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National Librarian Takes Centre Stage at CDNL Annual Meeting in Busan



The National Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, has played a prominent leadership role at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Conference of

Directors of National Libraries (CDNL), held in Busan, Republic of Korea, on the sidelines of the 2026 IFLA World Library and Information Congress.

Prof. Anunobi, who serves as 1st Vice Chair of CDNL, actively participated in the coordination of the meeting and facilitated high-level discussions among directors of national libraries from more than 40 countries.

The meeting focused on the theme, “Artificial Intelligence and the Future of National Libraries,” bringing into sharp focus the opportunities, responsibilities and challenges presented by the rapid...

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NLN, NLA, DBI Strengthen Librarians' Data Analytics Skills



The National Library of Nigeria (NLN), Jigawa State Branch, in collaboration with the Nigerian Library Association (NLA) and the Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), organised a capacity-building workshop on “Library Users Analysis and Data Presentation Using Microsoft Power BI” at the Window on America, Federal University Dutse, Jigawa

State.

The workshop was aimed at strengthening the capacity of librarians and information professionals in data analysis, visualization and evidence-based decision-making. It was organized in recognition of the increasing volume of data generated by libraries through user registration, circulation records, electronic resource usage, reference services, attendance and other library activities. Participants were exposed to the analysis of library users' data, with emphasis on understanding users' characteristics, needs, behaviors and patterns.

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Nigeria, Qatar Libraries Sign Landmark Partnership Agreement to Advance Knowledge, Digital Transformation and Heritage Preservation



The National Library of Nigeria (NLN) has entered into a landmark partnership with the Qatar National Library (QNL) to strengthen cooperation in knowledge exchange, research, digital transformation, cultural heritage preservation, professional development and public engagement. The agreement was signed on 12 August 2026 on the sidelines of the 99th World Library and Information Congress (IFLA WLIC 2026) in Busan, South Korea, by the National Librarian/Chief Executive Officer of the...

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They also learned how to use Microsoft Power BI to transform raw data into meaningful reports, charts, dashboards and interactive visual presentations.

The training featured practical sessions during which participants worked with sample datasets and were guided through data importation, cleaning, organization, transformation and analysis. They also learned how to create various visualizations, including bar and column charts, pie charts, line graphs, tables and key performance indicators.

The facilitators emphasized the importance of data accuracy, consistency and effective visualization in supporting library planning, service evaluation, resource allocation, reporting and advocacy. Properly analyzed



data, they noted, could also provide evidence of the impact and value of library services to stakeholders and funding authorities.

The workshop further highlighted the changing role of librarians in the digital environment and the need for library professionals to develop competencies in data collection, analysis,

interpretation and communication.

Participants identified challenges including inadequate ICT facilities, poor internet connectivity, irregular power supply and limited access to structured library data. They recommended regular capacity-building programmes, advanced training in Power BI and improved systems for collecting, storing and managing library statistics. The programme reaffirmed the commitment of the NLN, NLA and DBI to strengthening the digital and professional competencies of librarians and promoting the adoption of technology and data-driven approaches in modern library and information services.

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...National Library of Nigeria, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, and the Executive Director of the Qatar National Library, Huism Tan, in the presence of Nigeria's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Prof. Nora Ladi Daduut.

The partnership provides a framework for cooperation in scientific, technical and cultural fields and will facilitate the exchange of knowledge, educational and research materials, publications and professional expertise. It will also promote joint content development, collaborative programmes, cultural exchanges, public engagement initiatives and the mutual promotion of projects and activities of both national libraries.

Speaking shortly after the signing ceremony, Prof. Anunobi described the agreement as a significant milestone in expanding Nigeria's knowledge and cultural diplomacy beyond Africa.

She said the partnership would effectively create a bridge between West Africa and the Middle East, enabling both regions to share expertise, innovations and best practices in library and information services, while strengthening their capacity to preserve and promote their respective cultural heritage.

"With the signing of this agreement, both National Libraries are now set to exchange knowledge and expertise in digital transformation, preservation and conservation, electronic resources, digital repositories, automation, smart library systems and public library services," Prof. Anunobi stated.

The National Librarian explained that the agreement was the culmination of engagements that began following the visit of Nigeria's First Lady, Senator Oluremi

Tinubu, to the Qatar National Library in October 2025, as well as a subsequent visit by the National Library of Nigeria to Qatar earlier in 2026 at the instance of the Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa.

According to her, the engagements provided an opportunity for both institutions to move from discussions to concrete areas of technical collaboration.

"The visit provided us an opportunity to advance discussions with our Qatari counterpart towards strengthening Nigeria's national library through technical collaboration, digital services, preservation, staff training and innovative technologies," she said.

Prof. Anunobi described the signing as the culmination of sustained engagements between both institutions over the past year.

"The ceremony you just witnessed is the culmination of the earlier steps that have been ongoing for about one year now," she added.

The partnership is expected to open new opportunities for capacity building and professional development for library and information professionals, while facilitating the adoption and exchange of innovative technologies and practices that can improve access to knowledge and information.

It will also support efforts to preserve, digitise and promote documentary heritage, enabling valuable Nigerian cultural and intellectual resources to reach wider audiences while benefiting from international expertise in digital preservation and access.

The agreement further underscores the National Library of Nigeria's growing commitment to international partnerships as a strategic tool for repositioning the institution as a modern knowledge hub and a global gateway to Nigeria's documentary heritage.

Since the assumption of office of Prof Anunobi



in 2021, the National Library of Nigeria has intensified efforts towards the digital preservation of Nigeria's cultural and documentary heritage and the expansion of access to these resources by Nigerians and the global community.

In pursuit of this objective, the National Library has continued to build strategic partnerships with institutions in Nigeria and abroad, including the National Library of Bulgaria, to strengthen its digital transformation, preservation, professional capacity and international engagement.

The Nigeria-Qatar partnership therefore represents another significant step in the National Library of Nigeria's ongoing efforts to connect Nigeria's knowledge resources, professionals and cultural heritage with the wider world, while drawing on global expertise to build a more innovative, accessible and future-ready national library service.

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...advancement of artificial intelligence in the information and knowledge ecosystem.

Setting the tone for the deliberations, Professor Sung-Hyon Myaeng, Professor Emeritus at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), examined the evolving role of libraries as guardians of trust in the age of artificial intelligence.

He challenged national library leaders to reaffirm and strengthen six core library values that should guide the profession over the next decade, particularly as societies grapple with the growing volume and complexity of AI-generated information.

Also addressing the gathering, Professor Marek Kowalkiewicz of Queensland University of Technology explored the emergence of agentic artificial intelligence—systems capable of acting autonomously, performing tasks and pursuing defined goals—and examined the implications of these technologies for libraries and information institutions globally.

The presentations provided the basis for wide-ranging discussions among the participating national library directors on the future of information, knowledge preservation and the evolving responsibilities of national libraries in an AI-driven world.

The deliberations culminated in discussions on the proposed Busan Declaration, initiated by the National Library of Korea, aimed at articulating a collective commitment by national libraries to building a trustworthy information environment.

Following the discussions, CDNL agreed to establish a working group to review the draft declaration and incorporate additional observations, comments and recommendations from member libraries before its further consideration.



A major outcome of the meeting was the reaffirmation of the distinctive and enduring mandate of national libraries in an increasingly AI-driven information landscape.

Participants noted that although artificial intelligence can generate, modify and disseminate information on an unprecedented scale, the responsibility of national libraries to preserve authentic,

verifiable and contextualised records has become more critical than ever.

They also recognised the enormous potential of AI to expand access to knowledge, enhance library services, support research and facilitate greater access to documentary and cultural heritage.

However, delegates stressed that building a trustworthy information environment is a collective responsibility that cannot be achieved by any single institution or country. They therefore called for strengthened international cooperation among national libraries in areas including standards, data, technological expertise, professional knowledge and the exchange of experiences and best practices.

Such cooperation, they emphasised, must continue to uphold intellectual freedom while protecting cultural and linguistic diversity, which remain fundamental values of the global library community.

The meeting attracted key figures from the international library community, including IFLA President, Leslie Weir, and IFLA Secretary General, Sharon Memis, FRSA, who joined national library directors in the high-level conversations.

Alison Dellit, Taner Beyoğlu, and Jeremy Silver, the Directors of the National Library of Australia, National Library of Türkiye and the British Library respectively, also delivered presentations, offering perspectives on the changing role of national libraries in the digital and AI era, with Silver announcing the readiness of the British Library to host the 2027 CDNL Annual Meeting, providing an opportunity for continued global dialogue and cooperation among national library leaders.

At the end of the meeting, Prof. Anunobi praised Professor Young-Joon Nam the Director of the National Library of Korea for the hosting the meeting, his warm hospitality and support in hosting the gathering. She also expressed appreciation to the CDNL Chair, Dr. Tomasz Makowski; fellow Vice Chair, Taner Beyoğlu; and CDNL Secretary, Julia Konopka-Żolnierczuk, for their support and collaboration in organising the meeting.

The Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL) is the global forum for directors of national libraries. It provides a platform for cooperation, policy dialogue and professional exchange on issues affecting national libraries and the communities they serve.

Katsina Branch Holds Wikipedia Editing Workshop for Librarians, Information Professionals

As part of efforts to strengthen the digital competencies of library and information professionals, the Katsina State Branch, in collaboration with the Hausa Wikimedians User Group, organized a hands-on training workshop on Wikipedia editing and online research for librarians and information professionals.

The workshop attracted participants from various institutions including staff of the Katsina State Library Board, information officers, teacher-librarians from the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) and the Katsina State Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, as well as members of the Library Club of the College of Nursing Sciences, Katsina. Staff of the National Library of Nigeria, Katsina Branch, also participated in the training.

Facilitators from the Hausa Wikimedians User Group, Mallam Saifullahi Abu Sufyan and Mallam Ibrahim Abubakar, guided participants through practical sessions on creating and editing Wikipedia articles, conducting credible online research, and applying best practices in sourcing and verifying information. The interactive workshop equipped participants with the knowledge and practical skills required to contribute effectively to the global online knowledge repository while promoting access to reliable information.

Speaking at the close of the workshop, the Head of Branch, Hajiya Amina Maje Sayyadi, described the training as timely and highly beneficial to librarians, particularly in supporting research, information dissemination, and digital knowledge management.

Hajiya Maje Sayyadi expressed appreciation to the Hausa Wikimedians User Group for its collaboration and commitment to making the National Library of Nigeria, Katsina Branch, a centre for professional training and capacity building.

The workshop, themed "Wikipedia Editing for Librarians and Information Professionals," held on Wednesday, 29 July 2026, at Katsina Branch. The training followed the recent signing of a partnership agreement between Katsina Branch and the Hausa Wikimedians User Group aimed at promoting digital knowledge sharing and enhancing information literacy.

Ogun Branch Pay Advocacy Visit to Ajayi Crowther Theological Seminary



Ogun State Branch, has continued its advocacy for compliance with national bibliographic standards through a sensitization visit to Ajayi Crowther Theological Seminary College, Isale-Igbein, Abeokuta, Ogun State.

The Head of Branch, Dr. (Mrs.) Abosede Kaltumi Sangosanya, paid a courtesy visit to the institution on Tuesday, 4 August 2026, where she sensitized the management of the seminary about the statutory services provided by the National Library of Nigeria, particularly in the areas of International Standard Book Number (ISBN) issuance, Cataloguing-in-Publication (CIP) data, and Legal Deposit compliance. Dr. Abosede Sangosanya emphasized the need for the College to obtain ISBNs for its publications to ensure proper identification, organization, accessibility,

and recognition within national and international bibliographic systems.

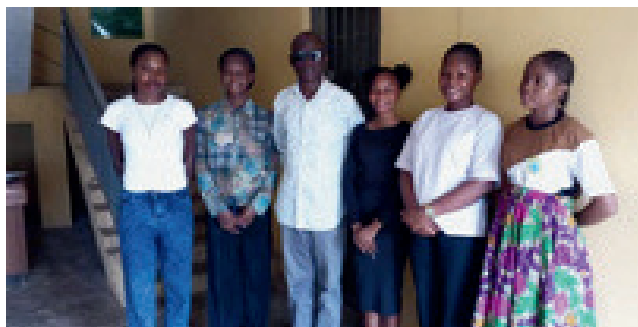
She further sensitized the management on the relevance of Cataloguing-in-Publication (CIP) data in ensuring proper cataloguing and classification of publications before they are released to the public. She also emphasized the need for authors, publishers, and institutions to comply with the Legal Deposit provisions of the National Library Act by depositing copies of eligible publications with the National Library of Nigeria for preservation and national documentation.

Responding, the Rector, Professor Omotoye appreciated the visit and commended the National Library of Nigeria for creating awareness on its statutory responsibilities. He expressed the institution's willingness to strengthen its collaboration with the NLN and ensure that future publications from the College meet the required national bibliographic standards.

Ogun Branch Trains Olabisi Onabanjo University Library Students

Ogun State Branch, held a one-week practical training programme for students of the Department of Library and Information Science, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State, as part of efforts to expose future library professionals to the practical aspects of library operations.

The programme, which was held on 3rd to 7th August 2026, followed the students' deployment by the Director of Simeon Adebo Library, Kuto, Abeokuta, Mr. Giwa, to the National Library of Nigeria, Ogun State Branch, for a professional orientation and practical learning experience scheduled from Monday, 3 August to Friday, 7 August 2026. The training covered key areas including International Standard Book Number (ISBN) services, International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) services, Cataloguing, Legal Deposit, Readers' Services, Collection Development, preservation of library materials, and other essential library operations.



The Head of Branch, Dr. (Mrs.) Abosede Sangosanya, provided an overview of the mandate, vision, statutory responsibilities, and operations of the National Library of Nigeria. She encouraged the students to take advantage of the training opportunity to deepen their understanding of the practical application of library and information science principles.

The students were also taken on a guided tour of the operational units of the Branch, where they gained firsthand knowledge of the workflow, responsibilities, and processes involved in managing library resources and delivering professional services to users.

The practical training is aimed at bridging the gap between theoretical classroom knowledge and professional practice by equipping the students with relevant skills, experience, and understanding of contemporary library operations. The exposure is expected to contribute positively to their academic growth and prepare them for future careers in the Library and Information Science profession.

Akwa Ibom Branch Holds 2026 August Vacation Lesson



Akwa Ibom State Branch, in collaboration

with the Golden Initiative for All (GIFA), organized the August Vacation Lesson, Season 2, aimed at promoting literacy, creativity, digital skills, and positive character development among children.

The five-day programme, held from 3rd to 7th August 2026, organized under the theme, "Read, Learn, Create, Lead and Grow," provided children with a safe, engaging and educational environment to acquire new skills and make productive use of their vacation.

Over 75 children participated in the programme and were grouped into three categories based on age: Little Explorers (4–6 years), Young Readers (7–10 years), and Future Leaders (11–17 years).

The programme featured a variety of learning activities including literacy, communication, creativity, technology, culture and character development.

In promoting cultural awareness, the programme featured an Ibibio language class, where participants learnt basic letters, greetings and counting. The children also engaged in riddles, jokes and brain teasers to enhance their reasoning, problem-solving and intellectual abilities.

The programme further incorporated teamwork, friendship and character-development activities through group work, games and mentorship sessions, which encouraged the children to develop positive social values and interpersonal skills.

Parents and guardians expressed appreciation to the National Library of Nigeria, and GIFA for providing a safe, conducive and educational platform where children could learn, develop new skills and engage meaningfully during the long vacation.

Collection Development and Technical Services Department Honors Francisca Ofodile

Staff of the Collection Development and Technical Services (CD&TS) Department of the National Library of Nigeria on Monday, 3rd August 2026, organized a send-forth ceremony in honor of Mrs. Francisca Irene Ofodile, a Deputy Director in the department who recently retired from service, in recognition of her outstanding service and invaluable contributions to the growth of the organization.

The event brought together management, staff, friends, and well-wishers who gathered to celebrate Mrs. Ofodile's distinguished career and wish her well as she begins a new phase of life.

In his welcome address, the Director of Collection Development and Technical Services, Malam Husseni Hambagda Abubakar, described Mrs. Ofodile as a cheerful, peaceful, and highly dedicated officer whose professionalism and cordial relationship with colleagues made her an exceptional member of staff. "Throughout the years we worked together, there was never a misunderstanding. Her retirement has left a noticeable void in the department." Abubakar state.

Delivering her opening remarks, the Chairperson of the Welfare Committee, Ms. Anita David, thanked members of staff for their financial and moral support towards the successful organization of the event.

A major highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of a detailed citation chronicling Mrs. Ofodile's career, from her early years, her rise through the ranks to the peak when she became Deputy Director before her retirement. The presentation celebrated her professional accomplishments, dedication, integrity, and commitment to service.

Goodwill messages from colleagues and



friends painted a consistent picture of Mrs. Ofodile as a caring mother, dependable mentor, supportive leader, and consummate professional whose kindness, humility, and warmth positively impacted many lives. Speakers offered prayers for God's continued protection, good health, peace, prosperity, and fulfilment throughout her retirement.

A tribute was delivered by the Head of the Selection and Acquisition Division, Mrs. Zarah Ayuba Aguga, who described the retiree as a trusted confidant, dependable adviser, and exemplary leader.

In her response, Mrs. Francisca Irene Ofodile, a Deputy Director and former Head of the Selection and Acquisition Division, expressed profound gratitude to God for a successful and fulfilling career and thanked the management of the National Library of Nigeria, colleagues, friends, and well-wishers for their unwavering support and the honor accorded her. She described her years of service as a testimony to God's faithfulness and appreciated everyone who contributed to her professional growth and success.

She encouraged members of staff to continue fostering love, unity, mutual respect, and cooperation, noting that positive relationships remain one of the greatest legacies anyone can leave behind. She also advised serving officers to prepare adequately for retirement by making personal financial and life plans early, stressing that retirement benefits alone may not be sufficient to guarantee long-term comfort. Mrs. Ofodile further encouraged staff to sustain the culture of celebrating one another's achievements and milestones.

Ogun State Branch Celebrates Librarians' Day

Ogun State Branch, on Wednesday, 12 August 2026 commemorated Librarians' Day with a programme focused on professional development, knowledge sharing and the promotion of the library and information science profession.

The programme, held under the leadership of the Head of Branch, Dr. (Mrs.) Abosede Sangosanya, was attended by members of staff of the Branch, students of Library and Information Science from Kwara State University (KWASU), as well as new students from Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU) who were undergoing a one-week practical training programme at the Branch.

As part of the activities marking the celebration, Mr. Raimi Olamilekan Kazeem, a Cataloguer from the Cataloguing and Classification Unit, presented a term paper to staff and students. The presentation provided participants with an opportunity to broaden their professional knowledge, exchange ideas and gain valuable insights into relevant areas of librarianship and library and information science.

The programme also served as a platform for meaningful interaction between practising library professionals and students undergoing practical training. The students participated actively in the session and benefited from the knowledge, professional experiences and insights shared by the staff.

The celebration further highlighted the important role of continuous learning and professional development in strengthening the capacity of librarians and preparing students for successful careers in the library and information science profession.

Librarian's Day serves as an important occasion for recognizing the invaluable contributions of librarians to education, research, information access and community development. The observance has its roots in efforts to celebrate the library profession and draw public attention to the evolving roles of librarians in promoting literacy, preserving knowledge and supporting lifelong learning. Beyond the celebration, the day provides an opportunity to appreciate the dedication and professionalism of library practitioners while encouraging continuous learning, innovation and excellence in the profession. The Ogun State Branch's celebration therefore reaffirmed the enduring relevance of librarians and the vital role they play in advancing an informed and knowledge-driven society.

Plateau Branch Holds August Reading Club Session on

Financial Intelligence

Plateau State Branch held its August session of the Kids Reading Club, with a focus on developing financial intelligence among children. The session, held on Saturday, 8 August 2026, provided an engaging and educational platform for children to learn basic financial concepts while developing their reading skills.

The session focused on the theme "Financial Intelligence", with participants introduced to age-appropriate concepts such as value and assets. The younger learners were also taught the difference between needs and wants, helping



them develop an early understanding of responsible decision-making and financial management.

In addition to the financial literacy activities, the children participated in reading sessions, where they explored and discussed selected stories. The interactive activities encouraged the participants to develop their reading abilities, comprehension skills and interest in books.

International Standards & Programmes Department Sends Forth Retired Colleague



The International Standards and Programmes Department of the National Library of Nigeria (NLN) on Monday, 10 August 2026, organized a special gathering to celebrate and send forth one of its former staff members, Mr. Oke Efe Obaji, who retired from the National Library of Nigeria in May 2026.

The event provided an opportunity for members of the Department to appreciate Mr. Oke Efe Obaji for his years of dedicated service and contributions to the organization. Described by colleagues as a dedicated, humble and hardworking staff member, his retirement was acknowledged with a mixture of appreciation for his service and sadness over his absence from the Department.

Staff members expressed their fond memories of working with him, noting that his commitment, humility and positive disposition made him a valued member of the Department. They also acknowledged that his presence and contributions are greatly missed.

The celebration was marked by goodwill messages from colleagues, who expressed their gratitude for his service and wished him well as he begins a new chapter of his life.



Plateau State Branch Hold Innovative Summer STEM Boot Camp 2026

Plateau State Branch, in partnership with My STEM LearnHub, has successfully concluded its 2026 Innovative Summer STEM Boot Camp, an engaging two-week programme designed to expose children to science, technology, practical learning and innovation.

The boot camp provided participants with an opportunity to explore the scientific principles behind technologies commonly encountered in everyday life, including washing machines, solar ovens, carousels, telescopes and other technological devices.

A major highlight of the programme was the practical learning sessions, where the children applied the knowledge acquired by designing and building models of some of the technologies studied. The hands-on activities enabled the participants to move beyond theoretical concepts and gain practical understanding of how scientific principles are applied in real-life situations.



The programme also promoted collaboration and team building through class projects, group assignments and practical activities. These engagements encouraged the children to build friendships, share ideas and develop important skills in teamwork, communication, creativity and problem-solving.

The boot camp which served as a valuable platform for nurturing young minds, encouraging innovation and equipping children with practical skills for the future, provided a platform for the children to learn beyond the traditional classroom environment. Through experiments, creative projects and interactive sessions, they were encouraged to ask questions, explore their surroundings and connect classroom-based scientific concepts with technologies and activities in their everyday lives.

Kwara State Branch Receives Donations of Indigenous History Books



Kwara State Branch, Ilorin, on Monday, 17 August 2026, received donations of two indigenous history books from Professor Kayode Omole and Mallam Muhammad Dare Garba.

The donations, which align with the transformation agenda of the National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, comprised ten copies of Obagunna Clan ALLA, authored by Ile Obagunna, and two copies of History of Jooro Community Ilorin, authored by historian, Mallam Muhammad Dare Garba.

The ten copies of Obagunna Clan ALLA were donated on behalf of the Obagunna family by Prof. Kayode Omole, a retired lecturer in the Department of English, University of Abuja, and Dr. Isaac O. Oloruntoba, a retired lecturer in the Department of Physical and Health Education, Kwara State College of Education, Ilorin.

The second donation, consisting of two copies of History of Jooro Community Ilorin, was presented by Mallam Muhammad Dare Garba, a historian and author.

Receiving the donations on behalf of the National Library of Nigeria, the Acting Head of Branch, Mr. Usman Abiodun Mustapha, expressed appreciation for their contributions towards the preservation of indigenous knowledge and the documentation of the history and cultural heritage of communities in Kwara State.

He noted that donations of indigenous publications are valuable additions to the library's collection, as they provide researchers, students and members of the public with access to information on the history, traditions and cultural identity of local communities.

The donated publications will form part of the library's indigenous collections and contribute to the preservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of the people of Kwara State for present and future generations.

Imo State Branch Holds 2026 Children's Holiday Programme, and Expands Children's Club

Imo State Branch, commenced its 2026 Children's Holiday Programme, with a series of activities designed to promote literacy, learning, creativity, teamwork and wholesome recreation among children.

The programme officially commenced on 18 August 2026 under the leadership of the Head of Branch, Mrs. Ifeoma Obi. Responsibilities were carefully assigned among members of staff to ensure the effective coordination and successful implementation of the various activities lined up for the programme.

As part of the Branch's literacy outreach initiatives, staff members visited holiday learning centres outside Owerri to sensitise the children about the services and activities of the National Library of Nigeria. The visits also focused on promoting the importance of reading and encouraging children to enrol in the Children's Club.



The programme featured a range of interactive and educational activities aimed at making learning enjoyable for the children. Under the guidance of Mrs. Ifeoma Obi, the Head of Branch. Mrs. Chimezie Oluchi Anunobi a research officer composed an anthem for the Children's Club and developed engaging games to enhance the children's participation and learning experience.

Other members of staff also contributed significantly to the success of the programme by ensuring that the children were adequately cared for, actively engaged and provided with a safe, enjoyable and enriching holiday experience.

A major achievement of the programme was the registration of at least 50 children into the Children's Club, further strengthening the Branch's efforts to cultivate a sustainable reading culture among young people.

In another significant development, the Head of Branch, Mrs. Ifeoma Obi established a holiday Centre in Orlu, Imo State, as an extension of the Children's Club. The initiative is expected to provide children in Orlu and neighboring communities with easier access to the Club's activities, particularly in view of transportation challenges that may hinder their participation in programmes organized at the Branch in Owerri.

The successful implementation of the 2026 Children's Holiday Programme underscores the National Library of Nigeria, Imo State Branch's commitment to promoting reading culture, lifelong learning, creativity and positive development among children.

The Children's Club also proudly unveiled its own anthem, specially composed for the Club. Through initiatives such as these, the National Library of Nigeria, Imo State Branch, continues to contribute to building a generation of children who read, learn, create and grow.



Kogi State Branch Hold Holiday Reading Club

Kogi State Branch, has concluded its two week Holiday Reading Club programme aimed at promoting reading culture, literacy development and learning among children.

The programme, which commenced on 10 August 2026, recorded a total participation of 218 children. A total of 40 titles in 42 volumes of storybooks were used during the programme, exposing the children to a variety of engaging and educational reading materials.

In addition to reading activities, the children were introduced to basic computer skills and participated in recreational and educational games, including Ludo, Scrabble and other interactive activities designed to enhance learning and social engagement.

As part of the activities marking the conclusion of the programme, the Head of



Branch, Mrs. Elizabeth Oyiza Agu, Ms. Faith Salawu, supported by an English teacher and two SIWES students, facilitated the final session. Ms. Faith Salawu taught the children letter sounds, while two storybooks, Oyiza the Warrior Princess and Reba's Ice Cream, were read aloud to the participants. The children also took part in a spelling bee and shared summaries of the books they had read

during the programme.

Relatedly, the Branch also held a read-aloud session at the SISH Educational Brilliant Reading Club, Anaebio Quarters, Lokoja, with 38 children in attendance. The Head of Branch, Mrs. Elizabeth Oyiza Agu read aloud from How the Tortoise Broke Its Back, written by Mrs. Alice Halidu, after which the children engaged in a question-and-answer session as well as spelling bee session.

The proprietress of SISH Educational Brilliant Reading Club, Mrs. Shade Mogba, expressed appreciation to the Head of Branch for organizing the holiday reading club and for supporting efforts to encourage children to develop a strong reading culture.

Picture Gallery



HAPPY Birthday

1ST AUGUST

PETER MAIMUNA GLORY.
BISSALLAH HAMISU.

2ND AUGUST

MENDE NGOHILE SANDRA

4TH AUGUST

AGBAPULUONWU NONSO EBUBE.

5TH AUGUST

OYE MARGARET OMOLARA.
ELACHI SUNDAY AMEH.

6TH AUGUST

ABIFARIN TEMITOPE MATHEW.

7TH AUGUST

ZAKARIYAU HANIFATU BALA.
ONYECHIE IJEOMA JOY.
ANTHONY PATRICK ADAKOLE.

8TH AUGUST

KAKULU, EVANS ODION.
DICK ESTHER.
ELUWA PATRICK CHIN.

9TH AUGUST

ADEJIDE OLUWAKEMI JUMOKE.

10TH AUGUST

PAM LINDA A. (MISS).

11TH AUGUST

FREEDS DAUDA FIBI.
ANYANWU OGUGHO GOD.

12TH AUGUST

EGWIM CHARLES EJIK.
OFFOR PROSPERITY A.
OSUNBOR DUMBIRI.
NEV AONDONGU EMMAN.

13TH AUGUST

AKERELE AUGUSTINE.
IORNENGE DOOYUM MA.

14TH AUGUST

ONOJA OGODO AGNES

15TH AUGUST

SANNI ABIODUN BASHEER.
UBA NWANYIEMEKA VICTORIA.
IDANWOJO, JOHN BOSCO.
OMAJI TONY AWUNA.

18TH AUGUST

AYATSE JOSEPH ORSHI.
ALFRED MAIDOKI SUS.
IKEANYI AMARACHI CHARITY.
ONYEMA PAUL.
RENG MOSES DAVID.

19TH AUGUST

SULAIMAN HABEEB ADEDAYO.
SHAIBU SAIDAT BENEDICTA.
AKPAN ESSIE EFFIONG.

20TH MAY

MUSTAPHA ABIODUN U.
MADUBUNGE EBERECHI, ROSE.
AMMANI MUHAMMAD FA.
DANIEL NTONGHA NAOMI (MRS).

21ST MAY

BELLO IBRAHIM.
IBEH NGOZI AGATHA EZEGBI.

22ND AUGUST

EKPESAMUEL NGOZI PATIENCE.
UBA NWANYIEMEKA VICTORIA.

23RD AUGUST

EMMANUEL ADAMU SAM.
IKYASE USHAWASE.

24TH AUGUST

GUSHE ISHAYA HABILA.

25TH AUGUST

NWOKO NWABUEZE.
UTOJIUBA WISDOM CHIZARAM.
IBRAHIM SIMON.
ADAMU LAWAL.

27TH AUGUST

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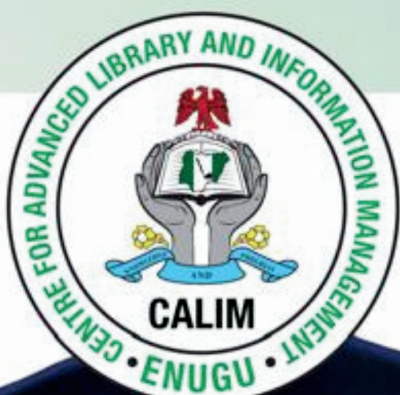
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