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FG FLAGS OFF 2022 READERSHIP PROMOTION



The Honourable Minister of State Education Rt Honorable Goodluck Nanah Opiah right with the National Librarian Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi at the Flag off of the 2022 Readership Promotion Campaign at the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Education on Thursday 15th September, 2022

The Honourable Minister of State for Education, Rt. Hon. Goodluck Nanah Opiah has on Tuesday 15th September, 2022 flagged off the National Library of Nigeria's Annual Readership Promotion Campaign held at the Conference Hall, Federal Ministry of Education, Cadastral Zone, Federal Secretariat, Abuja. Speaking during the Ceremony Hon. Opiah applauded the effort of the Management and the entire Staff Members of the National Library of Nigeria in carrying out this giant stride to promote the culture of reading in the Country. He stated that knowledge empowers people and is very essential for human development.

He noted that the theme of this year's campaign "Reading as a Panacea for Societal Problems" "is timely and appropriate, considering the declining

level of reading habit in the world today and in particular, our country Nigeria". He further stated that "reading adds quality to life, provides access to culture and cultural heritage". He commended the Management of the National Library Nigeria for taking this year's campaign to the grassroots where it was most desirable.

Hon. Opiah also posited that the campaign was expected to consider the extent to which reading enhances the development of a nation and its outcome was also expected to move the nation forward economically, socially and politically. He said "a reading Society is an informed and knowledgeable Society that contribute positively to economic transformation of a Country".

He lamented that Nigerians of today read less than expected of which prompted this campaign by the National

Library of Nigeria to enlighten Nigerians on the importance of reading and which happened to fall one of the Ministry of Education's major priorities, reflected in Pillar 10 {Library Services in Education} of the Ministry's education for change: A Ministerial strategic plan

Earlier in her welcome address, the National Librarian Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi emphasized that "Readership Promotion Campaign it's a statutory mandates of the apex library of the nation and is a call on all Nigerians to embrace the habit of reading in order to eradicate the rate of illiteracy in Nigeria". This year's campaign according to her was borne out of the need to impact on the local people - the Hard-to-Reach and it would be held in the hinterlands nationwide where out of school children were mostly found which was put at 20 Millions according to UNESCO. The National Librarian





stated that “when we say Hard to Reach, we are not only talking about geographical spaces, but language barriers. So we are taking the campaign to Royal Palaces who would galvanize support by identifying volunteers, which would drive the project in those communities. She added that National Library had arranged other support such as whiteboards, Markers, writing materials and basic reading materials in order to achieve basic literacy skills.

Prof. Anunobi noted that a strong reading culture enhances independence, leadership and confidence. According to her “Reading is a key component designed to awaken reading consciousness among Nigerians by way of promoting the availability and use of good reading materials by all and sundry as well as collectively seek solutions to the obstacles to reading culture in Nigeria”.

She noted that this campaign was designed to capture all 36 States of the Federation and Federal Capital Territory {FCT} Abuja with a focus on making donation of books and other materials to Primary/Secondary Schools as well as other vulnerable groups in support of their learning.

Prof. Anunobi urged Nigerians to put reading at the top of their priority list. She added that lack of reading culture was considered absurd and inimical to the growth and development of Nigeria especially to its nascent democracy. The Chairperson of the 2022 Readership Promotion Campaign

committee and the Director of Public Services Department, Dr. Mrs. Oluchi Iche Kalu in her opening remarks stated that the objectives of the campaign was to encourage lifelong reading habits among Nigerians through sensitization activities, provision of good reading materials among others. She said the campaign started at NLN in 1981 and it became an annual event to go round the Country to sensitize the general public on the importance of reading culture, she said in the past the campaign train had reached out to Local Government Secretariats, Royal Palaces, Nursing Mothers in Hospitals, Nigerian Correctional Service Centers across the Country, Motor Parks and other vulnerable locations to enlighten them on the importance of embracing the reading culture.

She further emphasized that literacy was a basic tool for national development. "No nation can attain any

significant development, substantial progress in its political, social and economic life in the absence of literacy and quality reading habits of its citizens".



Prof. Anunobi middle, Director Public Services, Dr. Oluchi Iche Kalu left, Director, International Standard and Program, Ms. Amaka Ojeolo, Ag. Head of Legal Services, Ag. Head of Finance and Accounts, to her right is the Director Human resources and Admin, Deputy Director MRs. Ogunyemi .. Director Virtual Library Services, Ag. Head of Plannig Research and Statistic and the Ag. Secretary to the Board at the Flag off of 2022 RPC at the Conference Hall Ministry of Education.

NIGERIA WILL SOON BE A READING NATION

---- Prof. Anunobi



FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY STORY



The Director Public Services Department, Dr. Mrs. Oluchi Iche Kalu delivering a keynote address at the 2022 RPC in Gwagwalada Area Council FCT, Abuja.



The Chief Librarian FCT Universal Basic Education Board (UBEB) Mal. Haruna Abubakar at the 2022 RPC In Gwagwalada Area Council, Abuja



The Head of FCT Branch Ms. Jummai Bulus delivering her Wellcome address at the 2022 RPC in Gwagwalada Area Council FCT, Abuja.

achieved within and beyond, she said "for a reading nation is a leading nation "Reading campaign was a statutory mandate of the National Library of Nigeria and assured Nigerians that Staff Members were determined to fulfill this mandate soon. She said this year's campaign has its theme " Reading as a Panacea for Societal Problems " and it was expected to impact on the Indigenous People she assured " the Hard to Reach " National Library would enter into hinterlands according to her where out of School Children which was put at 20 Million by UNESCO as well as the uneducated adults and Internally Displaced People were found. She added that the Organization also partnered with Royal Fathers and Village Heads of those Communities to be able to penetrate through geographical spaces to enlighten Nigerians on the importance of Reading. She added that the campaign would not be a flash in the pan. Efforts were being made to provide those Communities with reading materials like

books, whiteboards, markers writing materials and basic reading materials to help encourage Nigerians inculcate the reading culture. She said by this, they would be encouraged to learn the basis of Reading in their Mother languages. Prof Anunobi represented at the occasion by the Director Public Services Department Dr. Mrs. Oluchi Iche Kalu also called on the Royal Fathers and Community Heads to initiate a community reading clubs which according to her National Library of Nigeria would nurture in due course. The National Librarian further said

The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi has stated that very soon Nigeria as a nation would achieve being a reading nation, she made this remarks at the Readership Promotion Campaign organized by the FCT Branch of the apex Library of the nation held at the Gwagwalada Area Council, Abuja on Tuesday 27th September, 2022.

Anunobi revealed that National Library of Nigeria would not rest until this was



Chairman Gwagwalada Area Council, Alh. Abubakar Giri, represented by his Chief of staff Mal. Aliyu Biko at the 2022 RPC



However other Prominent Personalities including the Aguma of Gwagwalada and Agora of Zuba were represented at the occasion which also featured a simple Drama to entertain the event with light refreshment

these efforts would address the trending national problems of Yahoo boys, 419 people, get reach quick syndrome, banditry, suicide bombing, terrorism, insecurity, mental degeneration, misinformation, fake news etc which were the outcome of lack of Reading culture.

Prof Anunobi further stated that Nigerians must appreciate the fact that a strong reading culture enhances independence, good leadership and confidence, it reinforces developed and developing important academic skill that were needed to acquire knowledge and understanding in schools and its fundamental to lifelong learning. Prof Anunobi told the participants that to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal by UNESCO that were centered on education, Nigerians must put reading at the top of their priorities. Earlier in her welcome address, the Head of FCT Branch, Ms. Jummai Bulus urged Gwagwalada Community leaders to support the National Library of Nigeria in the quest to promote

reading culture in Nigeria, she said that National Library of Nigeria organises this campaign on annual basis to call on Nigerians to embrace the reading culture, which would improve the socioeconomic wellbeing of the Community.

Ms. Bulus stated that on Monday 26th September, 2022 FCT Branch was at Kaida Village of the Gwagwalada area Council and was able to Reachout to the Hard to Reach Community which is the slogan of the 2022 Campaign, She added that the team met with schools, Village Head and other vulnerable and members of the community presented to them campaign speeches and slogans with words of advice, The NLN FCT Branch made donations of reading materials, whiteboard to encourage them cultivate the habit of Reading. She said that, Community leaders and other stakeholders must support National Library of Nigeria in the course. Also in his goodwill message Chairman Gwagwalada Area Council Alh. Abubakar Giri, represented by his Chief of staff Mal. Aliyu Biko also applauded the struggle of the National library of Nigeria in the promotion of reading culture in the Country, he said Gwagwalada Area Council was ready to provide its support to the development of education in Nigeria, he said that reading culture was obviously declining

and required all stakeholders to put hands on deck to address the menace. In his goodwill message, the Chief Librarian FCT Universal Basic Education Board {UBEB} Mal. Haruna Abubakar applauded the efforts of the National Library of Nigeria to promote reading culture in Nigeria, he said not only in the Cities but even at hinterlands and Hard to reach communities, he emphasized that this effort must not be swept under the carpet, he noted that other stakeholders must join in the struggle to eliminate illiteracy in Nigeria. Mal. Abubakar also noted that FCT UBEB would not also sit and watch education die in the Country, he said the Board would also provides reading materials to all Primary and Secondary Schools including all Tertiary Institutions within the FCT and ensures that school have functional libraries and library hours be included in the timetable of all schools. He revealed that the Board was ready to support National Library to promote reading culture.

The occasion also featured a resource person, a Lecturer from Education Department, University of Abuja, Dr. Femi Akintunde who lectured the participants on the theme of the campaign "Reading as a panacea for Societal Problems" Inculcating Reading habits in a changing World to curb loss of value system: a tool for Sustainable Economic Development in Nigeria'



The Keynote speaker a Lecturer from Education Department, University of Abuja, Dr. Femi Akintunde



From left is the representative of Aguma of Gwagwalada, Alh. Mohammed Lakai, Dr. Mrs. Kalu and representative of the Chairman Mal. Aliyu Biko at the 2022 RPC in Gwagwalada Abuja



From left representative of Agora of Zuba, District head Kaida Madaki Tsoho and Librarian FCT education Board Abubakar Haruna at the occasion

READERSHIP PROMOTION CAMPAIGN ENTERS HINTERLANDS



KOGI STORY

- Prof. Anunobi



The district head's that attended the RPC in the "hard to reach" community in the palace of the Maigari of Ilokoja, from left is Alh. Idris Mustafar, ward head B, next is Alh. Abubakar, A. Ibrahim, ward head C, at the middle is the HoB Kogi State Branch, Mrs AGU, O. E. next is Alh. Isah Baba Nasidi ward head D, and to the right is Alh. Abdullahi, A. Musa ward head of Lokongoma.

The 2022 Annual Readership Promotion Campaign of the National Library of Nigeria has entered hinterlands in order to educate the Hard to Reach Nigerians on the importance of reading culture, the National Librarian Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi made the statement at the Reading Campaign held on Tuesday 27th September, 2022 at the Lokoja Local Government Town Hall, Kogi State.

She posited that This year's campaign which was borne out of the need to impact on the Local people the Hard to Reach Nigerians would be held in the hinterlands across the Country where out of schools children which was put at 20 Millions by UNESCO as well as the illiterate adults would be found, she added that “when we say Hard to Reach, we are not only talking about geographical spaces, but languages barriers. So we are taking the campaign to Royal Palaces, to meet the Royal Fathers who will galvanize support by identifying volunteers which will drive the project in those communities”. The National Librarian represented by the Head of Kogi State Branch Mrs. Agu also reiterated her commitment to



The HoB Mrs AGU, O. E. presenting the reading and writing materials to the ward heads. For the take off of the literacy center in the palace of the Maigari of Ilokoja. HRH Mohammed Kabiru Maikarfi 111.

expand the Campaign beyond physical outreach but through Media Houses and online platforms in order to reach out to all Nigerians, she added that this effort can only be achieved if Nigerians provide their support.

Earlier in her welcome address, the Head of Kogi State Branch, Mrs. Agu also urged Nigerians to embrace the reading culture because Reading was a multifaceted process involving word recognition, comprehension, fluency and motivation. “Reading is making meaning from print, it requires that we identify the words in print”. She added that the theme of the campaign titled “Reading a panacea to Societal problems” noted that panacea can be defined as a solution or remedy for all difficulties or diseases. Societal

problems were any condition or behavior that has negative consequences for large numbers of people and that was generally recognized as a condition or behavior that needed to be addressed. Mrs. Agu further said that contemporary social problems in Nigeria include: cultism, examination malpractice, religion and ethnic conflicts, HIV/ AIDS. She said from the definition above reading was the solution to life challenges.

She described Mother tongue language as a vital phenomenon in forming the thinking and emotions of people. “Learning to speak in the mother tongue is very necessary for a child's comprehensive development”. She said being fluent in the mother tongue, which is known as the native language, benefited the child in different ways. It associates him to his culture, it ensures and enhances cognitive development, and support in the learning of other languages.

To improve the quality of education, language policies need to take account of mother tongue learning' she added. Models of education which ignores the mother tongue in the early years and be unproductive, ineffective and have a negative effect on children's learning

SSG to Kogi State government. Mr E. O. Amurawaiye, in his goodwill message commended the Management of the National Library of Nigeria In its struggle to enforce literacy in the Country, he said “it's not easy people have no regards for education in this Country but pursuit for money and material things and that their consciousness must be rekindled.

State Governor on Administration. Mrs. Hauwa Yussuff, Director commercial services, DG, Confluence radio, Mr K. N. Abdulmalik, the Education Secretary Ikoja LGEA, Royal father's from the Maigari's Palace, Mrs Balagbobo, Dean General studies, Kogi State polytechnic, The keynote speaker, Mr O. D. Akobe, lecturer from Library and Information Science College of education, Ankpa, represented by the Chairperson Nigerian Library Association Kogi State lectured the participant on the importance of reading culture.

(5) schools, with pupils, students, teachers and parents graced the occasion. Reading competition and spelling bee were part of the activities of the programme.



The director of programs, Confluence radio station Ikoja Kogi State. Mal. Omuya Salami.



The HoB Mrs AGU, O. E at the confluence radio station Ikoja, on sensitization talk on the importance of reading and reading in our mother tongue. The anchor is Mal. Salami Omuya



The keynote speaker of the RPC, Mr Akobe, Oluwatosin Daniel, lecturer dept. of library and information science, Kogi State college of education Ankpa, rep. the NLA chairman Kogi State chapter.



From left Mrs Daniel Victoria Iyabo, director schools SUBEB Kogi State, Haj. Nana Hauwa Yusufu, director commerce, confluence radio station, rep. DG. of confluence radio, Alh. Kasim Ndaaji Abdulmalik, Educational secretary Ikoja LGEA Kogi State, Mr Akobe Oluwatosin Daniel, keynote speaker, Mr E.O. Amurawaye SSA to Kogi State governor and rep. of SSG Kogi State, Mrs Enekeyi Chinwe rep. of NL/CEO, NLN, Mrs AGU, O.E. Head of branch Kogi State, and Mal. Omuya, Salami director programs Confluence radio station Ikoja Kogi State

Day two of the RPC took place at the Lokoja town hall, on the 27th September, 2022 from left is Haj. Nana Hauwa Yusufu, she rep. the director general of confluence radio Ikoja. next is Mr Ephraim. O. Amurawaye, rep. of the SSG Kogi State, Mrs Enekeyi, Chinwe, rep. of the NL/CEO National Library of Nigeria. Mrs Balagbobo, Lola. Dean general studies Kogi State polytechnic Ikoja, next is Mrs AGU, O. E. HoB Kogi State Branch, and Mr Salami, Omuya director programs Confluence radio station Ikoja Kogi State.



THE NLN PROMISES GANAWURI COMMUNITY a BOOK CLUB



PLATEAU STORY



Deputy Director Finance and Accounts NLN Mr. Yue A., right with Sarah M. HOB Plateau at Riyom L.G.A.

National Librarian, the Director Finance and Accounts Mr. Augustine Ada Yue in his opening remarks said “information is power and a reader has access to an information anytime he reads which gives him the power to be enlightened” he added that reading has the ability of strengthening the mental health of a reader, he said this years' theme tagged “Reading a Panacea to Societal problems” meant that reading was a solution in which Nigerians had to use to solve their societal issues. He noted that when Citizens were well equipped with knowledge, they make the right decision that would solve their societal issues, he said when people are educated they will be able to identify obstacles that hinders them from

The National Library of Nigeria would establish a Literacy Center/Book Club in Ganawuri Community of Riyom Local government Area of Plateau State Head of Plateau State Branch of the apex library of the nation Mrs. Sarah Emmanuel Mechelia made the promise when her branch took the campaign train of the Annual Readership Promotion Campaign to the Community on Tuesday 22nd September, 2022.

She stated that the campaign team took the advantage of the weekly market day of the Community and met with petty Traders, Artisans, and Farmers in the palace of the Paramount Ruler, the Atar Aten of Ganawuri Atar Yakubu. She



Augustine Yue Director Finance and Account delivering his speech in Jos

added that drastic measures had to be put in place in order to revamp the declined reading culture amongst Nigerians. Representative of the



Sarah meshelia head of Jos Branch deliverign her remarks at the program in Jos

development, he then charged Nigerians to consider reading as the only solution to their problems. In a keynote address, the Head of





Plateau Branch campaign train on the move



Schools that participated in the Spelling bee competition together with Members of high table in Jos



Mrs. Sarah Meshelia head of Jos Branch at the Radiio Station for a special program in Platueca

Department Library and Information Science Plateau State polytechnic, Mr. Daniel Danpo also called on all stakeholder to redouble their effort to strengthening the education sector to enable development in this Country. He said that the purpose of reading was to connect the ideas on the page to what you already know he added, reading Improves comprehension, Develop a broad background, he noted that “Reading also anticipate and predict happenings, it help a reader Know the structure of paragraphs, Create motivation, interest, It makes a reader pay attention to supporting innovations and strategies, also help him build a good vocabulary”.

In his goodwill message the Chairman Riyom Local Government Council Mr. Mape gwampson who was represented by his deputy Mr. Yakubu Hokk promised to support the effort of the National Library to expand this

campaign beyond this level, he also encouraged the Local Community People to embrace the reading habit. The Aten Attah of Ganawuri also in his good will message applauded the National Library of Nigeria and expressed appreciation for choosing their community on this very important program and ensured that His Palace would not let this opportunity leave them, he assured that a Reading Literacy centre or Reading club be made to keep his people up and doing to cultivate the reading culture.

The Dignitaries present at the event included the Deputy Chairman Riyom LGA Mr. Gaitang Jillo, The Chairman of the traditional council, Ataa Atten of Ganawuri, The Director Finance & Acct. NLN and his team. Sec. to the council, Education Sec., Rep. of the Legislative council, supervisory councilors, The keynote speaker, Rep. Of NLA, Chairman Author's Assoc., Rep. Of Writer's Society, Plateau State chapter



Presentation of book club materials to the paramount ruler of Ganawuri and community members



Distributing of reading materials to the hard to reach by the head of Plateau State Branch Mrs. Sarah Meshelia



Students seated at the Plateau State Readership Promotion Campaign

READING A POWERFUL TOOL FOR SELF AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- PROF. ANUNOBI



NASARAWA STORY



The National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi speaking to the participants during the annual readership promotion campaign at Tazu Hall, Doma Nasarawa State

The National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi has described reading culture as a powerful tool for self and national development, she made this known during the National Library of Nigeria's annual readership promotion campaign, held in Doma Local Government Area of Nasarawa State on Thursday, 29th September, 2022.

The campaign which was organized by the State branch of the apex Library of



Head of Nasarawa State Branch, Mrs Isa Rifkatu Sylvanus, addressing the participants at the annual readership promotion campaign in Doma, Nasarawa State.

the nation had gathered commendations from many Nigerians looking at the declined nature of reading culture amongst Nigerians. The National Librarian in an efforts to educate Nigerians to embrace the culture of reading, described it as a powerful tool for self and national development, she cited an example of all the developed nations in the World that has achieved great developmental projects through

technological advancement. She said even in agricultural sector, no amount of success would be recorded except through reading.

Meanwhile in her welcome address, the Head of Nasarawa State branch, Mrs. Isah Rifkatu Sylvanus stated that "Reading is indispensable in our lives because through it we get informed, enlightened, educated, also widen our horizon" she noted that reading should be part and parcel of all Nigerians not only for self utilization and examinations but because there is a lot to discover in reading which can lead to personal and National development. To this end, she encouraged everybody to be involved in the cultivation of Reading culture and the establishment of Reading clubs and libraries especially in schools, the Communities, homes, hospitals. She revealed that when 'we are not informed we shall be deformed, so we should avoid any form of distraction as far as reading is concern'.

Dr. Faga Asom, A lecturer from Federal University Lafia, Nasarawa State presented a paper on the theme of the campaign: ' "Reading as a Panacea for Solving Nigeria's societal problems" He commended the National Librarian/ CEO and the Management for organizing this program. As the saying goes "my people perish for lack of



Presentation of gift(books) to the community leader Mr Isa Mohammed by Mrs. Mafe Titilola for start up of community library in Doma Nasarawa.

knowledge". 'This is to say when we don't Read we will not discover many truths that will set us free from darkness'. 'We shall not discover the great opportunities in other countries. Ways of finding solutions to our problems would not be found'. To this end, he encouraged all to continue in the sensitization of the reading culture, so that the culture of reading would remain alive and not die. We should portray and becomes examples of reading culture to others in order to promote the reading culture effectively.



Nasarawa Branch Staff singing the RPC 2022 Anthem Song titled 'Come and Read in National Library of Nigeria where there are Reading materials, Ict, books and Serials'.



Dr Faga Asom, a Lecturer from the Federal University of Lafia, Nasarawa State presenting his paper on them of the campaign 'Reading as a Panacea for Solving Nigeria's Societal problems'.

NATIONAL LIBRARY TO SUSTAIN READING CAMPAIGN ON HARD TO REACH COMMUNITIES



ADAMAWA STORY



Hard reach Campaign in Namtari Village Adamawa State

The National Library of Nigeria had pledged to sustain the Readership Promotion Campaign in the hard to reach communities embarked upon by the Organization in order to expand the operation effectively. This promise was made on Monday 7th November, 2022 by the head of Adamawa State Branch Mr. Alfred Sussomin Maidoki at Namtari Community, Yola South Local Government Area. Maidoki urged the Community people to take the message seriously to cut themselves off from the disease of illiteracy, he noted that illiteracy has no place to stay in Nigeria as far as National Library of Nigeria remain in existence. He acknowledged that most of the Communities outside the Capital States in Nigeria were suffering from

this chronic disease called illiteracy, he then promised that National Library of Nigeria would continue to sustain the campaign to deliver Nigeria from illiteracy and enhance development. He said that in 2019 the apex Library of the nation went round Nigerian Correctional Service Centers with the same campaign train. He said he was surprised when he met one of the Officers from the Command and the Officer thanked him for carrying out that campaign, the Officer confirmed to him that the reading section established at the Center nationwide was very successful since after the campaign, Inmates became very serious on their studies, he said many of them would be writing next year's Senior Secondary examination. Maidoki urged the community people to consider the opportunity as an eye

opening for them to embrace the culture of Reading and enhance development for them.

In his goodwill message, Mr. Saleh Musa, from the Public Relations, National Library of Nigeria stated that Readership Promotion Campaign was one of the statutory functions of the apex Library of the nation and which had been running very successful throughout the County to sensitize Nigerians on the importance of reading. Reading not only to pass examination but reading to know everything around the globe. He revealed that according to statistics Nigeria was amongst Countries with the lowest reading culture, he therefore encouraged the community people to try and cultivate the habit of Reading in order to develop themselves better.

He added that the campaign was currently going on nationwide in communities where out of schools children were predominantly large.



Responding, the Councilor of Namtari Ward, Yola south Local Government Area Mr. Elisha Bitrus expressed appreciation on the efforts put together by the National Library of Nigeria by enlightening them to embrace the culture of Reading, he said the idea was most needed in their community because the number of children who were out of school were very high, he added that not only children even Adult both Men and Women were in dare need of this culture. Mr. Bitrus also noted that he has spoken with his Chairman, which he promised to sustain the effort by providing tutors who would be teaching people and children in the community, he said he remembered an incident of a Man who brought Rat poison to his Wife but couldn't

explained to her the purpose, the wife would have used it in the family food until the intervention of a neighbour that save the situation. The Head of the Community (Mai jimila) Alh. Sahabo Lawan in his opening remark expressed appreciation to the National Library of Nigeria for choosing their community in carrying out the campaign, he promised to utilize the opportunity and expand it beyond. He also revealed that if tutors were made available, the community people would give them the needed support. There was also presentation of white Board, Marker, Pencils, writing books and learning aids to the Community people to enable them kick off the learning process.



Head of adamawa state branch handing over reading materials to community leaders in Namtari Adamawa state

NLN ORGANIZES READING CAMPAIGN IN JADA



Mr Musa Saleh addressing participants at the session

The National Library of Nigeria has on Tuesday 8th November, 2022 organized reading campaign in Jada Local Government Area of Adamawa State. The National Librarian Prof. Chinwe V.

Anunobi represented by Mr. Saleh Musa from the Public Relations Division in her opening remarks reiterated her commitment to ensure that Nigeria became a reading nation in no distance time. She maintained that it was only through the cultivation of a reading culture a Country achieve development, she added that the benefit of reading could not be over emphasized, she said “Reading reduces stress and engender relaxation, it improves concentration and averts memory loss known as Alzheimer”, she noted that “reading expands vocabulary and strengthens writing abilities, it also widen horizon and boost knowledge and wisdom, she added that it increases imagination and enhance creativity”, she noted that reading also helps widen and increase critical thinking capabilities and provides sound intellects.

Prof. Anunobi maintained that this campaign was one of the mandates of the National Library of Nigeria and which the organization conducted successfully, she said the activities was an annual event designed to capture the entire nation. (The head of Adamawa State Branch, Mr. Sussomin Alfred Maidoki also in his welcome address encouraged Jada residents to ensure that reading culture became norm in the Community to improve their development, he told them to look inward and emulate people like the former vice President of Nigeria Alh. Atiku Abubakar, Alh. Bamanga Tukur former Presidential candidate in Nigeria who both of them happened to be from Jada Local Government Area and they became successful because of a good reading culture. Mr. Alfred advised them to



The keynote speaker Mr. Abbas Adamu a lecturer from Modibbo Adamawa University drew the attention of the participants in his paper presentation title "Reading a panacea for societal problems" spoke extensively on how reading remain the only remedy for any societal issues, he attributed that most of the societal vices the country is facing were as a result of reading culture. He said Nigerians don't consider research as the key to solving many issues, he noted that when a good research is carried out and successfully implemented could help in resolving issue.



convert a class in their Schools in to a Library and enforce Library section in their timetable to develop the culture of Reading. (The Vice Chairman Jada Local Government Adamawa State, Mr. Dauda S. Kalasa in his response expressed appreciation to the Management of the National Library of Nigeria for organizing this very thoughtful program to enlighten Nigerians on the importance of Reading culture nationwide, he said he believed

Nigeria would come out great very soon, he added that no Country could achieve development with illiteracy, he maintained that creating the awareness of literacy was good and remained the best option for greatness in Nigeria. He lamented that the level of insecurity bedevilling this country was because of low literacy rate, he noted that people were not aware of the dangers of illiteracy in the nation, especially the younger generation who don't know what to do until they are told. He encouraged the residents to ensure that total attention was given to the messages and also adhered to it strictly.

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The event featured a reading competition between G.S.S Jada, Atiku Abubakar GSS Jada, LCCN Jada, Alhalim Academy Jada, Government Day Secondary School Jada Central and Special Education School Jada, which turned out to bring Government Science Secondary school Jada as the winner followed by Atiku Abubakar Science Secondary school Jada as second and LCCN Jada the third, the schools received award of Tablet, reading books and reading books respectively. There was also light refreshment.



Alhalim science secondary school Jada at a reading competition

LCCN secondary school Jada at a reading competition

NATIONAL LIBRARY

URGED TO SUSTAIN READING CAMPAIGN



The Chairman Jere Local Government Area of Borno State, Hon. Barma Galtimari urged the Management of the National Library of Nigeria to sustain the tempo of the readership promotion campaign in the entire Country in order to improve on the education sector of the nation which would enhance development on all facets of live. He made this known during the annual readership promotion campaign organized by the apex library of the nation held in his Secretariat at the Jere Local Government Area of Borno State on 17th October, 2022

Hon. Galtimari also stated that Borno State was one of the States with the majority of out of school Children in the Country, he noted that not only Children, there were number

of Adults that were not literate enough to help themselves in a literate Society. He said that this reading campaign would go a long way at resuscitating the decline reading culture in the Country.

Hon. Galtimari also pledged his Secretariat support towards sustaining this effort to achieve the goal of a literate Society.

Earlier in her opening remarks, the National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi revealed that reading campaign was a mandate of the Organization to reduce or eradicate the level of illiteracy in the country, she said that these efforts would continue to spread through all quarters, nooks and crannies of the country until Nigerian became a literate society. She mentioned that the campaign train was organized in the past at



the Royal Palaces, met with Nursing Mothers in Hospitals, entered Motor Parks and the Nigerian Correctional Service Centers nationwide all in an efforts to enlighten Nigerians on the importance of cultivating the reading culture. Represented by the Secretary to the Board of the National Library of Nigeria, Mr. Abdulrahman Abubakar she noted that this year's campaign has its theme "Reading as a Panacea to Societal Problems" organized to reach out to the Hard to Reach Communities nationwide where out of school Children and illiterate Adults were predominantly large. She added that National Library of Nigeria would try to utilize all strategies to achieve in converting the Nation into a reading nation



Staff Members of Borno state branch, from Right Hajjiya Nafisa I bello the head of branch, Buhari maina chara, Aisha Abubakar, fatsuma Sulaiman and Halima baba shehu during the reading campaign in Jere local Government Borno state

KADUNA BRANCH TARGETS MAKERA COMMUNITY FOR **READING CAMPAIGN**



KADUNA STORY



The Kaduna State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria targeted the Makera Community of the Kaduna South Local Government Area, Kaduna for its 2022 annual readership promotion Campaign in order to reach out to the Hard to Reach Nigerians which was the target of this year's slogan.

The campaign train which was put together by the Staff members of the branch with a number of students and concerned adults held a very robust rally on Tuesday 01 November, 2022 and marched alongside Youth Corp Members who were serving at the Kaduna South

Local Government Area of Kaduna State through the Street of Yakubu Gowon Way up to the Makera Community where the pep talks and campaign slogans were carried out in order to call the attention of the Community people.

Staff Members and other supportive individuals carried placards and banners and some fliers which were distributed to people at their shops at Market environment, they met with petty traders, Artisans, Okada Riders passersby to encourage them to embrace the reading habit.

Meanwhile on Wednesday, 02 November, 2022 the campaign also took place at the Kaduna South Local Government Secretariat, Makera_Kakuri where people from all spheres of life attended. (The National Librarian Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi ably represented by the Director Public Services Department Dr. Mrs. Oluchi Iche Kalu described Reading as a solution to mental degeneration, misinformation, fake

news, Yahoo business and lots of other societal ills among the youths in particular. She said Reading Bridged the gap between uninformed and informed, rich and poor, leaders and followers. The National Librarian, Prof Anunobi further explained that the aim of the campaign was to reawaken reading consciousness among Nigerians by way of promoting the availability and use of good reading materials. She noted that reading campaign would continue to take a center stage in the activities of the National Library of Nigeria until Nigeria is free from a threat called illiteracy.

In her welcome address, the head of Kaduna Branch of the apex library of the nation Mrs. Martina Egwuibe stated that Reading was a universal phenomenon and a tradition as there was practically no vocation across the world that did not require reading. She said in this contemporary time, artisans and tradesmen ought to be able to read and write so as to



Suleiman Abubakar, Director of Special Duties, Kaduna Polytechnic Kaduna also presented a paper titled "An Overview of Benefits of Reading to Individuals and Society" lectured the participants on the dangers of illiteracy and lack of sustained reading culture amongst Nigerians, likewise what an

5. Ansarudeen Primary School, Makera
6. Government Day Junior Secondary School, kakuri

function properly in their day to day activities. She further explained that “reading shapes the Mind, as no Nation can develop or sustain her development with illiterate citizenry, which is as a result of poor reading culture of the people”. She encouraged the children to read beyond just to pass examination but they should read extensively to develop themselves and their communities and the country at large.

In his good will message, the Zonal Coordinator, National Orientation Agency Kaduna State Alh. Galadima Zubairu Soba also expressed happiness and appreciation over the untiring efforts of the National Library of Nigeria in ensuring that the reading culture of Nigerians greatly improves. He called on all relevant stakeholders to join hand with the National Library of Nigeria to fight this menace to a minimal. The keynote speaker, Dr. Mohammed



individual and the society stands to gain as a result of been literate through positive and sustained reading culture. There were: Quiz, Spelling Bee and Reading Competition between the following schools:

1. Maimuna Gwarzo Girls Secondary School, Tudun-wada
2. Government Day Senior Secondary School, kakuri
3. Sani Dauda Model Academy, Makera
4. Betty Queen International Schools, Sardauna Crescent, Kaduna



students at the campaign

TARABA STATE BRANCH ORGANIZES READERSHIP PROMOTION CAMPAIGN



TARABA STORY



Representative of National Librarian/CEO Deputy Director Mr. Abdulazeez Adewole delivering a speech

Represented by a deputy Director in the apex library of the nation Alhaji Abdulazeez Adewale, the National Librarian emphasized that the aim of bridging the gap between the uninformed and the informed Nigerians. Reading therefore was considered a very important solution to societal problems. In her welcome address, the head of the Taraba State branch Mrs. Rhoda Aranda also explained the reason for taking the campaign to the hard to

of constant reawakening of a call to cultivate the reading culture, because the level of illiteracy was relatively high. She also gave a pep talk on the importance of reading to the community members who complained of not getting job after completing their studies. (In which many people shared their experiences on how constant reading habit has improved and changed their lives.

Mrs. Aranda said that reading was a spring board of any literacy program, hence the need for the National Library Nigeria to keep the good work by annually reaching out to the market women, artisans, Okada riders, petty traders and the vulnerable in the society to keep enlightening them to cultivate the reading habit.

In his keynote address, the Chief Librarian, Taraba State University Dr. Idris Israel Habibu considered the theme of this year campaign as truly a round peg in a round hole. He said “presently in Nigeria, societal problems acts against the norms, morals and ethics of the society its self”, he added that which made life very uncomfortable to all the people in



speaker Dr Habibu Israel Idris who is also the chairman of Nigerian Library Association(NLA) Taraba State Chapter

reach community in Kona, Zing Local Government Area of Taraba State where the literacy book and reading clubs were established, she said people in this community were in dare needs

The National Library of Nigeria Taraba State Branch has on 18th October, 2022 organized its 2022 annual Readership promotion Campaign at Kona Community, Zing Local Government Area of the State to reawaken Nigerians to embrace the culture of reading. Speaking during the event, the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi said that the annual Readership Promotion Campaign was designed to reawaken reading consciousness among Nigerians in order to eradicate the rate of illiteracy. She said this year's theme was chosen to be reading as a panacea for societal problem which was expected to impact on the indigenous people and the hard to reach Nigerians, encouraging them to learn the basics of reading in their mother languages.



Renaissance Secondary School, Zing took first position in reading competition



Second position goes to GDSS Secondary School, Zing. Gift presented by the Kpanti Zing Alhaji Bala Suleiman



Taraba State Branch on its Hard to Reach campaign at Zing Local Government.

the Country, he lamented that this should not be allowed to degenerate to a bigger societal problems that could consume the nation at large.

Mr. Habibu noted that the answer to this societal problems remained “Reading as a panacea” because reading remained the germane solution. Through reading humans being should have the tools to transmit knowledge to each succeeding generation. He revealed that disposition were essential for nurturing emergent readers, He went further to say that reading exposes one to hidden issue that were of value to self and the society at large.

In his goodwill message the Honorable Commissioner for Tertiary Education, Mr. Edward Gideon Baraya expressed happiness and appreciation to the Management of the National Library of Nigeria for this giant effort to sensitize Nigerians on the importance of reading, he said that the importance of reading cannot be over emphasized, he affirmed that reading has become an indispensable skill in the modern world. He added that reading was also needed for effective functioning in the society and also an intellectual activity which helps to develop the mind and personality of human beings.

The deputy chairman Zing Local Government Area, Hon. Basil A. Waseh in his goodwill message also emphasized that truly reading was a panacea to societal problems because “reading exposes one to new things, improves his understanding, gain experiences from other people, reading is a tool for communication, also boost imagination and creativity”. He charged the community people to consider this national message as imperative and help spread it to their neighbors, so that the entire community could change for the better. He thanked the management of the National Library of Nigeria for the opportunity.

The Kpanti of Zing Alhaji Bala Suleiman also called on spirited individuals, corporate institutions, nongovernmental organization and most especially the government at all levels to extend the developmental initiatives toward full funding of our learning centers more especially the libraries in order to sustain the reading clubs for effective utilization of the Readership promotion Campaign of the National Library of Nigeria.. Meanwhile the Director of Taraba

State Library Board Mrs. Saratu Joseph in her goodwill message summarized reading as an aid to language development, she said that reading encapsulate an individual development, societal and civilization development. Hence the theme of this year Readership Promotion Campaign (RPC) was timely. She also extended her utmost appreciation to the National Librarian/CEO of the National Library of Nigeria Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi for organizing the program and the choice to target the hard to reach. There was quiz and reading competition amongst Schools including Government Day Secondary School, Zing, Government Day Secondary School Tsohon Gari Zing, Renaissance Secondary School, Zing in which award of tablet and reading



Presentation of material for the formation of readers club by the representative of NL/CEO DD Abdulazeez Adewole to the chief of Zing Kpanti Zing, standing by him is the deputy chairman of Zing LGA Hon Basil A. Waseh and the director of library board Mrs saratu Joseph jalingo.

materials were given to first, second and third position.

BAUCHI STATE BRANCH TAKES READING CAMPAIGN TO ORPHANAGE AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN



BAUCHI STORY



Head of branch handing over gift of reading materials to a winner of competition

The Bauchi State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria had on Tuesday 18th October, 2022 took its 2022 annual readership promotion campaign to the Ambassador Muhammad Chadi Abubakar Orphanage and Vulnerable Children Technical College, Bauchi State to reawaken the consciousness of the people to embrace the culture of reading. Head of branch Mallam Abubakar Hambagda disclosed during the campaign that reasons for choosing the college to rally round the campaign of the apex Library of the nation was to give the Children enthusiasm and skills to develop their intellect and perseverance, he noted that looking at the efforts put together by the Proprietor of the College Ambassador

Muhammad Chadi Abubakar and the performances recorded by the collage, he said the Children needed more empowerments and encouragement to sustain and build them becomes righteous Leaders.

Hambagda also noted that, reading campaign was one of the mandates of the National Library of Nigeria which was running in all the States of the Federation to sensitize the general public on the importance of reading culture.

In his welcome address, the Principal of the collage Mallam Rabi Muhammad expressed happiness and appreciation to the Management of the National Library of Nigeria for discharging this laudable advocacy on the sensitization of the reading culture,

he revealed that this efforts must not be allowed to be swept away under the Carpet, he called on Government at all levels, non governmental Organizations and the spirited individuals to key in to this efforts to improve the education sector to develop the nation to an Industrious Nation to attract all kinds of investments in Nigeria. He noted that no Country could survive without education and technology, Nigerians must wake up to develop their nation.

The President Bauchi State reading club Association, Mr. Zakari Yau Sani also in his message applauded the efforts of the National Library of Nigeria for organizing this campaign, he said that their reading club has been organizing similar event like this in which he solicited the support of the National Library of Nigeria to explore their quarterly reading campaign to reach out to more Nigerians

There was Presentation of gifts to the Principal of Ambassador Muhammad Chadi Abubakar Orphans and Vulnerable Children Technical College Bauchi to encourage them develops the Read habit.

In the same vein, the branch also on Wednesday, 19th October, 2022 took the campaign to Kafin Madaki Headquarters of Ganjuwa Local Government Secretariat Conference Hall where the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi addressed the participants, she noted that National Library of Nigeria was saddled with the responsibility to sensitize all Nigerians to embrace the reading culture, she said the campaign was running successfully in all the States of the Federation and presently was reaching out to hinterlands where majority of out of Schools Children and non educated Adults were mostly found.



National Librarian/CEO, (Sarkin Kafin) Village head of Kafin Madaki Education secretary of Ganjuwa Local Government Area, Head of branch NYSC Corps Members and other dignitaries in a group photograph



National Librarian/CEO Prof Chinwe Veronica Anunobi inside the main palace called Baban goni and Head of Administration explain thing to the National Librarian/CEO

She solicited the support of all stakeholders to spread this message to villages and other vulnerable environments to sensitize the general Public on the importance of reading culture.

Guest Speaker Dr. Johnson Akpena Associate Professor, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi presented a Paper titled “Inculcating Reading habit in changing World tool for sustainable economic development Continuous education and social inclusion”

Also a Motivational speaker, Dr Farouk Aliyu Kafi presented a same titled paper all in an effort to persuade the participants to take the message very seriously.

Closing remarks by the Village Head of Kafi, Alhaji Ibrahim Teso, he expressed appreciation to the National Librarian/CEO, Head of Branch and

the entire Management of National Library of Nigeria for choosing his Community to hosting the 2022 Readership Promotion Campaign in Kafin Madaki Headquarter of Ganjuwa Local Government Area, He prayed that may Almighty Allah bless all more especially the Management of National Library of Nigeria.

He pledged to donate a piece of Land so that National Library of Nigeria could assist to build and equip a befitting Library in Kafin Madaki Bauchi State to enable Villagers have access to a library.



Participating Schools, Government Girls Technical College (Special School) Kafin Madaki, Government Day Secondary School Kafin Madaki,



The National Librarian Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi with students in Bauchi state during the campaign

Government Day Technical School Kafin Madaki, Government Day Junior Secondary School Kafin Madaki in which quiz and reading competition were held and there was an award of gift and other reading materials to all Schools.

NATIONAL LIBRARY TAKES READING CAMPAIGN TO KWADON IN GOMBE



The National Library of Nigeria had on Wednesday, 19th October, 2022 took it annual Readership Promotion Campaign to Kwadon Ward, Deba Local Government Area, Gombe State to actualize its mission to reach out to the Hard to Reach Community and

sensitize them to embrace the reading culture. Speaking during the campaign, the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi stressed the need for Communities across Nigeria to cultivate reading habit in order to improve on their development. She



Hakimin Kwadom delivering his speech at RPC Gombe

said that "There is no doubt that a reading society is an informed and knowledgeable society that contributes to economic and all-inclusive development of the country. This is because reading has become an integral part of human life". She added that "this means that no society can develop socially, politically, educationally, technologically and intellectually without focusing on reading as an integral basis for development".

The National Librarian also emphasized that reading adds quality to life, provides access to culture and cultural heritage. She noted that reading empowers and emancipates people's attitudes and way of engagement. Reading also improves focus, memory, empathy and communication skills.

Represented by Head of Legal Deposit Department Ms. G. Akpabio, Prof. Anunobi charged all community leaders, Royal Fathers, Clergy Men, Principals of Schools and District Heads to communicate this message to their people so that Nigeria would be a better place for all.

Earlier in his welcome address, the head of Gombe State Branch, Abubakar Yakubu Musa described

Kwadon as business environment with lots of Agricultural produce, he said that if this adventure could romance the reading habit, the sky could be their limit. He noted that there was what was called mechanize farming and could only be achieved through reading to advance on technology and improve the Agricultural activities, he advised the people of Kwadon to venture into reading culture to advance their Business. Musa also urged the people of Gombe in general to imbibe the culture of reading and more importantly making use of the National Library to expand their horizon. He stressed the need to establish libraries in all the secondary Schools in Gombe State to build education beyond examination purposes. The Honorable Commissioner of education who was represented by Director of Administration Deba Local Government Alh. Muhammad Ardo, described the campaign as necessary considering the rate of insecurity; kidnaping, cattle rustling and Boko Haram menace that bedeviled Nigeria for close to two decade. He promised to contribute his quota for the

realization and sustainability of the campaign. He noted this struggle could not be a responsibility of one person or one Agency of government but a responsibility of all Nigerians. He then charged government at all levels, non governmental Organizations to support National Library of Nigeria to advance this campaign beyond this level. Many concern personalities also contributed and advised that there should be establishment and



RPC day at Lafiyawo. The guest speaker Alh. Ahmad Muhammad Dakku, Director of Programmes @ Gombe Jewel FM



Head of Gombe Branch, Mallam Abubakar Yakubu Musa with principal Librarians, Mrs Faith





Participating Schools in the quiz and reading competitions included: Amtas Secondary School Deba, Upper Benue



Star prize being presented to Amtas Sec. School Deba by NL rep. Mrs Akpabio



Secondary School Dadinkowa and Government Day Secondary School Kwadom in which an award of Android Tablet and reading materials were given to them respectively.

Earlier on Tuesday 18th October, 2022 the campaign train was at the Lafiyawo community for the Hard to reach and



Hakimin of Kwado presenting consolidating prize.

vulnerable community where reading aids and materials were issued to community leaders to set up a reading club

GOV. AKEREDOLU COMMENDS NATIONAL LIBRARY ON READING CAMPAIGN



Head of branch Mr. Salawu delivering the welcome address in ondo state

The Executive Governor of Ondo State, His Excellency Arakunri Odunayo Oluwarotimi Akeredolu has commended the National Library of Nigeria on its annual readership promotion campaign nationwide. He made the commendation on Wednesday, 12th October, 2022 at the Local Government Secretariat Hall, Igbara - Oke Ondo State venue of the National Library of Nigeria's 2022 annual readership promotion campaign, where he said National Library has been doing marvelously great sensitizing the entire Nigerians on the importance of Reading culture. Represented by his Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Mrs. E. A. Adegoke, Mr. Akeredolu stated that the theme of this year's campaign "Reading as a Panacea to Nigeria's Societal problems" was very apt and a rallying point for all critical stakeholders in the education industry to brainstorm and proffer possible solution to curb, if not totally eradicate the myriad of the Nation's societal problems.



He added that Nigerians must commend National Library of Nigeria due to the fact that the country has gradually loosing the culture of Reading more especially amongst youth and learners, he said this lackadaisical attitude must not be allowed to consume the Country but require urgent attention by all and sundry.

Gov. Akeredolu lamented that the current decline in the reading culture has largely contributed to the change we experienced in our value system, he noted that creating a reading culture amongst all Nigerians should not be the responsibility of an individual or one agency of government, he advised that it required the dedication, perseverance and efforts of all stakeholders in Nigeria.

He advised that revamping the culture of Reading amongst our teeming population, with a view to eradicating all societal vices that had become bane to our national development became necessary. Gov. Akeredolu also stated that education has been regarded as mainstay of the economy, it remained one of the core areas of interest to the Ondo State Government. He added that educational advancement and human capital development were the key parameters of the State Government's Eight point agenda.

He said that presently his administration has made some laudable interventions in the education sector which included: upgrading of schools libraries and laboratories

across the state among others all in an efforts to improve the education sector. Earlier in her opening remarks, the National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi seeked the support of all States Governments, non governmental organizations and all stakeholders in the education industry to come together and eradicate illiteracy and make it free from societal problems.

Represented by her Special Assistant on Administration Mr. Dele Aworinde, the National Librarian decried the number of out of schools children and non educated Adults in Nigeria that kept increasing with speed, she cautioned that if campaign like this was not taken very seriously the Country was going into doom. She charged governments at all levels to give much priority to education sector in order to enhance economic, social and technological development in Nigeria.

Earlier in his welcome address, the head of Ondo state branch Mr. B. A Salawu stated that the two days program which focused on the grassroots and Community based were arranged to hold in a selected Communities of a local government area in every State of the Federation. He added that the campaign used to hold in State Capitals and dominated by Elites, civil servants and political office holders. He said the rational behind it was to extend participation to

Royal Fathers, Chiefs, Artisans, Market women, traders who were equally stakeholders, so as to avail them the opportunity to also make positive contributions with the hope that their participation would greatly impact on the community at large. Mr. Salawu also stated that " we all have role to play to compliment Federal Government's efforts through the National Library of Nigeria towards making Nigeria a knowledge based Society.

The event featured a paper presentation by a former University Librarian, Federal University of Technology Akure Ondo state Dr. Belawu Gbadamosi on the title " inculcating reading culture in a changing world" in his deliberation he focused more on the dangers of lack of good reading culture in Nigeria.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN IFEDORE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IGBARA-OKE, ONDO STATE Which included:

1. Community high school, Isarun.
 2. Community/Oluwa high school Igbara-Oke
 3. Anglican grammar school, Igbara-Oke
 4. Prospect secondary school, Igbara-Oke.
- Community/Oluwa high school was awarded with an Android Tablet.

Others were given reading materials.



**NLN TAKES CAMPAIGN TO OGBORONDOKO
COMMUNITY IN KWARA**



Visit to Ogbondoroko Community Primary Health Centre

The National Library of Nigeria as part of its mandate to sensitize Nigerians on the importance of Reading culture has taken the 2022 annual readership promotion campaign to Ogborondoko Community in Afon, Kwara State on Monday 26th September, 2022. The campaign team, led by head of Kwara State Branch Mrs. Adebimpe Olani were received on arrival by the Village head Alhaji Ibrahim Babatunde Aro who welcomed them with enthusiasm and happiness, he expressed appreciation to the Management of National Library of Nigeria for organizing a reading campaign in their community. Alh. Aro also promised to support the efforts by making sure that his community and the neighboring communities utilized this great opportunity, he advised other stakeholders to key into the campaign in order to achieve its goal which was to eradicate illiteracy in Nigeria. Earlier in her opening remarks, the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi stated that the aim of the campaign was to improve reading culture in Nigeria, she said that according to statistics Nigeria



Alhaji Ibrahim Babatunde Aro (Mgaji Ogbondoroko) with his C.S.O. while Mrs. Olani (H.O.B) delivers her Speech / Address

was amongst Countries with lowest reading culture in the World, she added that if nothing was done to curtail this unwarranted situations, Nigeria would find it difficult to achieve the sustainable development goals' target of UNESCO by 2030.

Prof. Anunobi revealed that National Library of Nigeria being the apex Library of the nation would continue to sustain this efforts until Nigeria's reading culture improved beyond mere reading to pass examination. She charged all stakeholders to support National Library of Nigeria to eradicate illiteracy in the nation.

Prof. Anunobi represented by her Special Assistant on Administration, Mr. Dele Aworinde also noted that “reading reduced stress and engender relaxation, it improve concentration and avert memory loss”, she said it also expand vocabulary and straighten writing skills. The Emir of Ilorin Alh. Sulu Gambari represented by Alh. Anafi Kola Balogun (Daudu of Afon) in his goodwill message, applauded the Management of National Library of Nigeria in its struggle to eradicate illiteracy from Nigeria by using this strategy of Reading campaign, he added that this could not be left unsupported by all, he then charged all and sundry to support this efforts by spreading the message to other

general

However, the campaign also featured a paper presentation by the Head of Department, Library and Information science , University of Ilorin Dr. Isah Abdulmumini titled " the nexus of Reading habit, socioeconomic conditions " where he advised Nigerians to cultivate the habit of starting reading from Home, he advised Parents to establish libraries in their Homes which would attract people to inculcate reading habit.

Dr. Abdulmumini also advised National Library of Nigeria to always choose books for purchase and called on Media to creates jingles on the importance of Reading culture which would be aired across all Media Houses nationwide, he also advised Government at all levels to ensure formulation of sound and workable educational policies. Chairman Afon Local Government, Alh. Abduljamiu in his address also expressed appreciation to the Management of the National Library of Nigeria for bringing the campaign to his area council. He promised to reach out to all community people, convince them to embrace the habit of reading and promised to render his unalloyed support to achieve the goal of this campaign.

In her goodwill message, Director Kwara State Library board Mrs. Ademola Segun stated that necessary step must be taken to monitor schools libraries and to also establish library where there was not in Kwara State and to enforce Library hour in schools. She added that Kwara State library board has done much in this direction and seeking more support from government in order to cover the entire state. Many people showered in their contributions and advice to the development of education in general during the campaign.

The campaign team had also organized a reading competition amongst schools including Government Secondary School Afon, Government Secondary school Ogborondoko , Hakilah Secondary school Afon, Ansarul Islam Secondary school Afon and C&S Secondary school Ogborondoko in which a tablet and reading materials were donated to winners respectively.



KANO STATE BRANCH ORGANIZES READING CAMPAIGN IN BICHI



KANO STORY



Mr. Kenneth Ahonsi delivering opening address representing the National Librarian at Kano State RPC



Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed Bichi doing justice to his paper at Bichi Kano.



Kano Head of Branch; Yakubu, K.L. addressing members of Sabo village on the occasion of our visit to the Hard to Reach community

The Kano State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria had on 02 November, 2022 organized its 2022 annual readership promotion campaign in Bichi Local Government Secretariat Hall, Kano State in order to reach out to the Hard to Reach Nigerians to sensitize them embrace the reading culture. This years campaign was designed to capture local people living in the hinterlands with majority of out of school Children and illiterate Adults. Speaking during the campaign, the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi represented by a Deputy Director in the Public Services Department of the apex Library of the nation, Mr. Kenneth Ahonsi disclosed that Nigerians must wake up to embrace the reading culture to enhance development in their lives and their

environment at large, she noted that the World was now a digital environment which required everybody to relate in the same manner. The National Librarian also cited an example of the cashless banking system that Nigeria adopted which she said this meant that to operate a bank account, the account holder must have some technological knowledge, she said to operate your phone also requires literacy and these were the reasons why National Library of Nigeria would not fold its arms and watch Nigerians living with abject illiteracy and underdevelopment. She added that this efforts became necessary to unravel the cause of underdevelopment in Nigeria. Prof. Anunobi stated that most operations were likely to turn digital in no distance time and also encouraged Nigerians to think deep and consider

reading culture as the only solution to their problems. She revealed that the theme " Reading as a Panacea to Societal Problems " has been carefully selected to make Nigerians understand reasons for the campaign. The National Librarian also solicited the support of all stakeholders to come together in this direction and eradicate illiteracy and enhance development in the Nation. Earlier in his welcome address, the Head of Branch; Mal. Yakubu, K .L. said this year's campaign theme was apt when viewed against the backdrop of illicit vices currently bedeviling our nation. He said Such vices included but not limited to banditry, kidnaping, prostituting, drug abuse, armed robbery, and terrorism among others. He further said as part of the National Library's efforts at improving readership amongst Nigerians, this campaign



Cross section of participants at NLN RPC in Bichi Local Government Kano

Nigerian Correctional Services, all in an attempt to sensitize Nigerians irrespective of class or region on the importance of reading habit.

He congratulated the people of Bichi Local Government for their choice to host this year's campaign. He advised that campaign would spread to more local villages where act of illiteracy was more, he said villages like Ungogo Local Government among others.

He posited that “when our people engages in reading, there will be opportunities for learning new things and improve the effectiveness of our decision making process”. According to him “to read is to learn more and this justify the saying that readers are leaders”.

He concluded his address by appealing to parents to be part of their children learning processes and opined that a child who reads will master the art of pronunciations, develop his/her vocabularies, communicate effectively and above all understand better the environment in which he/she lives.

The Secretary to the Local Government; Alhaji Garba Usman Dan Aya who ably represented the Special Guest of Honour who was also the Executive Chairman of Bichi Local Government Area; Prof. Yusuf Moh'd Sabo commended the National Library for the honour done to them when one considered the number of Local Government Areas in Kano state. He assured that this opportunity would not be left under the carpet, he said his administration would ensure total support to establish more libraries in the local Government Area at strategic locations to encourage people to read.

The Keynote speaker, Executive Secretary, Kano State Library Board; Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed Bichi who spoke both in English and Hausa Languages in his



Some members of Sabo village community At Community outreach at Sabo Village Bichi L.G.A Kano state

paper presentation on theme of the campaign "Reading as a Panacea for Societal Problems" charged Kano State people to take message very serious to improve their life and their environments with lots of developments, he said reading could be used to ameliorate the present situations in the country.

4 schools comprising of 3 secondary and 1 primary schools respectively attended the program.

The 3 secondary schools participated in the keenly contested reading and quiz competitions which saw Bichi Foundation School casting home the 1st prize of a Reading Tablet. The 2nd position went to G.S.S, Bichi and G.G.S.S., Bichi came 3rd.

It is interesting to note that while 3 prizes were supplied by the Headquarters, the Kano State Branch staff provided additional 2 prizes that was presented to the primary school in attendance, while the remaining one was presented to the student who read fluently a book written in mother tongue. Reading clubs was established for all the schools present at the occasion.

There was a general discussions by the stake holders during the event on ways to promote reading culture which included to establish moribund libraries at strategic locations in Bichi Local government be equipped with reading materials.

became absolutely necessary if our national challenges must be tackled in the bud. Yakubu noted that a high reading society like the one we were envisaging for our country was a 'less crime free society in which it could be achieved only with cultivation of the reading culture'. He added that reading must therefore be seen as an integral part of our daily routines.

Chairman of the occasion, a former Director in the apex Library of Nigeria, Alhaji Sanusi Abdullahi Nasarawa stated that “reading leads to learning and learning leads to education which is not only imparted in conventional institutions”.

He reiterated that, 'we are concerned about encouraging our people to strive to key into the development of indigenous languages and be able to use it to document to our family, political, cultural and religious values. We must ensure that the indigenous languages of our people do not go into extinction'.

He traced the history of the campaigns in the last six years and said that it was organized for pupils of both primary and secondary schools in Kano metropolis.

He observed with keen interest how the campaign kept expanding to motor parks, hospitals and custodial centre of


LAGOS STORY**PROF. ANUNOBI
ASSURES
EFFECTIVE LIBRARY
SERVICE DELIVERY**

National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi in an opening remarks at Lagos Reading campaign

The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi has assured Nigerians of effective Library service delivery to all part of the Country. She made this known during the 2022 annual readership promotion campaign organized by Lagos State branch on November, 29th 2022 held at Mushin Local Government Secretariat, Lagos State. The National Librarian emphasized that National Library of Nigeria would not rest until Nigerians understand why reading could change their lives and respond to it. She noted that the campaign would expose them to know where they are and where they should go in life, so that they can appreciate Nigerian government for its efforts towards converting Nigeria into a literate society. Prof. Anunobi revealed that reading materials were provided to all local Areas visited during the campaign nationwide to kick start a reading club, she solicited that volunteers should be provided within the localities to teach those who could not read and write. She said Nigerians needed to know the basic requirements for them to develop themselves. Prof. Anunobi expressed optimism that after the campaign Nigerians would begin to think deep on how to develop their minds. She believed that if people don't exercise their brains through reading, there was no tendency for

them to think positively. She advised that to keep all societal vices such as robbery, banditry, terrorisms and other related negative issues that bedeviled the country out of the country then adopting good reading culture became imperative. She also believed that “a reader is always a Leader and a reading nation is a developed nation”. She stated that its through reading people engage in an entrepreneurship to create materials, she said “an idle mind would continue to remain idle until there is a push to awaken such person to know what is going on around him, National Library of Nigeria is providing such push”. The National Librarian advised all Nigerians to wake up and pursue reading culture to develop themselves and together develop Nigeria. She advised Youth not to wait for government's employment, rather they should embark upon reasonable entrepreneurship.



Executive Chairman, MUSHIN local government, Lagos State, Dr. Emmanuel Olanrewaju Bagmiboye at the reading campaign in Lagos

Prof. Anunobi said that in the past the campaign used to be held only in Abuja but after 2015 the development spread to all the 36 States of the Federation and now we entered into hinterlands, where most of the out of school children and illiterate Adult were found. She noted that 'we plan to reach out to all the 774 Local Government Areas of Nigeria'. she added that the campaign was at the Hospitals, Nigerian Correctional Centres, Motor Parks and Royal Places all in an efforts to see that Nigeria become a reading nation. Earlier in her welcome Address Mrs. Obianuju Onuorah, Head of Lagos State Branch maintained that readership Promotion Campaign was an annual event carried out by the National Library of Nigeria as part of her statutory mandates to ensure that Nigerians develop a reading culture, thereby helping the country eradicate illiteracy and poverty. This year's Campaign was flagged off by the Hon. Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, represented by his State Minister, Honorable Good luck Nanah Opiah on the 15th September, 2022 at the Conference Hall, Federal Ministry of Education, Abuja. She expressed satisfaction that the Campaign was now spread in the thirty six states of the Federation and the



Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. She revealed that so far, thirty three states have all done their programme successfully.

She said the theme of this year's campaign was 'Reading as a panacea for societal problems'. Mrs. Onourah stated that "as we know, reading fosters creative thinking, builds inquisitive mind and enhances life long learning abilities of a person. Anyone who acknowledges the importance of reading and privatized reading excels in various spheres of life, be it educationally, economically, socially and politically. Reading is a vital tool for human development. Youths are encouraged to imbibe good reading habit as it will empower them and make them more relevant in the society. Reading gives opportunity for those who drop out of school, out of school children, the socially excluded members of the society, etc, to be educated and to reclaim relevance in the society through continuing education, adult literacy"

In the course of the programme, 'we shall form a Book club'. This, we hope, will give birth to other book clubs in primary and secondary schools in Mushin and its environs. This will be the bedrock for encouraging readership in Mushin community. Mrs. Onourah informed the gathering that the campaign was a two day event. started yesterday at Ilasa Community with a sensitization rally for traders, market women, mechanics, hawkers, out of

school children, Hair dressers and the general public. She stated that people were enlightened on the importance and benefits of reading and the need to continue with their education through adult literacy programme. She added that people were also informed that the National Library intended to establish an adult literacy centre in their community. The head of branch also expressed appreciate to the Executive Chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye who greatly supported the branch and made the venue available as well as inviting his people to come out in their numbers to witness the event.

Mrs. Onourah also acknowledged the support of publishers and authors who assisted



in the organisation of this programme through the donation of books and other materials for donations.

Dr Mrs Racheal Opeyemi Odunlade, the keynote speaker at the campaign described the literacy rate of Nigeria dropped from 62 percent in 1992 to 52 percent in 2006. She said this implies

that the illiteracy rate in the country was 48 percent. It also meant that rather than improving on the literacy rating, Nigeria keeps on retrogressing. She noted that "Most of the problems we have in this country were traceable to the level of illiteracy. The above assertion indicated the place of reading in the general development of man and his society. Many of the societal ills such as poor standard of education Illiteracy, terrorism, Poverty, Child abuse, Nepotism, Rape, Corruption, Unemployment, Insecurity/insurgency, Ignorance, Inequality, child mortality, Bad leadership, Domestic violence, Hooliganism, Tribalism and so on that was rampaging Nigeria would have been better managed if only we were literate.

She remarked that a situation in which a large number of people rarely read, either because they lack the skill or simply because they do not care enough to take time to concentrate, she advised this would pose serious problems in the future. This was because reading was not just for school, it was for life.

In his goodwill message, the Executive Chairman, Mushin Local government Area Dr. Emmanuel Olareawaju Bamigboye commended the Management of the National Library of Nigeria for this unalloyed commitment sensitizing Nigerians to embrace the culture of reading, he said this efforts would just be swept under the Carpet, he assured that his administration would support this program to strengthen it to achieve the goals. Hon. Bagmiboye also urged other stakeholders to key into this project to eliminate illiteracy from



Albaji Akidu Oseni Baale of Ladipo market representing the Royal Father of the day His Highness Oba Fatai Aileru, Oba of Mushin Kingdom



Dr. Taiwo Ajayi NLA Lagos Chapter. She gave a goodwill message



Lagos state reading campaign. Prof. Uluocha Anyanwu, Institute Librarian, Nigeria Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Lagosat the reading campaign in Lagos



Head of Lagos State Branch, Mrs. Onourah Ohiamijin delivering her will come address at the reading campaign in Lagos



Prof. Anunobi presenting an award of a Tablet to a winner

Overall best Student: Ipoola Jegede (ILUPEJE SNR SECONDARY SCHOOL)

Nigeria, he noted that the only solutions to Nigerian's problems was to embrace reading culture, because reading can teach values. "Whether you read from a religious text or secular text, you can learn and teach the difference between right and wrong and explore various cultural perspectives and ways of life". Also in her goodwill message, Prof. Uluocha Anyaogu, the Institute Librarian, Nigeria Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Lagos also described the theme of the campaign as well chosen 'Reading as a Panacea to Nigeria Societal Problems' she said it was very apt and timely. She added that National Library have seen the need to create, promote and sustain reading habit in this present days where READING has become a plague or seen as a pandemic that must be avoided at all cost. She noted that "It is now obvious that reading cannot be avoided in this information age, where knowledge and information is the order of the day". The society that

wanted to develop socially, economically, and politically cannot afford to neglect this important factor because of all the benefit we derived from reading.

"I want to say categorically here that reading is the building blocks for learning and development. It is therefore necessary for the youths to read in order to compete with developed world and have greater achievement." Prof. Anyaogu affirmed that "this organized campaign would show us how we as teachers, government, proprietors, parents, librarians, and all other stakeholders could be more involving in executing this effort. The beauty of this program is for us to do our bit in our space so that this effort will not be a waste."

She added that "We need parents, school owners, and the government to rise and take up this great challenge in mitigating and

reviving the present poor reading culture. NGOs, media houses, philanthropists, and publishing houses should also contribute their quota." However, many other dignitaries have showered their contribution all in support of promoting the decline reading culture in Nigeria. The event also featured reading and quiz competition among schools including, Names of schools:
ATUNRASE SNR HIGH SCHOOL, MUSHIN.,
RANSOME KUTI Senior MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, MUSHIN,
EKO BOY'S SNR HIGH SCHOOL, IDI-ORO, MUSHIN,
ILUPEJU SNR SECONDARY SCHOOL, ILUPEJU,
ESTATE SNR GRAMMAR SCHOOL, ILUPEJU, BIRCH FREEMAN SNR HIGH SCHOOL, SURULERE. and there was awards of a Tablet and reading materials given to



YOBE STATE STORY

YOBE STATE BRANCH TAKES READING CAMPAIGN TO MAMUDO VILLAGE

The representative of the National Librarian, Arch Orshi Ayatse delivering speech.

The Yobe State branch of the National Library of Nigeria has on Tuesday 18th October, 2022 took its annual Readership promotion campaign to Mamudo Village, Potiskum Local Government Area of Yobe State. It would be recalled that Yobe state branch has been on closure since 2012 due to insurgency that affected the branch. The tragedy destroyed the branch forcing its closure for up to a decade. Library services has recently restored at the branch after its renovation that took place sometime last year. Though despite its closure, National Library of Nigeria couldn't allow reading campaign seized completely, the event used to be organized at the Emir's Palace. Speaking during the campaign, the National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi represented by Architecture

Orshi Ayatse, expressed happiness and gratitude to the Almighty God for restoring library services at the State, she lamented that the long period of closure must have affected education sector in the State, but expressed optimism that efforts must be put in place to engage other stakeholders to improve library services in the state. She noted that "reading can teach values to enable people know between right and wrong, she added that development comes only when Members of the Society were literate. She also sought the support of other stakeholders to come to the aid of Yobe people to improve the education sector. His Royal Highness, Alh Idrisa Garba The Lamba of Mamudo In his speech expressed satisfaction and stated that commitments that needed to be put in

place within the state to improve Education, he said Literacy and Numeracy were a light in any human life. He noted that "if you are not educated, you are incapacitated" He also applauded the efforts of National Library of Nigeria for bringing hope to the hopeless community. Hon Ado Hamza Ngojin, Vice Chairman, Potiskum local government area who represented the chairman. In his speech, also commended the effort of the National Library of Nigeria in the sensitization exercise that took place throughout the Country on the importance of reading culture. He said the only way to acquire knowledge remained through reading, and when knowledge is acquired and put to use it surely brings succour to any difficult situation. He affirmed that commitment of stakeholders be judiciously utilized by all Nigerians to improve the Country's development. At the end of the competition, Government Day Junior Secondary School Yarimaram (Army) became first prize winner, Government Day Junior Secondary School Kara became second prize winner, while Government Girls Day Junior Secondary School Kwata became the third prize winner. Then four reading clubs were also formed to improve Library services in the state.



The First Prize Winner



Student at the Quiz and reading competition in Yobe state



Cross section of students at the yobe campaign



Paper presentation by the keynote speaker Mal Muhammad Bappayo Bajigo



Chairman's opening remarks: Hon Ado Hamza Ngojin

JUSTICE DANLADI MUSA APPLAUDS NLN ON READING CAMPAIGN



KATSINA STORY



Representative of the National Librarian,
Mrs. Titilola Mafe delivering opening remarks at Katsina state campaign

The Chief Justice of Katsina State, Justice Danladi Musa had applauded the annual reading campaign of the National Library of Nigeria, he made this known at the 2022 annual campaign organized by the Katsina State Branch, held at the Emir's Palace in Batagarawa Local Government Area of Katsina State, on 01 November, 2022.

The Chief Justice also expressed commendation to the Management and Staff of the apex Library of the nation, he said he had been following the campaign from year 2017 which had been very successful, he noted that the campaign has been expanding with speed from Emir's Palaces, Nigerian Correctional Centers, Hospitals and Motor Parks in Cities to local villages and hinterlands nationwide all in an efforts to remove illiteracy in Nigeria. He told the gathering that because of the passion he had on the campaign, he participated in all campaigns organized in Katsina State, he added that not only that, he used to invite other prominent personalities within Katsina to participate. Justice Musa also stated that efforts from the State Government

needed to be put in place to strengthen the campaign to cover the entire State. He said he took the matter to the Executive Governor of Katsina state, and very soon State government would partner with the National Library of Nigeria in this campaign.

Earlier in her welcome address, the head of Katsina State Branch, Amina Sayyadi Maje charged the participants to take this campaign seriously, she said that the level of illiteracy in the North was relatively high, she added that the level of development too not very encouraging, Amina said this was as a result of low level of reading culture in the region. Amina said reading benefits not only the individual, but also the society as a whole. When a country has high literacy rates it meant that a large proportion of that population has adopted reading culture. She revealed that Nigeria's current illiteracy level according to statistics stood currently at 31 per cent. Amina noted that this was a significant reduction from the statistics of 38% in 2015" She noted that this improvement proved that National reading campaign of the National Library of Nigeria was yielding result.

The head of Katsina branch maintained that adapting to good reading culture in Nigeria became necessary to enhance development.

Also in his keynote presentation titled "Reading as a Panacea to Societal Problems", Dr. Sani Abdu Fari, a University Librarian, from Umaru Musa Ya'r adua University Katsina called on Nigerians to adapt to good reading habit to salvage Nigeria from all Societal problems.

Meanwhile, the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi represented by her Special Assistant Titi Lola Mafe in her opening remarks stated that Readership Promotion Campaign became a statutory imperative in the National Library of Nigeria, budgeted for on annual basis, she said the first



Representative of the Chief Justice of Katsina state
Engr. Ibrahim A. Maimaje



Presentation of Reading materials at Dandagoro Community in Katsina State Campaign



campaign took place in the first week of November, 1981 as Library week and subsequently became a yearly event conducted by the National Library of Nigeria. Prof. Anunobi added that prior to 2015, the campaign was restricted to one location in the Country, she said but before 2006 to 2009 it was held in the International Conference Center in Abuja. She said in 2010 it was moved to Edo State Capital, Benin City and subsequently rotated amongst the other five geo- Political zones. Prof. Anunobi affirmed that a turnaround was made in 2017 when the campaign was designed to hold in all the States Capitals in Nigeria where students and pupils of secondary and Primary schools were invited to ensure that the menace of lack of reading habit is addressed. However, the campaign featured reading and quiz competition amongst schools in Batagarawa Local Government Area of Katsina State including in which a reading tablet and other reading materials to the three

winners.

Government Day senior Secondary School Tsanni

Government day senior secondary school Kofar kaura

Government day senior secondary school

Government secondary school for the blind katsina.

Government Senior secondary school Batagarawa.



Cross Section of participants at Batagarawa Local Government of Katsina state



Panel of Judges at Katsina Reading Competition



NLN Katsina Branch in Batagarawa Local Government Katsina state November, 2022

JIGAWA STATE BRANCH TAKES CAMPAIGN TO KYAWA VILLAGE



JIGAWA STORY

The Jigawa State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria had on 2nd November, 2022 took its annual readership promotion campaign to Kyawa Local Government Secretariat, Jigawa State in order to reach out to the

Hard to Reach Nigerians to sensitize them on the importance of emulating the reading culture.

Head of Branch Mr. Alhassan Mustapha Abdul in his welcome address disclosed that the idea to choose Kyawa local government was as a result of the level of education backwardness the people of the village were facing. He pointed out the level of illiteracy in Kyawa local government was very disturbing to many people at the region. Mustapha also expressed appreciation to the Management of the National Library of Nigeria for expanding the campaign to the Hard to reach Nigerians, he said this would help many Nigerians benefit from the sensitization.



Paper Presentation by Dr. Abbas A. Abbas, Executive secretary Agency for mass education Jigawa State



First prize presented to Day Science Secondary school by Mrs Abdulazeez Mistura



District head of Sakawa Alhaji Zabhradini Basiru Sanusi. The Rep of commission of education Alhaji Abdullabi Hudu and the chairman of Kyawa Local govt Alhaji Bala cbamo at day one campaign in Jigawa state

The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi represented by Mrs. Mistura Abdulazeez expressed optimism that National Library of Nigeria would reach out to all the Nooks and crannies of Nigeria to sensitize them on the importance of emulating the reading culture. She said this was a mandate of the Organization and it was taken with all seriousness, she urged Nigerians to consider it as most serious event. She reiterated the Organization's commitment at delivering this mandate until illiteracy was wiped out from Nigeria. Prof. Anunobi revealed that development could never be achieved in any Society until Literacy improved in that Society.

The Executive Secretary, Agency for Mass Education in Jigawa State, Dr. Abbas A. Abbas in Paper presentation disclosed that there were several types of reading, but the type that should be used depends on the purpose which the reader has in mind. He said the speed to be used in reading and the level of concentration also depends on the reason for reading. He added that "reading is indispensable in

education and no meaningful academic exercise can take place without a serious and concentrated reading on the part of the learner. Dr. further noted that there were three types of reading, namely: (a) reading for pleasure (b) reading for close understanding (c) reading for required information. Commenting on reading for pleasure Dr. Abbas maintained that "when we read for pleasure, we should



Dutse capital secondary school reading competition and spelling bee jigawa state

read rapidly and should not need to concentrate consciously." He said this type of reading often used in reading novels, especially when the reader wanted to occupy his free time. The purpose of reading during this type not serious; rather, the reader just wanted to enjoy a creative work for enjoyment. Dr. Abbas charged the participants to emulate good reading habit.



Jigawa State campaign for hard to reach



Government commercial secondary school reading competition and spelling bee Jigawa state



Judges of reading competition on spelling bee Jigawa state

NLN TO CREATE LITERACY CENTER AT UDI LOCAL GOVT. ENUGU STATE



ENUGU STORY



Director Public Services Department Dr. Mrs. Oluchi Iche Kalu, represented the National Librarian at Enugu



The National Library of Nigeria has assured Udi Community of Enugu State a robust and effective literacy Center to improve the literacy awareness of the Community, this was made known by the National Librarian Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi when the Enugu State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria organized its 2022 annual readership promotion Campaign at the Community on 16th November, 2022. The National Librarian during her opening remarks at the occasion reiterated her commitment to the revamping of the declined reading culture among Nigerians. She said that promotion of the reading culture in Nigeria was one of the mandates of the National Library and which could not be taken with levity, she added that unless Nigerians became well educated on the importance of reading, National Library of Nigeria would continue to support the promotion of reading culture in the Country. Prof. Anunobi represented by the Director Public Services Department Dr. Mrs. Oluchi Iche Kalu assured the community people of unalloyed commitment of the National Library of Nigeria toward the establishment of effective library services in Nigeria, she also stated that but this effort would only be achieved when the

People of the Community support National Library of Nigeria in return by taking the commitment with all seriousness. In her welcome address, the Branch head of the Enugu State Mrs. Rachel Neboh stated that over the years the targets of this campaign were Children and Youth in Primary and Secondary Schools, but few years ago in order to ensure that no social strata was neglected, she said the Organization re-strategized and extended the exercise to the Pregnant Women in Maternity Homes, Inmates in the Nigerian Correctional Centers, Passengers and Drivers in Motor Parks across the Country and sensitized them and advocating knowledge and creativity of the citizens through various literacy activities. She said the

theme of this years campaign was "reading a panacea for Societal problems". Also in her goodwill message, a Librarian Mrs. Chukwuma B.N informed the Community people that reading campaign was meant to address groups with risk of education-related problems, Adolescent lack of proper education was associated with social crimes which include, but not limited to unwanted pregnancy, drug /alcohol abuse, school failure, gangsterism, cultism and get-rich-quick syndrome. Mrs. Chukwuma advised that now that the Societal value system has crashed and was walking on its head, she maintained that reading was sure the only panacea for Societal problems. She assured



Dr. Mrs Kalu at the center, Mrs.Neboh Head of Enugu Branch with School at Enugu State



Presentation of gift (reading materials) to a winner at Enugu State by Dr. Mrs Kalu



Mrs Nebob and staff on street campaign in UDI, Enugu State



Cross section of the 2022 RPC in UDI Local Govt. Enugu State



Mrs Nebob and staff on the street campaign in UDI, Enugu State.



Cross section of the 2022 RPC in UDI local govt. Enugu State



Presentation of gift (reading materials) to a winner at Enugu State by Dr. Mrs Kalu

the National Library Management and entire Staff that their effort to change the status quo would never go in vein. She added that the advocacy through the stakeholders and gatekeepers of the communities might be slow but she said with consistency the stimulation and revival of reading culture would be achieved.

Many other prominent personalities including his Royal Highness the Igwe I. O. Ayalogu, Esa 1 of Ngwo Asaa,

Chief Humprey Ozoani, Okpokoto Enugwu, Ohanyereze 1 of Enugu Ngwo expressed appreciation to the Management of the National Library of Nigeria for bringing the campaign to their Community and promised to sustain it and beyond.

The Campaign featured reading, spelling B and quiz competitions amongst Schools including: Community Secondary School, Ngwo., Hidden Treasures High School, CPS

Amachalla Ngwo., CPS Enugu Ngwo, Girls' Secondary School Ngwo , King's Kids International College, Maranatha Group of Schools., Colliery Technical College in which they were awarded with a reading tablet and other reading materials to first, second and third winner, meanwhile other students also got a text book as gift to encourage reading habit. Cultural dance was also their as entertainment.

COLLABORATE WITH GOVT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO BOOST READING CAMPAIGN - DR. UKPANA



AKWAIBOM STORY



Prof. Felicia Etim delivering her goodwill message at the NLN campaign in Abak, L.G.A Akwaibom state

The Chairman of Nigerian Library Association, AkwaIbom State Chapter, Dr. Mercy E. Ukpanah has urged National Library of Nigeria to collaborate with Government, Agencies of Government and Parastatals to boost the dwindling reading culture in Nigeria.

Dr. Ukpanah made this advice at the 2022 annual readership promotion campaign organized by AkwaIbom State Branch which held at Abak Local Government Council Hall, Akwaibom State on Wednesday, 09 November, 2022

Dr. Ukpanah said this task must bring all Nigerians together to arrest this ugly trend of illiteracy in the Land, she added that illiteracy was a disease which its only cure remained reading culture by all Nigerians, she added that not in one segment of the Country but in its entirety.

she pointed out that reading was the foundation for the development of the individuals in all spheres of life. Unfortunately, reading was seen only as an academic activity and was neglected by the citizenry. She further observed that current technological trends has affected reading habits as our children spends more time on social media instead of books and related literature. This has affected the reading culture in Nigeria. She listed the ways of invigorating reading habit to include: collaboration between government and private organizations for the provision of good reading



Cross section of participants at the NLN campaign in Abak LGA AkwaIbom state



Director public services department Dr. Mrs. Kalu, Prof. Felicia Etim with school children during National Library Campaign at Abak LGA of AkwaIbom state.

materials to schools; sponsorship of reading promotions, establishment of book clubs in schools; introduction of reading as a subject in primary and post primary schools; she said the support of parents in the provision of reading materials to their children and wards and the revival of mobile library service in the public libraries.

The Chairperson encouraged the participants to revive their reading habits in their homes and in schools for the development of a better society in Nigeria.

Also in her goodwill message, the Chairperson of Network of Book Clubs and Reading Culture Promoters in Nigeria (NBRP) Professor Felicia Etim expressed happiness and appreciation to the National Librarian Professor Chinwe Anunobi for signing the Memorandum of Understanding {MOU} between the Networks of Book Clubs, Reading promoters of Nigeria and the National Library of Nigeria to establish a strong and viable reading promotion across the Country with the aim of eliminating the cancerous illiteracy in Nigeria.

"I enjoined all stakeholders in the

process to keep the pace going and even faster! Librarians, Book Clubs Managers, Readers in different genres, Persons of varieties of Information needs and behavior patterns, Children, Youths, elders, different professionals and senior citizens to read for pleasure, read to support decisions taken, read to give relevant and timely Information for research" Earlier in her opening remarks, the National Librarian Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi represented by the Director Public Services Department Dr. Mrs. Oluichi Iche Kalu expressed happiness at the turnout of people in Abak Community, she said this showed the sign of seriousness on the part of the People, she encouraged them to double their efforts to cultivate the reading habit.

Prof. Anunobi pointed out that no matter the effort people put to enhance development in their community if reading culture was not amongst the priorities, development would be difficult to be realized. She promised to render unwavering assistance to establish reading clubs in Abak Community. Mrs. Ebi, head of AkwaIbom State during her welcome address enjoined people from Abak Community to support National Library of Nigeria by adapting to changes to inculcate the reading habit, she said it was not easy but the result would be excellent, she assured. Mrs. Ebi told them reason for bringing this campaign to the Community was nothing but to encourage them to embrace the habit of Reading culture. She assured them to always reach out to her office in the Capital of Uyo for any issues relating to library services.

The campaign has however featured several other activities

including reading/quiz and spelling B competitions among schools in which a Tablet and other reading materials were awarded to the first, second and third positions respectively.

There was also a Formal Inauguration of GOLDEN BRAINS BOOK CLUB National Library of Nigeria, UYO BOOK CLUB

And ABAK BOOK CLUB, in collaboration with Network of Book Clubs and Reading Culture Promoters (NBRP) in Nigeria.

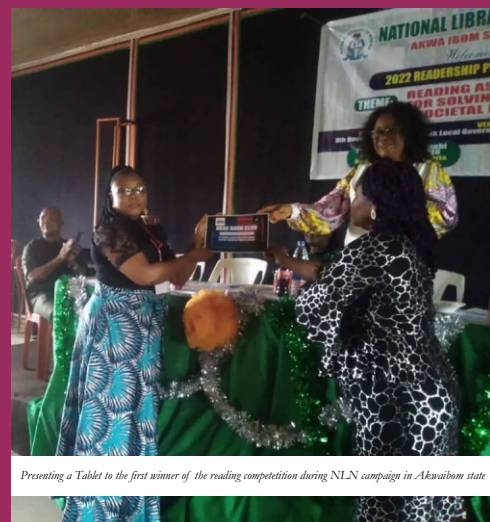
CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION/ AWARD PRESENTATION FOR THE WINNERS were also given

1st position (Tablet) : Church of Jesus Christ, Comprehensive Sec Sch. Atai Otoro. Abak LGA. Akwa Ibom State

2nd position Govt Tech College Abak LGA, Akwa Ibom State



Dr. Mercy Ukepanah Nigerian Library Association AkwaIbom chapter delivering her goodwill message at the National Library reading campaign at Abak LGA AkwaIbom state.



Presenting a Tablet to the first winner of the reading competition during NLN campaign in AkwaIbom state

NLN remains committed to THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLITERACY

- Prof. Anunobi



Mr James Kakah represented the National Librarian at the RPC sokoto state on 01 November, 2022

The National Librarian professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi made this comment at the 2022 annual readership promotion campaign of the National Library of Nigeria, organized by Sokoto State Branch held at the Sokoto South Local Government Area on Tuesday, 01 November, 2022.. The National Librarian maintained that illiteracy has consumed this Country and it would continue at this level until drastic measures were taken to salvage

the Country from collapse, she added that underdevelopment was caused by the level of illiteracy of a particular society, she said because when illiteracy bite harder underdevelopment would continue to stagnate the Nation. Prof Anunobi noted that illiteracy has remained a disease and could not be cured just like that until Government with citizens come together to address the menace. Prof. Anunobi represented by Mr. James Kakah opined that the literacy rate of Nigeria dropped from 62 percent in 1992 to 52 percent in 2006. She said this implied that the illiteracy rate in the country is 48 percent. It also means that rather than improving on the literacy rating, Nigeria keeps on retrogressing on reading culture until recently when reading campaign across the Country was prioritized. She noted that most of the problems we have in this country are traceable to the level of illiteracy. Prof. Anunobi advised that reading was not just for school, it was for life. Earlier in welcome address, the head of Sokoto State Branch, Alh. Zaki Jekada stated that the annual readership promotion campaign of the National Library of Nigeria was aimed at reawakening a positive reading

culture amongst Nigerians for their personal intellectual development, social and mental well-being and for National development. He said the campaign has taken a national approach since 2017 when it began to be held across all 36 states and the FCT through physical and media engagements with millions of Nigerians cutting across schools,hospitals, Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps, correctional facilities, motor parks and on both print and electronic media. The objective of the campaign was to ensure that all strata of the society embrace the act of reading as a lifelong habit and not as a response to



A Corp member coordinating the reading competition in sokoto state campaign



Mr. Ajani A right with Mr. Jams Kakah at the sokoto state campaign, 01 November 2022

compelling need, or of academic activity or job seeking. He advised that reading should be taken beyond the task of going through and understanding passages to a more conscious cognitive exercise that can enhance personal and societal growth and development. Alh Sani Umar, special Guest of honor and Education secretary Alhaji Aminu Mana from sokoto south local Govt in their goodwill messages expressed



appreciation to the National Library of Nigeria for organizing this type of giant campaign nationwide to enlighten Nigerians on the importance of reading culture.

The campaign has however featured a reading/quiz and spelling B. competitions amongst Schools including .Gagi model primary school, Community modern Academy Gagi, Air force primary/secondary school Gagi, Minanata model school, Sokoto in which an award of Tablet, and reading materials were given to winners.



Students who won the competition with some personalities at sokoto state 01 November 2022



Mr Zaki Jekada head of branch with a District head presenting reading materials to Primary School Students during company in Sokoto



His Royal Majesty Wilcox Seiyefa URGES GOVT'S MORE SUPPORT TO NLN TO BOOST READING CAMPAIGN



BAYELSA STORY



Mr Charles Okafor delivering national Librarian's paper in Bayelsa state reading campaign

His Royal Majesty Wilcox Seiyefa Job, the traditional Ruler of Swali Community of Bayelsa State has urged government at all level to increase their support to the National Library of Nigeria to enable the Organization boost the

current readership promotion campaign in order to achieve it's goals. His Majesty made the call on Tuesday 06th December, 2022 at his Palace also urged the non governmental Organizations {NGOs} and the prominent personalities to contribute to

the growth of this Country by supporting Organizations like the National Library of Nigeria whose mandate was to offer free services to the general public for developmental projects. He said this campaign had taken place nationwide on the promotion of reading culture amongst Nigerians. Mr. Seiyefa noted that this type of project needed more support for it to be successful. He opined that government should consider people living in remote villages, who were vulnerable to many vices in the Society, whose attention might not be gotten until through one on one interaction, he said he was amazed to see people from National Library of Nigeria at Swali Community in Bayelsa State for reading campaign. He said when the news got to him concerning the program, he quickly mobilized his Chiefs and Wards Heads including community people to be in attendance. The Traditional Ruler commended the Management and Staff of the National Library for this important project, he



NLN reading campaign on the street of swali community in Bayelsa state on Tuesday 6th December, 2022

assured that his community people would utilize this opportunity and beyond. However the second day of event took place at City Multipurpose Hall in Yenagoa Local Council Bayelsa State which featured a paper presentation with theme "Reading as a panacea to societal problems" by a Resource Person Mr. Desmond Egbegili who maintained that more than 70% of the population of Nigeria lives below the poverty line. He added that it was hard for people to earn enough to provide for good living which contributed to the low level of education. He said crimes have become the order of the day because of low level of education in the Country Mr. Egbegili charged Nigerians to embrace the reading culture and proffer solutions to their problems Earlier in her opening remarks, the National Librarian Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi represented by Mr. Charles Okafor called on the people of Swali community to key into this program as the only way to solving problems. She said National Library would continue to support this program to achieve greater development in the Country. In his welcome address, the Head of Bayelsa State branch, Mr. Nwabueze

Nwoko also urged students and the Community people to imbibe the culture of reading, as the only way to go. He said the fact that reading starts from cradle and would continue till grave he emphasized. Other activities like reading competition, spelling bee and cultural troupe from one of the schools were on hand to entertain. Prizes were won at the end of the competition. It was interesting to note that a student from Total Child Academy, master Genius, won the Star prize of a tablet. Consolation prizes were equally given out including reading materials amongst others were Ministry of Women Affairs Secondary and Primary School, Ovom, New Total Child Academy, Ngbi, Police Children School, Yenagoa, G. S. S, Ovom.



HRH Wilcox Sanyefa and his council of Chiefs in a town meeting with Bayelsa state Branch staff on the day 1 of the programme



Handing over materials to Swali community in Bayelsa state by the head of branch Mr nwabueze



Cross section of students being entertain by a cultural troupe in Bayelsa State



The star prize of the 2022 RPC being presented to master Genius of total child academy in Yenagoa, by Alhaji Aisha in bayelsa state

National Library Takes Campaign To Mgbuoba Community, RIVERS STATE



ANA Chairman, Chief Adi Wali making a presentation to the Miss Jewel Keowaji of Glittering stars International School Ogbogoro who took the second position in reading competition at the 2022 RPC event in Port Harcourt Rivers State.



Head of Rivers State Branch Mr Kingsley Egbulonu presenting an award to the first winner in Rivers State



Prof. Ibiere kEN-Maduakor of Ignatius Ajulu University of Education Iwofe, Port Harcourt delivering her key note address at the event in River State

The National Library of Nigeria had taken its 2022 annual readership promotion campaign to Mgbuoba Community, Rumuevuorlu in Obio Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State on 9th December, 2022 to sensitize the people of the community to embrace the culture of reading.

Speaking during the event, the National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi emphasized the need to cultivate the reading habit for self and National development, she assured the community people that National Library would continue to support them with reading materials and the establishment of a reading club which would give them a sense of encouragement to sustain the reading culture

In his Welcome Address, head of Rivers State Branch. Mr. Kingsley Egbulonu called on the people to understand the dangers of illiteracy in their communities which would not allow progress to prosper. He said this year's campaign with the theme "Reading as a panacea for Societal problems" was aimed at Sustaining the awareness already created by previous campaigns through improved and continuous advocacy also Promoting reading beyond sheer utilization and examination purposes, he noted that Stimulating the interest of Nigerian students in reading and learning so as to build their morale and cultural value for national development. He revealed that the campaign would also Stimulate the interest of public on reading and boosting of reading culture amongst Nigerians.

Mr. Egbolonu said it would also build active readers in Schools and the formation of reading clubs.

He lamented that in Africa, statistics showed that Egypt and South Africa were ranked as the most book reading Nations while Nigeria was conspicuously missing from the ranking table.

Mr. Egbulonu lamented that this narrative must not continue if Nigerians love to achieve development.

However, the Traditional Ruler of Rumuevuorlu Community Eze Doc. P. Akai represented by Mr. Bright Hardy expressed commendation to the Management and Staff of National Library of Nigeria for choosing their community for this very important sensitization program, he affirmed that his people must appreciate this gesture and would do everything humanly possible to establish more study centres to encourage the community people engage themselves to the inculcation of the reading culture.

Reading, quiz and spelling B. competition were also performed amongst the participating Schools including; Emmanuella Oshuvwu 1st postion

from CSS UBE Ogbogoro .Ikowaji Jewel



National Librarian, Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi centre, Head of Rivers state branch Mr. Kingsley Egbulonu second right, Mr. Okoro Deputy Director Human Resources and Admin Department with other Staff of Rivers state branches at the campaign on 09 December, 2022

Glittering stars international school Ogbogoro - Second position, Julius Victor Our lady of Lords Secondary School Uzoba- third position .and they were awarded with a Tablet, and reading materials to the first second and third winners respectively.



Participating schools battling it out during quiz/reading competition at the 2022 RPC Event in Port Harcourt River state

Read Hard To Become Well Acquaintance -

Prof. Anunobi



EDO STORY



Representing of the National Librarian Mr Innocent Odine delivering the opening remarks at Umegbe community, Edo State

Participating Schools at the program were: Pupils from Mafah Primary Educational Centre with 38 marks as against Pupils from Umegbe primary school with 10 marks, while Mafah Educational centre secondary school emerged the winner with 50 marks, as against Oghede Senior Secondary school with 30 marks in the secondary

level Quiz competition. Awarding of prizes to winners of Quiz and spelling Bee competitions and donation of books and writing materials to schools represented.

The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi had charged Nigerians to read hard in their life time which would transform them to become well acquaintance. The National Librarian maintained that as long as Nigerians desired to become well educated, well knowledgeable, well established, reading extensively remained the only way-out.

She stated this at the 2022 readership promotion campaign of the National Library of Nigeria organized by Edo State Branch held at Umegbe Community Town Hall, Iyekogba Benin, Edo State on Tuesday, November, 08 2022.

The National Librarian represented by Mr. Innocent Odine noted that reading was fundamental in developing a good self image. She said for example non-readers or poor readers often have low opinions of themselves and their abilities, their advice could not be recognized in their communities. "Many times they feel as if the world is against them, they would always feel isolated in a society" The National Librarian warned that lack of reading culture by Nigerians would pose a serious danger in the future. Head of Edo State Branch, Mr. Nicholas Ekoh, in his welcome address, expressed appreciation to the Management of the National Library of Nigeria for extending the campaign to the Hard to Reach communities, he said majority of people in the Rural areas needs this sensitization to improve their well being.



The High table at Umegbe Community in Edo state Reading Campaign



Group Photograph of the High Table personalities at the Edo State Branch RPC



Presenting of reading materials at Umegbe community in Edo State reading campaign of the National Library



Head of State Branch Mr. Nicholas with the students at readership campaign in Emogbe Community, Edo state



EBONY STORY



Head Ebonyi State Branch Reading the Welcome Address, Mrs Ifeoma Obi



Mrs Ifeoma Obi Ebonyi State Branch Staff sharing Reading Materials to all the participants at the reading campaign in Ebonyi state



Presentation of the Library Materials to the Ndieaguazu Umuoghara Community in Ezza South for the kickoff of the library centre in the community. Thanks to the community head HREI Ezeogo Nwaeke Igbo for the space given to us in their community Town Hall

READING CAMPAIGN TAKES CENTRE STAGE IN EBONYI

Reading campaign in Ebonyi State had taken a centre stage going by the declined reading culture amongst the people of the State that was observed by the Head of Branch, National Library of Nigeria in Ebonyi State Mrs. Obi Ifeoma who made the declaration in her welcome address at the 2022 annual readership promotion campaign organized by Ebonyi State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria held at the State Ministry of Education, Ochudo Centenary City Abakaliki on Wednesday 23rd November, 2022. The head of Branch maintained that she observed that people of the State did not bother much about emulating the reading culture rather the Students only read for examination purposes while the Adults were busy doing their businesses to earn a living. Mrs. Obi described the attitude as miscalculated approach, she noted that the branch happened to be a new branch with just about 2 years in existence might have the reason for the lackadaisical attitude toward reading culture, but the head of Branch promised to change the narrative.

Mrs. Obi also pleaded with the people of Ebonyi State especially the Students who were the future Leaders to form the habit of reading to aspire to become good and righteous leaders the State would be proud of. She advised that reading habit could be difficult to adopt but when a person begin with reading a page a day the habit would gradually be actualized.

Also in her opening remarks, the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi represented by an Accountant Mr. Bernerd Idah charged the people of Ebonyi State to try their possible best to develop the habit of reading as that could be a solution to many problems in a Society. She said development came only if the people that were literate enough to convert technology into development. Meanwhile Dr. Sunday Nwangele, the Commissioner of Education Ebonyi State in his goodwill message expressed appreciation to the Management of the National Library of Nigeria for taken out their time and energy to sensitize people of Nigeria to cultivate the culture of reading, he said this was a big task which could not be allowed to let go, he promised to engage Ebonyi State government to support this sensitization exercise to improve education in the State.

Earlier there was a Hard to Reach street campaign that also took place on Tuesday, 22 November, 2022 at the Ndieguazu Umuoghara Community in Ezza North, Ebonyi State where the campaign Train reached out to His Royal Highness Ezeogo Nwaeke Igbo and made a donation of reading materials including White Board, Markers and some books for the kickoff of a reading club in Ndieagazu Umuoghara Community in Ezza South, Ebonyi State

There was quiz, reading and Spelling B. Competition amongst schools including:

1. King David Gifted Academy.
2. Godis College Abakaliki
3. Christ Angels Int'l School Abakaliki
4. Evengel Comprehensive Secondary School. Abakaliki Girls High School Azuiyiokwu. Abakaliki while at the end of the competition winners were awarded with a Tablet and reading materials to encourage students to imbibe the reading culture.



HOB in group photograph with king David College during the Reading campaign at Ebonyi state

Ekiti State Branch Takes READING CAMPAIGN TO ISOKAN LOCAL GOVT



EKITI STORY



HOB Ekiti state Branch Mr Ajayi J. O delivering his welcome address during the 2022 RPC

The Ekiti State branch of the National Library of Nigeria on Wednesday 12th October, 2022 had taken its 2022 annual reading promotion campaign to Isokan Local Government Area of the State to sensitize the people of the community on the importance of cultivating the culture of reading.

The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi represented by a deputy Director Mrs. Ogunyemi M. W who during the opening remarks charged the people to be serious with all the messages because according to her all Societal issues were related to lack reading culture. In her goodwill message, the Director Ekiti State Library Board Mrs. Adeleye Yemisi described the role National Library of Nigeria played which enabled educative informative opportunity for the Citizens of the nation, she said it en-reached the knowledge individual in various disciplines where they undertook formal education and provide recreational opportunity and encourage constructive use of leisure time of the Citizenry. She noted that reading was a skill that

must be nurtured from child's earliest years, she said if children knew how to read they still needed support to reach their full potential as readers. Mrs. Yemisi told the gathering that most children with hostile learning atmosphere they used to have problems with reading and related language skills. She affirmed that reading was a solution to societal problems, she lamented that most of the issues in Nigeria today were attributed to ignorant of developmental skills and unenlightened mindset of the Citizens.

She called on government at all levels, non governmental organizations and the spirited personalities to support National Library of Nigeria who has this mandate to eradicate illiteracy from the Land. Earlier in his well come address, the head of Ekiti State branch, Mr. Ajayi J. O stated that it was a general observation that Nigerians were no more in a reading habit and this cut across all ages. He maintained that the campaign was designed to bring back the lost reading habit by Nigerian Citizens. He added that reading is a life long development, hence the theme of the campaign. Mr. Ajayi noted that a

reading nation was a developed nation and no nation could develop more than the level of her education.

Schools that participated in the campaign included:

1. Ekiti State Government College Usi Ekiti, Ekiti State.
2. Methodist Girl's High School Ifaki Ekiti, Ekiti State.
3. Fountain International High School Omisanjana, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State and were awarded with reading materials for encouragement



Best overall position from Ekiti State Government college, Usi Ekiti award delivered by Mrs. Ogunyemi



Group photograph with the students during 2022 reading campaign in Ekiti State Branch



BENUE STORY

PROF. ANUNOBI ADVOCATES THE NEED FOR READING CULTURE



The National Librarian Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi had advocated the need for improved reading culture amongst Nigerians for sustainable National development in the Country.

The National Librarian Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi made this call on Thursday 13th October, 2022 at the 2022 annual readership promotion campaign organized by Benue State Branch held at Mbakor Community Secondary School, Wannune, Tarka Local Government, Benue State. Prof. Anunobi reiterated the commitment of the National Library of Nigeria towards fighting against illiteracy. She stated that the apex library of the nation is ever ready to render any support towards the improvement of the reading culture in Nigeria. She charged the people of the community to take reading habit very serious in their entire life which would bring about development to them in the next generation.

Earlier in his welcome address, the head of Benue Branch Mr. Clement A. Mngba expressed appreciation to the community people for receiving the campaign train with warmed welcome, he said that the reason for the campaign was to spread the gospel of readership to the community and to ask the community leaders to form a reading



Student of Mbakor community secondary school at the grand final of readership promotion campaign for Benue State held at Wannuns, Tarka Local Govt Benue State

clubs or literary centers in order to assist the people of the community learn how to read and write and not only that but to cultivate it as a habit.

Mr. Clement noted that "when you're literate you will understand better the programmes of government and you will be more informed and become more enlightened to contribute



Group photographs of the staff of Benue State branch with other participants during the reading campaign at Wannune, Tarka, Benue State

meaningfully on a national issues." Also in his goodwill message, the Principal of Mbakor community Secondary School, Wannune Mr. Nyiesan Patrick Aondohemba expressed commendation to the Management and Staff of National Library of Nigeria for organizing the reading campaign in their community, he said 'who ever tell you to read, he wants you to become somebody in life' He promised to extend the messages to other localities so that more literacy centers would be opened. He acknowledged that this campaign was unprecedented, historic and significant to the entire community people and it would be taken with all seriousness. He said Tarka Local Government appreciate National library of Nigeria.

However the campaign featured Paper Presentation, reading, quiz and spelling B competition amongst schools. The schools are: 1. Mbakor Community Secondary School Wannune 2.T.B.T. College Wannune 3.Government Sec.School Wannune 4. Mbajjr Community Secondary School Wannune. First position of the Reading Competition went to Govt.sec. school Wannune, followed by Mbakor Community Secondary School Wannune. 3rd position went to T.B.T. College Wannune Benue State



Community outreach at the Wannune LGA during the Reading Campaign of National Library of Nigeria in Benue State

National Library organizes READING CAMPAIGN IN IDI OGUNGUN AND IRAGBIJI COMMUNITIES IN OSUN STATE



OSUN STORY



Chief Yinusa Adejiji, Representatives of Aragiji at Idi-ogungun village, Boripe local government, Iragbiji at the reading campaign of the National Library of Nigeria in osun State

The National Library of Nigeria had on Monday 10th and 11th October, 2022 organized the 2022 readership promotion campaign in Idi Ogungun and Iragbiji communities of Osun State Nigeria with the aim of fighting illiteracy in the land.

The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi represented by a Director planning Research and Statistics Department Mrs. Odogwu during her opening remarks at the campaign called on Nigerians to cultivate the reading habit in order to wipe away illiteracy in Nigeria. She noted with dismay that the culture of reading by Nigerians was not very encouraging looking at the level of technology that's been driving the globe recently. She said "technology is taking



Miss Taiwo Adyemi, Oke the winner of reading competition from Iragbiji secondary school, Iragbiji Osun State who won a Tablet

over the spaces recently, almost all spares of life is been taken over by technology", she said in the banking industry cashless policy is happening all over the World, in Agricultural sector, communication and Economy, health and engineering, she added that in transportation too technology has taken over. She advised that unless Nigerians be on their feet, the world would leave them behind. Prof Anunobi charged all Nigerians to cultivate the reading habit to counter this challenge. She said "illiteracy is a disease and it must be fought over to free Nigerians from it." Earlier in her welcome address the head of Osun State



Aragiji of Iragbiji: Oba Abdulrasheed, Ayotunde Olabomi (JP) Odundun IV. during the presentation of reading and instructional materials to Idi-Ogungun village Adult Literacy center in osun state

Branch Mrs O.O.Ayanyemi (CLN) attested to the fact that, Adults, especially Parents, Teachers and Librarians can help children become good readers by reading to them and encouraging them to read many kinds of materials and to read often, she then called on them to play their own parts by showing children the way to inculcate the reading habit. She noted reading plays an essential role in the daily lives of people generally. She added that people should develop that habit of reading books ,magazines and other printed materials for personal

information and recreation. She said people also read to learn more about their special interests, such as : sports, science ,current affairs , history, health and other books for fun. She then implored participants to rise and improve their reading culture. However, the campaign featured a Paper presentation on the theme " Reading as a panacea for Societal problems " also organized a reading/ and spelling B. competition amongst schools including 1.Oke Iragbiji Secondary School, Iragbiji. 2.Baptist Secondary school. 3. Local Authority Education Primary school, Popo, Iragbiji and 4.Saint Peters Anglican Primary school. In which an awards of a Tablet and reading materials were given to winners as encouragement.



Head of osun state branch Mrs. O.O. Ayanyemi receiving students at the reading campaign in osun state



The key note speaker: W ho spoke both in "Yoruba" and English, Chief Adenle Amos, Ruler of Iwo land during the reading campaign at osun state



2nd Day at Boripe Local government secretariat, Iragbiji, donation of books and other instructional materials to the Adult Literacy centre, Aragiji of Iragbiji, His Royal Majesty: Oba Abdulrasheed Ayotunde Olabomi (JP) Odundun IV. visited the materials on behalf of the community library centre in Osun state

**OYO STORY**

National Library Takes Reading Campaign To IGBO – OLOYIN, IBADAN



Some staff members of oyo state branch at Alaka community, from right: Mrs. C.N Ogunlade, the HOB, Mrs T.T Akinbola, representatives of the National Librarian, Mrs Iyola, Mrs S.S.R. Alabi, Mrs. H. A. Adetimpe-Agege, Mr Adekoya A. Osunkoya in Ibadan Oyo State



Oritamefa Baptist Model School, Ring Road, Ibadan came first in the competition, they are being presented with gift by Mrs. Iyola, the representatives of the national Librarian/CEO, Prof. C.V. Anunobi in Oyo State.

The National Library of Nigeria has taken its 2022 readership promotion campaign to the gospel faith mission high school in Igbo- Oloyin Ibadan to sensitize the community people the need to embrace the culture of reading for improve socio-political and economic development in the community and Nigeria in general

The campaign which was organized by Ibadan Branch of the National Library of Nigeria on 11th October, 2022 had in attendance Chief Surakatu Busari, the village head of Igbo-Oloyin of Ibadan and other prominent chiefs within the vicinity. Also Prof. A. A. Abioye, Head of Dept., LARIS, University of Ibadan and Mr.Adekoya Osunkoya, Chairman Nigerian Library Association, Oyo State Chapter graced the occasion The head of Branch Mrs. T. T Akinbola in her welcome address, expressed

appreciation to the residents of the community for their support and commitment towards the actualization of the program, she said the reason for organizing the campaign was to reawaken the consciousness of the residents to sustain the reading culture and enhance development in the community. Mrs. Akinbola noted that “as a developing nation, Nigeria is faced with many problems. One of them is falling standard of education”. She said the culture of reading should be imbibed by everybody. She said reading should be encouraged in many languages as possible, since each language was unique in presenting the world view of its respective communities. While reading in English became necessary, as it is the nation's national language and serves as a window to the world. Reading in local language is vulnerable as this provides an insight to the Nigerian culture existing within our area. She added that It is through reading that we can promote better understanding among constituents of our society.

The National Librarian, Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi represented by Mrs. Iyola who during her opening remarks assured the community people the National Library of Nigeria's support and readiness to assist them fight against illiteracy in the Land, she noted that the Apex Library of the Nation had opened a literacy center which would encourage them to open as many as possible to engage the people of the community to be

more serious towards embracing the reading culture.

However the campaign also featured a paper presentation on the theme ' Reading as panacea for societal problems: by Dr. P.O Alajojo from Library Archival and Information Studies Ibandan who lectured the participants on the importance of embracing the reading culture as the only solution to societal issues. Also there was reading/quiz and spelling b competitions amongst schools including Oritamefa Baptist Model School Ring Road Ibandan, Oyo State Gospel Faith Mission comprehensive High School. As-Salaam Community College Felele Ibadan and Mr P. A. Adetoro, principal Gospel Faith Mission comprehensive High School. SPECIAL GUEST and participants were awarded with reading Tablet and reading materials as



The head of Branch, NLN Oyo state Branch Mrs T.T Akinbola, the Keynote speaker, Dr P.O Olayo, LARIS Dept, University of Ibadan, chairman of the occasion, prof. A.A Abioye, Head Dept. LARIS University of Ibadan and Adekoya A. Osunkoya, chairman Nigeria Library Association, Oyo state chapter



Part of the participants that attended the literacy outreach at Alaka community, off Igbo-oloyin Road Ibadan during the 2022 RPC in Ibadan Oyo State



NATIONAL LIBRARY ORGANIZES **READING CAMPAIGN** IN PAIKORO LOCAL GOVT. NIGER STATE



Representatives of National Librarian, Mrs Christine Daniel with some dignitaries at the occasion in Paikoro L.G Niger State

The National Library of Nigeria has on Monday and Tuesday 26th and 27th September, 2022 organized the 2022 annual reading campaign in the Paikoro Local Government Area of Niger State to sensitize the people of the community the need to embrace the culture of reading.

On Monday 26th September, 2022 the campaign train led by Mrs. Ugunmade C. T kick-started with a sensitization rally conducted in and around the street of Paiko town by the staff of the Niger State Branch to sensitize the general public on the importance of reading and the need to inculcate reading habit in the society. The



Cultural dance performed by the Women group in Paikoro Local Government Area of Niger State

rally was very successful as it attracted the interest of the public on the subject matter.

Meanwhile on Tuesday 27th September, 2022 the campaign took another dimension and was held at the Hakimi's Palace in Paikoro Local Government Area. The Head of Branch Niger State Branch Mrs. Ogunmade, C. T. while welcoming guests and participants, reminded the public on the importance of reading and the need to imbibe good reading culture in the society. She also called on the attention of the Hakimi to liaise with the local government authority and the State Government to establish a community library and a study centers in the area to encourage the community people to imbibe the culture of reading. The National Librarian/CEO Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi represented by Mrs. Christine Daniels, urged the public to inculcate good reading habit for the achievement of Sustainable Economic Development, Continuous Education and Social Inclusion.

Mr. Mohammed Nma Baba from the National Library Headquarters Abuja and Mr. Yusuf Isiaka, a lecturer from the Niger State College of Education, Minna both presented a paper on the sub-theme Inculcating Reading Habit in a Changing World: A Tool for Sustainable Economic Development, Continuous Education and Social Inclusion.

The campaign featured a play let titled "No to Ignorance and Yes to Knowledge" was performed by the student of Nuruddeen Islamic Schools where the importance of knowledge and education was presented in the play. It featured a reading competition and was held amongst schools including Baptist Model School, Paiko, Martin Sanda Girls Science College, Paiko, Nuruddeen Islamic Model School, Paiko, UK Bello Memorial Primary School, Paiko

Paiko Academy School, Sabon Gari Primary School, Paiko and awere awarded with a Tablet and reading materials as encouragement.



Mr. Mohammed Nma Baba from the National Headquarters, Abuja delivering his paper at the campaign in Paikoro Local Government Niger State



Group of students at the National Library of Nigeria reading Campaign in Paikoro L.G.A of Niger State on Tuesday 27th September 2022



Award of a Tablet as gifts to the 1st Prize winner, Aishatu Binta from Sabon Gari Primary School, Paiko Niger State



ABIA STATE GOVERNMENT PLEDGES TO SUPPORT NLN ON READING CAMPAIGN

ABIA STORY



Chairman of the occasion and secretary to Bende Local government Area, Abia State Prince Ibuchim Okorie, delivering the Chairman's remarks

the Permanent Secretary Abia State Government Mr. Eze Ajuzie on the occasion of the 2022 reading campaign organized by the Abia State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria, held at the Bende Local Government Area of Abia State on Wednesday 23rd November, 2022. The Permanent Secretary believed that subject of literacy was one of such other areas Abia State government was so passionate about, He said reading habit in a changing world: a tool for sustainable Economic development must be a rallying point of discussion, he added that education remained the backbone of development.

Mr. Eze also said he observed with keen interest that a lot of changes

The Abia State Government under the leadership of the Executive Governor Okeazie Ikpeazu has pledged its support to the activities of the

readership promotion campaign of the National Library of Nigeria to enhance development and literacy level in Nigerians. This was made known by



Mr Ukejianya delivering the HBO's welcome address in Abia State

have occurred on the reading culture due to the advent of Social Media and the internet. He noted that the position of printed materials such as books as a medium and source of knowledge has now begun to be seen as an archaic, He said the pleasure of reading and its use as a means of escape into the world of imagination have overtaken by the social media.

Mr. Eze therefore advised that instead of allowing the culture of reading to vanish, the authorities should move with the trend of technology by romancing the culture of reading with that of the technology and social media. He said to inculcate new technology into reading

making it age and socially inclusive and also more pleasurable. He said with such a wide range of platforms and devices available to the reader, the reading culture would continue to change positively, he said these platforms should be harnessed in raising adept readers. He said a lot of books have soft copies readily available and a lot of classes have also been upgraded to include soft copies. He acknowledged that there were various platforms that made it easier for a reader to carry about a vast array of books. This hand-held devices also offered an enhanced portability, readability and variety of works. He added that some of these platforms also have features that support automated reading, which enabled the reader to listen to when busy.

Earlier in his welcome address, the head of Abia State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria Mr. Ukejianya Ugochukwu enjoined all participants to consider the campaign as an eye opener, he said the purpose of it was to call on Nigerians to the culture

of reading which would enhance development. He noted that National Library of Nigeria was ever committed to ensuring that reading culture amongst Nigerians was restored and illiteracy would be wiped off. He therefore solicited for the support of Government at all levels, non governmental

organizations and other personalities to join hands with the apex library of the nation on this struggle.

The Keynote speaker Dr. {Mrs.} C. A. Okeazie an Associate Professor Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike who lectured the participants on the importance of reading culture as the solution to under-development, she maintained that with illiteracy in the nation it would be difficult to achieve development.

Meanwhile the National Librarian, Professor Chinwe V. Anunobi represented by a deputy Director Mr. Ken Ahonsi also assured the support of the National Library of Nigeria on the area of reading campaign in the community.

The Campaign was featured with a reading/quiz and spelling B. competitions amongst schools including: Junior Secondary Grammar School, Bende, Bende Central School., Community School Bende., Senior Secondary School Bende., Mc Wisdom Nursery/Primary School Bende. and they were awarded with a Tablet, reading materials respectively.



Keynote speaker, associate Prof. and Deputy Librarian, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Dr. Okezie C.A. delivering the keynote address in Abia State



Mr. Abonso Abonso who represented the National Librarian delivering the speech during reading campaign in Abia State

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IMO STORY



MR. ENANG (HOB), IMO) DELIVERING WELCOME ADDRESS.

(HARD-TO-REACH COMMUNITY) to be sensitized and Isu Local Government Headquarter as the venue of the event.

Prior to the first day of the event, a Radio talk-show was carried out on the 9th December, 2022 at TOAST 90.3FM where the Head of Branch, Mr. Enang I.E and two Senior Librarians - Mr. Ihuoma, C.M and Mr. Kalu C.C were at the Radio Station to sensitize the public and create awareness of the program.

The event kicked off with a ROAD SHOW at Afor-Umuaka Market where the market people which included buyers and seller, okada riders and even passersby where all sensitized about the values and benefits of cultivating the habits of reading and visiting the library.

The occasion also witnessed the formation of an adult LITERACY CENTRE in Umundugba community. This literacy centers was composed of twenty-six (26) literacy learners who displayed their skill through reading

The National Library of Nigeria has organized readership promotion campaign in Isu local government Area of Imo State on Tuesday 13th December, 2022 calling on the community people to cultivate the reading habit. The theme of the event

was READING: as a panacea for societal problems', with a special focus on the HARD To REACH COMMUNITIES in Nigeria.

The Imo State Branch took its turn on the 13th and 14th December, 2022 with Umundugba Community as the

and dramas that portrayed the importance of reading in the society. The National Librarian Prof. Chinwe V. Anunobi represented by Mrs. Jennifer Melete Anaba. Also present at the event was His Royal Majesty, Eze C.S Ugochukwu, (the Ahurukwe III; Akwadorodikeogu Umundugba) and his council of chiefs. The traditional rulers showed their enthusiasm and appreciation with a gift to National Librarian for the bringing the campaign to the their communities and promised to utilize it .

The reading competition was won by Miss Awaruibe Favour, a student of Secondary Technical School, Amandugba she went home with the star prize- an Ipad tablet. Holy Family Secondary School Umundugba came second while Diligent Technical College Isuobiishii took the third position and were given prizes as rewards for coming 2nd and 3rd respectively. The spelling Drill/Bee completion was worthy contested for by six (6) primary schools. After several rounds of contests, Community School, Ekwe triumphed while Central School Umundugba took the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. A total number of eleven (11) Schools



CHIEF C.C MADU PRESENTING THE SECOND PRIZE TO THE WINNING SECONDARY SCHOOL.

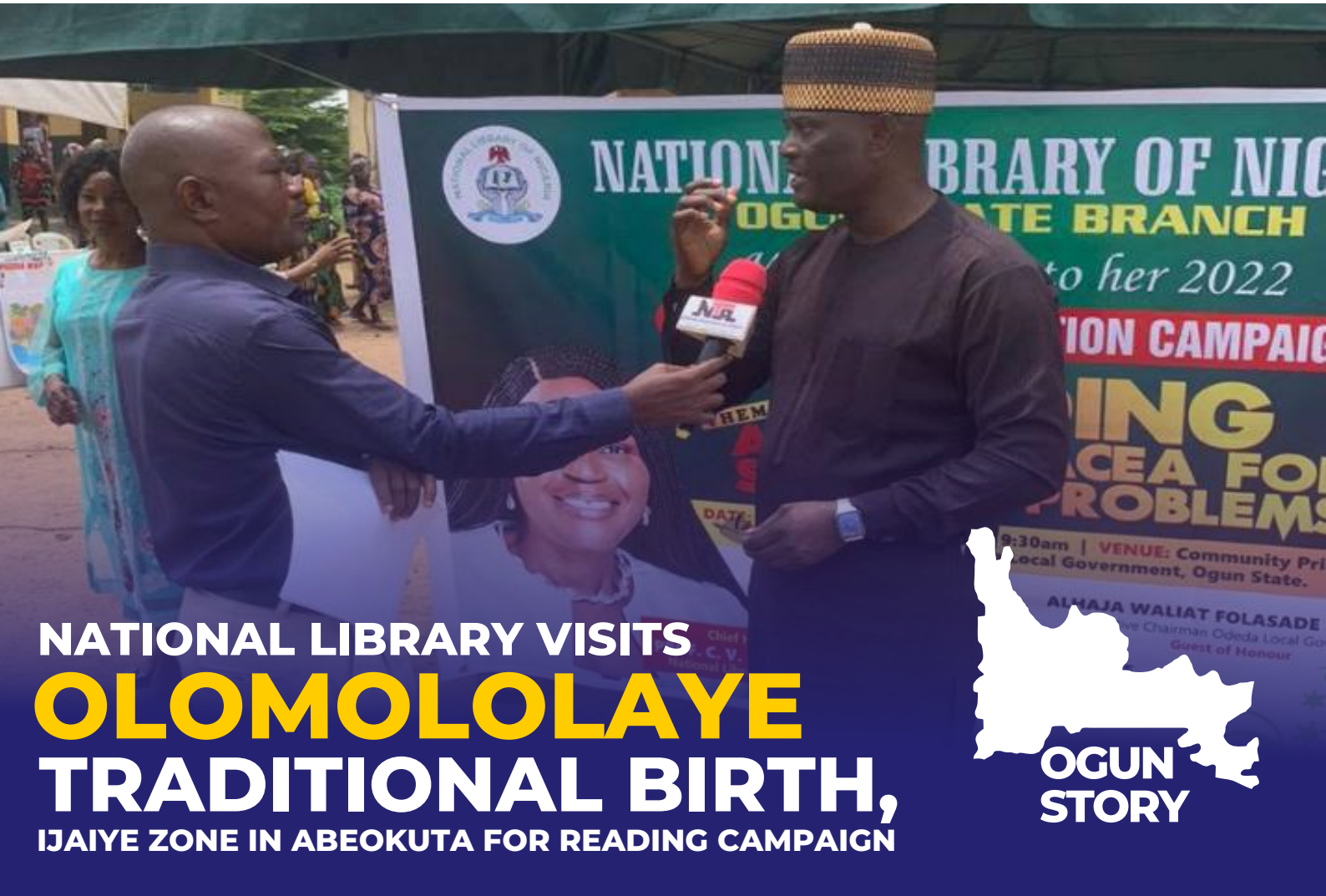
which included even (7) primary schools and four (4) secondary schools participated in the program. The NYSC/Youths Corps members were equally not left out. Therefore, a total number of one hundred and twenty four (124) participants graced the occasion. A literacy Centre was established and Literacy items were donated to them in order to aid their literacy classes and development.



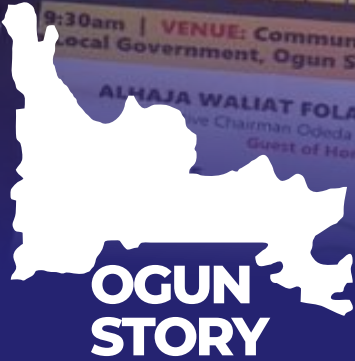
PRESENTATION OF ADULT LITERACY ITEMS BY CHIEF C. C. MADU.



GROUP PHOTOGRAPH OF DIGNITARIES AT THE 2022 RPC HELD IN ISU LGA, IMO STATE.



NATIONAL LIBRARY VISITS **OLOMOLOLAYE** TRADITIONAL BIRTH, IJAIYE ZONE IN ABEOKUTA FOR READING CAMPAIGN



Daabi Nursery Primary School Received the Prize for 3rd Position during the reading campaign in ogunState

The National Library of Nigeria Ogun State Branch had visited the Olomololaye Traditional Birth Attendants in Ijaiye Zone, Abeokuta, Ogun State for its 2022 annual readership promotion campaign to call on the people of the Community to embrace the reading culture for improved

developments in the area. The visit was led by the Head of Branch Mr. Ajayi Ayoola who spoke both in English and Yoruba Languages encouraged them on the benefit of reading and documenting their activities and procedures for posterity. The National Librarian Professor Chinwe Veronica Anunobi represented by Mr. Wilson Odunmbaku charged the participants to embrace the reading culture for improved societal and economic progress in the community. She said the National Library of Nigeria is ever ready and willing to support Nigerians to cultivate the culture of reading, she said "'Nigeria needed this development and nobody could help us progress unless we stand up'"

The Campaign also featured a paper

presentation on the theme titled ' Reading as a panacea for Societal problems' by Dr. G. O. Oyewole, College Librarian , Federal Collage of Education, Osiele, Abeokuta, while Chief Olawole Ogunsanya represented the Baale {Village Head}



Head of Ogun state Branch Mr. Ayoola Ajayi Presenting welcome address at the 2022 reading campaign of the National Library of Nigeria in ogun state



On high table is the keynote speaker, Dr G.O Oyewole, College Librarian, Federal college of Education, Osiele, Abeokuta Ogun State

of Apakila.

There was also a reading /quiz and spelling B. competitions amongst schools including: Researcher Group School, Ake, Community Primary School Apakila, Daab Nursery and Primary Schools Apakila and the Success Point Nursery and Primary Schools Obantoko in Abeokuta Ogun State in which they were awarded with a Tablet and reading materials. However National Library of Nigeria also opened a literacy center at the community with White Board, a Marker and some reading materials to kick start a study center in the community.



Community Primary School, Apakila. came 2nd in the competition during the Reading campaign in Ogun state



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