

# LIBRARY AID AFRICA:



2020– 2022  
Programmatic Report



2020– 2025  
Programmatic Direction

# Welcome Message



Reflecting on our journey at Library Aid Africa, it has been challenging yet rewarding for the organization as we harness digital technology and citizen engagement approaches to make libraries more viable.

The impact of our work across 8 African countries has been made possible through our strategic library interventions in collaboration with our in-country partners and teams—this has positioned us strategically at the forefront of library support in Africa.

Thus, this is a journey we started with the sole aim of solving what breaks our hearts—the dearth of libraries in schools and communities. Our passion for creating solutions to solve what breaks our hearts led us to develop a strategy that seeks to harness a more community-level impact approach to our initiatives. This strategic direction is in three major areas: Innovation-co creation and community engagement, Technology Innovation for Libraries, and Library Advocacy, policy, and research. Of course, covid-19 pandemic shaped the future for us, as it strengthened us to be resilient and plan for post covid-19 library services delivery and support.

An African proverb says, "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

We stand because of our dedicated Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers, Partners, and Friends of the organization that are committed to our collective goal at Library Aid Africa.

As you read this document, you will learn about our programmatic reports and the impact Library Aid Africa has made from 2020 to 2022. It also gives detailed insight into the future for us until 2025. This will give you the spark of hope for an Africa where libraries thrive, support the needs of the community they serve, and realize that change is possible when we all work together.

We are grateful to you all for playing a vital role in our growth and progress at Library Aid Africa. We are excited and optimistic to continuously work with you to co-create, build and scale impact together.

Asante Sana!

Damilare Oyedele

Co-Founder & Chief Executive, Library Aid Africa.

  @damoyedele



## Who We Are

We have an overarching goal of making libraries more viable. Our drive has harvested several hundred young minds across Africa who are now part of our constantly expanding team, doing what we do in the communities where it's needed most.

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## What we do - Our overriding Persuasion

With access to information being at the center of community development, our relentless drive is to establish a structure that ensures a sustainable impact in revamping Libraries in Africa for continuous societal impact. This is our mission and all hands are constantly on deck to ensure its fruition, leaving no libraries and no community behind.

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## How we do it - Our Approach

Our approach is a hybrid flow with the current tech-driven world and a balance of activities within the less techy african communities. We thus excitedly leverage on digital technology to pioneer most of our activities and embrace citizen engagement approaches to drive projects and policy reforms for libraries across Africa.

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## Where we work

Our work spans across over 8 African countries with 2 in-country offices in Abuja Nigeria and Kigali Rwanda.

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## Our Strategic Direction 2020- 2025

The covid-19 pandemic shaped the future for us and informed our decision on our 2020- 2025 Strategic Direction. Technology Innovation for libraries, Innovation Co-Creation and Community Engagement, Library Advocacy, Policy and Research.

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2020

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2022

**Programmatic Report**

# 2020

2020 brought numerous challenges due to the global pandemic. However, it strengthened us to be resilient and plan for post covid-19 library services delivery and support.

# Virtual Consultation on Post COVID-19 Library Services Delivery in Africa

## ✓ 4 virtual consultations:

**VIRTUAL CONSULTATION**  
Post COVID-19 Library Services Delivery in Africa

**Panelists:**  
 Samuel A. Eyiakya, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Assano Fall, Manager, Learning Center, Dakar

live on **zoom**  
Register here to attend:  
<http://bit.ly/VCPCLSDA>

Date: 24th June 2020  
Time: 1pm WAT  
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**VIRTUAL CONSULTATION**  
EMERGING SKILLS AND TRAINING FOR LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS

Theme: Emerging Skills and Training for Library Professionals

Wed 19th Aug  
1:00pm WAT

Register here to attend:  
<https://bit.ly/VCSPEFLP>

live on **zoom**

**Moderators:**  
 Damilare Oyedole, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Victor Ejechi, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria

**Panelists:**  
 Mark Padayatchi, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Eke Okeke, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Shemuel E. Oluwalana, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Victoria Odeh, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Purity O. Oluwalana, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 David O. Oluwalana, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria

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**VIRTUAL CONSULTATION**  
Post COVID-19 Library Services Delivery in Africa

Theme: Moving Libraries Digital

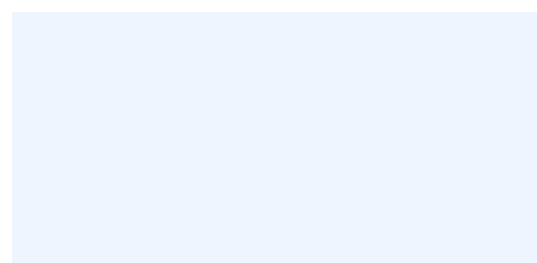
Time: 1pm WAT  
Date: 5th Aug, 2020

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Register here to attend:  
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**Moderators:**  
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 Derek Moore, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Samuel Alomaru, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Sarah Ngunjiri, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Stephen Wyber, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Ayedoo John Agyemang, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria



**VIRTUAL CONSULTATION**  
EMERGING SKILLS AND TRAINING FOR LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS

Theme: Emerging Skills and Training for Library Professionals

CUMULATIVE VIEWERS: **881+**  
COUNTRIES: **22+**

HELD ON: Wed 19th Aug

FACEBOOK 781+  
ZOOM 100

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**VIRTUAL CONSULTATION**  
Post COVID-19 Library Services Delivery in Africa

Theme: Moving Libraries Digital

CUMULATIVE VIEWERS: **700+**  
COUNTRIES: **20+**

HELD ON: 5 August, 2020

FACEBOOK 600+  
ZOOM 100

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**VIRTUAL CONSULTATION**  
Post COVID-19 Library Services Delivery in Africa

Theme: Library Leadership Role

Date: 15th July 2020  
Time: 1pm WAT

Register here to attend:  
<http://bit.ly/VCLLR>

live on **zoom**  
#LibraryPrepares

**Panelists:**  
 Kemi E. Odegbun, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Mudahhnyuka Sylvain, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Chinwe Y. Anunobi, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Elizabeth Mathews, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Nandain Charles, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
 Innocent IseEkoja, Executive Director, National Centre for Public Library Services, Lagos, Nigeria  
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Post COVID-19 Library Services Delivery in Africa

Theme: Library Leadership Role

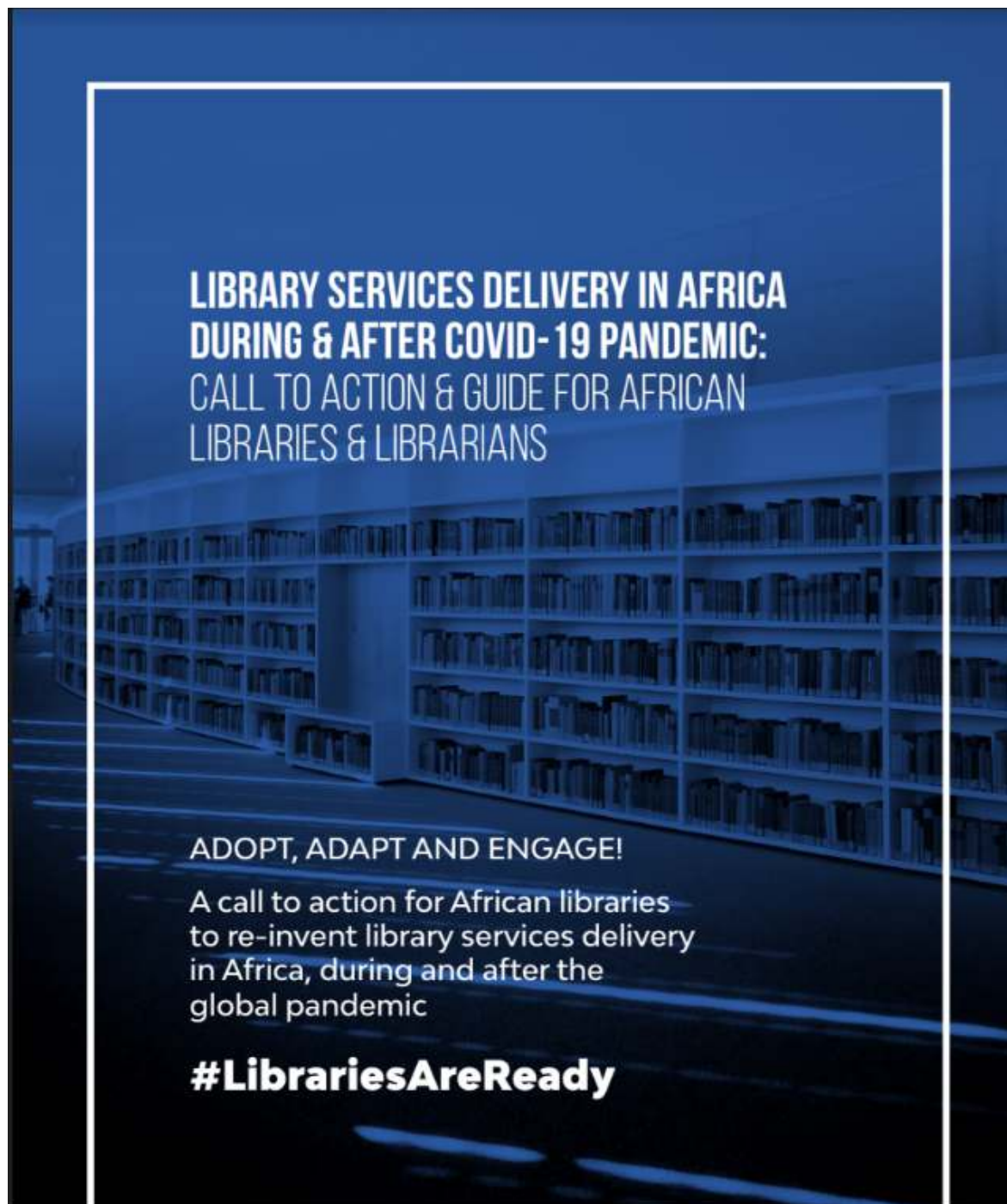
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COUNTRIES: **18+**

HELD ON: 15th July 2020

FACEBOOK 875+  
ZOOM 100

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- ✓ **The consultations led to the launch of:**  
Library Services Delivery in Africa during and after COVID-19  
Pandemic: Call to Action & Guide for African Libraries & Librarians:  
<https://bit.ly/38vAlu2>



# #libraryselfie2020

- ✓ 9 Countries
- ✓ 24 winners in 8 countries
- ✓ 66 entries
- ✓ mini library/literacy

## WINNERS

#Library Selfie 2020

### WINNERS

- f Les Association Majuscules
- f Konan Franck Aurelien
- f Dosso Mouhamadou



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#Library Selfie 2020

### WINNERS

- i Flowahh
- i gali\_maticoe
- f Lenah El Masopoga



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#Library Selfie 2020

### WINNERS

- i \_Saidon
- f Bakary\_ibio
- i \_miss.aggie\_



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### WINNERS

- f Lindahh Agit
- f Eunice Akinyi
- i Tigress.ke



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#Library Selfie 2020

### WINNERS

- i Abdalah\_von\_sall
- f Ndiaye Abdoulaye
- t @lambayecenter



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#Library Selfie 2020

### WINNERS

- i depthofhersoul
- f Favour A Ademola
- i Oluwaseunsaanumi



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#Library Selfie 2020

### WINNERS

- i Miss\_Lukas
- f Ongaye Happy YaThai
- i Jenazarii

#Library Selfie 2020

### WINNERS



- i Jotivational
- f Yaayaa Addai
- i Poetry\_tins




# Young African Library Leaders Fellowship 2020 Cohort #YALLF2020

- ✓ 37 Young Library Leaders across 12 African countries





## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 COHORT



**Young African  
Library Leaders  
Fellowship**

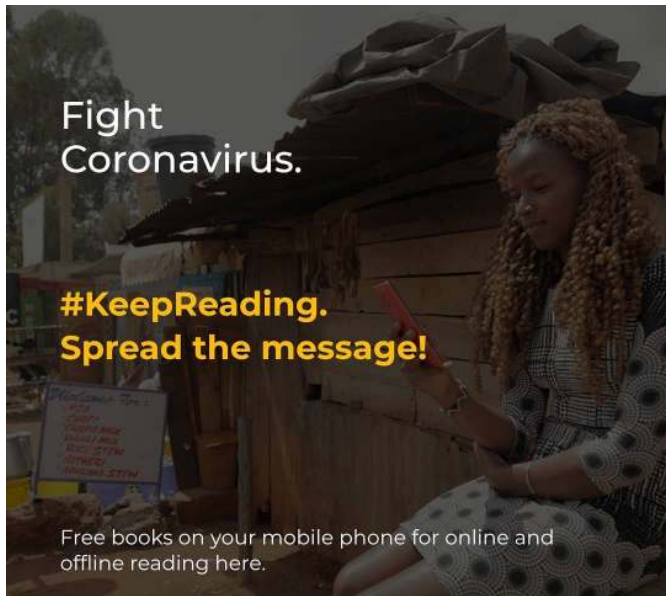
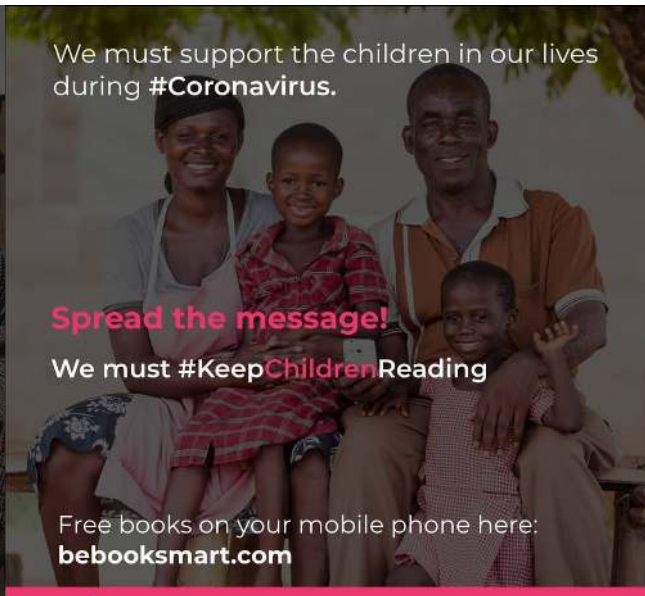
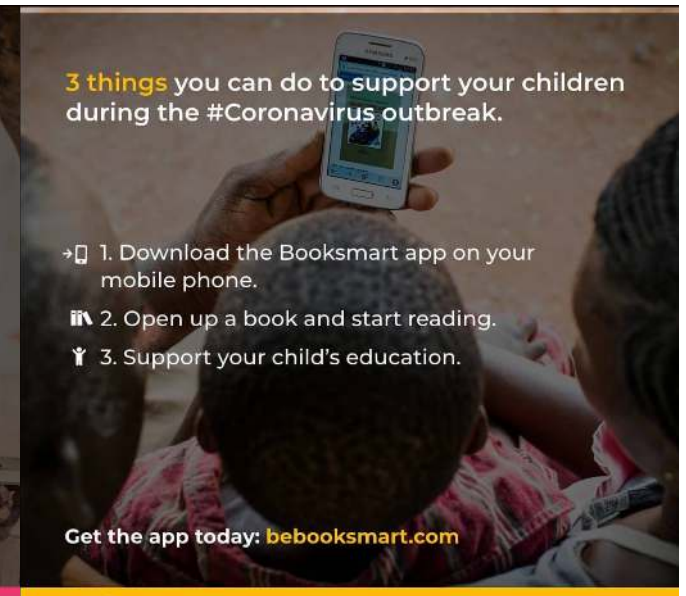



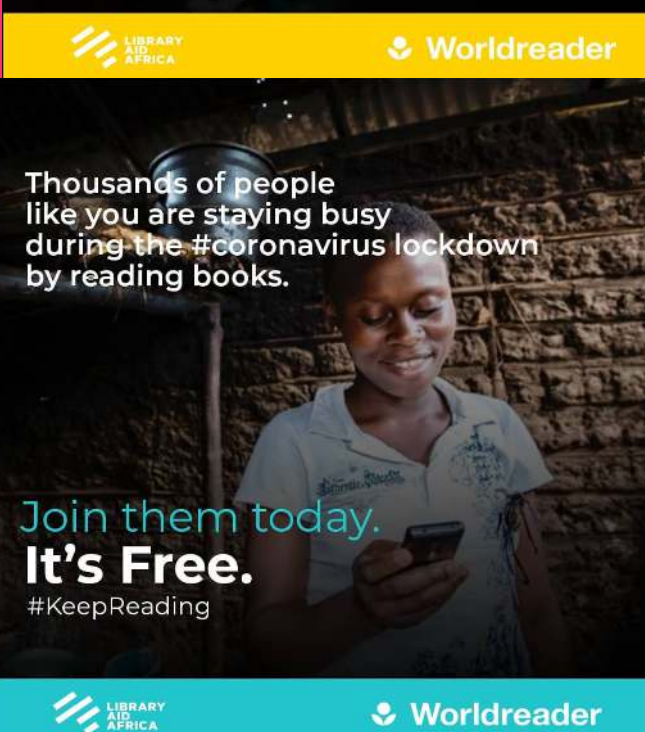
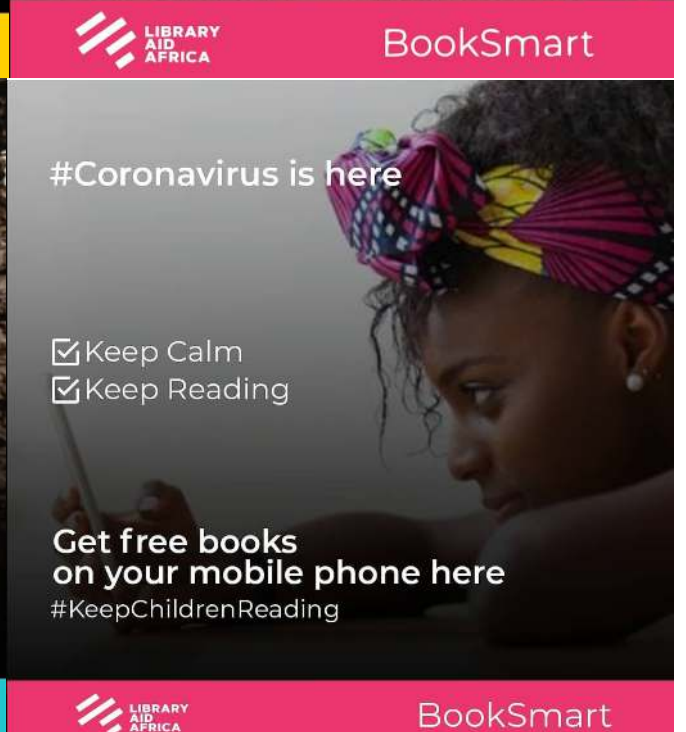
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 EZRA KAPACHIKA - MALAWI  
 UDENSI PRECIOUS - NIGERIA  
 RIAK YAI GATKUOTH - SOUTH SUDAN  
 TOBECHUKWU MARY-ANN NDIKAKA - NIGERIA  
 KATRINA NDESHIANDA SHIKUNI - NAMIBIA  
 ENENCHE JEREMIAH AGADA - NIGERIA  
 ABDULKADR ALI ABDULLA - TANZANIA  
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 SANI HALLIRU SALIHU - NIGERIA  
 YUSUF ISHAQ - NIGERIA  
 MARY NDERI KIMANI - KENYA  
 EDGE R MTITU - TANZANIA  
 EMILY MUSEMBI - KENYA  
 MUNIRAH ABDULRAZAK - NIGERIA  
 NAOMY MWAURAH - KENYA  
 ALABI OLATUNDUN - NIGERIA  
 OLLIWASEUN ENITAN ADEDAYO - NIGERIA  
 BUKOLA OLLITOLA JAMES - NIGERIA  
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 MOSES NOGELI - KENYA  
 MATHEWS SACHOMBELA - ZAMBIA  
 MILLICENT APONDI SEWE - KENYA  
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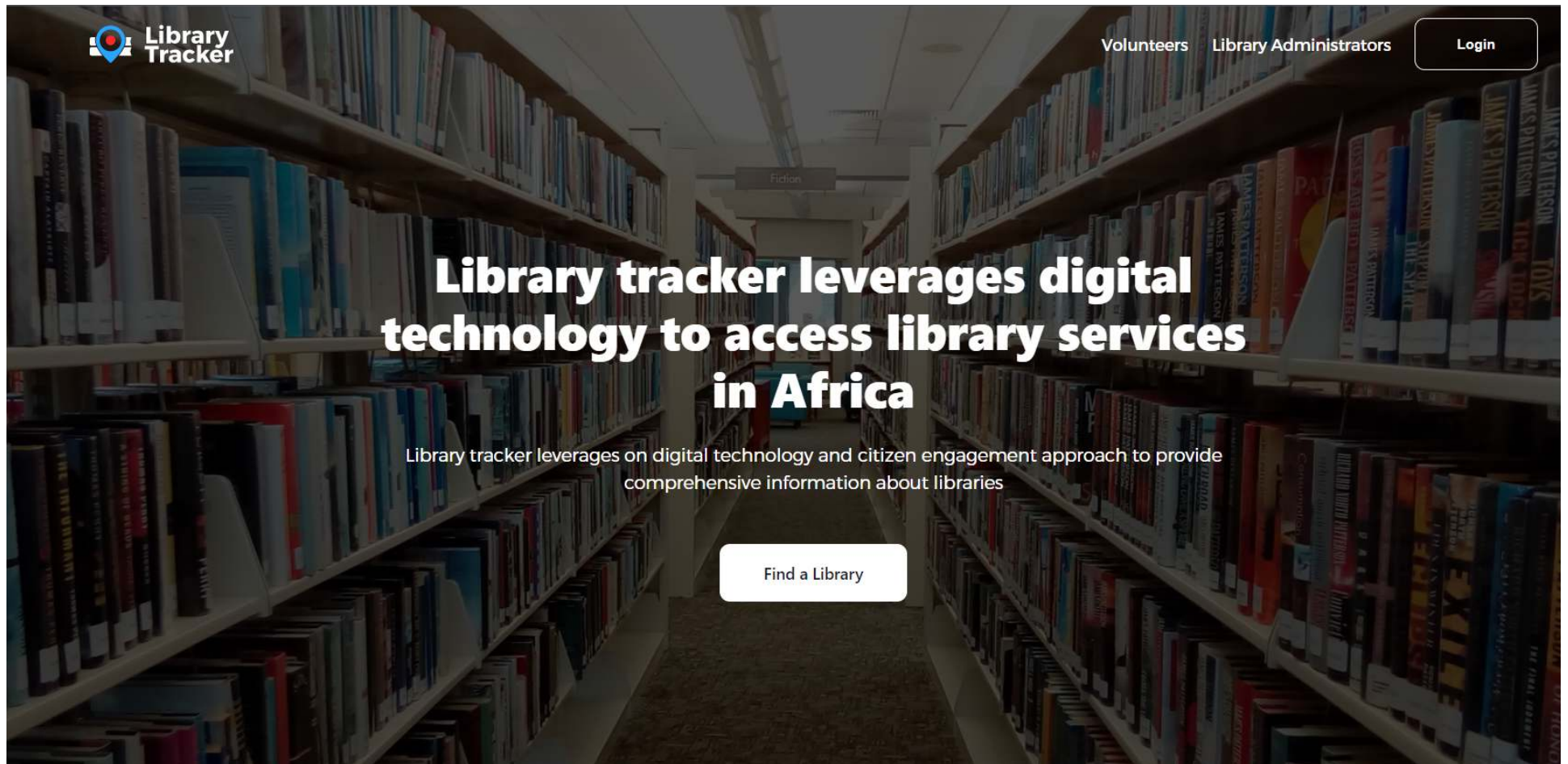
# Keep Children Reading

- ✓ We supported Worldreader to expand the reach of the #KeepChildrenReading during the Covid-19 lockdown.

 <p>Fight Coronavirus.</p> <p><b>#KeepReading.</b> Spread the message!</p> <p>Free books on your mobile phone for online and offline reading here.</p>	 <p>We must support the children in our lives during #Coronavirus.</p> <p><b>Spread the message!</b> We must #KeepChildrenReading</p> <p>Free books on your mobile phone here: <a href="http://bebooksmart.com">bebooksmart.com</a></p>	 <p><b>3 things</b> you can do to support your children during the #Coronavirus outbreak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➡ 1. Download the Booksmart app on your mobile phone.</li><li>📖 2. Open up a book and start reading.</li><li>👤 3. Support your child's education.</li></ul> <p>Get the app today: <a href="http://bebooksmart.com">bebooksmart.com</a></p>
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# Library Tracker

- ✓ Consultations with library stakeholders
- ✓ UI/UX Design



2021




























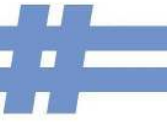
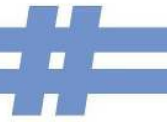
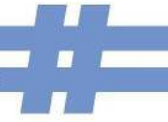




























# #libraryselfie2021

✓ **7 Countries**

✓ **124 entries**

✓ **17 Winners**

## WINNERS

									
									
<b>SOUTH AFRICA WINNERS</b>			<b>NAMIBIA WINNERS</b>			<b>KENYA WINNERS</b>			
1st Mapule Rasekele 	2nd nthatimabena 	3rd Lindokuhle Grootbóom Radebe 	1st Moshe Hilka Sing 	2nd Maria Naita Kuume 	3rd Omukwambi Selma Shangelao 	1st Mary Cardue 	2nd Johā Nivēñ 	3rd sherrie_de_nomz 	
									
									
									
									
									
<b>GHANA WINNERS</b>			<b>ETHIOPIA WINNERS</b>			<b>TANZANIA WINNERS</b>			
1st Kwadwo Sarfo Antwi Gh 	2nd librarieswithoutwalls 	3rd the_amumawutoh 	1st SebleWengel Meshesha 				1st im_thuu_riri 	2nd Razaq Sule 	3rd Yesser Arafati 
									
									
									

✓ **5 Mini library project**



**Project Name:** Mamelodi Reads

**Project Overview**

The COVID-19 pandemic has completely destroyed extra curricular activities of school pupils at Vukani Mawethu Secondary school; the children are idle after school and have no reason to be at school other than for class and exams. Due to this, the libraryselfie winner from South Africa set-up a mini library at Vukani Mawethu Secondary school through a bookshelf stacked with books thereby revamping the library for usage by the school pupils and teachers.



## Project Name: The Ayikuma Mobile Library & Arts Explosion

### Project Overview:

We love to see children turn letters into words and words into sentences. The Ayikuma Reading & Arts project seeks to make reading an enjoyable hobby for 210 children in communities in Ayikuma by creating warm and welcoming reading spots where children can come and be guided to read age appropriate books.

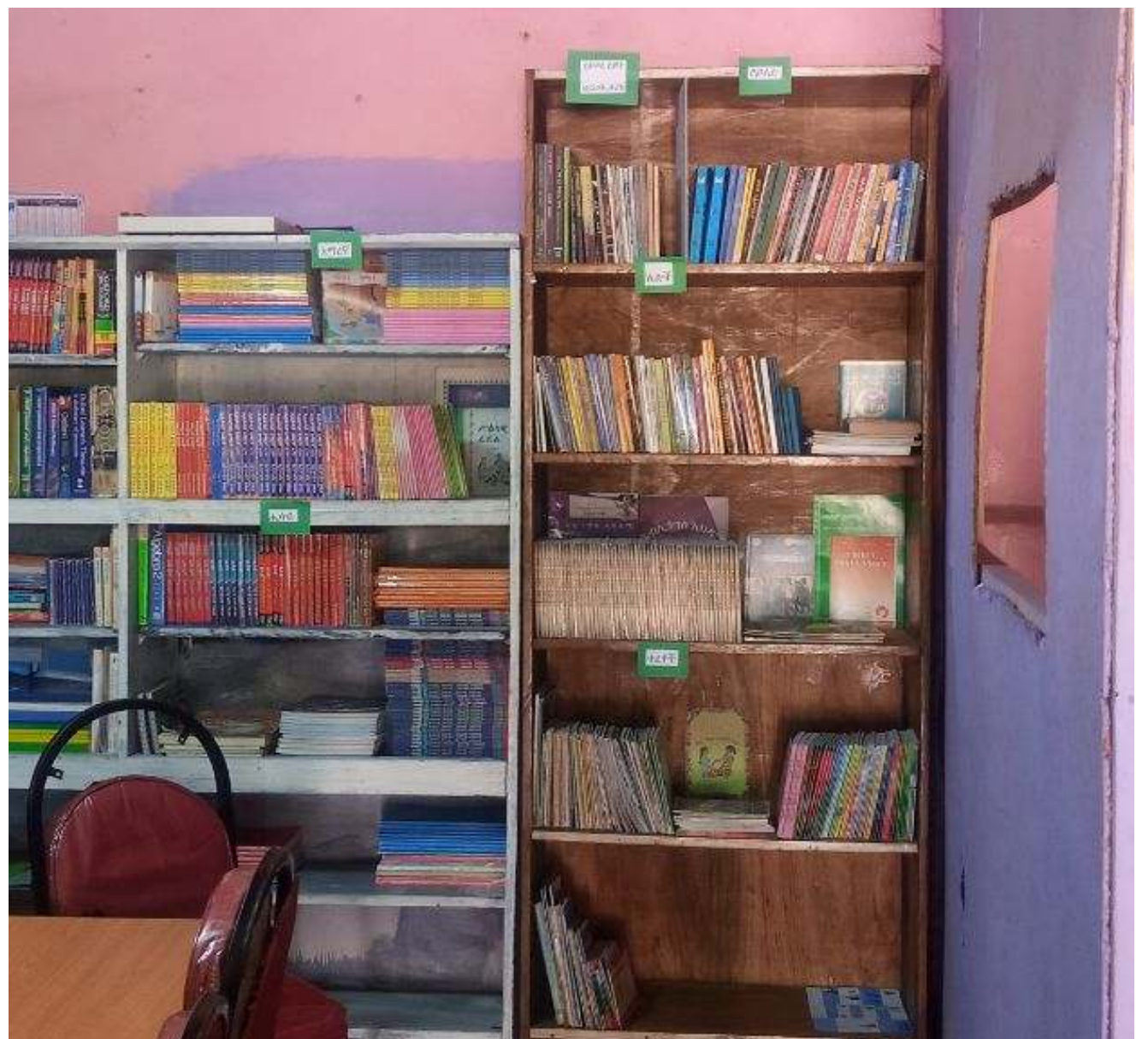


## Project Name: School library set-up



### Project Overview

The winner from Ethiopia supported school pupils with educational, supplementary, and nonacademic children's books at a small school named Siblings Academy located in the outskirts of Addis. This support led to access to books and educational resources for 300 school pupils through the school library, thereby providing support to improve the literacy and numeracy skills of the pupils.





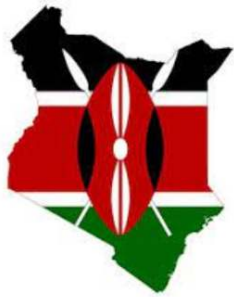


## Project Overview

The winner from Namibia trained adults and kids on art and design as a means to document, share information and knowledge. Most schools don't have Libraries and there are no attractive/concrete materials to teach reading apart from books.

Therefore the winner decided to focus on ART AND DESIGN FOR KIDS AND ADULTS.

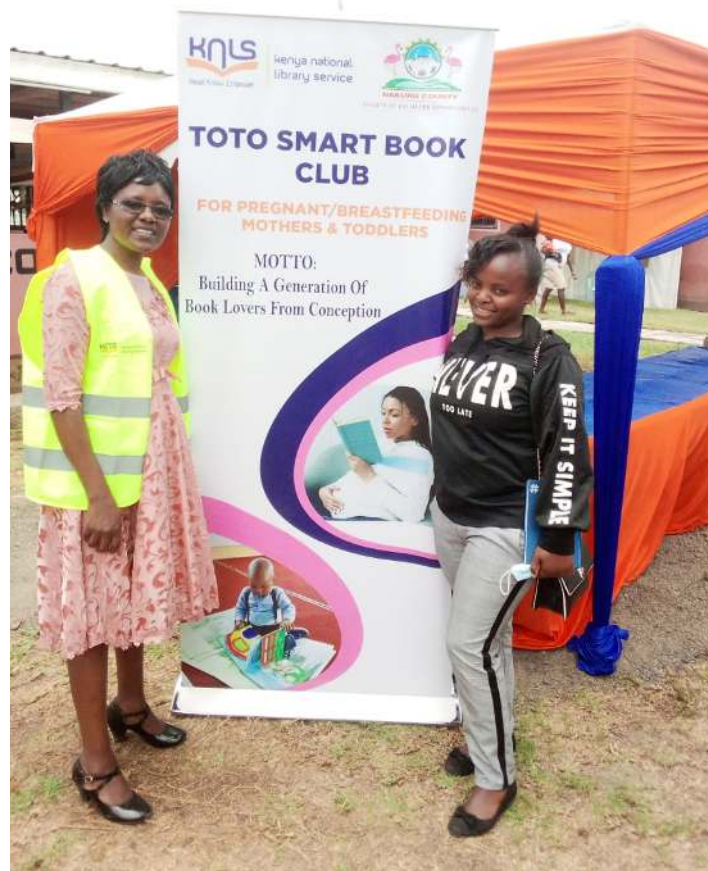




## Project Name: Toto Smart Book club

### Project Overview

In partnership with Kenya National Library and Archives Services, the winner set up a Health information unit( Toto Smart Book club) at Bondeni Maternity, Nakuru. This is a project that targets pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. The goal is to encourage them to read storybooks to unborn children, provide health information to mother's( safe delivery, nutrition for mom & baby, mental wellness etc)



# Young African Library Leaders Fellowship 2021 Cohort #YALLF2021

- ✓ **15 Young Library Leaders across 9 African countries.**



**Uba, Ebubechukwu Ezinwa**  
| Nigeria



**Godwill Liphali**  
| Malawi



**Joel Tchoropa**  
| Bénin



**Namakau Mayungo**  
| Zambia



**Clarisse Uwamahoro**  
| Rwanda



**Esther Aushona Maria**  
| Namibia



**Iryuwambaje Florence**  
| Rwanda



**David Koech**  
| Kenya



**Rajabu Shabani**  
| Tanzania



**Favour Jumoke Oyeniran**  
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**Hauwa Kasimu**  
| Nigeria



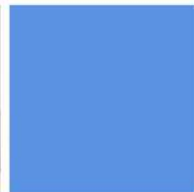
**Miryam Amunime**  
| Namibia



**Abdulqawiyu Mustaph**  
| Nigeria



**Martina Maluleka**  
| South Africa



**Victor Muzanzi**  
| Kenya

 @YALLFellowship #YALLF2021



# Library Tracker



**Design  
and launch**



**On-Boarding  
session**



**Data  
collation**

2022



## Equitable access to information in African communities by



strategically citing both physical, e-libraries and ICT centers to aid and support numeracy and literacy development as well as digital literacy.





# #libraryselfie2022

✓ **7 Countries**

✓ **96 entries**

✓ **7 Winners**

✓ **7 Mini library project**

## WINNERS



#Library Selfie 2022  
5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



**Kenya Winner**  
startalibrarytrust



#Library Selfie 2022  
5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



**Namibia Winner**  
Olivinet



#Library Selfie 2022  
5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



**Nigeria Winner**  
Chisom3189



#Library Selfie 2022  
5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



**South Africa Winner**  
sleeping on pages



#Library Selfie 2022  
5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



**Cameroon Winner**  
kumies19715



#Library Selfie 2022  
5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



**Ethiopia Winner**  
halle\_fikru16

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#Library Selfie 2022  
5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



**Ghana Winner**  
Kniscy

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# Pre-Conference Workshop at the African Youth SDGs Summit

Design-thinking, SDGs and the Voluntary National Review Process. The two-day workshop trained 27 emerging library leaders across Ethiopia on Advocacy – 11 from regional government universities and 16 from libraries in the capital, and focused on advocating for libraries, Sustainable Development Plans & Voluntary National Reviews: Roles of libraries & librarians, and Design Thinking.

- ✓ **ECA Library, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and Library Aid Africa**



# Young African Library Leaders Fellowship 2022 Cohort #YALLF2022

- ✓ 23 young library leaders across 9 African countries.

Young African Library Leaders Fellowship

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YOUNG AFRICAN LIBRARY LEADERS FELLOWSHIP  
**2022 COHORT**

Shalom Yusuf Nigeria	Paul Mensah Amanor Ghana	Aune Ndapawa Namibia	Beatrice Kaseke Zimbabwe	Lorato Lungwane Botswana	Adesina Oladimeji A. Nigeria			
Francisca Obiero Kenya	Albertina Haindaka Namibia	Aina Megamono Sakaria Namibia	Farai Nyasango Zimbabwe	Beatrice K. Kehinde Nigeria	Patricia Magumise Zimbabwe	Ellen Chifuniro Malawi	Methembe Melusi M. Zimbabwe	Adedeji I. Adeyanju Nigeria
Peace Osemudiamen. E. Nigeria	Garande Vongesai ,P. Zimbabwe	Chukwumaka Chukwueke Nigeria	Martin V.S. Hipangwa Namibia	Elizabeth Matheus Namibia	Graco Ninahazimana Burundi	Razack Rimedhani Kasimu Zambia	Potor James C. Malawi	

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# Library Tracker



**Improvement and redesign of platform**



**Partnerships**



**Library Administrator Sign Up**



**Data collation**

The screenshot displays the Library Tracker web application interface. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the following elements from left to right: a magnifying glass icon, the text "Find a Library", "Library Analytics", "Become an Administrator", and a "Login" button. Below the navigation bar, on the left side, there is a user greeting "Hello" with a smiley face icon, followed by the text "Looking to find a library?". Below this is a search input field with the placeholder text "Search library name, address" and a "View libraries around you" button with a location pin icon. Underneath the search bar, the section "Search Results" lists four library entries, each with a circular icon containing a book symbol, the library name, and its address:

- Kashim Ibrahim Library (KIL)Ahmadu Bello University -Zaria**  
Kashim Ibrahim Library, ABU Zaria.
- Kashim Ibrahim Library (KIL)Ahmadu Bello University -Zaria**  
Kashim Ibrahim Library, ABU Zaria.
- Anambra State College of Health Technology Library, Obosi**  
PMB 1001, Obosi, Anambra State
- Anambra State Polytechnic Library**

On the right side of the interface is a large world map showing various countries and their names. The map is centered on the African continent and includes labels for major bodies of water like the Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Sea.

# Programmatic Focus:

Our programmatic focus aligns with our Strategic Direction 2020– 2025.

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## TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION FOR LIBRARY



- Library Tracker
- Library Volunteer Corps

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## INNOVATION CO-CREATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



- Young African Library Leaders Fellowship
- #libraryselfie series
- Community Library Center Project
- Connected Libraries, Connecting Communities
- The School Library Intervention Project

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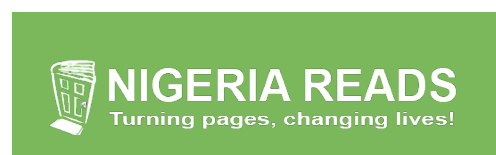
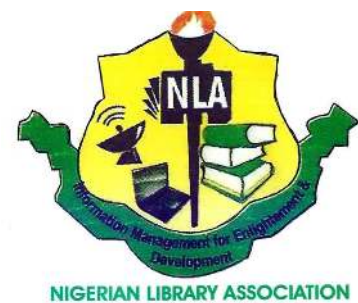
## LIBRARY ADVOCACY, POLICY & RESEARCH



- The Library Policy Fellowship
- Community Library Impact Study
- Specific library research and publications

# Partners we have worked with:

Our work and impact has been able to reach a more diverse audience through collaboration and partnerships



# Technology Innovation for Libraries

- ✓ **Library Tracker**
- ✓ **Library Volunteer Corps**



# Library Tracker

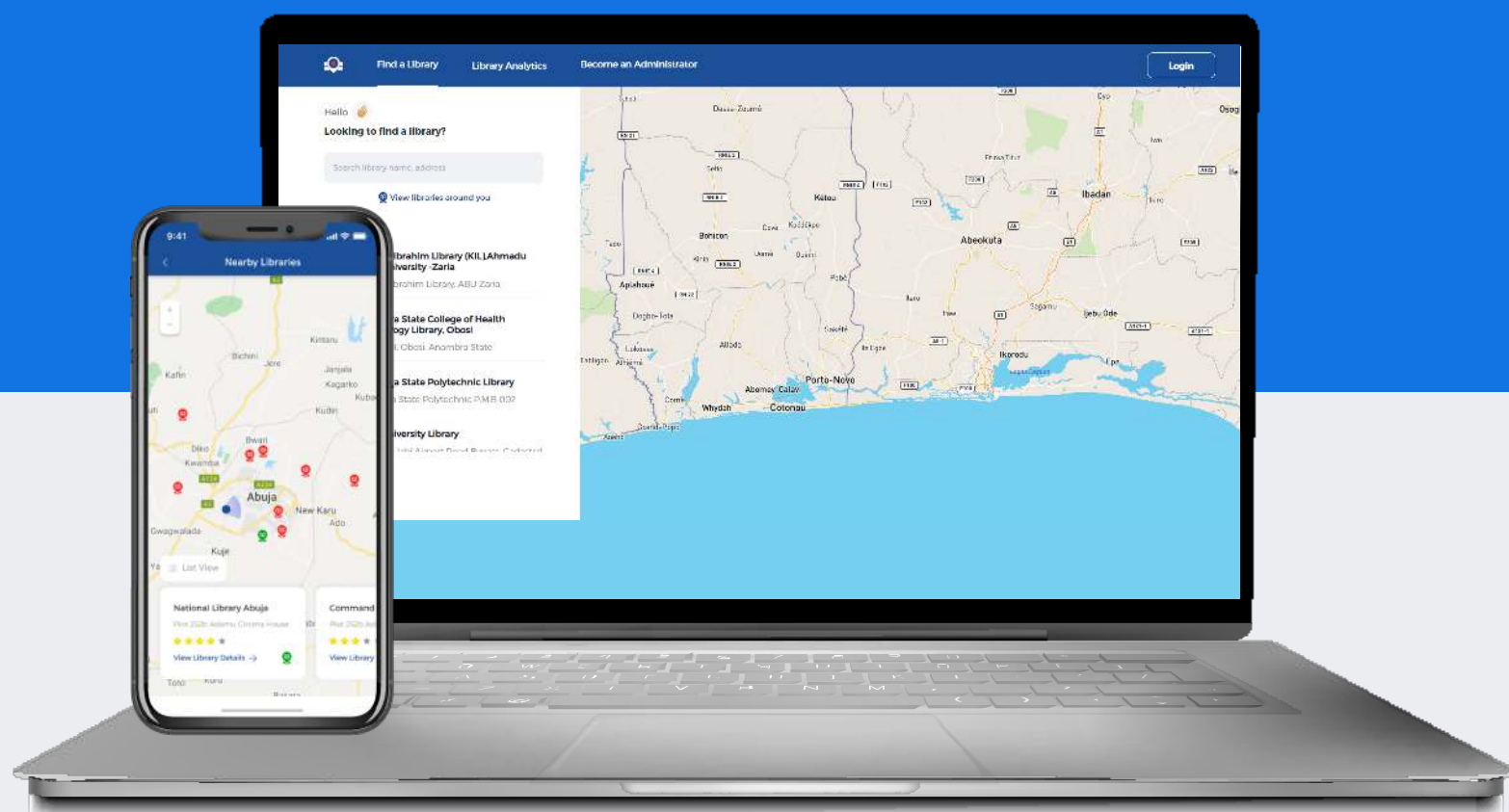
Enhancing public's access to information by geolocating libraries and their services via an online application.



Library Tracker is a Web Application that collates and provides data about library functionality and efficiency in schools, communities, and institutions. The application facilitates easy access to libraries and their services through library directory, mapping, and geo-location. Library Tracker web Application is accessible through <http://librarytracker.org/>, compatible with mobile (android & ios) and desktop versions.

Library Tracker exists to connect libraries with existing and potential users. It bridges the gap between libraries and their communities through digital technology.

The project aims to make the Library Tracker app the one-stop open-source library data and information platform in Africa by the end of 2025.





# What impact does Library Tracker seek to



## **Libraries**

An online platform to make libraries visible to engage existing and potential users thereby facilitating easy access to libraries and library services across African communities



## **General Public/Library users**

An online platform to contact libraries, access library services, geo-locate libraries, provide reviews and comments for improvement, and share library experiences



## **Development Partners and other agencies**

An online platform to get information and data about the state of libraries in African communities. This data and information will aid advocacy and programmatic efforts for improved library development, capacity, funding, and policy reforms for libraries in Africa.



**Library  
Volunteer  
Corps**

2022

Remotely connecting libraries  
with volunteers



Library Volunteer Corps (LVC) <http://libraryvolunteercorps.org/> leverages digital technology and citizen engagement approaches to remotely connect libraries with volunteers to exchange values and other services that will improve library visibility, service delivery, user experience and make libraries more viable.

## What impact does the Library Volunteer Corps seek to make?



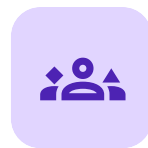
Virtual and in-person volunteers for libraries supporting improvement library service delivery



Community interaction and integration with libraries through volunteering



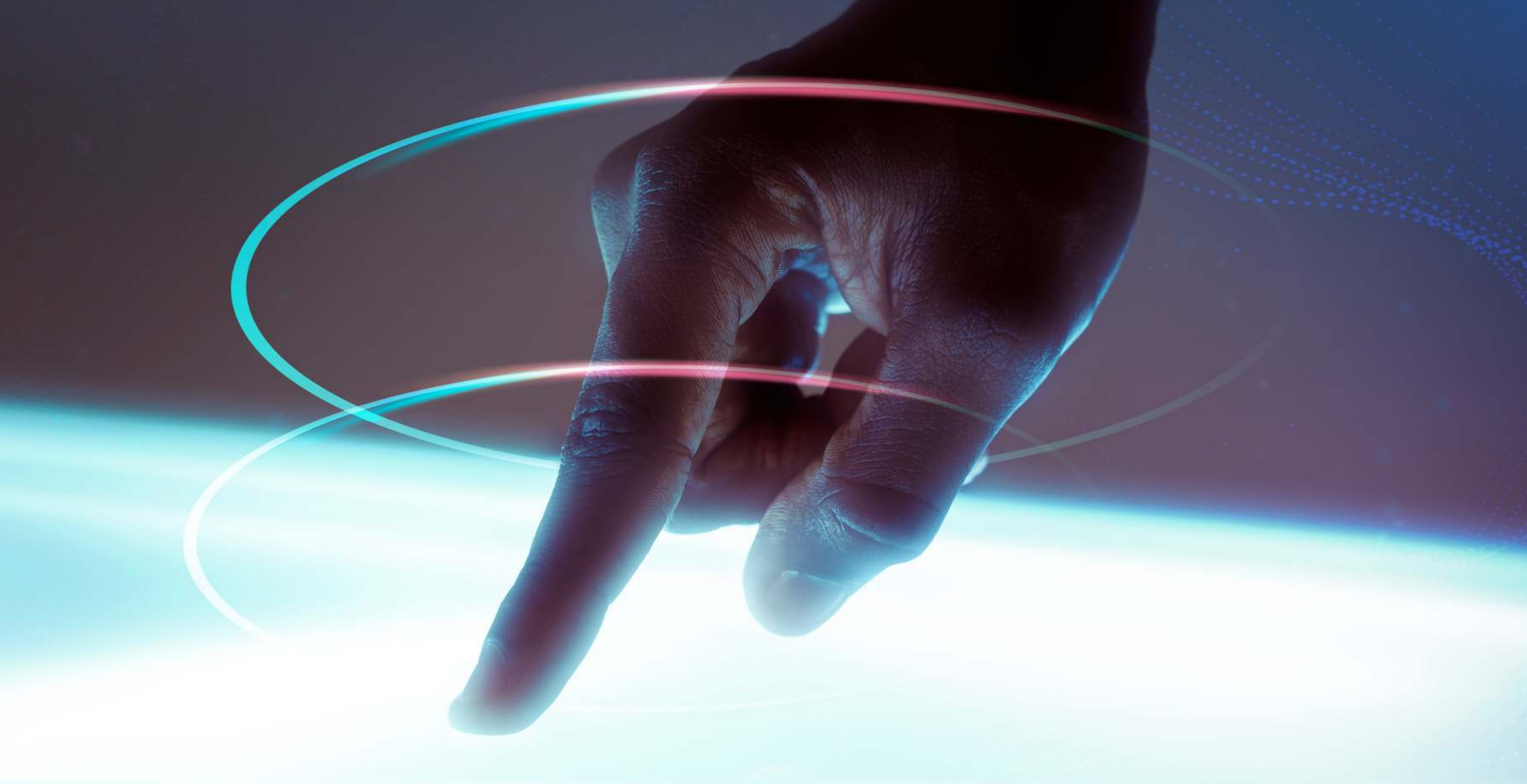
Community participation in promoting volunteerism in Libraries



Strengthen community centered library development plans



Funded project for libraries through Library Volunteer Corps platform.



# **Innovation Co-Creation and Community Engagement**

- ✓ **Young African Library Leaders Fellowship**
- ✓ **#libraryselfie series**
- ✓ **The School Library Intervention Project**
- ✓ **Community Library Center Project**
- ✓ **Connected Libraries, Connecting Communities**



**Young African  
Library Leaders  
Fellowship**

Raising the next generation of  
Library leaders where it's needed  
most.



Young African Library Leaders Fellowship is designed to equip and nurture proactive young library leaders annually, with the skills and knowledge to adequately meet the information needs of their communities and contribute meaningfully to achieving sustainable development plans in Africa.

In the past 3 years, we have had #YALLF2020, #YALLF2021 and #YALLF2022 Cohorts spanning 56 young library leaders across 14 African countries: Nigeria, Tanzania, Kenya, South Sudan, Rwanda, Zambia, Namibia, South Africa, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Malawi, Burundi and Benin.

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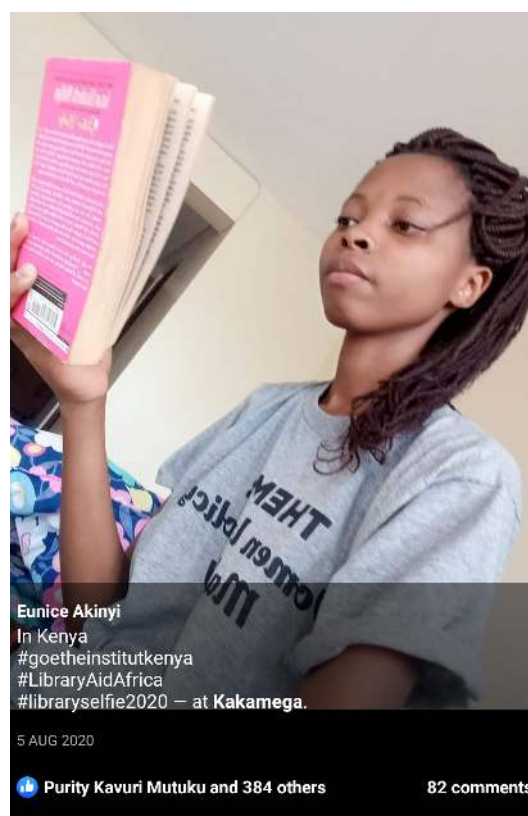
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Using social media for good/ Connecting social media library influencers.



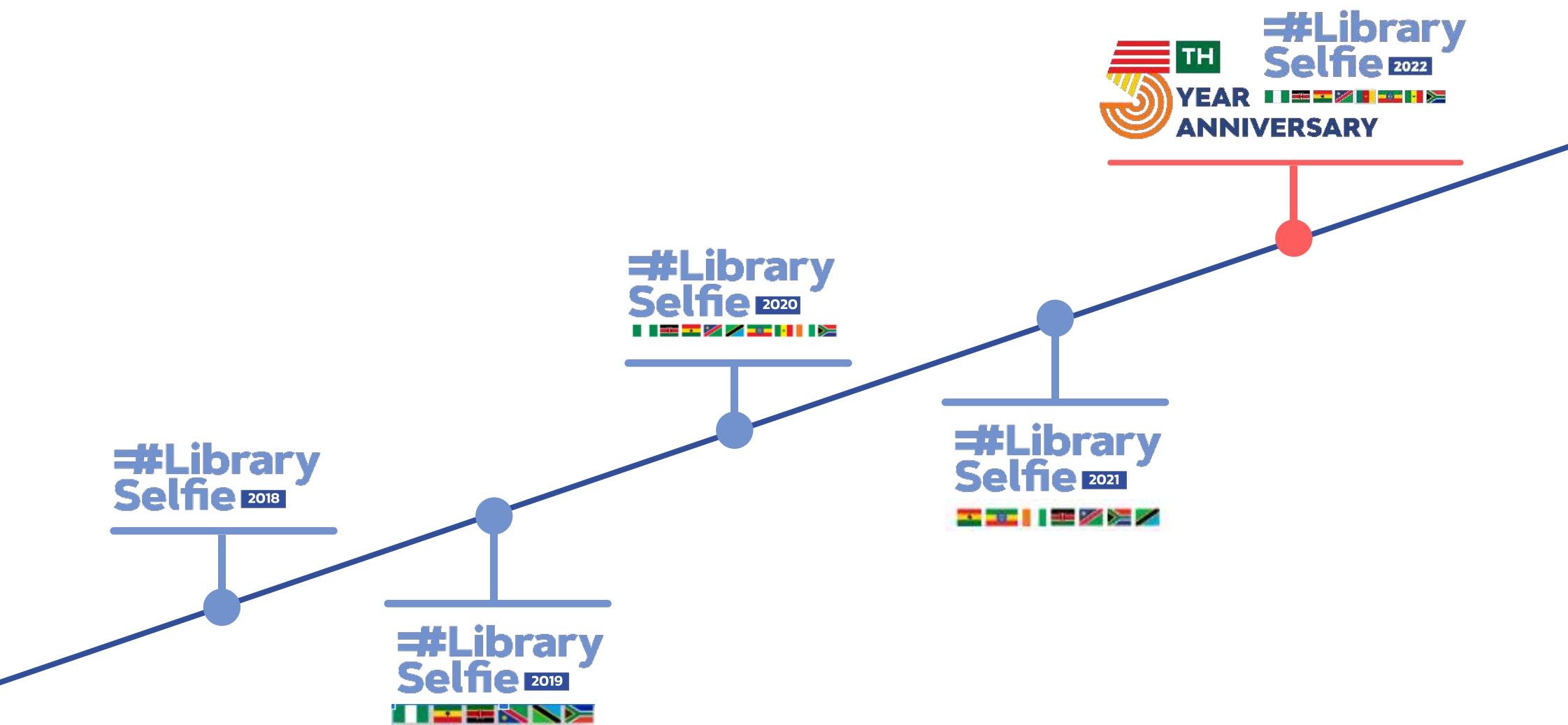




One of our major approaches as an organization is to leverage digital technology and citizen engagement approaches to make libraries more viable.

In achieving this mandate through the #libraryselfie series in partnership with Goethe-Institut, an online initiative that uses social media to create awareness about the importance of libraries as spaces for reading and learning– and also driving community led library initiatives through the winners.

**In the past 5 years,  
we have had**



**Spanning across 9  
African countries:**

Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, Cameroon, Tanzania,  
Ethiopia, Kenya, Namibia, and South Africa.

Winners win amazing prizes and mini-grant to implement a mini library project.

### List of mini projects by winners





## COMMUNITY LIBRARY CENTER

### **Equitable access to information in African communities by**



strategically citing both physical, e-libraries and ICT centers to aid and support numeracy and literacy development as well as digital literacy.

**CONNECTED  
LIBRARIES,  
CONNECTING  
COMMUNITIES**



Connected Libraries connecting communities seeks to leverage digital technology and citizen engagement approaches to make libraries further realize their potential through digital connectivity, digital skills, digital infrastructure, and digital innovation across public, community and school libraries in African countries.



## Strategy

- **Research**
- **Intervention/Initiatives**
- **Advocacy**
- **Capacity Development**



## **Library Advocacy, Policy & Research**

Advancing stakeholders and young library leaders involvement in state of library and policy issues affecting different countries in Africa and engendering strong library policy making culture, network and structure for far-reaching future societal impact.



# The Library Policy Fellowship

The Library Policy Fellowship is an advocacy project that seeks to leverage digital technology to nurture library leaders with the practical skills and knowledge to influence and change library policy & legislation ecosystems. Trained fellows will research existing legislation and policies that guide libraries in their countries with a view to review and or introduce policy recommendations that will improve the state of libraries in their country.

- ✓ Fellowship Program
- ✓ In-Country Advocacy
- ✓ The Library Policy Forum
- ✓ The Library Policy Virtual Dashboard



# Community Library Impact Study

This Community Library Impact Study (CLIS) is a collaborative research initiative implemented by Library Aid Africa that aims to learn about the community level impact of libraries in African communities. This initiative seeks to research to identify the best medium that connects libraries and their services with the communities they serve. In doing so, CLIS hopes to inform continued learning on how community libraries can support the communities they are located in and drive positive social change.





**Virtual Town Hall:  
Why Libraries?**



**Specific  
library research  
and publications**

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Harnessing digital technology  
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