



LUBUTO
LIBRARY PARTNERS

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
SERVING AFRICAN CHILDREN & YOUTH



Lubuto's 10th Anniversary Celebration

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***The Board of Directors of Lubuto Library Partners
Cordially invites you to a Celebration of our
10 Year Anniversary!!!***

At the Education Center, United Therapeutics
1040 Spring Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Entrance to the Education Center is on Cameron Street

Friday, October 30, 2015 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm
\$45 for Friends of Lubuto
\$35 discounted rate for Young Professionals

For more information about the event and to RSVP, [click here](#)

- Paper tickets will not be issued -

Please respond by October 20 to be added to our guest list

Refreshments will be served

Parking in private lot at: 8830 Cameron Court, Silver Spring, MD 20910

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Driving Directions

From Washington, DC

Go North on 16th Street NW

At the traffic circle continue North on 16th Street

Turn Right at Spring Street

Turn Left at Cameron Street and proceed one block to the parking lot

From I-495

Take Exit 30 and merge onto Rt 29S-Colesville Road toward Silver Spring

Turn Right on Spring Street

Turn Right on Cameron Street and proceed one block to the parking lot

Walking Directions

From Silver Spring Metro Station

Head North on Colesville Road toward 2nd Avenue

Turn left onto 2nd Avenue and continue on to Fidler Lane

Turn Left at Ramsey Avenue

Turn Right at Cameron Street and cross Georgia Avenue

Go 2 blocks to UT Education Center

Lubuto's Decade of Success

*"What I find most inspiring about Lubuto is that children who have lived their lives in the margins suddenly find themselves at the centre – and learn that they deserve to be there." —
Stacy Langner, Lubuto's first Regional Director*

Since our founding in 2005, Lubuto libraries have had **over 500,000 visits from Zambian children and youth** and each year some **30,000 new visitors** are introduced to the book collections, interact with staff and participate in Lubuto programs. The immediate impact of Lubuto's books and programs in the arts, drama, mentoring, computer literacy, and outreach to vulnerable children in Zambia is felt upon the first visit to any of the libraries and is realized as the first Lubuto kids are now young adults. Lubuto's success in establishing safe havens for children to experience open access public library services and in partnering with local governments and communities to ensure sustainability has now become a model for the region.

2005 Shining a Beacon of Hope



"Lubuto Libraries will provide an opening into the world, making available education and information and, most importantly, giving children hope by offering them a window from which to look at a great big world outside." —Carmen Martinez, former U.S. Ambassador to Zambia

- **Lubuto officially founded from the concept incubated for years and brought into focus at the International Board on Books for Young People conference in Cape Town, SA**
- **Supporters gather at Inaugural Event held at the Zambian Embassy where Lubuto was formally presented to the public**

2006 Breaking Ground



- Lubuto gains recognition among international and Zambian stakeholders at the 2006 White House Conference on Global Literacy
 - Construction begins for the first library at the Fountain of Hope Drop in Centre in Lusaka
 - "Kids Just Like You", a film produced by Lubuto and narrated by the late Julian Bond, premieres in the US and Zambia
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2007 Bringing Enlightenment



- First library opens at Fountain of Hope generating excitement and a desire for more Lubuto libraries

2008 Developing Partnerships



- Lubuto signs Memorandum of Understanding with the **Zambian Ministry of Education** authorizing Lubuto to build libraries throughout the country and designating Lubuto as the leader in providing library services to children in Zambia
 - Lubuto establishes the **Zambia Board on Books for Young People (ZBBY)** in partnership with the Zambia Library Association
 - Staff discovers and begins digitizing Zambia's lost literary heritage from books in the collections of the Library of Congress
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2009 Expanding Programs



- Orphaned and former street child becomes Lubuto's first librarian
 - Lubuto introduces OLPC laptops in the Fountain of Hope library
 - With USAID-funded sub-grant Lubuto develops ground-breaking LubutoMentoring program
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2010 Celebrating Lubuto



- [Second Lubuto library opens at Ngwerere Basic School in Lusaka](#)
- [Zambian Embassy hosts "An Evening with Danny Glover" fund raising event](#)
- [Lubuto receives eIFL.net Public Library Innovation Program grant to develop Lubuto*Literacy* lessons to teach reading in local Zambian languages](#)

2011 Cultivating Talent



- Lubuto's artists exhibit their work at the Stella Jones Gallery during ALA's summer conference in New Orleans
 - Lubuto establishes partnership with the Zambia Library Service to build public libraries throughout Zambia
 - Lubuto programmers complete pilot of Lubuto Literacy Lessons
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2012 Attracting Funders



- Lubuto receives USAID All Children Reading grant to develop teaching and learning materials for the digital age
 - Lubuto receives OSISA grant to advocate for the Lubuto model for services to children
 - Lubuto implements monitoring and evaluation systems for assessing the impact of the libraries in children's lives
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2013 Expanding the Model



- UK-based Comic Relief provides three year grant through OSISA to expand the Lubuto model and build our third library
 - Lubuto builds youthsâ€™™ technology skills in a series of workshops under its All Children Reading grant
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2014 Growing Rapidly



"As Chief Monze said: 'I have never seen anything like this'. His words were echoed by many people and Government Officials who attended the ceremonial opening of the Mumuni Library, for it was the first event of its kind in the history of rural Zambia." —Mark C. Chona, Chairman, Matantala Rural Integrated Development Enterprise and Member of Lubuto's Advisory Board

- **Zambian government signs updated MoU with schedule of Lubuto libraries to be built in each province**
- **Mumuni Library opens to serve the 22 rural villages of Nabukuyu in Zambia's Southern Province**
- **Lubuto receives first USAID ASHA grant to build fourth library at Mthunzi Centre in peri-urban Lusaka West**
- **Lubuto changes its name from the Lubuto Library Project to Lubuto Library Partners**

- Lubuto conducts ongoing research for evidence-based collection development
 - Thomas Mukonde joins Lubuto and begins studies at the University of Illinois for a MLIS degree in children's services
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2015 Maintaining Momentum



- Elizabeth Giles joins Lubuto's Zambia team in Lusaka to expand programming and training for early childhood and disabled children
- Lubuto submits successful application for second ASHA grant to build our fifth library
- Lubuto partners with ZEPH (Zambian Education Publishing House) to support sales of Zambian language books

Onward!

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