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## Zaynab Alkali Chairs National Library Board

The Honorable Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu on Thursday 22nd March 2018 inaugurated the twelfth Board of the National Library of Nigeria. The Board which is headed by Prof. Zainab Alkali was inaugurated alongside 18 others and two university governing councils, at the National Universities Commission, Maitama Abuja.

In his inaugural speech, the Honourable Minister emphasized that as Chairman and Board members, they were expected to carry out their assignment with professionalism, dedication, sincerity and patriotism. He advised them to play their roles with skill and efficiency, being courageous, innovative and responsive.

The Honourable Minister stressed that their leadership should engender transparency and accountability as well as endeavor to maintain appropriate and harmonious relationship with the chief executives and management of their various agencies.



Prof. Zaynab Alkali, Chairman, National Library Board

He further advised the board members to lead by example, to be disciplined and promote discipline, work hard and promote and reward hardwork. He reiterated the need for them to be guided by the rule of law and due process, and also to put public interest first and above personal interest so that positive and sustainable change would be entrenched in their various agencies.

The 12th Board of the National Library on Thursday 22nd March 2018 paid an inaugural visit to the organization at its Headquarters in Abuja. While receiving the board members, at the National Library Corporate Headquarters, Central Business District Abuja, the National Librarian, Professor Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina warmly welcomed them, stating that they are distinguished individuals in their own rights who would add value to the organization. He informed the Board that the National Library of Nigeria is a Grade "A" Parastatal under the Federal Ministry of Education, established by Act No.29 of 1970, and is responsible for the development and provision of library and information services in the country.

Professor Aina further informed the Board members that the National

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# NASS Moves to Amend National Library Act

The National Library of Nigeria on Tuesday 20th March 2018 appeared before the House of Representatives Committee on Basic and Secondary Education, during a public hearing session organized by the House, to contribute to the review and possible amendment of the National Library Act Cap. 59. Laws of the Federation at the National Assembly.

According to the Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Zakari Muhammed, the draft bill under consideration was seeking to amend certain sections that include renaming the National Library of Nigeria as Chinua Achebe National Library, to review penalties upward and stiffer, for breach of its provision. The bill also sought to specify the tenure of the office of the Director/Chief Executive Officer as well as to compel the National Library of Nigeria Board to establish a national e-library in order to bridge the gap in teaching and research.

Making contribution on behalf the National Library of Nigeria, the Legal Adviser and Secretary to the Board, Barrister Aminu Ogaji, stated that the proposed renaming of the National Library was unconventional and there

was no National Library in the world that is named after personalities, even though sections or floors of the building could be named after such renowned personalities. He therefore opined that the National Library of Nigeria should maintain the status.

Barr. Ogaji who was representing the Director/Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria the Organisation expressed support with the Honourable House on the Bill especially in the area of prescribing stiffer penalties for the breach of the provision of the National Library of Nigeria Act. The Act should be amended to raise the fine for default from fifty Pounds (£50) to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (N250,000.00) in addition to depositing perfect copies as required by the act. In addition, the National Library of Nigeria

also wish the Honourable Committee to prescribe penalties for users of fake ISBN, ISSN, ISMN and violations of other publishing standards and the sum of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000) was suggested to the house to be the fine liable to any Author, Publisher or person that default while the culprit that provide fake ISBN and ISSN shall be liable to a fine not less than Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200,000.00).

The representation also suggested that the nomenclature of the Chief Executive Officer of the National Library of Nigeria should be changed from Director, to National Librarian in order to reflect the professionalism that is required in that office. More so, the tenure of the office of the National Librarian should be amended to serve for a term of four years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for another term and no more.

On the amendment of the bill to compel the Board to establish a National e-library that is separate from the National Library of Nigeria, it was suggested that since National Library already has an existing Virtual Library Service Department it should rather be expanded to cover the scope envisaged by the Bill under consideration.

Library of Nigeria is structured into eight departments, comprising of five professional departments and three corporate departments and currently has branch operations in 25 states.

The National Librarian while articulating some of the challenges faced by the organization which includes paucity of funds, dilapidated office accommodation, indiscipline among the staff, low level of legal deposit compliance and issuance of ISBN/ISSN, appointment of directors, expressed optimism that the new Board would proffer solutions to the issues.

The National Librarian while wishing the new Board a remarkable and successful tenure called on them to reposition the National Library of Nigeria to a greater height.

In her response, the new Board Chairman, Prof. Zaynab Alkali said that she was glad to be part of the National Library of Nigeria having longed for it for about a year after her appointment as the Board

Chairman. Prof. Alkali who is an author and a novelist said she has the library at heart and that she and her board members have a lot to do to take the National Library of Nigeria out of its present situation to its proper status as a national heritage.

The Board according to her, would surely make an impact to show that a Board had been instituted. She assured Management that the Board will always be there for the National Library of Nigeria and would endeavor to ensure that the National Library of Nigeria have a befitting edifice. In their individual responses, the Board members stated that they were on the same page with the Chairman, promising to work together to uplift the National Library of Nigeria.

Earlier, Barrister Aminu Ogaji, who is the Secretary to the Board, stated that their appointment was an important milestone in the history of the National Library of Nigeria. He briefed the members of the functions of the Board in relation with

the management. He further stated that the Board occupies crucial position in the management of the organization having been created in the enabling Act. He therefore prayed God Almighty to give the Board members the strength and wisdom to carry out their responsibilities.

Meanwhile, the Ag. Director, Human Resources and Administration, Mr. M. T. Mafiyai in a vote of thanks to mark the end of the session, requested the Board members to take into cognizance all that has been highlighted by the National Librarian in the areas of discipline and appointment of directors. He said that the Board has a lot to do in order to change the physical image of the National Library of Nigeria. He therefore called on the Board to ensure that in no distant time, the National Library of Nigeria would move to a befitting place so that intending donors who wished to donate books to the National Library of Nigeria would not hesitate to do so knowing that books donated are safe and secure.

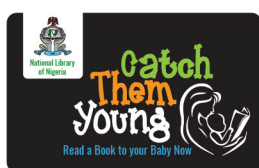


## THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NIGERIA



# National Readership Promotion Campaign

**Theme:** Sustaining Life Long Reading for Positive Change



As part of our functions, the National Library of Nigeria is organizing reading activities across the 36 states of the federation including the FCT.

The General Public is hereby invited to the Flag-Off of the Readership Campaign by the **Honourable Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu**

**Tuesday, 10th April 2018**

**Conference Hall, Federal Ministry of Education Headquarters, Federal Secretariat Complex, Abuja**

**10am Prompt**

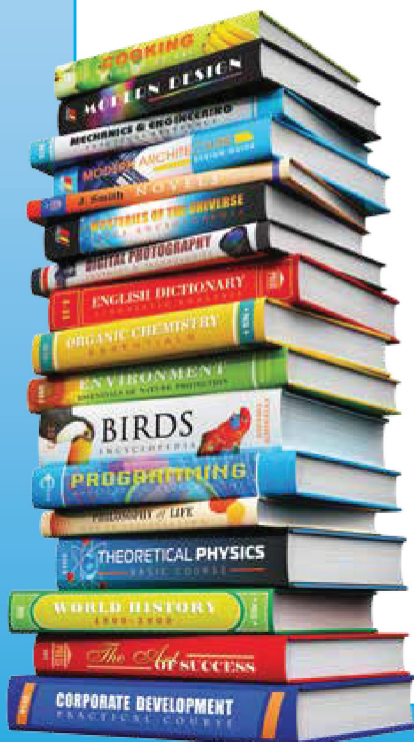


**Distinguished Senator Aliyu Magatakarda Wamako,**  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Education (Basic and Secondary)

**Rt Honourable Zakari Muhammed**  
Chairman House of Representatives Committee on Basic Education and Services

**Host Prof. Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina,** *National Librarian/Chief Executive Officer*

**Chief Host Prof. Zainab Alkali,** *Chairman, National Library Board*



S/N	DATES	STATES
1.	May 2 & 3	Enugu, Sokoto, Nasarrawa, Ekiiti
2.	May 9 & 10	Kaduna, Niger, Yobe, Rivers
3.	May 16 & 17	Edo, FCT, Anambra
4.	May 22 & 23	Lagos, Benue, Abia, Imo, Akwa Ibom
5.	May 30 & 31	Plateau, Ondo, Osun, Ebonyi
6.	June 5 & 6	Oyo, Cross River, Ogun, Bayelsa
7.	June 19 & 20	Kano, Kwara, Taraba, Gombe, Kogi
8.	June 26 & 27	Adamawa, Katsina, Bauchi, Kebbi
<b>Break Break</b>		
10.	July 17 & 18	Zamfara, Delta, Borno, Jigawa

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# Aina Bags Faculty Builder Award

The National Librarian, Prof. Aina on Thursday 19th April, 2018 received an Award of honour tagged: Faculty Builder Award from Faculty of Communication and Information Science, University of Ilorin, Kwara State.

Presenting the award at the dinner held at Kwara State Government Banquette Hall Ilorin, Dr. Liadi Tella, an Associate



Dr. Liadi, presenting the award plaque to Prof. Aina

Prof. at the department of Mass Communication in faculty of Communication and Information Science, University of Ilorin stated that Aina was one of the pioneers of the faculty and he had contributed immensely to the development of the faculty. It is an award well deserved.

Receiving the Award, Prof. Aina expressed appreciation to the faculty for the honour given to him.

# Gombe Branch Relocates to Permanent Building

The Gombe State Branch of the National Library of Nigeria has relocated to its permanent and prototype building on Thursday 19th March, 2018.

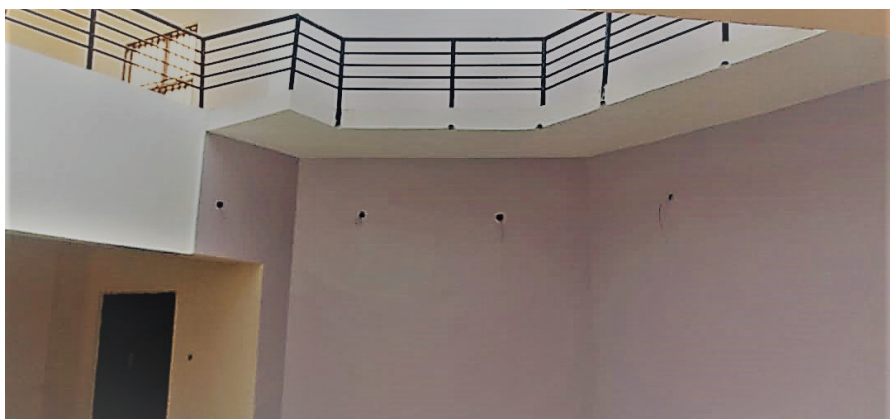
According to the Head of Branch, Mal Abubakar Yakubu Musa, the relocation became necessary in order to make library services more visible and efficient to the people of the state. He lamented that the branch had been in a temporary building along Dukku Road, opposite prison yard but due to the issue of insurgency, the state government blocked the road that lead to the branch which rendered the library services inaccessible to the public.

He expressed happiness that the branch has now relocated to its permanent building at No. 1 Adamawa Road, Opposite International Hotel, Gombe, Gombe State.

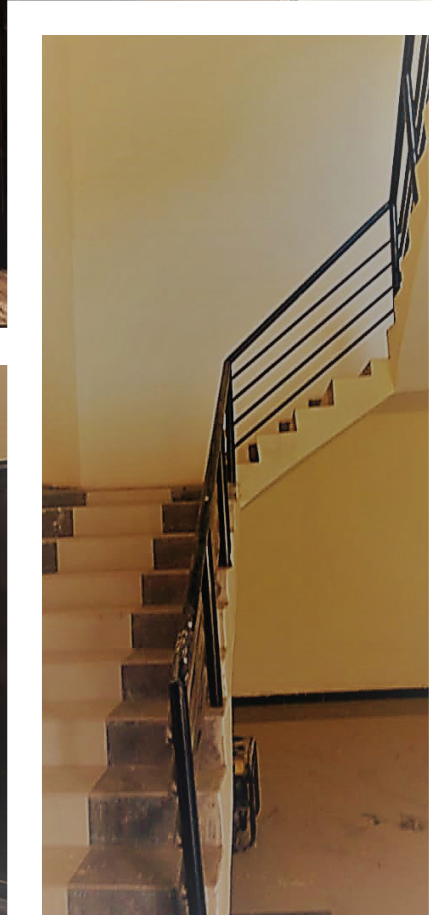
Mal. Abubakar commended the

Federal Government and management of the National Library of Nigeria for completing the prototype building of the branch. He said such efforts would improve the standard of education in the state and Nigeria in general. He also expressed gratitude to the National Librarian, Professor Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina who pushed hard enough to see the completion of the project and to also ensured that the branch was provided with modern library facilities in consonance with global standards.

The project was awarded to Tijjani Muhammed and Brothers Nigeria Limited on 14th December, 2010 with the completion period of 16th November, 2011 at the contract sum of N22,802,836.01 kobo.







# National Library Commences Development of State Branch Building in Jalingo

The National Library of Nigeria has commenced the development of a building towards the provision of a permanent office accommodation for her Taraba state branch in Jalingo.

The site for the construction of the prototype design building was handed over to the contractor during a brief formal ceremony in Jalingo, Taraba State on Wednesday April 18, 2018.

emphasized the need for high quality of materials to be used and advised the contractor to be transparent and treat the project as a personal venture to enable him to offer the best services that he could. Professor Aina further

The Head of Taraba State Branch, Mr. Yakubu Yusuf and his members of staff were on ground to witness the event.

Meanwhile, the Head of Branch while expressing gratitude to the National Librarian stated that the project when completed would add to the numerous efforts of the National Library of Nigeria towards the promotion of readership and national development.



Barr. Aminu Ogaji (R), handing over the building plan and drawings to Mr. Ngongor (L), on behalf of the National Librarian.

The contract for the construction was awarded to Messrs G-Cristal Limited, after a going through the due process of open competitive bidding process on the 1st March, 2018, at the contract sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven Naira, Ninety Two Kobo (N238,575,827.92), to be completed in 11 months.

The National Librarian, Professor Lenrie Olatokunbo Aina who was represented by the Secretary to the Board of the National Library, Barrister Aminu Ogaji while handing over the contract agreement to the contractor,

pledged that the National Library of Nigeria would give all logistic support to facilitate the execution of the project in a record time

Responding, the Contractor represented by Mr. Steve Ngorngor stated that the Company has a profile to protect and would do all in its power to live up to expectation. He pledged commitment and determination to deliver according to specifications.

Similarly, a representative of the lead Consultant to the project, Messrs Archicad Nigeria Limited, Arc. Ayoadé stated his resolve to abide by the rules and ensure that quality is guarantee.

The National Librarian was accompanied by the Head, Physical Planning Unit, Builder Wilson Odunmbaku alongside Arch. Oshi Ayatse, Messrs Yahaya Anas and Benedict Mende from the Procurement Unit.

The Taraba state branch presently operates from an office accommodation at provided by the state government at the Best Centre, Jalingo while the permanent site being developed, is located in the TC quarters, close to NECO office.











## National Library of Nigeria

# GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS AND RESPONDING TO COURT SUBPOENAS

The National Library of Nigeria is the only agency in Nigeria saddled with the responsibility of certifying published materials and tendering them before the law courts or such authorities.

The following are the conditions upon which we certify and tender such documents:

-  Documents for certification must be available in the custody of the National Library of Nigeria
-  Where such documents are not available, the requesting client who is in possession of the perfect or original document shall tender and surrender the publication to the National Library of Nigeria, for keeps
-  The title page of the document and the relevant page(s) where the information in contention appear are to be certified and appropriately endorsed by the schedule officers
-  The cost implication for each page to be certified is One Thousand Naira (N1,000.00) Only
-  National Library of Nigeria can ONLY respond to subpoena which compels it to appear in court or an administrative body
-  The cost of accommodation and transportation of the schedule officer responding to the subpoena on behalf of the National Library of Nigeria shall be borne by the requesting client
-  The National Library of Nigeria does not appear before a court of law, or an administrative body without a subpoena issued on them
-  A record of all certified documents must be properly kept with the National Library of Nigeria for reference purposes

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