, he was able to achieve all he did through the instrumentality of the management and staff he met on ground. He embarked on training and interactions with both management and staff which yielded much results.

While commending Prof. Anunobi for her achievements so far, especially in the area of National Repository of Nigeria, he advised his successor to continue the good work, stressing that his success can only be measured through her own success. He further advised that priority should be given to training given the fact that library profession is dynamic and evolving.

He concluded by advising all staff to accord the incumbent National Librarian similar cooperation which he received during his tenure so that a greater National Library will emerge.





## National Library Partners with Coderina Edtech in Inclusive Library Project

A nongovernmental Organization Coderina Education and Technological Foundation has solicited to partner with the National Library of Nigeria to advance the course of learning for the Nigerian Youth particularly in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM).

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## National Librarian Backs Legal Deposit Department on Legal Deposit Drive

The National Librarian/CEO has given her support to the Legal Deposit Department on their intensive Legal Deposit Drive in the Federal Capital Territory. Addressing the staff of the department before they commenced the drive, she encouraged the team not to relent, bearing in mind that they are pursuing the right course of ensuring that the book holdings of NLN is fully stocked with materials for posterity.

Meanwhile, the Director of the Department, Dr. Adejumo Ajibola stated her resolve with the members of staff to embark on this exercise is to ensure that books, serials and other materials published in Nigeria are deposited with the National Library of Nigeria for the future generations. According to her, the department is obligated among others to ensure the fulfilment of legal deposit obligation by publishers, as enshrined in the National

Library Act.

They also solicited authors and other people in possession of manuscripts to donate them to the NLN in order to ensure their preservation for posterity. The exercise is also in line with the mission of the National Library of Nigeria which is set to collect, preserve and provide easy access to knowledge leveraging on information

communication technology. The department visited many government establishments in the Federal Capital Territory including publishers and authors, sensitizing them on the legal mandate of depositing all published materials with the NLN.

# PICTORIAL







The Acting Director, Nigerian Navy Archives, Museum and Library, Commander BI Hadi, During a Consultative Visit to the National Library of Nigeria.











# PERSONALIA

## POSTING

The National Librarian has approved the inter-departmental posting of some members of staff as follows

Serial	Name	Former positions	New positions	Effective Dates
1	Mr. Abubakar H Hambagda	Deputy Director/Head of Bauchi State Branch	Director, Virtual Library Services	30th Jan. 2023
2.	Mrs. Odogwu J. N	Deputy Director, Collections Development and Technical Services Department	Director, Planning Research and Statistics Department	30th Jan. 2023
3.	Dr. Mrs. Ajibola A.S	Deputy Director International Standards & Programs Department	Director, Legal Deposit Department	30th Jan. 2023
4.	Ms. Akpabio I. G	Deputy Director, Legal Deposit Department	Head, Public Services Department	20th June, 2023

On behalf of the Management and entire Staff of the National Library of Nigeria we wish the affected Staff well in their new offices.

## CONVERSION

The National Library Board at its 106th meeting held from 1st to 3rd November, 2019 has approved the conversions of both Mrs. Andah, C who served in Nasarawa State Branch, Lafiya and Mr. Azubuike B. P who served in the Collections Development and Technical Services Department {CD& TS} from the post of Chief Library Assistants to Library Officers. On Behalf of the Management and Staff of the National Library of Nigeria we congratulate the two officers.

## NOTICE OF RETIREMENT

The National Librarian has accepted the retirement of the following staff members from the public service, after meritoriously attaining their due retirement dates as below;

SN	Names	Effective Dates
1.	Mr. Otunubi, O	7th July, 2023
2.	Mr. Okuagu, A.M	1st July, 2023
3.	Mr. Ogunmodede M.	30th Dec. 2022

On behalf of the Management and Staff of the National Library of Nigeria, we wish them well in their future endeavors

## NLN collaborates with Kogi Young Writers Club on Book Launch

The National Library of Nigeria, Kogi State Branch in collaboration with Young Writer's Club, being managed by Golden Brain's Group Nigeria had a book lunch on June 3 2023. In attendance were Mr. Joel T. E. Chairman, Association of Nigerian Authors, Kogi State Chapter, Mrs Balagbogbo Omolola, Dean general studies Kogi State Polytechnic, Prof. S. M. Umar, HOD Industrial Chemistry Federal University Lokoja, Mr. Oguche, the Director Golden Brains, Mrs Elizabeth Agu, Head of Branch, Kogi State and other dignitaries. The title of the book which is "The Talented Boy" is authored by young Young Farouk Suleiman, a basic four pupil.



In an opening remarks, the Head of Branch, Mrs Elizabeth Agu while speaking on the benefits of reading reiterated that the National Library of Nigeria encourages reading from cradle to grave, that also propels the Annual Readership Promotion Campaign being organized by the NLN. She congratulated the young author, Farouk and encouraged him to keep reading so that he will be above his mates.

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