



Lubuto Library Project

Bringing knowledge and enlightenment to Africa's street kids, orphans, and other vulnerable children



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LUBUTO ON THE ROAD

Jane Meyers recently spoke about Lubuto's best practices in sustainable international library development at:

- **Brooklyn Public Library**
- **George Washington University's Graduate School of International Education**
- **Society for International Development** workgroup meeting (with Michelle Campbell and Lucy Leggiero)

Upcoming presentations include:

- **Pennsylvania Library Association**
- **Drexel University i-School**
- **Library of Congress**
- **New Jersey Library Association**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

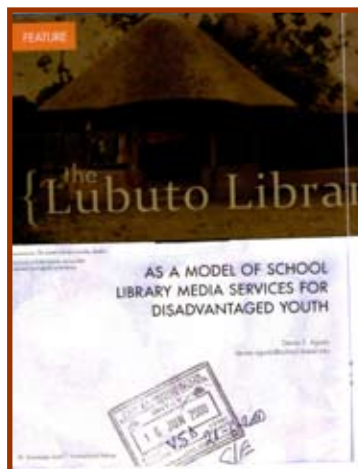
Our new partnership with Dow Jones & Co. will create one of the next Lubuto Libraries, to be located in Lusaka, Zambia's Garden Compound, an area where scores of street children stay. Dow Jones has been working with us and with **Politics and Prose Bookstore** to plan an employee book drive, spanning their global operations, with the goal of building a complete, balanced and excellent 4,000-volume collection. But then our great friends at Dow Jones took their support a giant step further, and have pledged a corporate donation to cover the cost of constructing the library compound that will house the collection. And the bottom line of all of this generosity and goodwill will be a new and critical safe haven for Lusaka's vulnerable children! **Read more about the special synergy of the Dow Jones/Politics & Prose/Lubuto collaboration in the American Booksellers Association newsletter, *Bookselling This Week* at the "In the Media" section of www.Lubuto.org.**



**Lubuto's 2007 Annual Report is now available on www.Lubuto.org
Contact us for a print version**

Model Library Service to Disadvantaged Children

We are very proud of the private sector partnerships that support our work, but would also like you to know about the recognition Lubuto has received by our library/information professional colleagues.



Professor Denise E. Agosto of the College of Information Science and Technology at **Drexel University** recently cited the Lubuto Library Project as a model for providing library services for vulnerable youth – not just in Africa, but anywhere. Please see her article in **Knowledge Quest**, the journal of the American Association of School Librarians, on our website. Prof. Agosto, an internationally respected expert in multicultural issues in children's and young adult literature and library resources and services for youth, has another article on the Lubuto model

forthcoming in the December issue of **Public Libraries**.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (SLA) COLLEAGUES HELP AGAIN

Kenlee Ray and **Richard Huffine** of the DC chapter of SLA spent the summer organizing members to hold book drives for Lubuto at their places of work. **Laurie Calhoun** of the **International Center for Research on Women** and **Barbara Folensbee-Moore** of **Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP** collected hundreds of great titles to add to the collection of the Mumuni Lubuto Library in Nabukuyu. Also, **Ann Buki** is organizing a Lubuto book drive at **Catholic University's School of Library and Information Science**. We greatly appreciate the care and effort all of our colleagues take not only to help build our collections, but to make sure that the books are first-rate offerings for users of Lubuto Libraries.

NEW LUBUTO VOLUNTEERS

Several great new volunteers are pushing Lubuto forward on many fronts:

- **Karen Chittenden**, of the Library of Congress' Prints and Photographs Division, is the perfect person to be scanning Zambian stories in LC's African Reading Room, to be made accessible on a wiki via our website.

- **Barbara Catherwood** brings her outstanding background in communication and international development, and love of children's books, to help us tell our story.



- **Mary Talley Garcia**, a fellow library/information professional, is bringing new directions and energy to developing and marketing the Lubuto project.

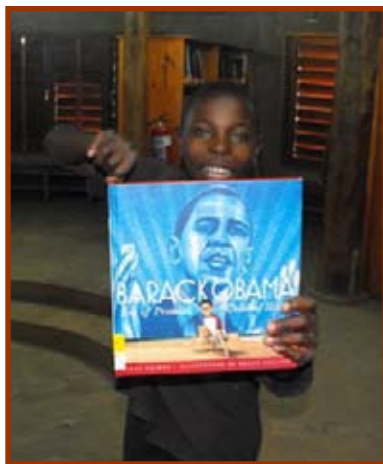
- **Lucy Leggiere**, a new information professional, is focusing on our technological issues and currently spearheading our One Laptop Per Child development efforts.

HOLLY'S BLOG TAKES YOU THERE

Holly Morganelli's blog from the first Lubuto Library is not to be missed! Holly, an experienced youth services librarian finishing her library degree at Pratt Institute, is doing a terrific job of giving the library users a voice and showing the world how libraries can and should connect



with children and youth using books, sometimes as a source of information and sometimes as a starting point for other learning and communication. Read her session with Trevor in September and other users on November 5th – and hear how the street kids view Barack Obama. You can access the blog in the



upper right-hand corner of the Lubuto.org home page.

LUBUTO'S BEST PRACTICES IN SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

Our **best practices in sustainable international library development** are acknowledged by development experts, because excellent librarianship applied to developing countries results in target, effective and sustainable development as well.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment in this regard has been reaching a Memorandum of Understanding with Zambia's Ministry of Education, who have asked us to build Lubuto Libraries throughout the country. This paves the way for Zambia's aid donors to help us build libraries according to the country's educational development plans.



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