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National Librarian Pays Working Visit to Katsina State Branch

The National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi on Thursday 15th May, paid a one-day working visit to the Katsina State Branch of the Organization, where she was received by the members of the Nigerian Library Association.

The Chapter Chairperson, Dr. Hindatu Abubakar Salisu in her welcome speech informed the National Librarian that the Chapter partners with the National Library in the State to promote librarianship as well as improving readership amongst the people of the state, as well as many other activities. In her response, Prof. Anunobi thanked the members of the Library Association for their warm welcome, as well as their collaborative relationship with the national Library.



Prof. Anunobi also paid homage to the Emir of Katsina, His Royal Highness Alhaji Dr. Abdulmumini Kabir Usman CFR, LLD who assured his guest of the Emirate's willingness to always support and collaborate in fostering educational development of good people of the state, emphasizing that a



cannot develop without education which is exclusively achievable through reading. Earlier, the National Librarian informed her host that the American Embassy has opened a "Window on America" in Katsina, domiciled at the National Library of Nigeria, with the intention of widening inclusivity, opening up the American culture to the people of the State as well as giving the people the opportunity to unveil their own culture. According to Prof. Anunobi, "it is a unique opportunity for the academic institutions around Katsina to explore the intellectual facilities available at the Window, having provided Computers and Internet Services with a very serene and friendly environment for learning."

The National Librarian further informed the Emir that the National Library is not only meant for people to come in and read, but also serves as a avenue for the people to showcase their cultural heritage, monuments, and historical materials about the people should.

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Plateau State Branch Honoured for Outstanding Contribution to Literature

The National Library of Nigeria, Plateau State Branch, has been recognized for its exceptional commitment to the promotion of literature and literacy in the state.

In a landmark moment celebrated during the 2025 Literary Festival held at Crest Hotel, Jos, the Coalition of Plateau Literary Societies presented an Award of Recognition to the branch for its outstanding contributions, dedication, and passion for literary development in Plateau State.



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She therefore solicited the Emirate Council to support the Head of Branch to gather all that she needs for the library to reflect the full cultural compliments of the state and its people.

The National Librarian also seized the opportunity of her visit to pay a courtesy call on the Chief Judge of Katsina State, Hon. Justice Musa Danladi Abubakar, a prominent supporter of the Library, who also has a "Dedicated Corner" at the State Branch, which houses tons of materials donated by him to the Library.

The HOB, Hajia Amina Maje Sayyadi, took the National Librarian on a facility tour of the State branch, having briefed her on their achievements and challenges. Remarkable among them is the Literacy Centre established at the Yandurumma Community of the State where young adult women are tutored.

The Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by the Ag. Director of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Augustine Yue and the Special Assistant on Professional Matters, Mr. Baba Mohammed.

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Receiving the award on behalf of the institution, the Head of Branch, Mrs. Sarah Emmanuel Mshelia, expressed gratitude for the honour and reaffirmed the branch's commitment to fostering a reading culture and supporting literary initiatives across the state.

"This recognition is dedicated to the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, whose visionary leadership continues to inspire excellence, and to the ever-dedicated and committed staff of the Plateau State Branch," Mrs. Mshelia stated.

The award underscores the growing impact of the National Library's efforts in nurturing literary talent and advancing literacy in Plateau State, aligning with its broader mission of knowledge dissemination and cultural development.

NLN Bauchi Partners with Jibrin Aminu Schools to Mark International Day of Living Together in Peace

The Bauchi State Branch, branch of the National Library of Nigeria, in collaboration with Jibrin Aminu Schools, on the 16th of May, collaborated in commemorating the International Day of Living Together in Peace. The event, observed globally and established by the United Nations General Assembly through Resolution 72/130 in 2017, aims to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding, and reconciliation among individuals and communities. The advocacy focuses on key values including the promotion of peace and tolerance as well as Encouraging individuals, communities, and nations to engage in reconciliation, peaceful coexistence, and sustainable development by working with stakeholders such as leaders of faith and civil societies.

In her remarks during the occasion, an Assistant Director and Head of the Bauchi State Branch Mrs. Regina Ngorngor stated that, "The International Day of Living Together in Peace highlights the importance of building a culture of peace, tolerance, and understanding. It serves as a reminder of the need for collective action to promote peace, solidarity, and harmony globally. This is very important for every society."



Also speaking during the occasion, Aminu Sirajo, encouraged the National Library of Nigeria to continue to recognize this day, adding that "We need peace in our society to strengthen relationships and foster better collaboration among all people"

The celebration featured a range of activities designed to inspire and educate, such as exhibitions showcasing educational materials on peace, cultural diversity, and interfaith harmony. Readingsessions of selected monographs focused on peace and unity as well as Interactive cultural programs promoting mutual respect and dialogue within the community.

The event reinforced the role of libraries as inclusive institutions that advocate for peace, education, and cultural understanding at both local and global levels.

Reading Club Session Sparks Excitement at NLN Enugu State Branch



It was an exciting and engaging day On the 17th of May 2025, at the National Library of Nigeria, Enugu State Branch, as thirty-seven members of the Reading Club—comprising participated in a lively reading session aimed at promoting a strong reading culture among young readers.

The club members spent quality time reading variety of books, reinforcing the importance of regular reading as a tool for academic growth and personal development.

A highlight of the session was a live reading by Mrs. Igwe, who read "The Corner Stone" by Felicia O. Eze aloud to the enthusiastic audience. The reading was followed by an interactive question-and-answer session, where participants demonstrated their comprehension and engagement with the story. The reading was followed by an interactive question-and-answer session, where

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Kaduna State Branch Celebrates Book Day and Mental Health Awareness Campaign

The Kaduna State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria, in partnership with the Kaduna State Library Board, on the 15th of May 2025, hosted the Kaduna Book Day and Mental Health Awareness Campaign as part of activities marking World Mental Health Advocacy Month. The event, held to promote both literacy and mental health awareness, was specially designed for school children and education stakeholders, aligning with global efforts to foster well-being and intellectual growth among young learners.

May is globally recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month, a period dedicated to educating the public about the impact of mental health on daily life, especially for young people. The Kaduna event served as a local platform to align with these global objectives while simultaneously encouraging an improved reading culture.

The highlights of the event included book sessions that encouraged a lifelong love for reading. Facilitators conducted sessions focused on mental health education and shared practical coping strategies suitable for teenagers and Students actively took part in Q&A sessions that reinforced learning and understanding. The Benefit of the event to the participants are: The sessions offered

guidance on stress reduction, emotional resilience, and healthy coping techniques, Improved Literacy: Exposure to a range of books helped stimulate reading interest, which contributes to academic improvement and broader opportunities and the program fostered a welcoming environment where children felt safe discussing their challenges related to both reading and mental health.

Students demonstrated their understanding by participating in an interactive Q&A, with correct answers earning them book prizes, Winners received both fiction and non-fiction titles to encourage continued reading and Participants were guided through the children's section of the library to familiarize them with available resources and how to access them.

The Kaduna Book Day and Mental Health Advocacy Campaign provided a meaningful platform to advance literacy and mental health awareness among school children and key stakeholders. By aligning with World Mental Health Advocacy Month, the event contributed to global efforts to destigmatize mental health challenges and promote open, supportive dialogue. The initiative was widely regarded as successful and impactful, reinforcing the critical role of libraries in fostering education, well-being, and inclusive community engagement.



Laspalmas Primary School Pupils Visit Osun State Branch



Pupils and teachers from Las Palmas Primary School, Ifon Osun, paid an educational visit to the Osun State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria as part of the school's academic enrichment programme, aimed at promoting library use and fostering a reading culture among young learners.

During the visit, the pupils received book gifts to encourage them to make effective use of library resources and develop lifelong reading habits.

In his remarks during the visit, the proprietor of the school, Mr. Adebayo Dhikrullah, commended the National Librarian/Chief Executive Officer, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, for her efforts in promoting a reading culture across the

country. He also expressed appreciation to the staff of the Osun State Branch for the warm reception accorded to the pupils and teachers.

Welcoming the visitors, the Head of Branch, Mrs. Yemisi Ayanyemi, introduced the pupils to the various sections of the library and provided a brief history of the National Library of Nigeria. She also responded to the pupils' questions about the librarianship profession, and also explained the process of becoming a librarian.

The pupils were later taken on a guided tour of the library, during which librarians in charge of various sections explained their roles and daily activities. The interactive session gave the pupils a firsthand experience of library operations and highlighted the importance of reading and information literacy.



Mrs Egwuibe, Honoured for Literacy Advocacy

Mrs. Martina Egwuibe the Head of the Kaduna state branch of the National Library of Nigeria, has been honored by Librarian Spotlight Africa, as the Librarian of the Month for the month of May, 2025. Mrs. Egwuibe, who is an Assistant Director in the Organization was chosen as Librarian of the Month by the Librarian Spotlight Africa for her contributions towards readership promotion, digital literacy as well as her impactful community engagement initiatives.



National Library Collaborates With NOA To Deliver Mandate

The National Library of Nigeria is to partner with the National Orientation Agency, NOA for the achievement of the organization's mandate. The National Librarian/CEO stated this when she was hosted by the Director General of the NOA, Malam Lanre Issa-Onilu. She emphasized that the two agencies had a meeting point as far as their mandates are concerned and it will be good to team up and map out templates towards achieving the common mandates.

Prof. Anunobi noted that libraries all over the world are primarily known for preservation of national heritage.

It is expected that every publication in the country - tangible and intangible should be deposited with the National Library. The National library also ensures that the masses are sensitized in the areas of reading thereby promoting life-long learning. Authors and publishers are sensitized to ensure compliance to global standards in publishing.

She further informed her host about the 2025-2030 strategic plan of National Library, which had the youth in focus, bearing in mind that the youth constitute about 35% of the population. The essence, according to her, is to encourage reading especially among the youth. To further promote readership, the NLN has mapped out a citizen education programme termed: "Read Aloud" which is usually conducted across the NL state branches. It is intended that through the Read Aloud program, citizens will get to read and know the content of the Nigerian Constitution.

The National Librarian/CEO opined that since both agencies share similar vision and mandate, it will be of great interest to the masses when both agencies engage in collaboration.

Responding, the DG of NOA applauded the National Librarian and her team for the efforts in making Nigerians not only to read but to read aloud. This is in line with other numerous roles the NL plays. The library highlights how important a society is because it houses all the heritage of that society. He admitted that the NLN and NOA have similar mandate and the engagement will provide a framework of support for each other to achieve the mandate and objective better than what it is presently.

The Director General stated that there is no intellectual engagement on the part of the youth, rather they are attracted to styles, movies and so on which prompted NOA to create a department



in Youth Engagement and Inclusion to have a renewed focus on the youths.

Speaking further, he said the agency is the custodian of National symbols which includes the Nigerian Constitution, ensuring that the national symbols are valued and protected and not abused. He assured the National Librarian that the agency will support the organization and work in synergy to ensure that Nigerians get the best.

FCT Branch and Gbemisola Yussuff Foundation Launch 'Read to Lead' Campaign

On 22nd May, 2025, In a collaborative effort to revive the reading culture among Nigerian children, particularly those in underserved communities, the National Library of Nigeria,

FCT Branch, in partnership with the Gbemisola Yussuff Foundation, officially launched the Read to Lead campaign at the TETFund Office, Abuja.

The campaign, a national literacy initiative, aims to promote a lifelong love for reading while empowering young learners with the knowledge, leadership skills, creativity, and global awareness needed to thrive in today's world. The initiative is also committed to bridging educational gaps by improving access to books, reading spaces, and literacy programmes for school children.

Representing the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, at the event was Mrs. Rachel Nebo, Deputy Director (Public Services Department), National Library of Nigeria. In her remarks, she lauded the initiative, stating:

"This campaign is more than a project—it's a movement. Nigerians, especially those in the hinterlands, must embrace reading. Promoting literacy is part of our statutory mandate, and it is truly commendable to see NGOs like the Gbemisola Yussuff Foundation leading this charge."

The event attracted students from various schools within the Federal Capital Territory as well as dignitaries from both government and private sectors, reflecting a broad-based support for the campaign's objectives.

The Read to Lead campaign by the Gbemisola Yussuff Foundation, in collaboration with the National Library of Nigeria, stands as a vital platform for literacy advocacy. With its focus on school-aged and underprivileged children, the campaign marks a significant step toward fostering educational equity and nurturing a reading-driven culture in Nigeria. The event was a resounding success and a testament to the power of public-private partnership in educational development.



In Memoriam

Mr. Dele James Aworinde, the deceased Director of the Human Resource and Administration Department was employed in the National Library of Nigeria in 2001, as an Administration Officer I.

Mr. Dele Aworinde had a robust career in the organization. From 2006 to 2013, he served as Secretary to the Appointment, Promotion and Disciplinary Committee of the Organization. For his diligence, honesty and resilience he was appointed as a Special Assistant to the National Librarian/Chief Executive Officer serving under Mallam Habib Abba Jato and briefly under Prof. Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina, before he was redeployed to the Human Resource Department.

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In his early career with the Organization, Mr. Dele Aworinde had a rare privilege of working closely with astute Directors of the Administration Department. Namely, Mr. R.T. Reuben TsadoNdaeji, Mr. Ephraim Uwom and Mr. Joseph Oladimeji Ibiwoye. These officers had impacted positive work attitude on him and Mr. Dele did not take this for granted, this led him to get to the top of his career as an Administrator par excellence.

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for professional growth within the system. He spearheaded the return of the Personnel Verification Exercise, a much-needed process to ensure integrity and accountability within the system. Mr. Dele Aworinde, in his visionary contributions to the Personnel Management System and Appraisal Framework, he took major strides in aligning with modern HR practices, brought structure, transparency and motivation to Performance evaluation. While alive, Mr. Aworinde was found worthy at different times to serve in various statutory and ad-hoc committees, numbering over 50, and attended over 40 conferences during his over twenty-five-year career in the National

Library of Nigeria. Mr. Aworinde belonged to some professional bodies including the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management, and the Chartered Institute of Administration.

He was also a Fellow, Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria (FICA), and Fellow Institute of Strategic Human Capital Managers (FISHCM). Mr. Aworinde, after completing his primary education in 1980, attended Oro Grammar School from 1981 to 1986, where he graduated with sterling grades in his West African School Examinations. He thereafter enrolled in the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin for an Advanced Level programme, between 1986 and 1988. With his 'A' level certificate tucked in his hand, he was admitted to the Prestigious Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1995. He paused his educational pursuits with a master's degree in industrial relations from the University of Ilorin where he was, between 1998 and 2000. Mr. Dele Aworinde whose remains were interred in Ayedun, Oke-Ero, Kwara state on Friday 30th May 2025 was a leader, a mentor, a confidant and a true friend to many officers who came across him. He was a man of compassion, warmth and purpose.

HAPPY Birthday

1ST MAY

SANDA LATI SALOME
OCHAI OCHANYA MART

2ND MAY

OLEBUEZI JERRY OGE
NASIDI BABAKUSA UMMA
RAJI OLAWALE AKEEM
ENYINNAYA POLYCARP
CHIDIEBERE AMOS CHI RUTH

3RD MAY

SULETMAN HASSAN AZIMAY

4TH MAY

BELLO GRACE OLA
MBARA QUEEN

5TH MAY

HABU HASSAN
RAJI, EGIGOGO RABIAT
GORA RAHILA CHIRAI (MRS)
MUHAMMAD S. ISTAKU
ANYANWU NNEKA REBECCA (MISS)
FOMSON ADAMU USHINGL

6TH MAY

OYETUNJI DANIEL OLADAYO
YUSUF SALAWU FATIMA
UMAR JOHN YAKUBU
ISAIAH ILIYA DORATHY
ADELAJA OLADIMEJI, I

7TH MAY

AIREHROUR STELLA TITILAYO

8TH MAY

MUSTAPHA ADISA ABDULLAH
CHUKWUEMEKA, BIBIAN U. (MISS)
JAYEOLA FUNMILOLA M

9TH MAY

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ABUBAKAR IBRAHIM MARYAM
DANIEL GODDEY OKOH

10TH MAY

OKEOMA CHINONYEREM, EMMANUEL
HASSAN, ABUBAKAR HAFIZU
OBAOYE OREOLUWA ELIZABETH
MOHAMMAD, SHUAIBU
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11TH MAY

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12TH MAY

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20TH MAY

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21ST MAY

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22TH MAY

AGU ELIZABETH OYIZA
BILEWU RACHAEL BISI

23RD MAY

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IGWE CHIDIEBERE OGBONNE
NWAOGHASTI NNEKA MA,

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ABULOKE, ELIZABETH MODUPE

25TH MAY

NWOKONTA ROSE CHID,

26TH MAY

VINCENT N.M. (MRS)

27TH MAY

OFODILE IRENE FRANCISCA (MRS)
JIGHJIGHABEDA JANE
ABANONU JUDITH CHIOMA
HASSAN ABDUL

29TH MAY

USMAN SARKI MARIYA

30TH MAY

IHUOMA MARK CHIDUZE
KOLAWOLE GLORY OMOWUNMI
DANLADI, SHADRACK

31ST MAY

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