



Lubuto Library Project

Bringing knowledge and enlightenment to Africa's most vulnerable children and youth



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LUBUTO'S FOUNDER RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL LIBRARIANSHIP AWARD

Our president Jane Kinney Meyers is the 2012 recipient of the American Library

Association's [2012 John Ames Humphry / OCLC / Forest Press Award](#). The annual award is given to a librarian who has made significant contributions to international librarianship throughout their career. ALA's announcement of the award, which recognizes Jane's advancement of libraries, librarianship, literacy and international understanding as a librarian, a teacher, a consultant and an administrator," states that her "culminating achievement is the establishment of the Lubuto Library Project, a model of sustainable library development and innovation."

LUBUTOARTS STUDENT BECOMES TEACHER

David Shampwili, a longtime participant in the LubutoArts program and very talented artist, has now taken on the role of arts instructor at Ngwerere Lubuto Library. In addition to helping him develop as an artist, LubutoArts is now giving him an opportunity to learn important leadership and mentoring skills. David has also been very successful in selling his artwork in Lubuto's exhibitions in Zambia and the U.S. and his art has become his livelihood.

LUBUTO - ZLS PARTNERSHIP

Our partnership with the Zambia Library Service (ZLS) is advancing in an exciting way, both in terms of formal agreements and stakeholder support. ZLS has offered us an office in their Lusaka headquarters so that our joint work can be closely coordinated. Jane Meyers joined ZLS head Robinson Bwato for a "town hall" meeting with ZLS staff to respond to questions and thoughts about the planned development of Lubuto libraries with ZLS's provincial libraries around the country. We are very excited about what we will be able to do together, not only for the country's most vulnerable youth, but contributing to the welfare and development of the whole society.

US LIBRARIANS JOIN IN TO ADVANCE MOTHER-TONGUE LITERACY IN ZAMBIA

Some 20 Information professionals of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) in the Washington, DC area volunteered to put the finishing touches on the 700 computer-based LubutoLiteracy reading lessons, in seven Zambian languages. The project, organized by Lubuto's technical partner Mike Lee, entailed adding 700 sound files matched to each of the lessons, which were created in Zambia by Lubuto's youth and reading teachers. At a [reception at the Zambian Embassy in January](#), Ambassador Sheila Siwela thanked each volunteer individually and expressed her ongoing appreciation for the work of the Lubuto Library Project.

DEVELOPING SYSTEMS TO MEASURE OUR IMPACT

A week of planning meetings held at our two libraries in Lusaka in April brought together all Lubuto library and program staff and stakeholders to clarify our objectives and determine how our progress toward meeting them, and the effectiveness of our programs, can best be measured. This was the beginning of a year-long project to set up systems for evaluation and advocacy project funded by the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM A FORMER FIRST LADY

Mrs. Laura Bush, who has enthusiastically supported our work since the first Lubuto library opened in 2007, recently sent another congratulatory letter. In it, she said she is "thrilled" that the Government of Zambia has asked us to build our libraries throughout the country. She sent her and President Bush's best wishes for our further success.

FEEDBACK

Do you have any ideas for what you would like to see in future newsletters? If so, we'd love to hear from you.

Email us at webmail@lubuto.org.



[Lubuto Photostream](#)

Nikki Packer has uploaded some new photos to our Flickr Photostream that document her time at the Lubuto Library at Fountain of Hope. Take a look at her gallery and enjoy all our other photo collections.

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[Lubuto Blog](#)

Did you miss Nikki Packer's recent post about "adjusting to Zambian time" during her three months in Lusaka? Catch up with Nikki and others at the Lubuto Library Blog.

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Please vote for Lubuto in Factiva's Agile Professional Snap & Win Contest and help us win a Special Libraries Association membership and \$1,000. You can even post our entry on your Facebook wall for your friends to help!

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