



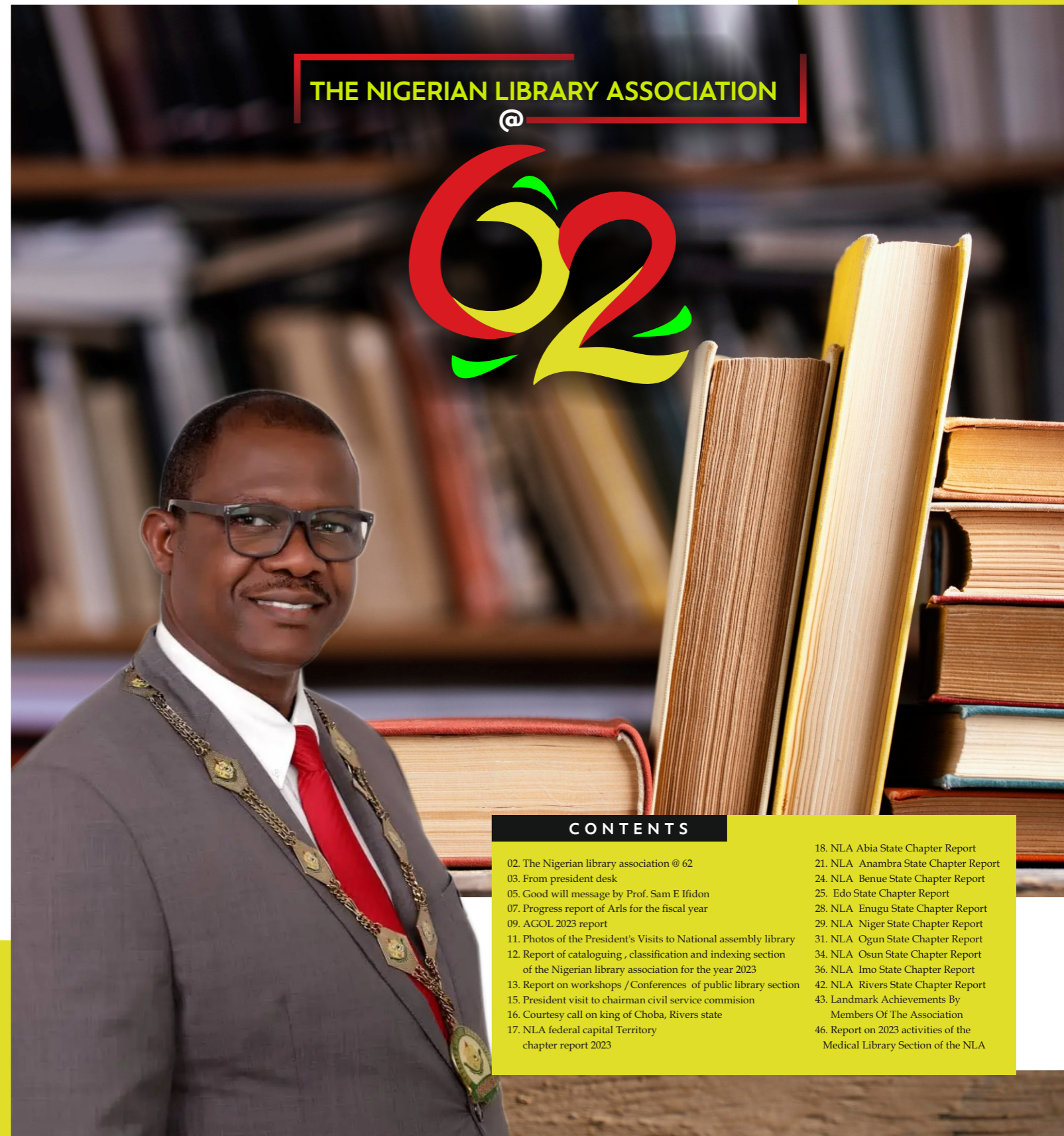
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DR P.O OLAOJO

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The Nigerian Library Association (NLA) has come a long way in the profession as one that has shown leadership and direction to all her numerous members. NLA has been organising conferences, seminars and workshops that have define the relevance of the profession over the years. It is cheering to note that the Garden City 2024 is going to be loud. The preparation for the conference was super and no stone was left unturned in order to make the conference a glorious one. Many thanks to the Dr Umar-led National Organising Committee (NOC) of the Conference for working round the clock to put everything together perfectly so as to record a successful conference.

Many thanks to the NLA President, Pastor Dominic Omokaro for his numerous promoting, support and leadership. The executive members also deserve a special appreciation for various roles they played. For your sacrifice to make the association great, we say thank you. All our fathers and mothers in the profession and colleagues, we are out to serve you to the best of our ability. In your support we derive our strength and energy to move on. Continue to make yourselves available as we journey on in this noble profession. The sky is obviously our starting point.

Remember that we have so much land to conquer and the Lord will back us up in our renewed determination to achieve greatness. The secretariat is well positioned and will work with all stakeholders - National Library of Nigeria and Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria in particular to regulate the practice of librarianship.

Let me welcome us all to Port Harcourt, Garden City 2024. Feel free to interact with the serene atmosphere provided by our hard working Vice Chancellor through relentless efforts of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) ably led by the River State Chairman, Dr Chidaka.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I pen down my thoughts for the second time from the **President's Desk**, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and purpose. Our journey together has been both inspiring and transformative, and I am deeply honoured to serve as the President and Chairman of the Council of this great Association.

The theme of my Presidency, "**Engage, Connect, Collaborate and Enable**," continues to guide our collective efforts and aspirations, and I am excited to share our progress and future plans with you. I recalled that the theme of my Presidential campaign was *Together with can do it* and this theme has driven me in carrying everybody along as part of my leadership style in the last two years and this edition of the Newsletter captures some of our activities at the national, state and section levels.

Engage:

Engagement is the cornerstone of our professional community. Over the past 24 months, we have initiated various programs and activities aimed at fostering active participation and involvement among our members. Our recent chapter and section webinars, workshops, and conferences have seen unprecedented participation, reflecting your commitment to professional growth and development. I encourage each of you to continue engaging with these opportunities, sharing your insights and experiences, and contributing to the vibrant discourse that defines our association. We expanded our engagements with our stakeholders and we are enjoying positive responses.

Connect:

In an increasingly digital world, building and nurturing connections is more important than ever. We have made significant strides in enhancing our digital platforms to facilitate better communication and networking among members. Our revamped website and active social media presence are designed to keep you informed and connected, no matter where you are. I am particularly proud of our effort at fostering meaningful connections that transcend geographical boundaries. I thank BoldScholars Ltd, NLA Digital crew, the Digital Librarian Crew and our members who gave us the mandate to do what we are doing.

Collaborate:

Collaboration is at the heart of innovation and progress. This year, we have forged new partnerships with Young Librarians, Business organisations, Professional bodies, Government bodies, Regional and International Library Association. At the beginning of my tenure I committed to playing big at Local, Regional and Global levels of our profession and I can tell you that NLA is visible in all and fulfilling our obligations.

Enable:

Empowerment through knowledge and resources is a key objective of our Association. We are committed to providing you with the tools and support needed to excel in your roles as Library and Information Professionals. I am pleased to report that our advocacy efforts have also borne fruit and with our recent engagements, we are drawing attention of government and the citizenry to recognize and strengthen the role of Librarians and Libraries in National Development,

As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to these guiding principles. Together, we can create a future where Libraries are not just repositories of knowledge, but dynamic centres of learning, innovation, and community engagement. I am confident that with your continued support, prayers and dedication, we will achieve great things together.

Our Port Harcourt (Garden City 2024) Conference and Annual General Meeting is meant to consolidate the gains of the Akure 2023 Conference. I am looking forward to a great Conference in Port Harcourt and the experience will be awesome for us. I hope to meet with you all in Port Harcourt. The National and Local Organising Committees have been working round the clock to give us a great Conference.

I thank you for your unwavering commitment to the Nigerian Library Association. Let us continue to Engage, Connect, Collaborate, and Enable for a brighter future.

Please, accept the assurances of my highest regards.

Happy reading!

PST. DOMINIC AMENAGHAWON OMOKARO
President & Chairman of Council,
Nigerian Library Association.

Goodwill Message

All too soon one year has rolled by since the Nigerian Library Association held her 61st Conference and Annual General Meeting in Akure. For the past 62 years the Association has maintained an unbroken tradition of her Conferences and Annual General Meetings. In between one Conferences and another a number of achievements are always recorded. When these are put together from 1962 to date, the results can only be imagined rather than described. Behind these successes are 22 seasoned professionals and scholars who, with the support of other members piloted the affairs of the Association from the pioneer President, Late Mr. Kalu Okorie through 20 others to the current one, Pastor Dominic Omokaro. To raise an Association from the scratch to a full-fledged professional body backed by legislation is not a mean task. For this reason, I doff my hat for our former Presidents (dead and alive) as well as the current one who is keeping the flag flying. Their achievements speak volumes. I wish the Association another memorable Conference and Annual General Meeting in 2024.

I cannot draw the curtain on this Good Will message without reminding you about the following hints that the National Executive Committee may wish to consider after this Conference in our bid to retain our victories, retrieve the lost ones and prepare to forestall imminent dangers:

There is a positive correlation between the level of national development and level of Library development. No developed country operates poor library and Information services. By way I contrast, no developing country manages good library and information services.

The survival of a Profession depends on a good rapport between Library Management and Government Functionaries.

Without approved financial library standards, the level of financial support to library and information services will continue to be low.

There is crying need to intensify our efforts in the areas of advocacy, marketing and promotion of library and information services.

Librarians should see modern development as an aid rather than a master in the performance of their job.

For the second time we must strive to resurrect Librarian's Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN).

Modern technology is not a threat to library and information services or a death knell to the physical book. The highly technological countries still have and encourage reading of books. Printing presses are still being established. The alarm about the death of the book and paperless offices was raised in the first and second world countries. This Alarm remains an alarm among the futurists in those countries. A new invention does not necessarily render existing facilities obsolete. At the worst, the physical book will continue to remain side by side with the e-book.

Policy-makers who belong to the school of thought whose tenet is that the library and the book are mere relics of an inefficient past must be proved wrong by our present and future services to our users.

The struggle for the completion of the 40- year old National Library of Nigeria must be vigorously pursued. Our Government and her functionaries should be made to realize that the National Library of the United States - The Library of Congress metamorphosed from the equivalent of our National Assembly. While we wish our departed founding fathers a free passage to the Luminous Gardens of their Creator, we pray for more strength for ourselves to continue with the struggle for the survival of our Profession. Once again, I wish ourselves a successful Conference and Annual General Meeting. Amen

Long Live the Federal Republic of Nigeria!!!

Long Live the Nigerian Library Association!!!

Long Live the Chapters of NLA!!!



**PROFESSOR (CHIEF)
SAM E. IFIDON**

- Former University Librarian (in 2 Universities);
- Former Dean, Postgraduate School;
- Former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences;
- Former Head, Department of Library and Information Science (in 2 Universities)



ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES SECTION OF THE NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

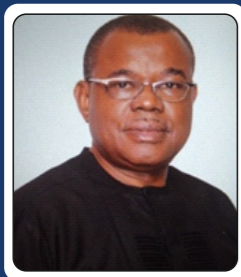
PROGRESS REPORT OF ARLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Preamble

The Academic and Research Libraries Section (ARLS) is a section of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA) with membership that cuts across libraries in Colleges, Polytechnics, Monotechnics, Universities and Research Institutes in Nigeria. The Section aims to support the tripartite objectives of higher institutions by providing library and information services for teaching and learning, research and community services.

The Executive

The present Executive members of the Academic and Research Libraries Section (ARLS) took over the mantle of leadership on 5th July 2023 after having been duly elected to the various offices of the Association. The executive comprises the following experienced librarians from various institutions:



Dr. Isaac M. Ogbonna
Chairman



Dr. Azino O. Akpokurerie
Vice Chairman



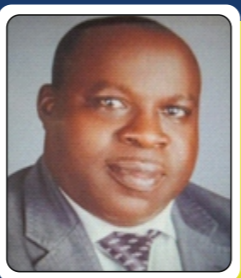
Rev. Dr. Jonathan N. Chimah
General Secretary



Dr. Doris C. Obiano
Treasurer



Mrs. Perpetua Ukwueze
Pro/Fin Sec



Dr. Ifeanyi J. Ezema
Ex-officio (IPC)

Membership

Generally, potential members of the Academic and Research Libraries Section include all academic librarians in all the aforementioned institutions. Officially, recognized members, however, are only those that have registered, attend and participate in conferences and pay their annual dues as at when due. Currently there are over 200 registered members from different institutions across the country. Registration is ₦3,000 and annual dues is ₦2,000.

ARLS Journal

Academic and Research Libraries Section floats a peer-reviewed journal titled "Nigerian Academic and Research Libraries Journal (NARLJ)". The maiden volume was published in June 2022. The Journal's frequency is twice per year (June & December). The volume 2 Numbers 1 and 2 are still available for sale. Meanwhile volume 3 number 1 (June, 2024) is the most current Issue of the Journal which should be purchased by librarians in academic and research libraries and indeed other libraries. The Editor-in-Chief is Prof Akobundu Uga at Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State.

Financial Obligations

The ARLS has always contributed her quota to the NLA national as financial resources become available. The due for the year under review has been paid based on stipulated and/or affordable percentage.

Annual General Meetings

The ARLS annual general meetings have always held at the various NLA national conferences venues. This year, at Port Harcourt, during Sections meetings the Executive shall be meeting with every ARLS member in attendance in order to brief them on current status (in terms of programmes, finances etc) of the Section. The ARLS Executive is poised to maintain the transparent leadership bequeathed to her by past Exco members.

National Conferences

The ARLS organized her 9th National Conference on 28th & 29th November 2023. The conference was virtual (zoom). The theme was "Current Trends and Emerging Issues in Academic and Research Libraries for Information Service Delivery". This theme aligned with the American Library Association's ARL Section. The conference papers x-rayed the types of information services deliver and trends in academic and research libraries.

The conference's keynote speaker was Prof Jubril Attahiru Alhassan of Federal University of Kashere; whereas he lead paper presenter was Prof Yetunde A. Zaid of University of Lagos. The conference papers were co-edited by Dr. Isaac M. Ogbonna, Dr. Ifeanyi J. Ezema, Dr. Jonathan N. Chimah and Dr. Brendan E. Asogwa. Afterwards, the conference proceedings was published electronically and mailed to contributors.

Again, aligning with international theme, the ARLS has come up with a theme for the 2024 National Conference as "Academic and Research Libraries in Transition: The Challenges of Emerging Technologies". This conference is scheduled to hold between 25th and 26th September 2024 at the PG School of Benson Idahosa University, Benin City. The keynote speaker is Prof. Luke Osamudiamen Obasayi whereas the lead paper present is Dr. Tony Kpomuos Obaseki. Every academic and research librarian is expected to participate in the upcoming ARLS conference.

Humbly submitted,

Dr. Isaac M. Ogbonna
Chairman

Rev. Dr. Jonathan N. Chimah
General Secretary

AGOL 2023 REPORT FORWARDED TO NIGERIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MAY, 2024.

1.0 Introduction

The Association of Government Libraries had its second edition of the Library week from 30th October to 2nd November, 2023. It was to further the gains arising from the success of the first edition held in 2021 and to enhance the work performance and career development of members. The proposal for the 2023 edition was approved by the Association at its General meeting held on 13th April, 2022 and funded by the association. Consequent to this approval, a committee was set up to implement the process of organizing the Library Week event. Members of the committee were as follows:

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|-------|-------------------------|---|---------------|
| i) | Mr. Ikenna Uzoukwu | - | Chairman |
| ii) | Mr. Femi Obadina | - | Vice-Chairman |
| iii) | Rev. Chiemela Evurunobi | - | Member |
| iv) | Mrs. Joselyn Tauypen | - | Member |
| v) | Mrs. Benedicta Nwokocha | - | Member |
| vi) | Miss Zainab Shehu Ahmed | - | Member |
| vii) | Lucky Owraigbo | - | Member |
| viii) | Mr. Ezeakachi Umunna | - | Secretary |

The committee drew up an action plan and a budget estimate for the implementation of the Library Week programme after several meetings on different occasions. They committee also came out with the theme of the library week titled "An Overview of Library and Information Services in Ministries, Departments and Agencies: Challenges, Prospects, Strategic Policies and Reforms". The programme commenced on 30th October and ended on 2nd November, 2023.

2.0 Attendance

A total number of forty-five (45) participants attended the four (4) days programme.

3.0 Objectives of the Library Week

The Library Week aimed to achieve the following objectives:-

- To improve human capacity of Library and Information Science Professionals in the achievement of organizational goals,
- To enable officers assume higher challenges in the course of attaining higher levels of responsibilities,
- To enable officers share practical experience and network with peers;
- To equip officers to understand, drive and assist in the implementation of institutional mandate,
- To entrench the use of Library Services in Public Institutions,
- To enrich the participants with the knowledge of Information Communication Technology in the discharge of library services in achieving organizational objective.

4.0 Methodology of Library Week Lectures

The lectures were delivered through power point presentations in an interactive manner. It also involved discussions that were complimented with audio-visual.

5.0 Highlight Of The Library Week Programme

The Library Week anchored by the PRO, Mr. Lucky Uwraigbo and Mr. Ezekachi Umunna witnessed the following activities:

Day One

- The Need for Collaboration among Government Libraries for Effective Service Delivery by Prof. Chinwe Anunobi (National Librarian)
- Transition from Analog to ICT based Professional: The Need for Efficient Library Service Delivery by Mr. Lucky Owraigbo

Day Two

- Knowledge of Public Service Rules and Regulations: An Important Factor in Career Development of Library and Information Professionals by Mr. Oni (Human Resource Consultant)
- Impact of Library Services in Career Development of Public Officers and Implementation of Government Reforms. by Rev. Chiemela Evurunobi

Day Three

- Revitalizing and Repositioning Government Libraries through Workable Strategies by Prof. Ifeoma Echezona (Former University Librarian, University of Abuja)
- The Use of Social Media Strategy in Projecting Library Relevance in Ministries, Departments and Agencies by Mr. Wada Enemali

Day Four

- The Roles of Library and Information Professionals in achieving their Organization's Mandate By Pastor Dominic Omokaro (NLA President)
- Presentation by Integrated Library Mgt System/ e-Library Mgt by Libtec Representative

6.0 Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was held on the second day of the programme with a welcome address by the Chairman of AGOL, Mr. Ugorji Ifeanyi, CLN.

7.0 AGOL Awardee List

A total number of 14 persons were given awards. The Awardees are as follows:

- Alhaji Ismaheel Adeniyi O. Alawode
- Mrs. Olusiyi Clarice I.
- Mr. Julius Gobum
- Mr. Eugene Adi
- Hajia Sanni Nimat Omolara
- Mrs. Mbonu Fanny Ifeoma
- Taupyen J.G (Mrs.)
- Late Mr. Umoh Okon
- Mrs. Agada Patricia C.
- Mr. Ben Omogo (Director, ODD, OHCSF)
- Chief (Mrs.) Alice O. Ojowu (Director Water Resources)
- Mrs. Nkoyo Esuabana (Perm Sec OSGF)
- Dr. Ernest A. Umakhihe (Perm Sec. FMA&FS)
- Mrs. Tali Andoon Nancy (DD FCSC)

9.1 Certificate of Honour

Certificates of Honour in recognition of outstanding contribution in the career development of our members were given to the following personalities:

- Mr. Ikenna Uzoukwu
- Rev. Chiemela Evurunobi
- Pastor Dominic Omokaro (NLA President)

10.0 Closing Ceremony and Issue Of Communiqué

The Library Week ended on the 2nd of November, 2023. The key events of the closing ceremony were the presentation of Awards and Certificates to the distinguished recipients.

**REPORT OF AGOL 2023 LIBRARY WEEK
HELD AT E-GOVERNMENT TRAINING CENTRE,
PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA, KUBWA, ABUJA
30TH OCTOBER – 2ND NOVEMBER, 2023.**

PHOTOS OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISITS TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The President was at the commissioning of the National Assembly Library today, 29th May, 2024. Below are pictures from the event



REPORT OF THE CATALOGUING, CLASSIFICATION AND INDEXING SECTION OF THE NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2023.

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA) Cataloguing, Classification & Indexing Section held its 43rd Annual Seminar/Workshop with theme "Metadata Management and Quality Assurance in Linked Data Environment" from October 23-27, 2023 at the Redeemers University, Ede Osun State. The programme was chaired by **Prof. Uloma D. Onuoha**, University Librarian, Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State. The Keynote Speaker was **Dr. Pius Tunji Olajojo**, Head of Department, Library, Archival & Information Science, University of Ibadan, Oyo State.

ELECTION

The Section had its election during the programme and this ushered in new executive members.

Below are their names and positions.

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| 1. | Dr. Racheal Opeyemi Odunlade, CLN.
University of Lagos | Chairman |
| 2. | Mr Paschal Ojeagbonye, CLN.
University of Lagos | Vice Chairman |
| 3. | Mr. Samuel Ade Arikawe
Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo. | General Secretary |
| 4. | Mrs. Benedicta Unuigboje
Redeemers University, Ede | Asst. Gen. Secretary. |
| 5. | Dr. Abosede Kaltumi Sangosanya
National Library Abeokuta | Treasurer |
| 6. | Mr. Ioryem Thaddeus N.
Benue State Polytechnic, Ugbokolo. | Financial Secretary |
| 7. | Dr. Usuka E. Isaac.
Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria, Lagos. | P. R. O |

APPRECIATION

We want to thank National Library Association for the usual support.

Thank you and God bless.

DR. R.O. ODUNLADE
Chairman

MR. S. ADE ARIKAWE
General Secretary

NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION REPORT

A. WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

1. Public Librarianship Consultative Summit: Issues, Challenges & Opportunities

On Wednesday May 17 2023 the Public Library Section held a virtual national summit in collaboration with the American Centre in Lagos. The theme: *Public Librarianship Consultative Summit: Issues, Challenges & opportunities* x-rayed major problems and issues affecting public libraries in Nigeria. The Summit was well attended by major stakeholders in librarianship in Nigeria which included Chairmen of Library Boards, academic librarians, P u b l i c librarians and Librarians from all sectors. The summit stressed that public libraries are closer to the people in the community and accessible to all. It sees public libraries as the veritable community melting pot for cultural and grassroots participation in the gathering and exchange of information. The summit resolves that Public Libraries are hamstringed by low staff motivation, inadequate staffing and training, low capacity building as well as widespread obsolescence of resources and infrastructural decay. Most importantly however the summit surmised that most public librarians were doing little or nothing to aid the growth of public libraries in Nigeria. The summit therefore called on heads of public libraries to canvass innovative ideas and programmes that would sell/ promote their libraries and make public libraries not only attractive to the government and user community but also help them to attract grants, funds and revenue.

2. The 6th Annual Conference of the National Librarian with the State Librarians, Directors and Chairmen of public Library Boards in Nigeria, with the theme: *Public Libraries: Gateway to Sustainable Development* was held at the Sulgad Majestic Hotels, Maidugari bypass, Bauchi on the 21st and 22nd of May 2024. The Conference was coordinated under the auspices of the National Library of Nigeria in collaboration with the Bauchi State Library Board. The Conference aims to put all the issues that affect public libraries on the front burners and to affirm their commitment to quality library services in line with the sustainable development goals that are beneficial to all.

- i. It was observed that most of the library boards lack rural spread.
- ii. abysmal obsolescence of resources and dilapidated buildings, equipment and facilities was reported in the few existing public libraries in the capital cities of Nigeria.
- iii. Most of the public libraries in Nigeria lack qualified library personnel to drive sustainable development goals; Aging and retiring experienced personnel are not being replaced with the result that many state libraries such as Kaduna and Edo, no longer have qualified librarians.
- iv. Most Heads of State Library Boards are not sufficiently exploiting opportunities and alternative sources of funds through collaborations, partnership and grants.

The two day Conference was well attended by distinguished personalities in education and librarianship within and outside the Bauchi State. Among them dignitaries are the representative of the Executive Governor of Bauchi State His Excellency Senator Bala Abdulkadir Mohammed, the Speaker of Bauchi State House of Assembly Rt. Honorable Representative of the Honourable Minister of State for Education, The State Commissioner for Education Dr. Jamila Mohammed Dahiru, Permanent Secretaries, State Chairman of the NLA, Ag. Registrar of LRCN, Vice-Chancellors, Polytechnic and College Librarians to mention but a few.

The Honourable Commissioner for Education Dr. Jamila Mohammed Dahiru was the keynote speaker while the lead paper, *fostering social cohesion and civic engagement through public libraries* was presented by Professor M. Malumfashi of the Department of Library & Information Science ATBU.

B. REPORTS FROM ACROSS THE STATES IN BRIEF

Most of the libraries are not strategically positioned for services to attain the SDG; From the reports from across the states, Niger, Cross River, Imo, Abia, Ekiti, Plateau, Kogi, zamfara, Yobe, Borno, Taraba, Ebonyi, Benue and Edo state public libraries are especially worse examples in terms of inadequate and dilapidated infrastructure, building, equipment and obsolescence of collections. Oyo and Enugu State Library Boards have adequate but aging infrastructure and a good spread of branches which needs rehabilitation. A few state libraries such as Lagos, Anambra, Gombe, Kwara, Ogun and Kano State Library Boards have good modern infrastructure. Of the lot, Kano and Anambra State library Boards are blazing the trail and doing exceptionally well. They have consistently maintained series of literacy programmes and activities over the last five years and have a young readers club with a significant number of zonal and community libraries. Kano State has 23 Branch Libraries across the State. In addition Kano, Delta and Anambra State Library Board has one of the biggest State Library building and maintains a CBT hub with 250 to 350 computers apart from their e-learning centres and electronic Libraries.

FRANKLIN VINCENT GIWA
Chairman, Public Library Section
10th June, 2024.

President Visit To Chairman Civil Service Commission

The President paid a courtesy visit to the Chairman, Federal Civil Service Commission today, Monday, 13th May, 2024. Some of the prayers he presented were:

1. We seek intervention to get a waiver for the employment of librarians in the Federal Civil Service, having suffered non employment for many years in the cadre.
2. To help with the resuscitation of the school library system with the employment of librarians for the unity schools in Nigeria since the last employment was over 30 years ago.
3. To collaborate with NLA to train librarians in the federal civil service to enhance productivity.

*Good morning Distinguished Council Members,
I hope we are having a great week? During my visit to the Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission, he drew my attention to his write up on the Vice President Kashim Shettima and how it gave him access to him and offered his willingness to help us with access to the VP but we must come prepared. I discussed the entire book ecosystem with him and have shared this information with the board of NBTF and I am hoping that we can get the ears of FGN since we know that the VP is a reader and book enthusiast. Stay blessed*

*Distinguished Council Members, I hope we are all good?
I had a very unique opportunity today given by the Chairman of AGOL to pay a courtesy call on the Secretary to the Government of the Federation. The function was an AGOL agenda for which the chairman requested me to be a part of only for him to realise that we were to meet with the SGF who was represented by the PS General Services, he then requested me to lead the delegation and to my surprise, PS is a known person to me having worked together in NDC before his elevation. He promised to escalate our requests to the authorities as we were able to capture the essence of my last press conference. It was a very beautiful outing bcos he gave instant directives for action. I am excited bcos we were planning on paying the SGF a visit and the opportunity just presented itself to us on a plater of gold.*

COURTESY CALL ON THE KING OF CHOBA



NLA FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY CHAPTER REPORT FOR 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I am pleased to present the NLA (FCT) Chapter report for 2023. The chapter had a great outing in the year and implemented the library week and organized a Conference/ AGM which was a success.

MEETINGS

The Chapter held 5 Exco meetings in total. Four (4) online, and one (1) physical meeting in total. 2 Quarterly Meetings (OGM) and the AGM held on the 6th of December 2023.

TRAINING, COLLABORATIONS AND COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAYS

The Chapter organized two online training courses on media and information literacy for her members for effective critical thinking skill, on 24th February and July 2023. It collaborated with Edustyle on reading champions competition on 23rd April 2023. The chapter also collaborated with FCT Branch of The National Library of Nigeria to celebrate the Children Day on the 27th of May 2023, while the collaboration with Secondary Education Board saw to training of 40 schoolteachers on the 5th of November 2023.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The chapter celebrated Library Week making it inclusive to all members in the different institutions around Abuja. The activities included talk shows, exco visit to the city library and the community libraries around Abuja, community engagements with the aim of drawing them to the library.

CONFERENCE AND AGM 2023

We organized our Annual Conference/ AGM from 6th December 2023 to 7th December 2023. In the Conference, the support enjoyed by the branch from the Statistician-General of the Federation and Executive Secretary of Secondary Education Board were duly acknowledged. Papers were presented and AGM took place on the 7th of December 2023 at the conference hall of Bureau of Statistics with 55 Librarians in attendance.

NLA FCT FELICITATES

The chapter celebrated her outstanding members in person of Hajiya Neemat Abdulrahim and Ms. Omoh Atsenokhai who emerged as AfLIA regional representative for West Africa and Secretary, National Library Associations Section of AfLIA respectively on the 28th of April 2023. In the same vein, Hajiya Neemat Abdulrahim was awarded Doctor of Philosophy in the Field of Education Administration on the 4th of November 2024.

LESSONS LEARNT

The collaboration and partnerships entered has opened more insights and opportunities for the chapter and professional development of her members.

CHALLENGES

There are still issues of attendance and annual dues payment from members.

CONCLUSION

There is a need for the National to support the state chapters in ensuring members pay their dues and participate in the chapter activities by organizing programs and ensuring that issues bedeviling members in their various institutions are sorted out in reasonable time.

FOLASADE ADEPOJU

Federal Capital Territory, Chairperson

NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, ABIA STATE CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT COVERING AUGUST 2023 TO JUNE, 2024

INTRODUCTION:

The 9th and present executives of the Chapter are comprised as follows:

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| 1. Chairman | - | Dr. C.A. Okezie |
| 2. Vice Chairman | - | Dr. S.K. Ibenne |
| 3. Secretary | - | Dr. O. K. Ogwo |
| 4. Assistant Secretary | - | Mr Onyinye A. Osedo. |
| 5. Treasurer | - | Dr. C.O. Umebali |
| 6. Financial Secretary | - | Mr. Ojukwu Agu Igu |
| 7. Public Relations Officer | - | Mr. Onyekweodiri Nnamdi |
| 8. Welfare Secretary | - | Miss Chinonyerem Obinwa |

At the time of electing and inaugurating the executive committee in April, 2020, Dr. A.U Kalu, emerged as the Chapter secretary, however, following his election, to the national executive, as the Financial Secretary, the Office of the Chapter Secretary was filled by the former Assistant Secretary, Dr. O.K. Ogwo, while a by-election was held during the 1st Quarter General meeting of the Chapter on the 23rd of March, 2023, where Mr. Onyinye A.Osedo, was elected as the Assistant Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH:

The Chapter has approximately, Fifty (50) members, although the nominal list records over One Hundred (110) names. The current executive is making efforts to drive both membership and funds from dormant members, including Professors and Heads of libraries, to resume active membership.

In this regard, a Membership/Fund Drive Committee was constituted in the 2024 2nd Quarter General meeting. The Committee visited libraries in the state to solicit the Heads of Libraries and dormant members to commit to the Chapter. The libraries visited include;

1. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umduike, Library
2. National Root Crops Research, Umudike, library
3. Federal Medical Center, Umuahaia, library
4. National War Museum, Umuahia, library
5. Abia State House of Assembly library
6. Ministry of Justice library
7. Rhema University, Aba, library
8. Abia State Polytechnic, library
9. Temple Gate Polytechnic, library
10. College of Health Sciences and Management Technology, Aba, library

The Committee also used the opportunity to drive attendance to Garden City 2024 National Conference. The Drive yielded significant results, as several dormant members were re-activated, while some new members registered with the Chapter. It is hoped that the results will last, and the efforts will be sustained.

Other activities of the Chapter for the period under review are highlighted as below.

1. Attendance to the 61st NLA Conference (AKURE, 2023): About 8 members of the Chapter attended the conference, with some of them presenting papers.

2. Executive Meetings: The Executive meetings were held regularly, every quarter, preceding the quarterly general meetings.
3. Quarterly General Meetings: The quarterly general meetings of the Chapter were also held regularly as stated below:
 - Ø 2023 last quarter general meeting: The 2023 4th Quarter General Meeting of the Chapter was held on Tuesday, 5th December, 2023 at the Abia State Library Board. Highlight of the meeting was the constitution of a Membership/Fund Drive Committee to reactivate dormant members.
 - Ø 2024 First Quarter General Meeting: The first Quarter General Meeting for the year 2024 was held Thursday, 14th March, 2024 at the Abia State Library Board, Umuahia. Many new members were received as a result of the work of the Membership/Fund Drive Committee set up at the 2023 last quarter general meeting.
4. National Library Week: National Library Week: The Chapter participated in the 2023 National Library Week between the 20th and 24th, November, 2023. Activities to mark the 2023 library week, included; Pictures are hereby attached.
 - Ø Advocacy courtesy visit on the Honorable Commissioner for Education, Abia state
 - Ø Courtesy call on the Management of the Abia State Public Library
 - Ø Donation of chairs to Abia State Public Library
 - Ø Sponsoring of radio jingle on Vision Africa 105.i FM radio, to create awareness and advocacy for the NLA and Abia State Public Library.



Visit to Vision Africa



Live radio program on one of the radio stations in the state; Vision Africa 105 FM

5. Chapter Welfare: During the period under coverage, in line with the Chapter Welfare Bye-law, the Chapter engaged in the following welfare matters to;
 - Ø 2 retired and incapacitated members, Mrs. Stella Odinkemere, and Prince Ulu O. Ulu
 - Ø 1 bereaved member, Mrs. Chigozie Philip-Nwachukwu, and
 - Ø The immediate past Chairman, Professor Udo Nwokocha, who celebrated the triple events of marriage anniversary, book launch and landmark birthday.
 - Ø Deaths: The Chapter recorded the unfortunate deaths of two [2] members, Miss Florence Okorie, who before her passing, was a librarian with the Federal Government Girls' College, Umuahia, Abia state. The Chapter had also earlier lost one of her very active members; a one-time Polytechnic Librarian (Abia State Polytechnic, Aba) Deaconess Glory Onuoha Agwu. The Chapter participated fully in the funeral activities which was in April, 2024.

6. 2023 Chapter Biennial Conference: The Chapter held her Biennial Conference, tagged ABSU 2023, at the Abia State University, Uturu from Tuesday, 5th November to Thursday, 7th September, 2023. The event was themed Libraries and Collaborative Strategies for Service Delivery in a Low Literate Society. Papers presented at the conference were published in a compendium.



The 2023 Biennial Conference tagged "ABSU 2023"

7. Publication of the Chapter Journal- Research Librarian: The Research Librarian is the journal of the Nigerian Library Association, Abia State. It is a peer reviewed journal published annually. Volume 17, 2023 was successfully published, under the Editor-in-Chief, Distinguished Professor, Udo Nwokocha.
8. Chapter Election: The tenure of the current Chapter Executive, winds up in June, 2024. Elections have been scheduled to hold in the 3rd quarter general meeting, in June, 2024.
9. Conclusion: Abia State chapter remains one of the vibrant Chapters, and we are determined to maintain the pace. The executive is working hard, introducing innovations to make the

DR. C. A. OKEZIE CLN
Chairman

MR. ONYINYE A. OSEDO
Assistant Secretary.

NLA ANAMBRA STATE CHAPTER REPORT FOR 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The new Exco was inaugurated and officially handed over on 10th January, 2023. Since the handover, it has organized 5 State Chapter Ordinary General Meetings, 7 Exco meetings, collaborated activities with Anambra State Library Board (ANSLB), Wikimedia Anambra Network, Climate Action Africa (CAA), Development Initiative Technology and Empowerment (DITeM), Onitsha Divisional Library, Anambra State Agency ICT and other Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). It has also organized several Wikimedia training for members on #1Lib1Ref and commemorated international days for open knowledge. The Chapter implemented the Library week and organized an Annual State Chapter Conference/ AGM. It also mourned a departed member and condoled with members who lost a husband, a wife and parents..

ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY 2023 TO JUNE 2024

Meetings

There was a handover activity to the new Executive Council of Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Anambra State Chapter on January 10, 2023. The new Chairperson Dr. Ngozi Perpetua Osuchukwu and her Team assumed active duties immediately.

The State Chapter planned and implemented 4 Exco meetings comprised 1 in-person and 3 online sessions. The Ordinary General Meetings (OGM) for 2023 were four with 2 in-persons (9th February, 2023 and the AGM on 1st Dec) and 2 online meetings.

In 2024, the NLA Anambra planned and implemented 3 Exco meetings made up of 2 in-person and 1 online session. The ordinary General Meeting took place (physically) on 13th May, 2024 at Book Foundation Awka. In this meeting, the AWLIN Branch of NLA Anambra State Chapter was inaugurated with 3-man committee as care-taker pending when a full election would be held. Their names were submitted to the National AWLIN for onward communication.

Training

The State Chapter organized two Wikimedia Trainings for her members for effective participation of #1Lib1Ref in May, 2023 and creation of articles for the World Cancer Day of 4th February, 2023.

NLA Anambra also organized a one-day training on Graphic Design for its members to enable mastery of global trends in information engagement and services at Book Foundation, Awka in May, 2024.

Collaborations and Commemoration of International Days

Anambra State Chapter engaged in collaborative activities with Anambra State Library Board at the World Book Day, 2023. It visited the Awka Custodian Center (Prison) and engaged them on reading and the need for upholding our indigenous knowledge.

It also collaborated with Anambra State Agency ICT, Wikimedia Anambra Network and Development for Initiative and Empowerment (DITeM) on Edit-a-thon on the World Cancer Day of February 4, 2023.

There were also the International Literacy Day partnered with Climate Action Africa, Development for Initiative and Empowerment (DITeM) and Onitsha Divisional Library. It took place at the E-section of Onitsha Divisional Library with over 80 school children drawn from private, mission and government schools in Anambra State.

National Library Week

NLA Anambra celebrated the Library Week making it inclusive to all members in the different institutions, Library Schools and libraries. The activities included talk shows, library visit with students, engagements and survey on opinion of public library.

Conference and AGM 2023

We organized our Annual Conference/ AGM from 30th November 2023 to 1st December, 2023. In the Conference, the PhD holders from 2019 to 2023 were celebrated. They defied Covid-19 and ASUU strikes that delayed their programs to stand strong. We published Conference Compendium and Brochure. Papers were presented and AGM took place on the 1st December, 2023 at the Auditorium of Prof. Kenneth Dike State Central Library, Awka.

Remittances

NLA Anambra paid its remittances of annual dues and the conference return of 40% to the National for 2023 financial matters.

NLA Anambra mourns

In 2023, Anambra State Chapter lost a member, Mrs Obioma Obiekwe, a staff of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria. She was also a PhD student. Our member Mrs Victoria Ezeji for of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria also lost her husband.

The State Chapter in 2024 mourned with our member Prof Ebele Anyaoku who lost her dad and was buried at Ojoto, Anambra State on 6th January 2024. Another member, Mrs Joy Onwumbiko lost her mother who was buried at Awka on 2nd May 2024.

A member Barrister Dr. Onwudinjo lost his wife whose burial was at Obeledu on 22nd March, 2024.

Again, we lost another member, Mr Andrew Ognonna who was buried in his home town in Nsukka, Enugu State on 24th February, 2024.

Lessons learnt

The effective participation and contributions by the members in the last one year show support and team spirit for sustainable Anambra State Chapter. The collaboration opened more insights and knowledge to be expanded for the enrichment of the chapter and professional development. The initiatives enhanced the diversity of the librarians and the association, opening more collaborations with free knowledge.

Challenges

There are still issues of annual dues payment and full identification with the State Chapter from some members. Some senior colleagues are yet to pay their dues as well as some institutions. This is a very big drawback to us. Although attendance in meetings has improved, many members are still counting their steps in coming forward.

Conclusion

Anambra State Chapter (NLA) in the last one year and six months has shown coordination and good practices with the members, enjoined in. The activities are getting better with more strategies and innovations. He diversification of activities and partners are adding value to the State Chapter.

Signed

Dr. Ngozi Perpetua Osuchukwu CLN
Chairperson,
NLA, Anambra State Chapter

Prince Agim Eliezer CLN
Secretary,
NLA, Anambra State Chapter

**NLA COUNCIL REPORT 2024,
BENUE CHAPTER**



The Benue State Chapter of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA), had her 2023 annual conference and AGM on the 11th and 12th day of November 2023. On the 12th day elections were held which brought in Dr. Ashaver, Doosuur Dianne as the state chairman, Dr. Asen, Anita Tersur as the Vice chairman, Dr. Kathryn Philips, Editor in chief, Mrs. Tyopev Comfort, General Secretary, Agada, George, Assistant Secretary, Mrs, Kpochi, Martha Treasurer, Oche, Samuel Aji, Financial Secretary, and Faga Moses, Public Relation Officer.

The Exco settled down for work with the following activities:

Sensitization of librarians on the need to join the association, and also to actively participate in the associations academic and financial engagements. This was done in some of the government's agencies where we know of the presence of librarians that are not associating with NLA. Some of them joined us immediately.

The exco also send a delegation to the Ag, Librarian, J.S. Tarka Federal University Makurdi, to intimate of the change in leadership and also for him to enforce the payment of dues by members of his library as he has a good number of librarians under him.

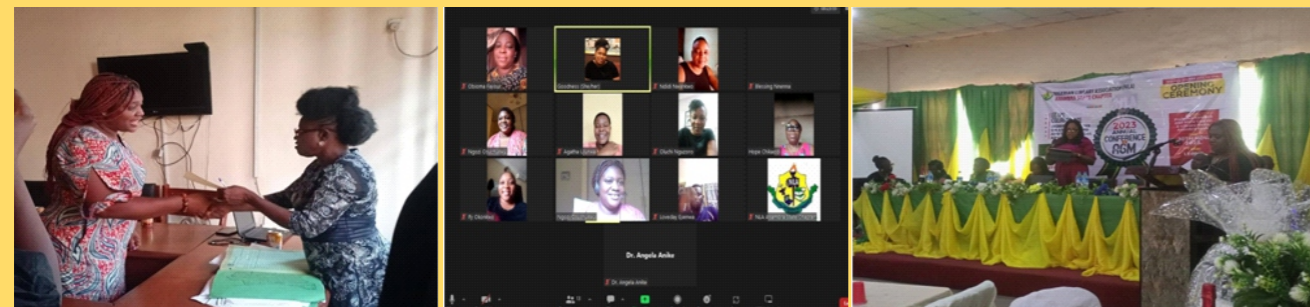
Some of the tertiary institutions like the college of Education, Oju and Katsina Ala and the State polytechnic Ogbokolo had also been contacted by phone. The chairman called to book an appointment with them and also seized the opportunity to talk to them on the need for them to come to the association.

The chapter also had her mid-year workshop with the theme: Application of Open Access and Artificial Intelligence for Research and Learning, Anchored by Murphy Igbudu the lead resource person. Chat GPT, Chat GPT40, ChatPDF, Elicit, Consesus, Research Rabits and Scispace among others were extensively considered for practical, hands on training.

The exco had also completed the payment of national dues for the year 2023 and hope to pay the January to June 2024 before we come for the Portharcourt conference. Worthy of mention is that God has graciously rewarded the chapter with a good of Ph.D. holders this year. They are Asen, Anita Tersur, Angbande Denis, Lughlugh, Joseph, Akpoo,

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Chapter General Secretary



Handover to Dr. Ngozi P. Osuchukwu from Dr. N. Udeze

Online Meeting of NLA Anambra

2023 NLA Anambra State, Annual Conference



2023 International Literacy Day by NLA Anambra

2024 NLA Anambra Fier for Training

NLA Anambra Exco meeting 2024



NLA Anambra Graphic Training in May 2024

NLA Anambra in a burial ceremony

REPORT FROM THE NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, EDO STATE CHAPTER

This report highlights the activities carried out in Edo State Chapter of the Nigerian Library Association from 2023 to 2024. The report is hereby presented below:

CONFERENCE/ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Edo State Chapter, held her 2023 Conference and AGM on the 20th of September, 2023 at Wellspring University in Benin City. The event was well-attended by participants from different institutions within and outside Edo State. Dignitaries from different walks of life also graced the occasion, including the Edo State Honorable Commissioner for Education, Dr. Joan Osa Oviawe, who was ably represented by Mr. Osawe Edwin, the Ag. Director, Exams and School Support Services. The conference was declared open by Prof. Isaac Rotimi Ajayi FNIP, the Vice Chancellor of Wellspring University and Chief Host of the occasion. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Stephen Osahon Uwaifo of Delta State University, Abraka.

The high point of the occasion was the investiture of Dr. Joan Osa Oviawe, the Honorable Commissioner for Education, Edo State, as the Matron of the Nigerian Library Association, Edo State Chapter. The event also featured several key activities, such as paper presentations and was climaxed with an Annual General Meeting where several important issues were discussed.

LIBRARY WEEK

Edo State Chapter has consistently organized diverse and impactful activities during the Library Week, contributing significantly to the promotion of literacy and library services within the state. This has, in fact, won the chapter back-to-back Best Library Week Activity Award. In 2023, the chapter partnered with the Edo State Government and the Edo State Library Board to organized diverse activities in the three senatorial districts in the state. These activities included library sensitization walk, library and information literacy seminar in different secondary schools in Edo State amongst others.



2024 WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY

In celebration of the 2024 World Book and Copyright Day, the Edo State Library Board collaborated with the State Chapter to organize different activities around the global theme "Read your Way". These activities included reading competition, quiz, sensitization lecture amongst others. In the same vein, Mrs. Tega Omorodion, the School Librarian of Lumen Christi International School, organized a World Book Day event at Lumen Christi International School, with participants drawn from different secondary schools in Uromi and Irrua metropolis. The goal of the event was to stimulate good reading culture among secondary school students. Dr. Tony Ikponmwose Obaseki, Chairman Nigerian Library Association, Edo State Chapter was the guest speaker of the event.



GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT FOR 200-HOURS READ-A-THON IN EDO STATE

In the year under review, the Edo State Chapter of the Nigerian Library Association witnessed and supported the remarkable achievement of Edo State born star, Angel Osariemen Asein, who completed a 200-hour read-a-thon at the Edo State Library Board headquarters in Benin City, in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the Longest read-aloud marathon by an individual. The attempt took place in March 2024 and attracted the Who is Who in Edo State.



NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, ENUGU STATE CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT ON CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The chapter held her quarterly general meetings every three (3) months – in March, June, September 2022. The chapter also held her library week in October, 2022 by performing series of activities to promote readership. These activities were organized and coordinated by the school Library Section of the Association. The detailed reports with video and pictorial coverage were sent to the national body at the appropriate time.

The chapter also welcomed the Public Library Directors who held their meeting in May, 2022 in Enugu. In December, 2022, the chapter held her Annual Conference/AGM successfully featuring opening ceremony, Keynote presentation, plenary sessions and Annual General Meeting.

For the year 2023, the chapter continued with their activities by holding their first and second quarterly meetings in addition to other awareness and advocacy activities.

DR. JACINTHA UEZE
Chairman

Appointment, Doctoral Achievement and Inaugural Lectures

During the period under review, Mr. Efosa Egharevba, Secretary of the Edo State Chapter of the Nigerian Library Association, was appointed as the Director of Library Services for the Edo State Library Board. Additionally, Dr. Omorodion Okuonghae, the Public Relations Officer of the State Chapter, and Dr. Mary Idahosa received their doctoral degrees. Furthermore, two esteemed members of the chapter delivered inaugural lectures: Prof. Luke Osamudiamen Obasuyi presented the 294th Inaugural Lecture at the University of Benin, and Prof. Lucky Tijani Abdulsalami delivered the 23rd Inaugural Lecture at Igbinedion University, Okada.

Executive Committee Meetings and Membership Drive

The Executive Committee members of the Nigerian Library Association, Edo State Chapter, had several meetings and paid visits to several institutions within the state, in a bid to enhance membership drive and growth of the chapter. The visit by the chapter Excocos helped stimulate a sense of belongingness to members while also preparing members' mind towards the 2025 hosting of the National Conference and AGM.

Publicity

The chapter has effectively utilized both traditional (print) and digital media to showcase its activities and enlighten the populace on the roles of libraries in society. Specifically, the chapter partnered with media houses in the State such as the Edo Broadcasting Service (EBS), Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) Benin Network Centre, Nigerian Observer amongst others, to amplify its activities.

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A REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (NLA) NIGER STATE CHAPTER 2023/2024

INTRODUCTION

The year 2023 and the first quarter of 2024 have been marked by a series of impactful events and initiatives undertaken by our State Chapter. Reflecting on our activities for the year, we are happy to share our commitment and dedication to developing the librarianship profession and advocating for the critical role that libraries play in Niger State's educational sector for community advancement. This brief report presents our activities for 2023 and the first quarter of 2024.

1. Librapreneurship Workshop

The workshop was conducted on Monday, the 26th of June 2023, at the American Corner, IBB University Library of the Federal University of Technology (FUT) Minna. The workshop aims to empower librarians with entrepreneurial skills, equipping them with the rudiments of private practice even after retirement. Participants engaged in interactive sessions covering digital literacy, innovative library services, and strategic management. The workshop themed: "Bookshop and Stationery Business; and Bindery and Printing Business" fostered a spirit of 'Librapreneurship', emphasising the role of libraries as dynamic entities capable of contributing to socio-economic development.

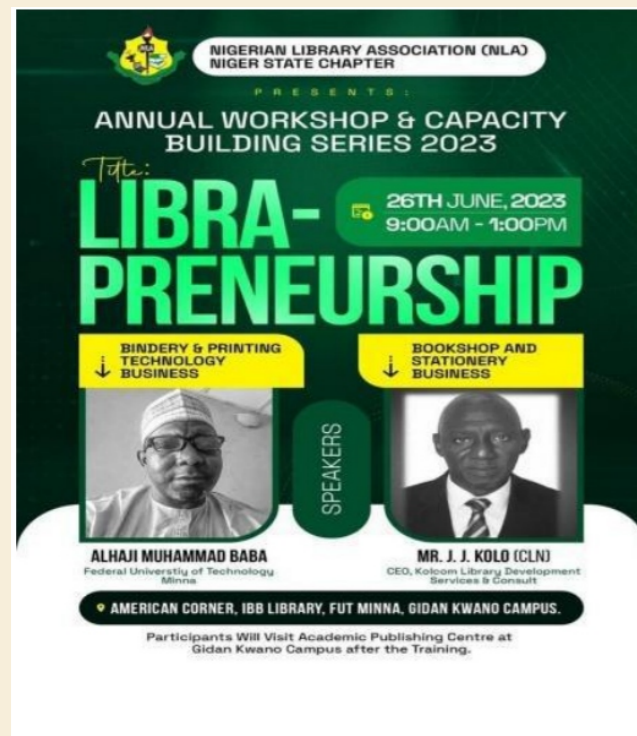


Image 1,2,3: Flyer for the Librapreneurship workshop & group photos

2. Library Week Activities

The state chapter celebrated her annual library week activities from Monday, the 20th to Wednesday the 22nd of November 2023, with an official visit to the Niger State Public Library Board where the Niger State Chapter EXCOs engaged in the management of the public library

board on the board's current situation and her staff's welfare. The theme for this year's annual Library Week event was: "Revitalizing Public Library System for National Development", which was apt as it delved into the pathetic situation of public libraries in Niger State. The EXCO paid a courtesy visit to the Senior Special Adviser to the Governor on Library Matters, Hajiya Salamatu Usman, the Director General of Students Affairs and the Special Assistant to the Governor on Student Matters, Comrade Abu Sheriff, the Commissioner of Information, the Commissioner of Education, Directors and Permanent Secretaries in the Ministries. The message was that the Niger State government should as a matter of urgency, assist the state library in refurbishing the State Library building, and other public libraries in the three Zones in the state and also, improve the welfare of staff. The Chapter further organised a sensitisation seminar and talk show on the importance of public libraries to educational and national development. Thirteen (13) Secondary Schools graced the event at the New Lecture Theatre of the Federal University of Technology, Minna, Niger State. The event's keynote speaker and special guest of honour was the NLA National President, Pastor Dominic Omokaro (FNLA). Several print and non-print media outlets took part in all the events, which were captured and televised by the Niger State Television (NSTV) and newspaper reports.

- <https://leadership.ng/stakeholders-decry-reptiles-takeover-of-niger-library/>
- <https://blueprint.ng/niger-library-is-like-zoo-for-reptiles-ghost-house-students/>



Image 4,5,6,7: Banner of the 2023 Annual Library Week event and group photos

REPORT FROM NIGERIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, OGUN STATE CHAPTER

INTRODUCTION

The current crop of leadership took over the mantle of leadership on Wednesday, 17th August, 2022 with the underlisted agenda in mind.

1. Organize Academic Conferences Annually
2. Hold Workshops & Seminars
3. Create a Directory of Librarians & Library Officers in the State
4. Encourage Career Development of Members
5. Improve on the Awareness Drive of NLA
6. Improve on financial base of the Association

ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD REPORTED

The coming on board of new executives coincided with the inauguration of the long awaited Ogun State Library Board headed by Prof. Segun Awonusi with three of our librarians making the list Viz: Mr. Vincent Giwa (Director of Simeon Adebo Library), Dr. Oyinade Tomori (Immediate past Chairman NLA, Ogun State Chapter) and Dr. Adebambo Oduwole (Immediate past University Librarian, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye). The members of Executive paid a courtesy call to the Chairman which coincided with their maiden meeting held at Simeon Adebo Library, Kuto, Abeokuta. Some burning issues were raised at the meeting for consideration by the Board such as the imposition of non-professionals as heads of libraries in state owned institutions, improving on the services of public libraries as well as school libraries.

READING AND QUIZ COMPETITIONS

Reading and quiz competitions were organised in two different locations viz: Federal College of Education, Abeokuta and Simeon Adebo Library, Kuto, Abeokuta. Contestants were drawn from Primary and Secondary Schools within Abeokuta environ. A text was given to all the contestants to read, from where questions were drawn. Prizes were given to the first five winners among the contestants. Among the invited schools one of them chose to present cultural dance as an interlude. After the programme participating schools were given refreshments.

ONLINE WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR

On Monday 12th June 2023 an online seminar was organised where two speakers were engaged. Dr. T.M. Salisu spoke on 'Mentoring' while Dr. B. Atulomah spoke on 'Emerging technology trends'. After this event, another online training was organised focusing on the creation of e-book and publishing held between Friday, 25th and Saturday, 26th September, 2023. Our choice of using online as the preferred channel of hosting programmes was borne out of the prevailing economic reality and above all the most convenient.

3. Annual Conference In Kontagora:

The pinnacle of our year was the Annual Conference held at the New Lecture Theatre, School of Secondary Education (Science Programs), Federal College of Education Kontagora, themed "Collaborative Approaches in Curbing the Effects of New Media on Fake News Propaganda". The conference, which took place from the 3rd-7th of December 2023, brought together professionals, scholars, and stakeholders in the information industry. Deliberations centred on the collaborative efforts needed to tackle the challenges posed by misinformation, mal information, and disinformation as fake news in the digital age. The event featured insightful keynote addresses by the Chairman of the Committee of Provosts in Nigeria, and the Provost of the FCE Kontagora, Professor Faruk Haruna Rashid. The event was quite insightful with about twenty-five presentations (onsite and virtually) including engaging panel discussions that highlighted collaborative approaches in curbing fake news propaganda.



Image 8,9,10: Sights from the Annual Conference/ AGM at FCE Kontagora

4. National Conference at Akure:

Another milestone achieved in 2023 was during the Annual NLA National Conference/ AGM at Akure, Ondo State. The State Chapter was announced alongside her Edo State counterpart as the winner (First Prize) of the Best Library Week event in the country. Also, the Chairperson of the State Chapter, Dr Fatimah Jibril Abduldayan won the best PhD thesis award for the preceding year.



Image 10: NLA Best Thesis Award and NLA Best Library Week Award

5. Visitations and Condolence:

The State Chapter paid courtesy visits to friends and supporters of the library and educational development in the state including some past chairmen, retirees, and a former State library director. On a sad note, the chapter lost one of its members, Alhaji Yakubu Pelemi of the University Library Services, Federal University of Technology (FUT) Minna, who died on the 16th of July, 2023.

6. The World Book Day Celebration 2024

The first event for the year 2024 was jointly organised by the Chapter and the Niger State College of Education Minna where we celebrated World Book Day 2024 with the theme: "Book Publishing: Innovation and Best Practices". The event featured school pupils, publishers, lecturers and librarians within the Minna metropolis.

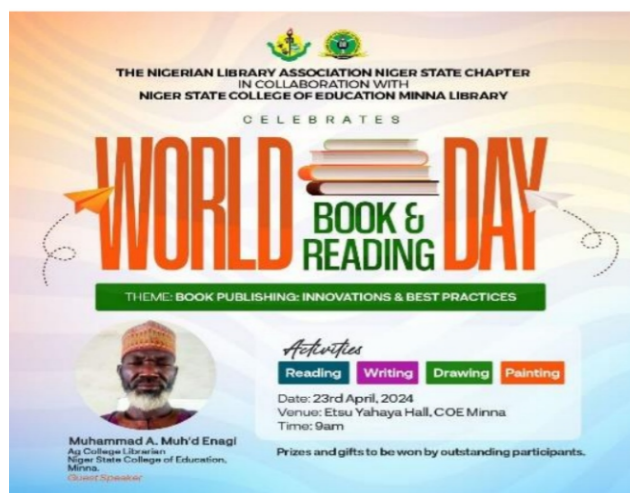


Image 11 &12: The World Book Day 2024 and cross-section of participants

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Chairperson, NLA Niger State Chapter

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K. I. EL-KALASH (CLN)

Secretary, NLA Niger State Chapter

NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (NLA) OSUN STATE CHAPTER REPORTS

PREAMBLE:

The present Executive were sworn in on the 7th of February, 2024 after an election that took place during the AGM held at the Federal Polytechnic Ede, Osun State.

Thereafter, the inaugural meeting of the Executive Committee was held on the 14th of March, 2024 at AFRIGIST, OAU, Ile-Ife. In that meeting, the Executive Committee resolved among other things to embark on advocacy visits to institutions across the State.

FAMILIARIZATION TOUR:

Advocacy visit in form of familiarization tour was embarked upon by the Executive Committee to all Institutions within the state where NLA members work. This was to enable us to sensitize members, create awareness as well as get everybody involved with the happenings in the Association.

Among other things, the tour sought for support and collaboration of Heads of Libraries and their team members towards moving the Association forward. Also, monitoring of welfare of our members and mobilizing them by encouraging individuals who were not yet registered with the Association to do so. Various suggestions were raised by Heads of Libraries on modalities that could facilitate improved payment of dues by our members. Furthermore, we had opportunity to listen to individuals who may be aggrieved with the Association and ensured their grievances are amicably resolved. The visits also afforded us opportunity for appeal to Heads of Libraries to host of the Association's OGM/ AGM, among others.

OUTCOMES OF THE VISITS

The visits afforded the Executive Committee the opportunity to establish the existence and presence of Osun NLA in all Institutions. Members with grievances had the opportunity to express themselves, to listened us and got assurances of improvement in the management of the affairs of the Association. The Executive Committee were tasked to ensure that members pay the new subscription dues as approved by the National Body of the Nigerian Library Association.

We equally wish to announce the over whelming support and encouragement received for various Heads of Institutional Libraries.

Other Activities covered by NLA Osun State Chapter in collaboration with National Library, Oshogbo headed by Mrs. Ayanyemi Oluyemisi was the organization of a one-day workshop for some selected primary and secondary schools on 2024 International Mother Language Day, the theme on "Multilingual Education is a pillar of Integrational learning". We report that the event was a huge success as prizes and gifts were presented to pupils who were able to communicate effectively with mother tongue. In attendance to grace the occasion was Hon. Teniola Lanihin, Special Adviser to the Governor on Education, Osun State.

Below is the group photograph from 2024 International Mother Language Day program, Oshogbo:



2nd from L: Mr. Omoba, O. R. (Chairman NLA, Osun State); Mrs. Ayanyemi, Y. (National Library, Oshogbo); hon. Teniola Lanehin (Special Adv. On Edu., Osun State).

In the same vein, this year World Book Day was held, the theme “Read Your Way” was also organized at the Osun State National Library. The event showcases debate, talks on the importance of reading to various primary and secondary schools that were invited for the programme.

Lastly, is the report of the demise of one of our members Mrs. Fanimokun Beatrice of University of Ilesa, Ilesa, Osun State. The sad event occurred on the 3rd of April, 2024 on her way from the office. The Association commiserated with the husband and children and pray that there shall be no more loss amongst to the glory of God.

Thank you all and God bless.

MR. OMOBA OGIER.
Chairman.

NIGERIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IMO STATE CHAPTER PROGRESS REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Nigeria Library Association Imo State as a the professional body is charged with the organisation and coordination of library and librarians activities within Imo State. They have been on top of its activities since the establishment in Imo state. The chapter is being led by the elected executive and they are as follows;

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|----|----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1. | Dr. Mrs. Nkechi Amaechi | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Rev. Canon. Chima Nworie | - | Vice Chairman |
| 3. | Dr Elvis Uchenna Ubochi | - | General Secretary |
| 4. | Mrs Immaculata Opara | - | Assist. Secretary |
| 5. | Dr. Mrs. Francisca Mbagwu | - | Treasurer |
| 6. | Mrs. Charity Iwuchukwu | - | Financial Secretary |
| 7. | Mr Anthony Opara Opara | - | Pro |
| 8. | Dr. Barr. Emmanuel Oduagwu | - | Ex-officer |

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

1. GOOD READING CULTURE CAMPAIGN AND VISIT TO THE CORRECTIONAL CENTRE.

The chapter embarked on a physical walk-out rally on good reading culture awareness within the city of Owerri. The rally started from Imo State University junction to Douglas roundabout to tetlow junction and ended at Government around where we had an interaction with the SA to the Governor of Imo State on education Hon. Kingsley Uju who promised to communicate to the governon on our demand and quest for speedy government intervention towards the poor state of the Imo state public library.

The movement continued to the Nigeria Correctional Centre Owerri. Our visit to the Correctional Centre was an eye opener to the chapter seeing that inmates are now known as students. The ACP in charge requested for the establishment of a library in the Correctional Centre for the students considering that most inmates are involved in various external examinations. Below are some pictures- we were restricted from snapping pictures within the centre.





Members posing in front of the Imo State Government house.

2. RADIO LIVE BROADCAST ON GOOD READING CULTURE CAMPAIGN.

As part of the executive's agenda, the chapter executive extended the awareness on Good Reading culture among Imolites to one of the Radio stations in the state Darling Fm for a studio live program. The chapter executive visited the studio for a 60 minutes program on need for a good reading habit. Citizens were allowed to call in during the program for questions and suggestions. Below are some of the pictures;



Dr Nkechi Amaechi (chairman), Dr. Uchenna Elvis Ubochi (Secretary) and Dr. Anthony Opara (PRO).

3. FREE SCHOOL LIBRARY WORKSHOP FOR TEACHER LIBRARIANS IN IMO STATE SECONDARY/NOVELTY MATCH/PHYSICAL EXERCISE.

The chapter organised a free workshop for all teacher librarians in owerri municipal. The event recorded over 30 participants in the workshop with three resource persons. The event gave opportunities to the teacher librarians to learn more about the profession. The program continued in evening with physical walkout of members to catch fitness and be healthy. A football match was organised between NLA Imo State Vs Catholic Men and Women organisation. The match recorded a large turnout of members and our opponents. The match ended with the following scores: Men, NLA Imo State 1: 1 CMO and Women, NLA Imo State 2:4 CWO-- . The Red Cross were invited to cover the event in case of any form of injury.



4. NLA IMOSTATE CHAPTER CONFERENCE

The chapter organised a well-seasoned conference which witnessed large turn up of librarians and publishers all over the. The conference recorded in attendance librarians, library officers, information managers and researchers from different state of the country (kastina, Rivers, Anambra, Enugu, Ebonyi and Abia state). Details of the conference are as follows.

Venue: Imo State University

Theme: REVIVING THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Lead paper presenter- Prof Chidi Nwosu.

The conference recorded over 50 participants in attendance and over 11 paper presentations. Participants witnessed a well organised activity. Below are some cross sections of the conference;

**NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
IMO STATE CHAPTER**

Presents
**2023
Conference/
AGM**

Theme: Reviving the Public Library System for National Development.

Sub-themes are:

- * Public Library Service and National Security.
- * Public Library Service and Citizenship.
- * Cultural Integration and Public Library Service
- * Public Library and National Development.
- * Artificial Intelligence and Public Library Services
- * Readership Education and Public Library Services.
- * Public Library Services and Early Education.
- * Community engagement and Public Libraries

Please note that the sub-themes must not be used as stated above. Researcher (s) could modify to suit their study(ies)

Also note, Certificate of Paper Presentation will be issued to paper presenters. Book of abstracts will also be available

TO CONTRIBUTORS:
All papers should be prepared in MS Word using Times New Roman, font 12, 1.5 Line Spacing. Papers should be between 10-15 pages including abstracts. Please note that only full manuscript is required and should be sent in soft copies nkechiweanekezi@yahoo.com fatmechi@yahoo.com
Deadline is Tuesday, 28th November, 2023.

Registration
Cost of paper proceedings: ₦3000
Registration fee: ₦7000

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Mrs. Chinyi, 08037103224

DATE:
**Wed. 6th- Sat. 9th
December, 2023**

VENUE:
Main Library, Imo State University (MSU), Owerri.

TIME
9am Daily

**PROF CHIDI NWOSU
LEAD PAPER PRESENTER**

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5. WORKERS' DAY CELEBRATION/ ADVOCACY VISIT TO FEDERAL POLYTECHNICS.

As part of the May 1st international workers day celebration, the chapter embarked on an advocacy visit the management of federal Polytechnics Nekede Owerri. The visit was to request for the institution's sponsorship of librarians to 2024 National Conference. The visit was a fruitful one considering the response of the Rector where he promised to sponsor as many librarians that are willing to attend the conference.

**NIGERIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
IMO STATE CHAPTER**

1st May

LABOUR DAY

On behalf of the entire executive members of the Nigeria Library Association Imo State chapter, we want to wish all Librarians and library officers
HAPPY WORKERS' DAY CELEBRATION.

Courtesy: **ELVIS UCHEMNA UBOCHI, PhD, CLN**
Chapter Secretary

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The chairman of NLA imo state chapter making her speech.



Presentation of Award to one of the oldest librarian in the state.



The elders of the chapter with the former National President Dr. Ummma Opara



Group photography of the NLA family and the entire management of the institution.

6. THE CHAPTER'S BOOK READING CAMPAIGN-WORLD BOOK DAY.

As part of the chapter's agenda on good reading culture, the chapter organized an awareness campaign for students of Alvan Ikoku federal University of Education on the international world book day. The program was attended by large number of students.



Cross section of students and NLA members.

NLA RIVERS STATE!

The Nigerian Library Association, Rivers State Chapter began her journey on the premises of Rivers State Library Board on August 26, 1972. Since its inception, the chapter has embarked on various library advocacy programs, information literacy programs, and community development activities in Rivers State. The State Chapter has recorded tremendous growth in its membership of over a hundred dedicated and passionate members. The Rivers State Chapter has been quite vibrant and achieved much over the years, most of which was under the distinguished chairmanship of Dr. Juliet C. Alex-Nmecha led executive members (2020-2023).

Through the dedication of her executives, the Rivers State chapter won the Best State Evergreen Award on the 15th day of July 2023 at the National Conference in Akure. This is a rare award in the Association given to a chapter that has won the best chapter award in three consecutive years, surpassing other state chapters in Nigeria.



To mark the end of the 2023 year activities of the chapter, the Rivers State Chapter under the chairmanship of Dr. Chidaka O. Nyemezu executives organized the first ever Nigerian Library Association Rivers State Chapter Award Ceremony on 1st December, 2023. The ceremony was organized to celebrate distinguished chapter members and friends of the association who have contributed to the success of the chapter and its activities in Rivers State and beyond since the inception of the chapter.



The occasion was graced by members of the chapter, friends of the association, and presence of National Executives among whom were the National President, Pastor Dominic A. Omokaro, the National Financial Secretary, Dr Amogu U. Kalu, the National Treasurer, Dr. Juliet C. Alex-Nmecha, and the Public Relations Officer, Dr. P. O. Plaojo. Among the awardees for the ceremony were

Prof. Georgewill A.Owunari, Vice Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Dr. Alex Nmecha, Special Adviser to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt, Prof. Blessing E. Ahiauzu, immediate past HOD, Department of Library and Information Science, Rivers State University, Prof Antonia E. Omehia, immediate past HOD, Department of Library and Information Science, Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Dr. Emmanuel Okwu, University Librarian of Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Dr. Juliet C. Alex-Nmecha, National Treasurer and immediate Past HOD, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Port Harcourt, Dr. Emmanuel Anele, Dr. Glory Edet, HOD Readers Service Division, Donald Ekong Library, University of Port Harcourt, Dr. Mercy E. Echem, Pastor Akobo, Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Skywaves, NTA Port Harcourt, AIT Port Harcourt and Lions Club Port Harcourt.



The chapter has also embarked on readership campaigns, learning advocacy programs, and literacy drives through conducting local workshops and conferences in the state. The chapter in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Skywaves is currently embarking on a project to build a library for the correctional center in Port Harcourt for the benefit of the inmates amongst other activities.

LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Prof. 'Niran Adetoro delivered his inaugural lecture on 22nd February, 2023 at the Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijebu-Ode. Thereafter, he emerged as the first librarian South West, Nigeria to occupy the exalted position of Vice Chancellor of Gerar University of Medical Sciences.

The following eminent personalities were appointed University and College librarians respectively:

1. Prof. N. Onifade: Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye
 2. Prof. Olusola B. Bamigboye: Hill-Side Uni of Sc and Tech, Okemesi Ekiti, Ekiti State
 3. Dr. K.A. Owolabi: Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
 4. Dr. M. Iroaganachi: University of Ibadan
 5. Dr. Nurudeen A.A. Aderibigbe: Aletheia University, Ago
 6. Dr. Ibronke A. Sowemimo: Bamidele Olumilua University of Edu, Sc & Techn, Ikere-Ekiti, Ekiti State
 7. Dr. Bosede A. Ajiboye: Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo
 8. Dr. Ifijeh Goodluck: Chrisland University, Abeokuta
 9. Dr. C.E. Olaotan: Federal College of Education, Abeokuta
 10. Chief Jonathan O. Fatokun: JAFAD College of Nursing Science, Oru-Ijebu
- Mr. T.O. Bello a librarian was appointed the first General Manager of FUNAAB Bookshop.
Gateway Information Journal (GIJ)

Prof 'Niran Adetoro stepped aside as the Editor-in-Chief of the Gateway Information Journal (GIJ) having published four editions. Prof. Yemisi Babalola from Babcock University was appointed Editor-in-Chief on 23rd August, 2023 to run for 3 years. She has successfully published 2023 online edition of GIJ. The recent publication has the list of revised Editorial Board members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2023 EDITION

On 17th April, 2024 the Association held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2023 Edition at Simeon Adebo Library with a theme: Library and Information Practice: Yesterday, Today and the Future. The programme kicked off with an awareness rally around the immediate environment accompanied by Boys Brigade Band. Quotes relating to library and printed as leaflets were distributed to people. At the programme we had Prof. Clara Okoro as the Keynote presenter and Dr. Felicia Yusuf as the Lead paper presenter. There was no dull moment as their presentations were thought provoking.

Courtesy call paid to the Ogun State Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology

The Association was able to secure an appointment with the Honourable Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology on 16th May, 2024. The high points of our discussion were

the imposition of non-professional librarian as the head of library at Sikiru Adetona College of Education, Science and Technology, ensuring functional School Libraries in the Ogun State where heads of such libraries should have basic qualification in librarianship. Request was also made that each local government should have functional Public libraries and equipped with qualified staff. The Commissioner gave a load down of the efforts so far made towards achieving the ideal but he however promised that they would not rest on their oars until they get to the target.

Courtesy Visits

Quite a number of institutions were visited by the Executive Members of the Association. The essence of the visits are as highlighted.

1. Create awareness among librarians and library officers
2. Encourage sense of belongingness among members
3. Encourage members and institutions on the need to pay their dues
4. To reach out to non-active members

DR. GODWIN OLUSEGUN OYEWOLE

Chairman

REPORT ON 2023 ACTIVITIES OF THE MEDICAL LIBRARY SECTION OF THE NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Medical Library Section has in the past year been actively promoting the crusade of improved health information service delivery among medical librarians in health and medical institutions all across Nigeria. This has been done by generally encouraging full participation of members in Association's activities. This report highlights the key activities of the Medical Library Section for 2023.

Online General meeting: At the beginning of the year, Exco met and felt it was important to have a general meeting with members. This was done to include them in the planning of the year's activities. An online general meeting tagged "Charting a path forward for the Medical Library profession in Nigeria" was held on 29th March 2023. The meeting was very well attended by over 45 members from across the country and feedback were very positive as members had the opportunity to offer advice to Exco and propose topics for a webinar that would come up later in the year.

Online Webinar/workshop: This event was held via zoom on 5th December, 2023. 32 librarians from across the country participated in the webinar. The webinar, had two presentations. One was on literature search skills 3.0 and the other was an introductory lecture on AI vs Librarians for library services. Both presentations provided valuable insights and best practices for librarians who attended. The event received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees, who appreciated the opportunity to learn from subject matter experts and interact with colleagues in such virtual setting.

Release of Vol. 6 (1) of Journal of Health Information and Librarianship (JoHIL): The Journal's Editor-in-Chief, Dr. G.A. Ajuwon and her editorial team worked tirelessly to ensure the release of vol. 6 of the Section's journal. The team was able to get JoHIL indexed in Africa Index Medicus (AIMs) and Google scholar. The Association was also able to upgrade and take full possession of the journal's website by redesigning it and making it more interactive so that it is also used to display the associations activities.

International Representation: Eight members of the section participated and presented papers at the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (AHILA)'s 2023 conference which took place in Gaborone, Botswana. In addition, during the AGM, two MLA members, Mr Billiamin O. Popoola and Dr Violet E. Ikolo contested and won executive positions of Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General of AHILA respectively.

Other events of the year included courtesy visits to medical libraries across the country. This was done with the view of encouraging members to keep up active participation with the association. Medical libraries visited by the Chairperson and Vice Chairman are: The Federal University of Health Sciences Medical Library, Ila-Orangun, Osun State, the E-Latunde Odeku Library, Nurse Tutors' Library, Environmental Health officers Library and Primary Health Officers Library, University College Hospital, Ibadan, Oyo State. The College of Medical Sciences, National Orthopaedic Hospital Library, Ugbobi, Lagos State, Lagos State College of Health Sciences Library (LASUCOM), Lagos State, and Rivers State University, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State.

The Section was excited at the appointment of Dr Celine Nongo as the College Librarian at the Federal College of Education, Ididep Ibiono, Akwa Ibom State. In addition, a condolence visit was paid to one of our vibrant members, Mrs Ruth Agunu of the University of Benin Teaching Hospital Library, who lost her husband.

Looking Forward

Moving forward, the Medical Library Section remains committed to supporting the professional growth and development of medical librarians in Nigeria through the organizations of relevant trainings, workshops and conferences. To foster collaborations, and advocate for the advancement of medical library services throughout the country.



Violet E. Ikolo (PhD, CLN, CMLN)
Chairperson



Taiwo O. Oladeji (CLN, CMLN)
Secretary