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National Library Celebrates with Ford Foundation @ 65

The National Library of Nigeria on Wednesday, 5th November 2025, joined the Ford Foundation in celebrating its 65 years of impactful partnership with West Africa—an inspiring journey marked by collaboration, adaptation, and shared purpose.

The commemorative event which was held at rainbow event marquee brought together an array of dignitaries, including government officials, captains of industry, private-sector leaders, and the Foundation's partners who have been part of the Foundations journey.



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National Library, Daily Trust Foundation, Train Journalists on Document Digitization

The National Library of Nigeria in collaboration with the Daily Trust Foundation has conducted training for journalists and digital marketers in document digitization. The workshop aimed at enhancing the capacity of participants on Document digitization was held at the Daily Trust Foundation Training Hall, Utako Abuja from 26th to 28th November, 2025 with participants drawn from various media houses.

Addressing participants at the opening ceremony, the National Librarian/CEO, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi reiterated the transformative power of technology, stating that "all information curators, providers and all stakeholders especially those in the global south must key into, or they will atrophy". She noted that journalists must reassess their status in order to remain relevant in the era of technological advancement with the incursion of AI, which has changed and continues to change the process of information packaging and access.



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National Library Strengthens Ties with Akwa Ibom State Government

The Head of the National Library of Nigeria, Akwa Ibom State Branch, Mrs. Helen Alfred Ebi on Tuesday 4th November 2025 paid courtesy visit to the Office of the Head of Service, Akwa Ibom State Government.

The visit aimed at strengthening institutional relationship and brief the Head of Service on the library's ongoing activities and initiatives within the state, and also explore potential areas of collaboration.

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National Library Organizes Workshop for Retiring Officers.

The National Library of Nigeria on Tuesday, 4th November, 2025 organized an in-house workshop for officers who are due to retire from service in the year 2026, on how they would reintegrate themselves back to the Society.

This was aimed to prepare them for post-retirement life experience. The workshop which held at the Boardroom, Corporate Headquarters of the organization, in Abuja focused on the theme "Career Transition and Personal Development in Retirement with emotional adjustment"

The National Librarian Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi who declared the workshop open charged the Officers to maintain their moral character which they have built during their service and they should not allow society to make them derail from the good people they are known for.

Represented at the occasion by the Director Collection Development and Technical Services Department Mr. Hussain Abubakar Hambagda, the National Librarian added transitioning from active service to retirement life could be emotionally and psychologically demanding and that is why the workshop was organized to help them to begin the preparation as soon as possible.



On post-service carrier choice, Prof. Anunobi advised them to consider Farming, writing, Teaching, Consultancy or even Entrepreneurship but she said everyone must choose areas of competition activity.

The workshop, was organized by the Pension Unit of the National Library covered topics such as emotional adjustment, career transition and personal development in retirement and life after retirement. Resource persons include, Mrs. Jane Osugie, Mr.

Ibikunle O. N and Mr. Abdulkarim Abubakar.

Amongst them were; Programme Withdrawal and Annuity : delivered by Mrs. Jane Osugie from Leadway Insurance, Career Transition and Personal Development in Retirement, Emotional adjustment: delivered by Mr. Abulkarim Abubakar SA to the National Librarian Administration, Life After Retirement: Health, Lifestyle and Psychological Adjustment: delivered by Mr. Ibikunle O. N head Appointment, Financial Planning and Management in Post -Retirement : delivered by Mr. Dauda M.A from Account Department and An overview of Pension Benefit and options: delivered by Mr Emmanuel Adeoti head Pension Unit.

The Officers expressed gratitude to the Management for the opportunity and assured to maintain good ethics and responsibility towards the progress of the National Library of Nigeria.

Others present at the workshop were Director Virtual Library Services Department Mr. Bashir Salawu, Deputy Director in Human Resources and Admin. Mr. Oyekanmi, Mr. Frank O. Mrs. Franca O, Ms. Jummai Bulus, Ms. Clara, Mr. Femi and so many others.



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Digitization is a fundamental requirement for safeguarding intellectual, cultural and documentary heritage as it reduces physical determination of documents and engender ease of access to accurate, timely and reliable information".

It is the starting point for visibility and accessibility, the National Librarian said. She urged participants to embrace the training aimed at building their competence and adding value to the mandate of their various agencies.

Meanwhile, the Chairman, Board of Trustees, Daily Trust Foundation, Malam Bilya Bala stated that "the training was part of the Foundation's Media Enterprise Lab initiative designed to equip participants with emerging skills capable of opening new carrier opportunities".

The Chairman emphasized that digitization of documents has become one of the most promising but under-explored fields in Nigeria.

The Director of Virtual Library Services Department -VLSD led the team of resources persons from the National Library among whom are: Ms Glory Okeagu, Mrs Ijeoma Okwudiba and Mr. Onyekachi Eze-Okata

Notably in attendance were the incumbent and former Vice Presidents of Nigeria, as well as serving and former Ministers, all gathered to honour the Foundation's achievements, consistency, purposeful partnerships, and bold vision for the future, shaped by lessons from the past.

In a message of goodwill, the National Library of Nigeria represented by the National Librarian/CEO felicitated with the Ford Foundation, recalling with deep nostalgia its pivotal role in establishing the National Library more than six decades ago.

The Foundation provided invaluable technical expertise through a succession of distinguished library advisors—Carl M. White (1962–1964), Mrs. Priscilla Taylor (later Mrs. Harris) (1964–1966), and Mr. Philip Rappaport (1966–1971).

Between 1959 and 1971, the Ford Foundation awarded direct grants totaling \$468,000 to the National Library of Nigeria and invested over \$2 million in total support for library development across the country.

The Ford Foundation's enduring commitment has undoubtedly left an indelible mark on Nigeria's library sector—shaping its growth, development, and impact for generations.

Congratulations to the Ford Foundation on this milestone achievement.

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The Head of Service warmly received the delegation and commended the National Library's commitment to promoting literacy, information access, and knowledge sharing.

Discussions during the meeting focused on enhancing cooperation, including the training of librarians across the state — a move expected to yield mutual benefits and foster stronger partnerships between both institutions.



Committee of Federal Heads of Establishment Nasarawa state Chapter Celebrate Mrs. R.S. Isa's Retirement.

Earlier today, 5th November 2025, the Committee of Federal Heads of Establishment (CO-HEADS), Nasarawa State Chapter, in collaboration with staff of the National Library of Nigeria (NLN), Nasarawa State Branch, gathered alongside the Acting Polytechnic Librarian of Isa Mustapha Agwai Polytechnic, Lafia, and other well-wishers to celebrate the retirement of Mrs. R.S. Isa from active service with the National Library of Nigeria, Nasarawa State Branch, Lafia.

The Head of Branch, Mrs. A.E. Anya, delivered the welcome address and presented the autobiography of the retiree, Mrs. Isa, who served as Head of Branch until her retirement.

A goodwill message from the Chairman of CO-HEADS, Nasarawa State Chapter, was delivered by the Assistant Secretary of the association. This was followed by warm tributes and messages from the Acting Polytechnic Librarian, members of CO-HEADS, staff, and outsourced personnel. The atmosphere was filled with heartfelt expressions of gratitude, admiration, and reflection, as speakers described Mrs. Isa as a dedicated leader, a true mother, and a committed pastor who touched many lives.



Staff of the National Library of Nigeria presented various gifts, including cash donations, while CO-HEADS representatives pledged to deliver theirs the following Monday. In her vote of thanks, the retired Head of Branch and Deputy Director, Mrs. Isa, expressed profound appreciation to all attendees and seized the opportunity to launch her book, donating four copies to the Branch Library.

In attendance were 28 participants, including three of Mrs. Isa's grandchildren, 11 male representatives from various federal establishments, and 14 female staff of the National Library and other organizations.

Osun Branch Holds November Staff Meeting and Handover Ceremony for Outgoing Head, Mrs. O.O. Ayanyemi.

The November staff meeting and handover ceremony of the Head of Branch, Mrs. O.O. Ayanyemi, was held at the office premises of the National Library of Nigeria, Osun State Branch.

The meeting served as a platform for staff to review the month's activities, discuss operational matters.

The meeting was also an avenue to formally conduct the handover between the outgoing Head of Branch and the most senior officer, Dr. B.A. Sanni.

The meeting commenced with a welcome remark led by Mrs. Ayanyemi. She reflected on her achievements during her tenure as Head of Branch and urged staff to remain diligent, committed, and proactive in their duties.

She commended the strong team spirit that characterized the Osun State Branch under her leadership and encouraged staff to sustain the same level of cooperation and professionalism with the incoming Head of Branch.

During the meeting, each unit presented reports on their activities, highlighting key achievements, ongoing projects, and challenges encountered during the month.

Read and Lead Potential Resources Initiative Visit Lagos State Branch for Educational Excursion



The National Library of Nigeria, Lagos State Branch, on Thursday, November 6, 2025, played host to students from two schools under the Read and Lead Potential Resources initiative, who embarked on an educational excursion to the library.

Welcoming the visiting students the Head of Branch Mrs. Uju Onuorah emphasized the importance of school libraries in promoting reading culture among students. She encouraged participating schools to create a dedicated library hour and establish book clubs, noting that such initiatives would inspire a lifelong love for reading and learning.

During the visit, the students were taken on a guided tour of the library's key departments, including the Circulation Reference, ISBN, Legal Deposit, Serials, and Children's Library sections where respective officers in charge of each section explained their specific functions and highlighted the library's role in providing access to information and preserving national publications. The students demonstrated keen interest and enthusiasm throughout the tour, actively engaging with the librarians and asking insightful questions about the library's operations and services.



The highlight of the occasion was the formal presentation of handover notes by Mrs. Ayanyemi to Dr. Sanni, marking the end of Mrs. Ayanyemi career with the National Library and a smooth transition of leadership at the branch.

The event concluded with a closing prayer, marking the end of a productive and memorable session.

We wish her a fulfilling post service life.



Kaduna State Branch Partners Arewa Youth Association to Promote Peace and Unity Among Nigerian Youths

The National Library of Nigeria (NLN), Kaduna State Branch, in collaboration with the Arewa Youth Association, on Saturday, November 8, 2025, successfully hosted a one-day Peace Lecture and Induction Ceremony aimed at promoting peace, unity, and national development. The event, held at the branch premises, brought together traditional rulers, youth leaders, and community stakeholders to discuss strategies for fostering social harmony in Nigeria's diverse society.

Delivering her welcome address, the Head of Branch, Mrs. Martina Egwuibe, warmly received the royal fathers, special guests, and youths, commending their commitment to peacebuilding and civic engagement. She noted that the lecture aligns with the National Library's broader mission to use knowledge and education as tools for social transformation and national progress.



The highlight of the event was a thought-provoking lecture titled "Promoting Peace and Tolerance in a Diverse Society," delivered by Usman Ahmad. The speaker emphasized the need for peaceful coexistence, dialogue, and mutual understanding among Nigeria's various ethnic and religious groups, urging young people to serve as ambassadors of peace in their communities.

Another major highlight was the induction of Hon. Nura Ismail (Gwaska) as an Arewa Youth Peace Ambassador, in recognition of his steadfast support for youth empowerment and his contributions to peace and community development.

The event attracted a wide range of participants, including 15 royal fathers, 14 male guests, 77 male youths, and 56 female youths, making a total of 162 attendees. The diverse mix of participants created an enabling environment for idea-sharing and collaboration on future peace initiatives.



At the close of the day's activities, participants collectively pledged to uphold peace and tolerance in their communities, while the Arewa Youth Association expressed its readiness to sustain partnership with the NLN Kaduna Branch on future peace-oriented projects.

The one-day lecture and induction ceremony were widely described as a success, reinforcing the critical role of collaboration between government institutions and youth organizations in advancing peace, unity, and national development.

Plateau State Branch Hosts End-of-Year Fiesta for Kids Reading Club



Plateau State Branch, on Saturday, November 8, 2025, held an End-of-Year Fiesta to mark the close of activities for the 2025 session of its Kids Reading Club.

The lively event brought together children, parents, guardians, and volunteers for a day filled with reading, games, and community bonding.

The celebration began with an opening prayer and the national anthem, setting a tone of gratitude and unity. A 45-minute shared reading session allowed children and parents to engage in storytelling, followed by 15-minute book reviews presented by parents and group representatives. The event also included an open feedback session, where parents shared reflections and appreciation for the club's impact.

In her remarks, the Head of Branch, Mrs. Sarah Mshelia Emmanuel, spoke on the club's mission, highlighting its role in promoting literacy, creativity, and family engagement through reading.

The fun continued with a variety of activities — color and water games, a chess competition between parents and children, and several group games designed to foster teamwork and excitement. Snacks and drinks were served to round off the vibrant day.

A key highlight of the event was the presentation of certificates of Membership and Appreciation to dedicated volunteers, recognizing their invaluable contributions to the success and growth of the club.

In a touching gesture, a parent donated a chess set to support the club's future activities.

The fiesta achieved its goal of strengthening community ties, as smiles and laughter resonated across all age groups. Parents' active participation reinforced the connection between home and learning, with many describing the event as "a swell time."

The 2025 End-of-Year Fiesta reaffirmed the NLN Kids Reading Club's mission to nurture a love for reading and build a vibrant community of young learners. With gratitude to God, partners, volunteers, and families, the Plateau State Branch looks forward to an even more engaging 2026 session.

Lagos State Branch Participates at IPPPEX 2025 Advocates Collaboration for Sustainable Book Ecosystem



Lagos State Branch, on November 11, 2025, joined key players in the nation's book industry at the International Paper, Printing and Publishing Expo (IPPPEX) 2025, held at Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos. The event, organised by DCS Integrated Media, carried the theme, "Fostering Collaboration among Book Stakeholders for a Sustainable Book Ecosystem."

The expo convened major stakeholders across Nigeria's book value chain, including the Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA), publishers, printers, the Book Board, and representatives of the National Library of Nigeria. Also in attendance were the Director of the Nigerian Copyright Commission, a representative of the Lagos State Government, and publishing students from various tertiary institutions.

Day one of the programme featured an engaging panel session where industry experts shared experiences and perspectives on strengthening the country's book ecosystem. A key highlight was the presentation by Mrs. Onuorah Obianuju, Head of Branch, NLN Lagos, who spoke extensively on the National Library's continuous efforts to promote a vibrant reading culture. She highlighted the NLN's flagship interventions, including the Annual Readership Promotion Campaign, the establishment of literacy centres in underserved communities, and the formation of book clubs in schools.

In addition, the event hosted an exhibition of modern printing technologies and services, providing participants with insight into emerging innovations within the printing and publishing sector.

IPPPEX 2025 concluded its opening day with stakeholders commending the initiative for creating a valuable platform for collaboration, networking, knowledge exchange, and business opportunities. Many described the expo as a timely and strategic step toward strengthening and sustaining Nigeria's book ecosystem.



Niger State Branch Hosts Al-Inarah Islamic Model Schools on Educational Tour

The National Library of Nigeria, Niger State Branch, on 12th November 2025, hosted students and teachers from Al-Inarah Islamic Model Schools during an educational tour designed to expose learners to library operations and enhance their understanding of information resources.

The visitors were warmly received by library staff, who provided an overview of the functions and services of the National Library.

The delegation was then taken on a guided tour of key sections, including the ICT Section, Serials Section, and the main book area, where they gained insight into library organization and resource management.

The visit ended with an interactive question-and-answer session, giving students the opportunity to engage more deeply with staff and clarify their observations.



NLN Management Conducts Regularization Interviews for Newly Recruited Staff



The management of the National Library of Nigeria on Monday 24th to Tuesday 25th 2025 held a regularization interview. The exercise was conducted to thoroughly assess and verify the documents, competencies, and readiness of newly recruited staff who joined the organization recently.

In her opening remarks, the National Librarian/CEO Professor Chinwe Anunobi reiterated the institution's central role as the nation's apex library and National Repository. She emphasized that the National Library is mandated to collect all publications produced in the country, process and distribute them to state branches, and preserve them for posterity.

She urged the staff to apply their professional expertise diligently in delivering quality services and upholding the organization's mandate. According to her, "the core department remains the professional department, where the fundamental functions of librarianship are executed." She highlighted the need to strengthen these departments with qualified librarians, encouraging those employed as Librarians-in-Training to pursue a Postgraduate Diploma or Master's degree in Library and Information Science to enable them perform optimally as Librarian.

The National Librarian further informed the officers that their performance will continue to be monitored by their Directors and Supervisors, noting that confirmation of appointment will only come after satisfactory performance during the probation period.

As part of the exercise, management also re-designated some officers who were identified as being under-utilized in their current roles, with the aim of enhancing efficiency and productivity across departments.

A total of 94 officers participated in the interview—41 from various state branches and 53 from the headquarters.

Immaculate Conception College Abeokuta Undertakes Excursion to Ogun State Branch



The National Library of Nigeria, Ogun State Branch, Abeokuta, hosted students and staff of Immaculate Conception College, Somorin-Obantoko, who were on an educational excursion visit to the branch.

The visiting school was received by the Head of Branch, Dr. (Mrs.) Abosede Sangosanya, and other library staff. The students were given an orientation on the functions and services of the National Library, followed by a lecture on the importance of reading culture, information management, and national documentation.

The students were thereafter taken on a guided tour of key sections of the library, including Readers' Services, Reference, and Cataloguing.

The excursion was both educational and impactful, as the students displayed keen interest and actively participated throughout the session. The visit further strengthened efforts to promote reading culture and information awareness among young learners.

The visiting team, led by the school principal, Mr. Alex Olukayode Oltan, comprised students from JSS1 to JSS3 along with accompanying teachers.



Dr. Sangosanya Sensitizes Public on ISSN/ISBN @ 3rd International Adire Cultural Festival



The National Library of Nigeria, Ogun State Branch, on Monday, 10th November 2025, joined other dignitaries and stakeholders at the opening of the 3rd International Adire Cultural Festival, where Dr. Sangosanya sensitized participants on the importance of ISSN and ISBN. The six-day festival, organized by the Asani and Àdùké Foundation—one of the library's literacy centres—commenced in Abeokuta, Ogun State, with the theme “Threads of Legacy, Patterns of Prosperity.”

The Day One activities featured the official flag-off of the festival, an Adire production competition and exhibition, and the public presentation of two books titled “Adire Made Easy” and “Adire Colour Book for Kids.”

The Head of Branch, Dr. (Mrs.) Abosede Sangosanya, led the NLN Ogun State delegation to the event. In her goodwill message, she sensitized participants on the importance of obtaining ISBN and ISSN for publications and emphasized the need for authors and publishers to fulfill their legal deposit obligations with the National Library of Nigeria.

Prominent personalities in attendance included His Royal Highness, Oba (Prof.) Saka Matemilola, the Olowu of Owu Kingdom, and his queens; Chief (Mrs.) Bola Obasanjo, wife of the former President of Nigeria, His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo; and Ambassador Susan Folarin.

Students from Sacred Heart Catholic College, Oke-Ilewo, Abeokuta, and Government Technical and Vocational College, Isabo, Abeokuta, also participated in the day's events, adding color and youthful energy to the cultural celebration.



Kwara State Branch Honors Former Head of Branch, Mrs. Olani Olabimpe Kafayat

The National Library of Nigeria, Kwara State Branch, held a heartfelt celebration in honor of Mrs. Olani Olabimpe Kafayat, former Head of Branch, as she marked 35 years of distinguished and meritorious public service.



The event brought together current and former staff members, and family relatives, all united in celebrating her outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the Branch.

In their tribute, the celebrants' colleagues were full of praises for their retiring colleague. Mrs. Kafayat was widely praised for her exemplary leadership, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to service throughout her career. Speakers at the event described her as a dedicated administrator whose legacy will continue to inspire both present and future library professionals.

Mrs. Olan was the Head of the Kwara State branch between 2012 to 2022 when she was transferred to the headquarter in Abuja where she retired in 2023 as the Head, Public Service Department.



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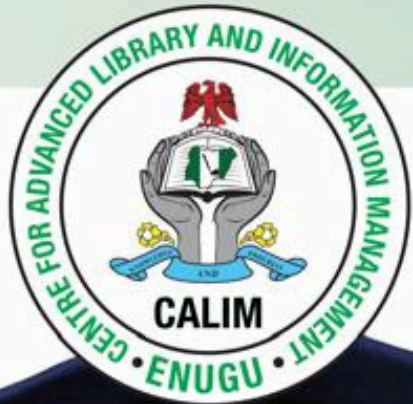
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