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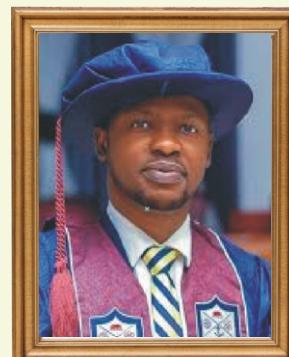
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The celebration of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA) Library Week 2025 took a slightly different turn this year. It gave us the opportunity to see clear evidence that libraries across Nigeria are not dormant spaces, but institutions that are responding creatively to their communities.

This special edition of the NLA Newsletter was conceived from a simple question: How did libraries actually celebrate Library Week this year? This is not the first library week we are celebrating as an Association, but beyond the posters and hashtags, we have decided to answer questions regarding what actually happened across the country? What stories were told, what cultures were preserved, and what communities were reached?

The responses we received were encouraging. From exhibitions on indigenous knowledge and local history, to school outreach programmes, reading campaigns, digital showcases, and community dialogues, NLA Library Week 2025 was marked in ways that reflected both diversity and shared purpose. The theme, "Libraries and Cultural Heritage," resonated well and reminds us that libraries remain custodians of memory, language, identity, and collective experience. What stood out most was the level of involvement. We saw Chapters collaborating with schools, Libraries partnering with cultural institutions and many Librarians stepping outside their buildings and engaging with their communities.

This newsletter is therefore more than a celebration. It is documentation. It is learning. It is a reference point for future advocacy. Through the visionary leadership of Dr. Lawal Umar, FNLA, President of the Nigerian Library Association, the editorial team was able to gather stories and insights from different parts of the country using a structured Google Form survey. This aligns with the current leadership's commitment to building a growing archive, one that allows us to review our progress and argue, with



confidence, for stronger support for libraries and librarianship.

As you turn through the pages of this Newsletter, you will also notice that many of the activities featured here were reported directly by libraries and chapters themselves. This was intentional. We want members to see themselves not merely as participants, but as contributors to the Association's collective narrative. It is our hope that a time will come when libraries and chapters across Nigeria consistently identify with the NLA and collectively celebrate a truly nationwide Library Week.

As Editor, I hope our esteemed readers will see this publication as an invitation, to do more, to practise what we preach as librarians by documenting our work better, collaborating more intentionally, and telling our stories more clearly. Libraries play a significant role in society, and as librarians, we must continue to share those stories if our profession is to grow stronger.

Thank you to every chapter, library, and librarian whose work appears in these pages. I also extend sincere appreciation to the entire editorial team for the sacrifices that turned this idea into reality. It is through small but purposeful efforts like this that the future of librarianship in Nigeria will be shaped. Let us remain focused, intentional, and united as we continue to BRIDGE the gap.

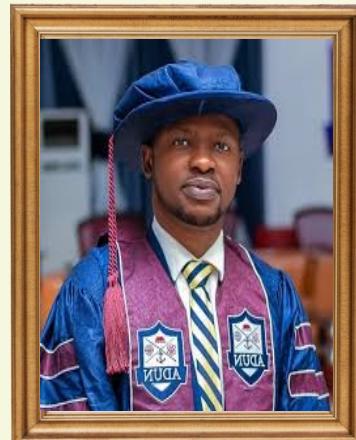
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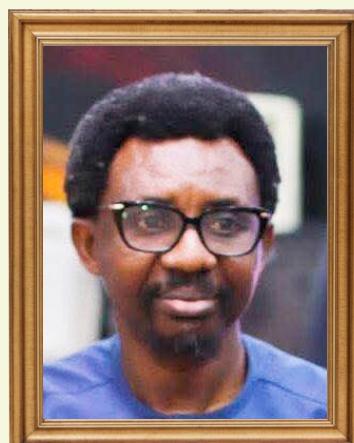
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S *Desk*

that might otherwise be lost. By providing access to cultural resources, libraries empower citizens with knowledge and awareness of their heritage perspectives.

They also promote lifelong learning and intercultural dialogue, enabling Nigerians to appreciate their roots and diversity while engaging with global perspectives. In this way, our libraries make a significant contribution to knowledge-driven economic progress and the enrichment of Nigeria's cultural landscape.

Furthermore, ensuring unhindered access to documented history and indigenous knowledge strengthens civic literacy and promotes transparency, which ultimately contributes to a more stable, equitable, and politically informed society. Thus, investing in our libraries is a direct positive investment in Nigeria's long-term socio-economic and political stability.

I hereby issue a strong call to all NLA State Chapters across the federation, as well as academic, public, school, and special libraries, to mobilize their members and communities to participate actively in the 2025 Library Week by organizing diverse and impactful activities in line with the theme of the library week such as Cultural Talk Shows and Seminars; Community Rallies and Visibility; Cultural Exhibitions and Guided Heritage Tours.

With this in mind, we extend a heartfelt, national invitation to all well-meaning Nigerians, students, educators, parents, researchers, private organizations, media houses and government agencies to stand with our librarians in this celebration of excellence and history. We urge you to visit a library, consider donating relevant cultural materials, or rediscover the profound wealth of knowledge preserved within its walls.

To this end, let me once again express our deepest appreciation to Her Excellency, the First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, CON, for her uncommon passion and love demonstrated towards the completion of the National Library of Nigeria Headquarters building in Abuja.

Together, we can build Nigeria's future anchored in the pride of our cultural heritage. Thank you and God bless you all.

Dr. Lawal Umar, FNLA
President, NLA

NLA Library Week 2025: Dr. Lawal Umar Outlines Strategic Goal in Virtual Press Conference”

I feel highly honored and proud to announce the commencement of the celebration of the 2025 Library Week, with the theme "Libraries for Cultural Heritage" which is scheduled for Monday, 17th to 21st November, 2025. This year's theme is strategically chosen to illuminate and highlight the indispensable vital role that libraries play in preserving, promoting, documenting, and sharing Nigeria's rich and multifaceted cultural heritage.

Cultural heritage is the foundation of Nigeria's social and economic progress. It includes traditions, religion, values, customs, languages, arts, crafts, and historical knowledge that shape the identity and pride of our people. Protecting this heritage fosters national unity, enhances understanding, boosts tourism, and encourages creativity and innovation, all of which are vital for economic growth, prosperity, and social harmony. Indeed, Nigeria's cultural diversity remains a powerful resource that promotes community empowerment and sustainable development.

Therefore, Libraries, irrespective of their types, stand at the forefront of this cultural preservation effort, serving as the critical bridge between our diverse past identities and our shared future aspirations. They serve as custodians of knowledge, safeguarding valuable archival materials, manuscripts, and oral histories

NLA LIBRARY WEEK 2025 AT A GLANCE: DATA INSIGHTS INTO CHAPTERS AND SECTION LED INNOVATIONS.

Libraries for Cultural Heritage

1. INTRODUCTION

The 2025 Nigerian Library Association (NLA) Library Week, held from 15th to 26th November, celebrated the theme "Libraries for Cultural Heritage," highlighting the indispensable role of libraries in preserving, promoting, and sharing Nigeria's diverse cultural legacy. Cultural heritage encompassing traditions, values, religions, arts, crafts, and historical knowledge, forms the foundation of national identity and social cohesion. Safeguarding this heritage not only strengthens unity and nurtures mutual understanding but also drives tourism, creativity, and sustainable development. Libraries, as custodians of knowledge, preserve manuscripts, archival materials, and oral histories that might otherwise be lost, providing citizens access to resources that advance lifelong learning, civic literacy, and informed participation in society.

This year, the NLA President, Dr Umar Lawal at a Press Conference held on November 17, 2025, called on all state chapters and libraries: public, academic, school, and special, to mobilize members and communities through thematic activities such as seminars, exhibitions, cultural talks, heritage tours, and community outreach. The initiative invited students, educators, cultural institutions, private organizations, media houses, and government agencies to engage actively with libraries, rediscover Nigeria's rich cultural knowledge, and support ongoing preservation efforts. During the Press Conference the NLA President paid a Special recognition to Her Excellency, the First Lady, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, for her commitment to the completion of the

National Library of Nigeria headquarters in Abuja, which underscores the strategic importance of libraries in national development. The Nigeria Librarians, Curators, Archivists and Information Professionals yielded to the NLA President call. Across the nation, over 30 organisations participated in Library Week 2025, including state chapters, museums, archives, library schools, and professional bodies such as the NLA Preservation and Conservation Section (NLA-PACS) and the NLA Information Technology Section (NLA-IT). These collaborations showcased the intersection of technology, cultural memory, and sustainable preservation practices, emphasizing the evolving role of libraries in the digital age. Academic libraries, from Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife to Michael Okpara University of Agriculture in Umudike, the Federal University of Health Sciences, Kwale, and beyond, demonstrated their continuing relevance as vibrant spaces for scholarship, cultural engagement, and intellectual development.

Public and special libraries, including the Abia State Library Board, Niger State Public Library, and the Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital Library, Yaba, Lagos, partnered with cultural institutions such as the Centre for Memories, Enugu, the Kano State History and Culture Bureau, and the National Commission for Museums and Monuments to deliver immersive heritage experiences. Community and traditional institutions enriched the celebrations, reinforcing the shared responsibility of libraries and cultural custodians in preserving Nigeria's identity.

Library Week 2025 placed strong emphasis on youth engagement and education, with participation from secondary schools, cultural foundations, and traditional councils. Across the federation, programmes included lectures, exhibitions, storytelling, heritage tours, digital campaigns, capacity-building workshops, and professional

conferences, demonstrating libraries as dynamic institutions that preserve the past, engage the present, and inspire the future. More than a commemorative event, the Week became a national movement affirming libraries as vital drivers of cultural literacy, identity preservation, and knowledge empowerment.

2. SCOPE AND DURATION OF ACTIVITIES IN 2025 LIBRARY WEEK

The duration of Library Week activities varied across participating institutions:

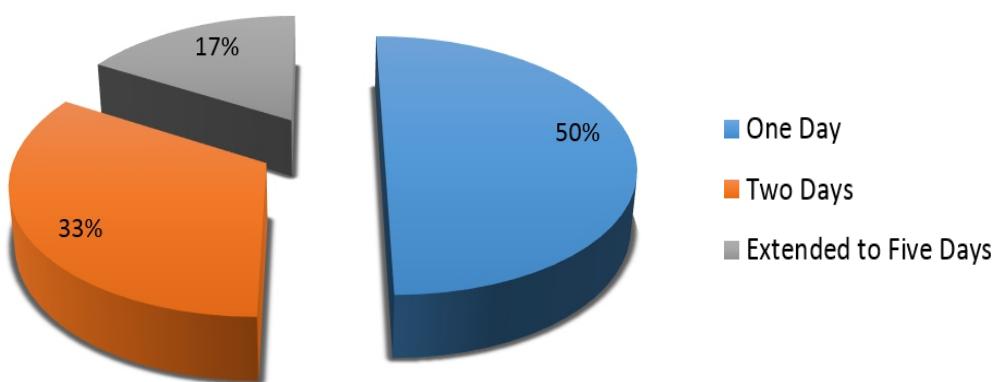
- 50.0% of activities were conducted for one day
- 33% lasted three days
- 17% extended to five days

This flexible implementation framework enabled institutions to align activities with available resources and local contexts,

thereby ensuring broad participation across the country.

Participant engagement levels were notably strong. 46.7% of respondents reported high engagement, while 33.3% indicated moderate engagement. Satisfaction levels were equally impressive, with 70.0% of planners reporting that participants were very satisfied and *30.0% reporting that participants were satisfied with the activities.

Scope and Duration of Activities in 2025 Library Week

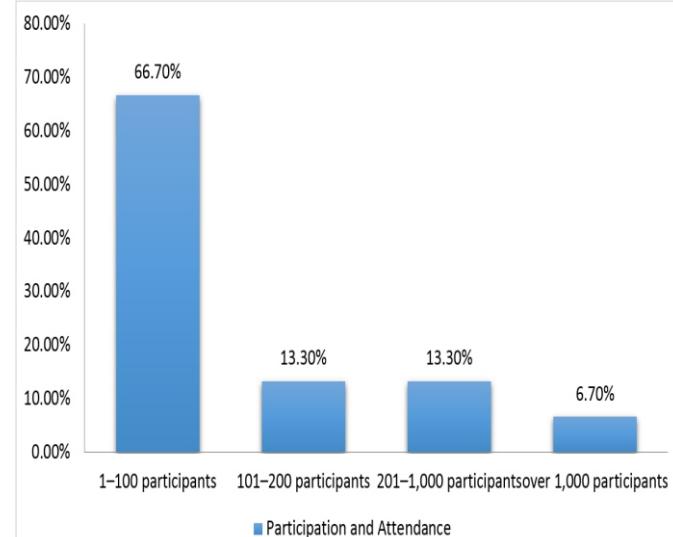


3. PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance figures varied depending on the scale and nature of activities:

- 66.7% of events recorded 1–100 participants
- 13.3% attracted 101–200 participants
- 13.3% recorded 201–1,000 participants
- 6.7% of activities reached over 1,000 participants

These figures demonstrate both grassroots-level engagement and the capacity of certain events to attract large audiences, particularly those involving public campaigns, exhibitions, and digital outreach.



4. KEY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMME FOCUS

The Library Week featured a diverse range of activities aligned with its central theme and broader professional objectives.

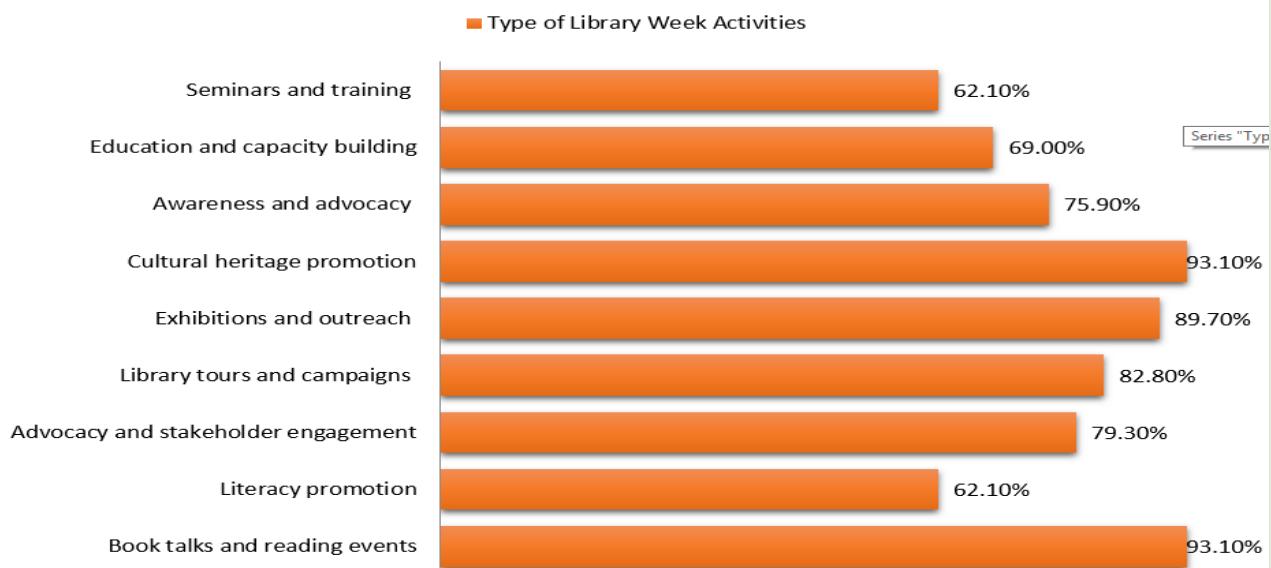
- Cultural heritage promotion was the most prominent activity, engaging 93.1% of participants.
- Awareness creation and advocacy activities featured in 75.9% of events.
- Education and capacity building initiatives accounted for 69.0%, focusing on skill development and professional knowledge enhancement.

Seminars, lectures, symposia, and training programmes attracted 62.1% participation.

Literacy and community-focused initiatives were also strongly represented:

- Literacy promotion engaged 62.1% of participants.
- Advocacy and stakeholder engagement featured in 79.3% of activities.
- Library tours, open-house programmes, and social media campaigns were highlighted by 82.8% of respondents.
- Exhibitions, book fairs, and school/community outreach programmes engaged 89.7% of participants.
- Book talks and reading events recorded the highest participation level at 93.1%.

Type of Library Week Activities



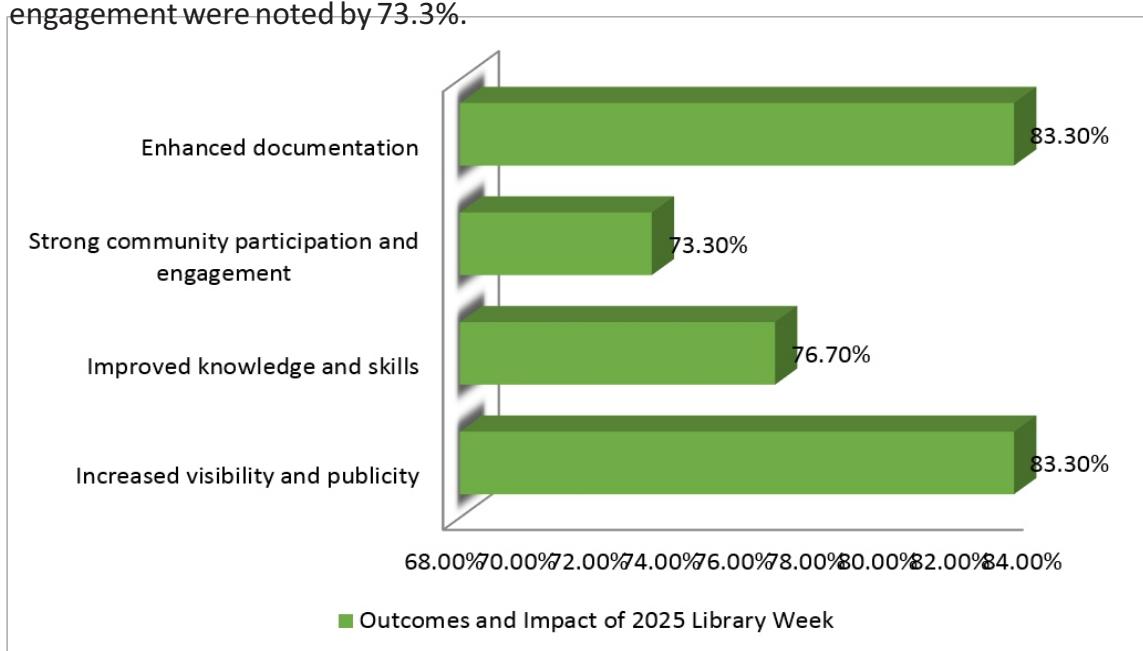
5. OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

The 2025 Library Week recorded significant and measurable outcomes:

- Increased visibility and public awareness of libraries were reported by 83.3% of respondents.
- Improved knowledge and skills among participants were observed by 76.7%.
- Strong community participation and engagement were noted by 73.3%.

- Enhanced documentation, including photographs, videos, and reports, was cited by 83.3% as a key achievement.

These outcomes underscore the effectiveness of Library Week as a strategic platform for advocacy, public engagement, and professional development within the Nigerian library ecosystem.

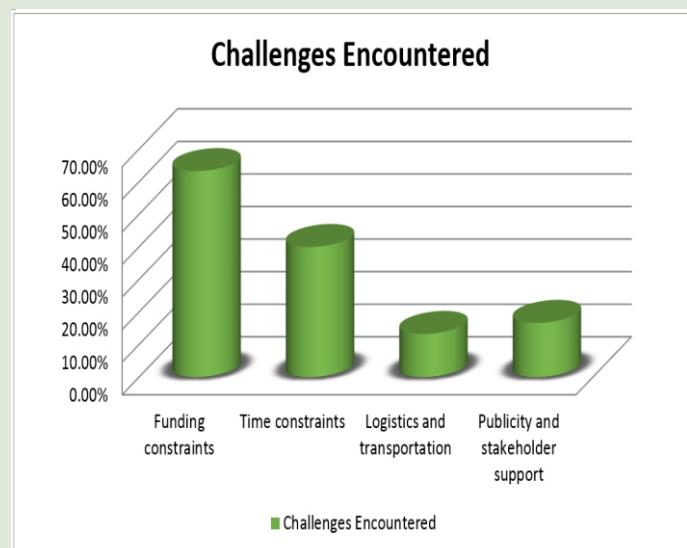


6. CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

Despite its successes, the 2025 Library Week faced several operational challenges:

- Funding constraints were the most significant challenge, reported by 63.3% of respondents.
- Time constraints affected 40.0% of activities.
- Logistics and transportation challenges were reported by 13.3%.
- Limited publicity and weak stakeholder support were each reported by 16.7% of participants.

These challenges highlight the need for improved planning, resource mobilisation, and strategic partnerships for future editions.

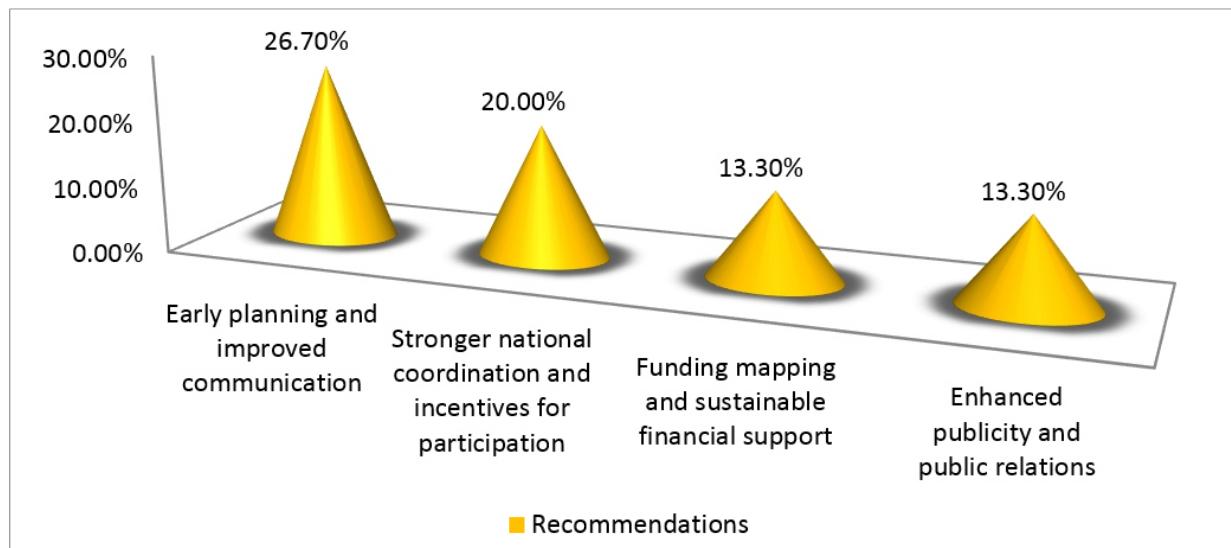


7. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE LIBRARY WEEK PROGRAMMES

Participants made the following key recommendations:

- Early planning and improved communication (26.7%)
- Stronger national coordination and incentives for participation (20.0%)

- Greater emphasis on digital transformation and technology-driven activities (20.0%)
- Funding mapping and sustainable financial support (13.3%)
- Enhanced publicity, media engagement, and public relations strategies (13.3%)



8. CONCLUSION

The 2025 Library Week, organised by the Nigerian Library Association, was a highly impactful national programme that successfully advanced awareness, literacy promotion, cultural heritage preservation, and community engagement. The wide participation of institutions and the positive outcomes recorded affirm the relevance of Library Week as a flagship advocacy initiative of the Association.

While challenges related to funding, publicity, and logistics were evident, the lessons learned and recommendations provided offer clear pathways for strengthening future Library Week programmes. With improved coordination, sustainable funding, and enhanced digital and media strategies, future editions are well-positioned to achieve even greater national impact.

NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECTION (NLA - ITS)

Preserving Cultural Heritage Through Technology: NLA-IT Hosts Media Documentation Workshop

The Information Technology (IT) Section of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA) recently joined distinguished librarians and information professionals to celebrate Library Week 2025, themed "Libraries for Cultural Heritage." The commemoration featured a hands-on workshop titled "Preservation and Documentation of Media Heritage through Visual Manipulation and Video Editing Tools," held on Wednesday, 26th November 2025.

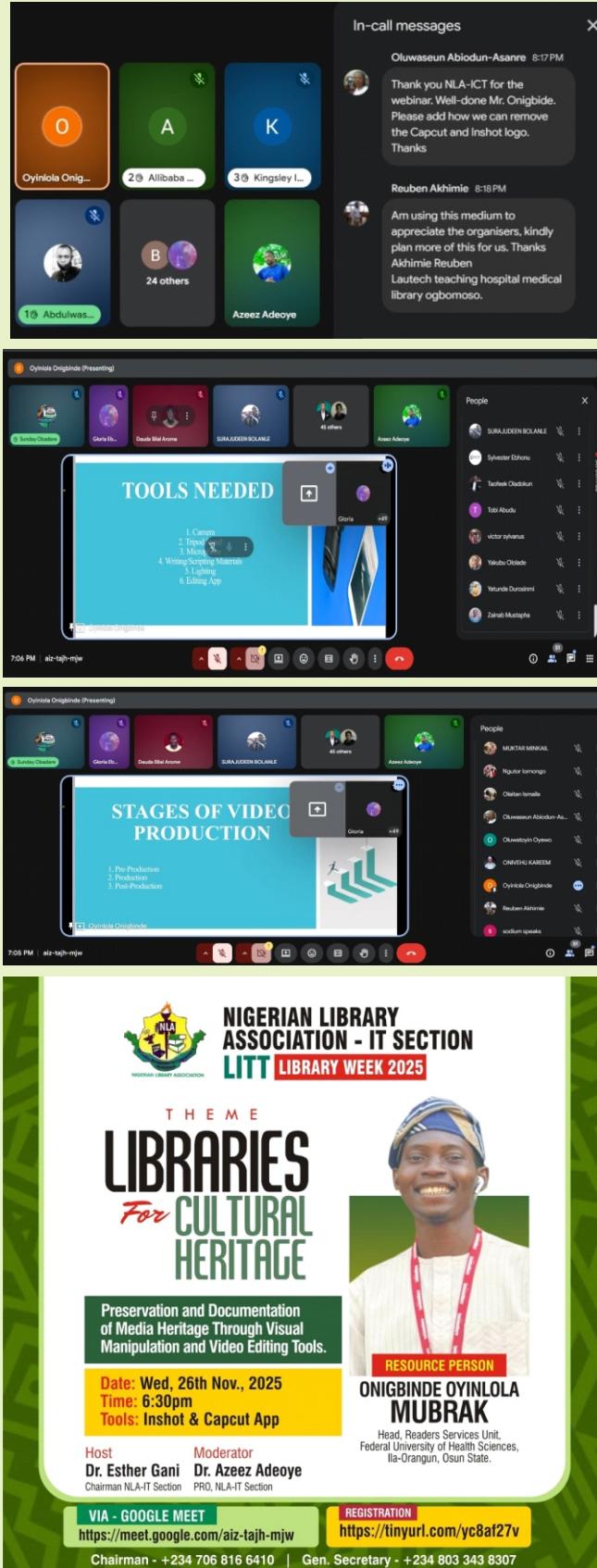
Organized under the leadership of Dr. Esther Gani, Chairperson of NLA-IT, the event commenced with a captivating opening speech that set the tone for an engaging and informative session. Dr. Azeez Adeoye, the Section's Public Relations Officer, served as moderator and delivered the citation for the resource person, Mr. Mubarak Onigbinde, Acting Head of Reader Services at the Library, Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun, Osun State.

Mr. Onigbinde led participants through an in-depth exploration of CapCut and InShot, two user-friendly yet advanced video editing tools. His presentation covered the full spectrum of video production, from pre-production planning and filming to post-production editing, demonstrating how these tools can be applied to preserve and document media heritage effectively.

The workshop attracted over 55 participants, comprising library and information science professionals across various sectors. Attendees expressed high enthusiasm, praising the practical nature of the training and requesting more sessions of this kind. Dr. Justice Nnamdi Okorie, Vice Chairman of NLA-IT, delivered the vote of thanks, bringing the two-and-a-half-hour event to a close and leaving participants equipped with actionable skills and knowledge to enhance media heritage documentation in their institutions.

The event underscored the growing role of technology in cultural preservation and highlighted the IT Section's commitment to empowering librarians with innovative tools to document and safeguard Nigeria's rich cultural heritage.

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NIGERIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION SECTION (NLA - PACS)

Preserving the Future" NLA-PACS Ibadan 2025 Charts a New Course for Data Security in the 5IR Era



The Nigerian Library Association (NLA) Preservation and Conservation Section (PACS) successfully held its 2025 Annual Conference from September 15th to 18th, 2025, at the Otunba Subomi Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.

The conference opened with a thought-provoking ceremony that featured reflections and debates on the theme "Data Preservation and Security in the 5th Industrial Revolution (5IR) Era." The opening session attracted distinguished scholars and professionals in the Library and Information Science (LIS) field. Notable personalities in attendance included Prof. Abiola Abioye (Chairman, NLA-PACS), Prof. Iyabo Mabawonku, Prof. Lenrie Aina, FNLA, and Prof. Gabriel Olubunmi Alegbeleye, FNLA.

The hybrid nature of the event enabled wide participation, bringing together librarians and archivists from across the country, including representatives from Abuja, Gombe, Kano, Jigawa, Rivers, Ogun, Ondo, Oyo, Lagos, Osun, and Ibadan.

A major highlight of Days One and Two was the keynote address delivered by the Lead Paper Presenter, Assistant Professor Kenneth Atuma of the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. In his presentation, he examined the growing adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

and Machine Learning (ML) in libraries and archives to enhance data preservation, access, and information retrieval. He further emphasized the need for institutions to embrace AI-driven innovations while upholding responsible data governance and security frameworks.

The conference also featured paper presentations, including a research paper presented by the reporter, which generated robust discussions on the integration of AI and ML in libraries, archives, and museums. The presentation highlighted available AI and ML tools, outlining their practical applications and benefits for information management. To further support participants' understanding, follow-up resources on relevant AI tools were shared to demonstrate their application within library, archival, and museum settings.

Overall, the NLA-PACS Ibadan 2025 Conference provided a valuable platform for knowledge exchange, professional engagement, and forward-looking discussions on data preservation and emerging technologies in the 5IR era.

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ABIA STATE

Libraries at the Heart of Heritage: NLA Abia State Celebrates Library Week 2025

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Abia State Chapter, successfully launched its 2025 Library Week, focusing on the theme "Libraries for Cultural Heritage." The celebration kicked off with a robust media awareness and public sensitization campaign, targeting relevant stakeholders in the library and information sector, government officials, students, and heads of institutions. The radio discussion was particularly impactful, with a panel of experts engaging the public on the significance of cultural heritage across agriculture, education, environment, public health, information dissemination, and language preservation.

Day Two of the Library Week, held at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, featured an inspiring opening ceremony, highlighted by a keynote lecture,

cultural heritage exhibitions, and presentations by diverse library sectors—including special, academic, and public libraries—with active student participation. Professor A. N. Uhegbu, a library school lecturer and prime minister, delivered an educative and thought-provoking lecture that captured the attention of participants. Distinguished attendees, including the Vice Chancellor, university principal officers, representatives from government ministries in education, information, culture, and local government affairs, as well as traditional rulers, offered valuable insights and engaged actively in discussions.

Day Three took place at the Abia State Library Board, where Prime Minister Dr. Moses Nwosu delivered another engaging exposition. Participants actively posed questions, which were addressed



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satisfactorily, fostering an interactive and enriching session. A major highlight of the day was the commissioning of the Cultural Heritage Corner at the State Library Board, alongside cultural heritage quizzes that further stimulated awareness and engagement.

Subsequent activities included a collaborative visit to the traditional institution of Arochukwu, promoting synergy and partnership for the establishment of a community library and information center. Students participated in the visit and tour, experiencing firsthand Arochukwu's historical and cultural landmarks, including its waterfalls and ancient artefacts. At the Abia State College of Education (Technical),

Arochukwu, librarians and the Provost engaged in interactive sessions to consolidate the gains of the Library Week and strategize on sustaining its impact.

Throughout the week, media coverage provided extensive publicity, from previews and announcements to talk show discussions, ensuring the events reached a wide audience. The NLA Abia State Library Week 2025 proved memorable and impactful, reinforcing the pivotal role of libraries in preserving cultural heritage, promoting knowledge, and fostering community engagement.

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Celebrating Igbo Heritage: Abia State Library Board Showcases Culture for Future Generations

The Abia State Library Board, Umuahia, recently organized a cultural heritage awareness event aimed at celebrating, preserving, and promoting the rich cultural identity of the Igbo people in Abia State.

The event was designed to create public awareness of Igbo cultural heritage through the exhibition of artefacts that define and reflect the values, history, and traditions of Igbo society, ensuring their preservation for posterity. It also served as a deliberate effort to spark interest among the younger generation of Abia citizens, encouraging them to embrace their cultural identity, actively practice it, and responsibly pass it on to future generations.

In addition, the programme highlighted one of the core mandates of public libraries - the collection, preservation, and exhibition of the cultural heritage of the people they serve. By showcasing these artefacts, the Abia State Library Board reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the cultural heritage of Igbo and Abia citizens while positioning the public library as a vital hub for cultural education and community engagement.

The event was widely acknowledged as a meaningful step toward strengthening cultural consciousness and sustaining indigenous heritage in Abia State.

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ANAMBRA STATE

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Anambra State Chapter, celebrated Library Week 2025 with a series of engaging activities across multiple library sectors and institutions, emphasizing the theme "Libraries for Cultural Heritage." The events took place at Nnamdi Azikiwe University Library, Awka; Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University Library, Igbariam; Prof. Kenneth Dike Central E-Library, Awka; Federal College of Education (Technical) Library, Umunze; and the Emeka and Bumi Ayaoku Foundation, Ogidi, ensuring broad and inclusive participation.

At Nnamdi Azikiwe University Library, librarians engaged students in vibrant discussions on the importance of libraries as custodians of knowledge, tradition, and identity. They highlighted how libraries serve as bridges between past and present, safeguarding cultural materials, stories, artifacts, and historical records that define a people.

Libraries as Custodians of Culture: NLA Anambra State Celebrates Library Week 2025

Similarly, at Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University Library, the anchor librarian reminded participants that the library is not merely a house of books, but a home of culture where traditions are preserved and promoted. Essential cultural items from Igboland were displayed, and participants were encouraged to communicate in the Igbo language, reinforcing cultural immersion.

"We are here to learn," she noted, "and the library, being a center of learning, welcomes all who are willing."



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At the Prof. Kenneth Dike Central E-Library, Awka, staff showcased traditional musical instruments and demonstrated local crafts unique to the region. Pupils and attendees watched with fascination as librarians explained how these cultural items embody the history, skills, and identity of the Igbo people. The session emphasized that libraries, as ancient institutions, have always played a pivotal role in the advancement of knowledge, civilization, and cultural continuity.

The celebration at the Federal College of Education (Technical) Library, Umunze, was equally memorable. Librarians enlightened users on the vital role of libraries in preserving cultural heritage, complemented by captivating acrobatic dances and expressive presentations that underscored the library's role in nurturing and sustaining cultural identity.

At the Emeka and Bumi Ayaoku Foundation, Ogidi, the event space was enlivened with colorful cardboard inscriptions, bearing messages such as:

- “Today's reader becomes tomorrow's leader”

- “Libraries are the living memory of mankind”
- “People without knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture are like a tree without roots”

These inscriptions reinforced the importance of cultural awareness in shaping identity and guiding societal progress.

Through exhibitions, storytelling sessions, demonstrations, and discussions, the NLA Anambra State Chapter demonstrated that libraries are more than learning spaces—they are homes of cultural memory, preserving languages, traditions, values, and collective experiences that define a people.

By the close of Library Week 2025, one truth resonated with all participants: Libraries are guardians of cultural heritage, ensuring that the past continues to inspire the present and guide the future.

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BENUE STATE

Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future: NLA Benue State Library Week 2025



The Nigerian Library Association (NLA) Benue State Chapter marked Library Week 2025 with a series of impactful events from Day 1 to Day 4, under the theme "Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future: Libraries as Gateways for Cultural Heritage."

Day 1 opened with a symposium that explored how libraries serve as vital gateways for preserving cultural heritage while inspiring future generations.

Day 2 engaged students in an educational tour to key cultural sites, including the Benue State Council for Arts and Culture, the National Museum, and an interactive storytelling session with Tor Lobi, the 1st Class King, where participants learned about the origins of the Tiv people and insights on security challenges in Benue State.

Day 3 featured a lecture on post-harvest food preservation methods in Benue State, highlighting the challenges, indigenous practices, and the critical role libraries play in documenting and disseminating this knowledge.

Day 4 concluded the week with a radio talk show on BSu FM 89.9, "The Station of Knowledge," featuring Dr. Doosuur Ashaver, Dr. Anita Asen, and Dr. Sandra Iggyuve, further discussing the theme and the significance of libraries in cultural preservation. The program was also broadcast by Radio Benue, extending its reach to a wider audience.

The week-long celebration successfully combined education, cultural immersion, and public engagement, reinforcing libraries as essential custodians of Benue State's heritage and knowledge.

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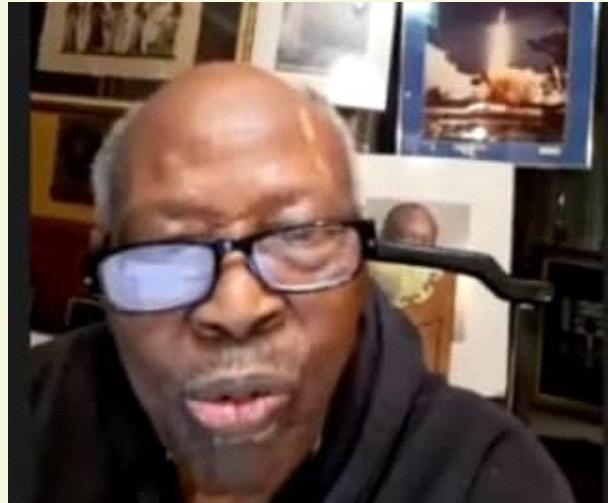
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Libraries at the Heart of Culture and Innovation: Admiralty University of Nigeria Marks 2025 Library Week

The Admiralty University of Nigeria, Ibusa, Delta State, marked its 2025 Library Week with a well-attended hybrid programme that highlighted the evolving role of the university library in academic excellence, knowledge preservation, and national development.

The physical segment of the celebration took place at the Main Library's Collaboration Zone and featured music performances, cultural exhibitions, and intellectual engagements. Goodwill messages were delivered on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, alongside remarks from Emeritus Professor Augustine Esogbue. The keynote address was presented by Dr. F. Abutu, while the University Librarian, Dr. Gladys N. Onyia, delivered the welcome address and provided an overview of the library's initiatives and achievements.

Central to the discussions was the theme "Libraries for Cultural Heritage," with speakers examining how libraries continue to serve as custodians of cultural



memory while adapting to technological advancements. Presentations emphasized how digital technologies have enhanced access to library resources despite prevailing challenges such as limited funding and infrastructure, while also underscoring the importance of preserving cultural heritage within academic institutions.

The programme also featured a



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guided library tour and presentations showcasing librarians' efforts in documenting and preserving cultural heritage materials. The virtual component of the event recorded over twenty participants via Zoom, including the President of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Dr. Lawal Umar, Professor Emeritus Augustine Esogbue, Dr. Oyelude, and students of the Department of Library and Information Science, Sikiru

Adetona College of Education, Science and Technology, Omu-Ajose, among others.

Overall, the 2025 Library Week celebration at Admiralty University of Nigeria successfully reinforced the library's strategic role as a hub for learning, cultural preservation, and innovation in support of national development.

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Emerging Voices, Lasting Impact: FUMHSK Library Shines During NLA Library Week 2025

The Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences, Kwale (FUMHSK), Delta State, one of Nigeria's youngest academic libraries, made a remarkable impact during this year's NLA Library Week 2025. Determined to participate actively despite ongoing construction of physical facilities, University Librarian Prof. Hope C. I. Chikaodi spearheaded an innovative digital campaign that captured the attention of the academic community.

Through social media, the library rolled out daily cultural quotes, reflections, and awareness posts, emphasizing the urgent need for libraries to safeguard Nigeria's cultural heritage in a rapidly changing world. The campaign resonated widely with students, staff, and external audiences, generating significant engagement and sparking conversations that extended well beyond campus.

Despite its nascent stage, FUMHSK Library demonstrated a strong presence and a clear mission, showcasing how emerging institutions can contribute meaningfully to national discourse on knowledge, culture, and identity.

The Library concluded its participation with gratitude to the NLA National Body for providing a platform to highlight the importance of cultural preservation and the evolving role of libraries in nation-building. For FUMHSK, the celebration was more than a week of activities; it was a reaffirmation of its commitment to safeguarding knowledge and amplifying Nigeria's rich cultural heritage.

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for the University Librarian,
Prof. Hope C. I. Chikaodi



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NMU Library Celebrates NLA Library Week 2025 with Dynamic Digital Campaign

The Nigeria Maritime University (NMU) Library proudly joined the 2025 NLA Library Week celebration with a vibrant digital campaign that ran between 17th – 21st of November 2025. In line with the annual theme and the library's commitment to cultural preservation, the NMU Library used its social media platforms to spotlight Nigeria's rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Rather than hosting physical activities, the library embraced a fully online approach. Through the week, the library shared a series of culturally themed flyers and short video, each highlighting different aspects of Library heritage, cultural symbols, folklore, maritime traditions, and cultural expression.

The posts attracted positive engagement from students, staff, alumni, and members of the wider public, who interacted with the content through likes, comments, and shares. Many expressed pride in the cultural elements showcased and commended the library for using social media creatively to promote cultural awareness.

The University Librarian, Dr. Fatimah Jibril Abduldayan, noted that leveraging digital platforms aligns with the NMU Library's strategy to expand its reach and remain relevant in a technology-driven information environment. By celebrating NLA Library Week online, the library was able to connect with a broader audience while fulfilling its role as a custodian of knowledge and cultural memory. The 2025 digital celebration reinforced the NMU Library's commitment to cultural education, innovative outreach, and the promotion of Nigeria's cultural heritage in both traditional and modern formats.

Our Website and Social Media Handles:

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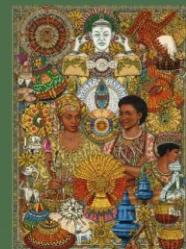
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**Reporter: Dr. Fatimah Jibril
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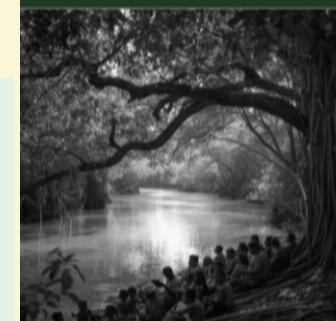
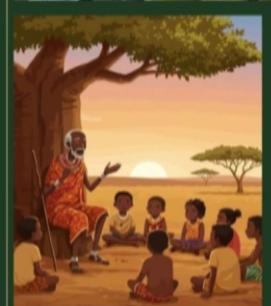


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1. Books are for use.
2. Every person has his or her book.
3. Every book has its reader.
4. Save the time of the reader.
5. A library is a growing organism.

EBONYI STATE

Libraries as Guardians of Culture: NLA Ebonyi State Promotes Heritage Through Public Awareness



The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Ebonyi State Chapter, recently launched a public literacy campaign on Legacy 95.1 FM, Ebonyi State, to raise awareness about the role of libraries in preserving and promoting cultural heritage. The campaign highlighted the vital contributions of libraries and librarians in safeguarding Nigeria's rich cultural legacy.

Key discussion points during the broadcast included:

- **Preservation of Local Culture:** Libraries collect and safeguard cultural materials to ensure their availability for future generations.
- **Cultural Engagement:** Libraries

- organize events, workshops, and exhibitions, fostering community participation and cultural exchange.
- **Digital Preservation:** By digitizing cultural collections, libraries make heritage materials accessible online, promoting Nigerian culture globally.

On 20th November 2025, NLA Ebonyi State engaged with the age-grade group of Afikpo Ekpoke Essa Traditional Council through a sensitization program focused on the active role of libraries as curators of cultural heritage. The event was celebrated in grand style, with participants dressed in traditional attire representing the native culture of Afikpo, creating a vibrant and immersive experience for all attendees.

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The initiative successfully reinforced the library's role as a custodian of culture and strengthened community awareness of

the importance of preserving local heritage.

Reporter: Vincent C. Opara
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EKITI STATE

Members of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Ekiti State Chapter, recently converged at the Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE) for a dynamic series of Library Week activities, including a public awareness rally, an engaging lecture, and courtesy visits to key university officials.

The open rally saw members adorned in NLA regalia, carrying educative banners that promoted the 2025 theme, capturing the attention of students, staff, and the wider university community. Along the rally route, participants engaged in interactive stop-points, delivering brief sensitization messages on the importance

Libraries in Motion: NLA Ekiti State Champions Cultural Heritage and Knowledge Preservation

of cultural heritage, knowledge preservation, and the evolving role of libraries in community development.

Following the rally, attendees gathered in a university lecture hall for a public lecture delivered by Dr. J.K. Opele. His presentation explored both the traditional and contemporary roles of libraries, highlighting their significance as catalysts for cultural preservation and digital knowledge management. Dr. Opele urged librarians to embrace their responsibilities as custodians of culture in an increasingly digital society.

As part of the day's programme, the association held a congratulatory and



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engagement meeting with the newly appointed University Librarian, Dr. Olabode Olajide, during which a formal portrait was presented in recognition of his appointment. Members also visited the Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, Dr. J.A. Yaya, to strengthen professional collaboration and institutional ties.

The event successfully combined public awareness, professional development, and cultural advocacy, reinforcing the pivotal role of librarians in preserving knowledge and promoting community engagement.

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ENUGU STATE

Celebrating Heritage Through Knowledge: NLA Enugu State Library Week 2025 in Focus

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Enugu State Chapter, successfully organized its 2025 Library Week activities under the theme "Libraries for Cultural Heritage." The event brought together librarians, students, and cultural stakeholders in a vibrant celebration of knowledge, culture, and community engagement.

The programme commenced with the arrival and registration of participants and invited guests, followed by an opening prayer that set a reflective and purposeful tone for the day's activities. Delivering the opening remarks on behalf of the State Chairman, Dr. (Mrs.) Ngozi Uzoagba emphasized the critical role of libraries and information services in preserving and promoting cultural heritage for present and future generations.

A stimulating PEP talk was later delivered by Dr. Ijeoma Ibegbulam, a professional librarian, who spoke passionately on the evolving responsibilities of librarians in safeguarding indigenous knowledge, cultural memory, and documented heritage in a rapidly changing information environment.

One of the major highlights of the programme was a guided museum tour on Igbo culture and heritage, conducted by staff of the Centre for Memories (CFM). Participants explored a rich collection of



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artefacts, historical narratives, and cultural symbols that vividly portrayed the depth and diversity of Igbo identity.

Adding a youthful perspective to the programme, students from Citadel Schools engaged the audience with a thought-provoking presentation on the role of young people in cultural preservation. In a related presentation, representatives from Federal Government College, Enugu, delivered an enlightening historical account of the Udi Festival, further enriching participants' appreciation of local traditions and festivals.

The event also featured an interactive Question-and-Answer session,

which provided opportunities for dialogue on cultural heritage, library services, and community participation. The programme concluded with the presentation of gifts, followed by light refreshments, closing remarks from the organizers, and a closing prayer.

Overall, the Library Week celebration was impactful and informative, reinforcing the NLA Enugu State Chapter's commitment to promoting cultural awareness and strengthening the role of libraries as centers for cultural preservation and community engagement in 2025.

Reporter: Ukwueze Perpetua
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FCT CHAPTER

Libraries without borders: NLA FCT and AGOL Celebrate Culture, Innovation, and Professional Growth



The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), FCT Chapter, in collaboration with the Association of Government Libraries (AGOL), successfully organized its 2025 Library Week Programme from Tuesday, 18th to Wednesday, 19th November 2025. The two-day event, themed "Libraries for Cultural Heritage: Libraries Without Borders-Bridging Gaps and Building Bridges for Cultural Appreciation, Promotion, and Preservation," was held at Atiku Hall, Block A, First Floor, Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation, Abuja, and recorded a total attendance of 87 participants.

Day One: Training and Capacity Building

Day One of the Library Week featured intensive training sessions and workshops. Proceedings began with a national prayer, followed by a welcome address delivered

by the Chairperson, NLA FCT Chapter, Mrs. Shade Adepoju, an Assistant Director with the National Library of Nigeria. The opening address was presented by the Chairman of AGOL, Mr. Wada Enemali, Director at the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.

The first paper and keynote presentation was delivered by Mr. Ugorji Ifeanyi, a retired Library Director and



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Library Consultant, who spoke on “Libraries Without Borders: Bridging Gaps and Building Bridges for Cultural Appreciation, Promotion, and Preservation.” His presentation emphasized collaboration, inclusivity, and the expanding role of libraries beyond physical boundaries.

The second paper, titled “The Entrepreneurial Librarian: From Custodian to Value Creator,” was presented by Mr. Azeez Elijah Olawale, Digital Librarian at the National Library of Nigeria. The session encouraged librarians to explore innovative and ethical income-generating opportunities within their professional environments.

The third presentation, “From Salary to Security: How to Manage Your Finances,” was delivered by Mr. Chris Abumere, an accountant and consultant. The paper focused on financial literacy, encouraging participants to invest wisely, diversify income sources, and reduce overreliance on salaries.

The fourth paper, “Libraries for Cultural Heritage: Innovation for Libraries,” was

presented by Mrs. Christiana Okoye, a Deputy Director at the Federal Character Commission. She challenged participants to adopt positive professional mindsets and embrace innovation to enhance service delivery.

The final paper of the day, titled “Open Source Library Management Systems: A Panacea for Government Libraries,” was presented by Dr. Lucky Owraigbo, a Deputy Director at the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation. The presentation highlighted the importance of adopting modern, open-source library management systems to improve efficiency, information retrieval, and relevance within the public service.

The day concluded with the presentation of Awards of Recognition to librarians who have made outstanding contributions to the growth of librarianship. Award recipients included Mr. Uzoukwu Ikenna (Director), Mr. Barnabas Awunadu (Director), Mr. Francis Omolegu (Director), and Mrs. B. A. Nwokocha (Deputy Director).



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Day Two: Cultural Heritage Tour

Day Two featured a guided tour to the FCT Arts and Culture Museum, where participants explored a rich display of Nigerian and FCT cultural heritage. The tour showcased historical artefacts, architectural structures, images of past leaders from the colonial era, and a comprehensive collection of Nigerian currencies.

Participants also viewed exhibitions of indigenous products, including beadworks, textile materials, traditional designs, and artistic drawings—some of which were valued at several millions of naira. The tour extended to the ceramics section, where clay-based products of various sizes were displayed, and the textile section, which featured locally produced fabrics, each carrying distinct cultural messages.

The purpose of the tour was to draw parallels between librarianship and the interpretation, preservation, and dissemination of cultural heritage. The experience proved to be enlightening, reshaping participants' perspectives on the value of indigenous culture and reinforcing the responsibility of librarians to transmit this knowledge to library users as part of national heritage preservation.

Overall, the 2025 NLA FCT and AGOL Library Week was a resounding success, effectively combining professional development, cultural awareness, and advocacy, while reaffirming the library's pivotal role in bridging cultural gaps and preserving heritage for future generations.

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IMO STATE

Reviving Libraries, Celebrating Culture: NLA Imo State Marks Library Week 2025

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Imo State Chapter, recently concluded its 2025 Library Week with a dynamic three-day program designed to promote reading, scholarship, and cultural heritage across the state.

Day One kicked off with an outreach program at Comprehensive Secondary School, Amakohia, Owerri North LGA, under the theme "Reviving the School Libraries." Students and school management were enlightened on the importance of functional school libraries and cultivating the habit of reading. The session concluded

with the donation of books and writing materials to both students and school administrators, reinforcing the library's role in nurturing lifelong learning.

Day Two featured a well-curated conference showcasing 15 research paper presentations from various scholars, alongside an engaging keynote lecture. The event offered a platform for robust academic discussions, highlighting innovative research and strategies for advancing library services.

Day Three celebrated cultural heritage in grand style, with members



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proudly displaying traditional attire, turning the event into a vibrant showcase of Nigeria's rich cultural diversity. The Library Week concluded with the chapter's annual AGM meeting, reflecting on achievements and charting the course for future initiatives.

The celebration successfully combined education, scholarship, and cultural pride, affirming the role of libraries as vital centers for learning and heritage preservation.

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KADUNA STATE

Libraries as Guardians of Heritage: NLA Kaduna State Celebrates Library Week 2025



The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Kaduna State Chapter, successfully marked Library Week 2025 on 18th November at the historic Zazzau Emirate Council, under the theme "Libraries for Cultural Heritage."

The week's activities commenced with a courtesy visit by NLA executives to the Emir, during which the planned events were outlined. The Emir warmly welcomed the executives, commending the theme as both timely and commendable.

The programme featured a seminar presentation on the nexus between libraries and cultural heritage, delivered by esteemed scholars Professor Zakari Mohammed and Professor Umar Ibrahim of Ahmadu Bello University. The seminar highlighted the critical role of libraries in Nigeria, emphasizing their responsibilities in:



- Preserving cultural materials
- Promoting cultural understanding
- Acting as custodians of collective memory
- Supporting cultural research
- Digitizing heritage collections
- Engaging with local communities

Following the seminar, participants embarked on a tour of the Emirate Council's

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heritage sites, including a visit to the Emir's Palace Library and the Emir's personal gallery, gaining firsthand experience of Kaduna's rich cultural legacy.

The Library Week celebration attracted an enthusiastic turnout, bringing together librarians, students, and community members from Kaduna and Zaria. Attendees lauded the programme, expressing deep appreciation for the opportunity to explore the intersection of

libraries and cultural heritage in a dynamic and engaging format.

Overall, the event successfully reinforced the role of libraries as vital institutions in the preservation, promotion, and dissemination of Nigeria's cultural heritage.

Reporter: Abdulwasiu Ahmad Ismail

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KANO STATE

Libraries as Living Heritage: NLA Kano Library Week Celebrates Culture, History, and Knowledge

Day 1: Radio Dialogue on Culture and Memory

The NLA Kano State Library Week commenced on a high note with an engaging radio discussion that seamlessly blended history, culture, and librarianship. The programme aired on Arewa Radio and featured distinguished panelists: Professor Lukman Ibraheem Diso of the Department of Library and Information Sciences, Bayero University, Kano (BUK); Mr. Nazir Muhammad, NLA Kano State Chairman and University Librarian, Khalifa Isiyaka Rabi'u University (Khairun); Mal. Abdul Tela of the National Commission for Museums and Monuments; and Mal. Kabiru Bichi of the Kano State History and Culture Bureau.

The discussants took listeners on an insightful journey into the heart of cultural preservation, emphasizing the enduring role of libraries in safeguarding society's collective memory. They reiterated that libraries are far more than physical structures; they are custodians of identity, heritage, and historical consciousness. From ancient manuscripts to oral traditions, the panel highlighted how libraries remain central to preserving the cultural soul of society.

The radio engagement proved to be an enlightening and inspiring opening to the celebration, setting a strong tone for a week dedicated to knowledge, culture, and the future of librarianship in Kano State.

Day 2: Scholarly Reflections and Cultural Expressions

Activities on Day Two unfolded with a rich blend of intellectual discourse and cultural expression. The day opened with a thought-provoking lecture delivered by Associate



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Professor Hauwa S. Ahmad, titled "The Roles of Libraries in the Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Evidence from Public Libraries in Nigeria." Her presentation provided in-depth insights into how libraries serve as vital institutions for safeguarding Nigeria's cultural memory.

The lecture was further enriched by Associate Professor Ibrahim A. Bichi, who served as the Discussant, offering critical reflections and practical illustrations that deepened participants' understanding of the subject. Together, both scholars issued a compelling call to action, reminding participants that libraries are living guardians of culture, responsible for preserving traditions, stories, and knowledge that define national identity.

The academic session seamlessly transitioned into a cultural display with a captivating Koroso Cultural Dance performance. Adorned in colourful traditional attire, the dancers energized the venue with rhythm, movement, and heritage, beautifully reinforcing the theme of cultural preservation.

Day Two concluded with resounding applause and a renewed appreciation for the powerful intersection of scholarship and culture.

Day 3: Exploring Kano's Living History

Day Three of the celebration took participants

beyond the confines of the library into the living history of Kano State. A guided tour of the Kano State History and Culture Bureau at the historic Gidan Dan Hausa offered a firsthand encounter with the city's rich past.

As participants moved through the ancient structure, they explored artefacts, architectural features, and cultural symbols that vividly narrated stories predating modern documentation. Each section reflected Kano's craftsmanship, traditions, and deep-rooted heritage, leaving lasting impressions on the visitors.

The visit served as a powerful reminder that cultural preservation extends beyond libraries to include museums, monuments, and heritage sites that stand as silent custodians of history. The Day Three experience successfully blended education with exploration, inspiring participants with a deeper appreciation of Kano's enduring cultural legacy.

Overall, the NLA Kano Library Week Celebration was a resounding success, reaffirming the central role of libraries and cultural institutions in preserving history, promoting identity, and sustaining heritage for future generations.

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KATSINA STATE

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Katsina State Chapter, successfully organized the 2025 NLA Library Week from 17th to 19th November 2025, under the theme "Libraries for Cultural Heritage." The week-long celebration was designed to promote the vital role of libraries in preserving cultural heritage, indigenous knowledge systems, and community identity, while also strengthening the visibility of the library profession in Katsina State.

The Library Week featured a series of impactful activities, including radio enlightenment programmes, street walk awareness campaigns, courtesy visits to traditional rulers, and a well-attended public lecture. These activities attracted active participation from stakeholders drawn from traditional institutions, academia, government agencies, the media, and civil society organizations.

Participation and Professional Commitment

Members of the NLA Katsina State Chapter demonstrated remarkable commitment, dedication, and professional zeal throughout the programme. Their active involvement underscored a shared determination to elevate the Chapter's profile both locally and globally, while reinforcing unity and professionalism among library practitioners in the state.

Promoting Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Knowledge

The engagements during the week highlighted a strong collective commitment to the promotion of indigenous knowledge and cultural preservation. The programme

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fostered collaboration between Library and Information Science (LIS) professionals, traditional rulers, Islamic scholars, indigenous knowledge experts, and library users, thereby strengthening community-based approaches to heritage preservation.

Recognition of Distinguished Guests and Contributors

The NLA Katsina State Chapter expressed special appreciation to distinguished guests

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and resource persons whose intellectual contributions enriched the celebration. They include:

- His Excellency, Malam Dikko Umaru Radda, PhD
- Engineer Dr. Muttaqa Rabe Darma, mni
- Professor Sani Abdu Fari
- Malam Misbahu Na'ilya
- Professor Lawal Iro Sani
- Malam Dr. Muhammadu Husamatu Abbas
- Malam Isa Dahiru, among others.

Appreciation to Stakeholders and Partners

The Chapter also extended its appreciation to Commissioners, Special Advisers, Heads

of Agencies, Heads of Libraries, librarians, students, media organizations, security agencies, UNICEF, and members of the Central Working Committee for their invaluable support and active participation throughout the events.

In closing, the leadership of the NLA Katsina State Chapter, under the chairpersonship of Dr. Hindatu Salisu Abubakar, CLN, MNLA, FIPMD, FCAI, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all members and stakeholders who contributed to the success of the 2025 Library Week, including those who were unable to attend due to unavoidable circumstances.

Reporter: Comrade Kabir Ahmad Rimi



KEBBI STATE

Preserving Heritage Through Knowledge: Kebbi State Library Week 2025 in Review

The 2025 Library Week in Kebbi State, held from 17th to 21st November, brought together librarians, students, and community members in a week-long celebration of the vital role libraries play in preserving and promoting cultural heritage.

The programme formally commenced on Tuesday, 18th November, with a symposium hosted at the Kebbi State College of Nursing, Birnin Kebbi. Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Sahabi Maidamma Jabo underscored the importance of libraries in safeguarding indigenous knowledge and cultural memory. This was followed by a paper presentation by Dr. Salisu Adamu Aleiro, who emphasized the urgent need for systematic documentation of traditions, oral histories, and community heritage. The symposium generated engaging discussions on practical strategies for sustaining cultural preservation through library services.

Activities continued on Wednesday, 19th November, with extensive public engagement through radio discussions and a coordinated media campaign aimed at raising awareness of libraries as custodians of cultural heritage. In addition, members of the association paid advocacy visits to royal palaces, the Ministry of Education, and the Government House, strengthening



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collaboration with traditional institutions and government agencies.

The week's activities culminated in a Dinner and Award Night held at the School of Nursing, Birnin Kebbi. The NLA Chairman, Mal. Shehu Saidu, presented awards to outstanding students from Library and Information Science departments, as well as to students recognized for their exceptional use of library resources. The awards were aimed at promoting academic excellence and

encouraging active engagement with libraries.

Overall, the 2025 Kebbi State Library Week was a resounding success, celebrating the state's rich cultural heritage while reaffirming the enduring role of libraries in documenting, preserving, and disseminating cultural knowledge for present and future generations.

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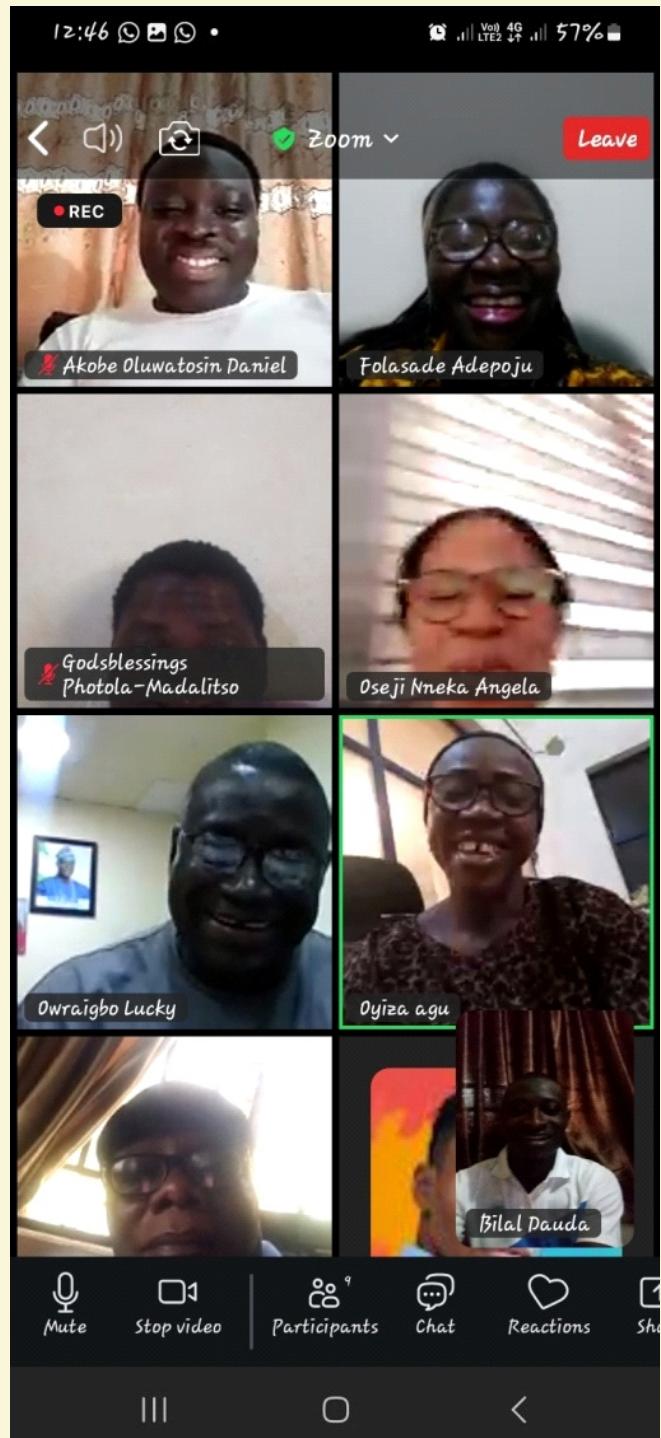
Advancing Cultural Literacy: NLA Kogi Hosts Webinar on Libraries as Custodians of Heritage

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Kogi State Chapter, successfully hosted a two-hour webinar on 21st November 2025 via Zoom, under the theme "Advancing Cultural Literacy: The Library as a Custodian of Heritage." The virtual event brought together librarians, educators, cultural practitioners, researchers, and community leaders to deliberate on the growing responsibility of libraries in preserving and promoting cultural heritage in a rapidly digitizing world.

In her opening remarks, the importance of cultural literacy as a foundation for community identity, social cohesion, and lifelong learning was emphasized. Discussions throughout the webinar underscored the critical role libraries play in safeguarding cultural memory, promoting indigenous knowledge, and empowering citizens to understand and appreciate their cultural roots amidst increasing globalization.

The webinar was designed to raise awareness of cultural literacy while highlighting practical approaches libraries can adopt to preserve, promote, and transmit cultural knowledge. Speakers explored how library programming, collections development, technology, and community engagement initiatives can be strategically leveraged to strengthen cultural awareness and heritage preservation.

Key objectives of the webinar included deepening participants' understanding of cultural literacy and its relevance in contemporary society; showcasing the role of libraries in protecting cultural heritage and indigenous knowledge systems; examining innovative strategies for



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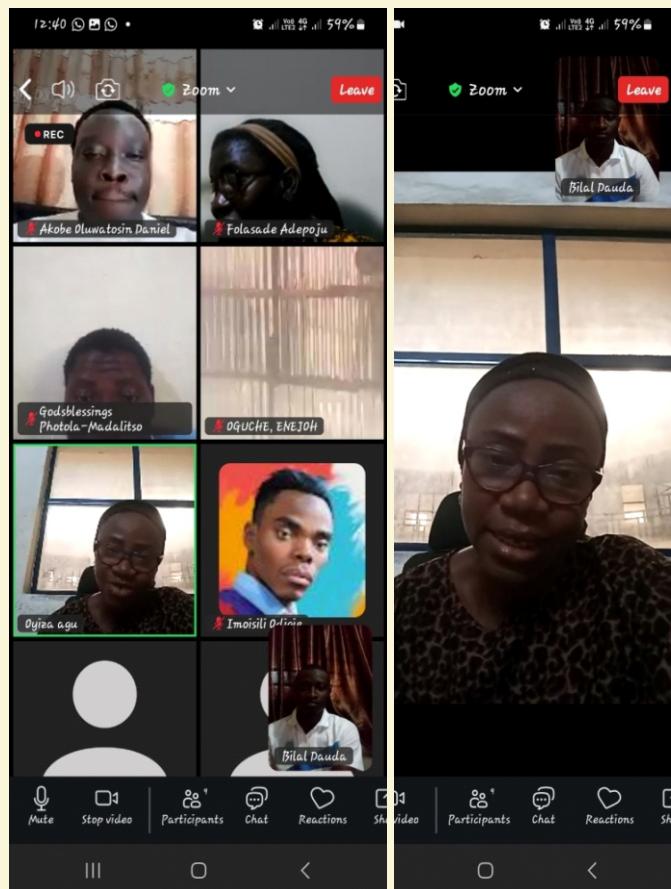
integrating culture-focused programmes into library services; and encouraging collaboration among librarians, educators, and cultural stakeholders across Kogi State.

The event attracted a diverse audience comprising librarians, cultural officers, library educators, students, researchers, and community leaders. By the end of the session, participants gained actionable insights and practical strategies for embedding cultural literacy into library services, reinforcing cultural consciousness, and positioning libraries as vibrant hubs for heritage preservation and community engagement.

Overall, the webinar reaffirmed the NLA Kogi State Chapter's commitment to advancing cultural literacy and strengthening the library's role as a custodian of heritage in the digital age.

Reporter: Dauda Bilal Arome

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KWARA STATE

Libraries and Heritage in Focus: NLA Kwara State Celebrates Library Week 2025

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Kwara State Chapter, recently marked Library Week 2025 with a series of engaging activities centered on the theme "Libraries for Cultural Heritage."

The keynote address was delivered by Professor K. T. Omopupa, University Librarian of the University of Ilorin (Unilorin). In his compelling lecture, he emphasized the pivotal role of libraries as custodians of cultural resources and agents of knowledge continuity. Professor Omopupa highlighted the importance of blending traditional preservation strategies with modern digital tools to ensure the survival and accessibility of Nigeria's cultural heritage amidst rapid technological change. His presentation inspired attendees and laid a strong intellectual foundation for the week's celebrations.

In line with the theme, the NLA Kwara State Chapter conducted several cultural engagement activities. A notable highlight was a courtesy visit to the palace of the Olola of Offa, where the royal father offered prayers and blessings for the success of the Library Week. The visit reinforced the historical link between libraries and traditional institutions, both of which play critical roles in preserving communal memory and heritage.

Members also explored Offa's sacred heritage site, OYINBO KU KALE, the summit point of the historic train station. This iconic location symbolizes a key element of the town's cultural and historical identity. The visit provided



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participants with firsthand insight into Offa's rich heritage, deepening appreciation for the town's history and reinforcing the relevance of the Library Week theme.

Overall, the activities underscored the integral role of libraries in cultural preservation, highlighting the enduring connection between knowledge, heritage, and community identity.

Reporter: Dr. Florence O. Ajani
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LAGOS STATE

Libraries as Gateways to Heritage: NLA Lagos Chapter Celebrates Library Week 2025

The Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Lagos State Chapter, successfully marked its Library Week 2025 with a series of engaging activities that highlighted the role of libraries in preserving and promoting cultural heritage.

Day One kicked off with strategic meetings involving heads of public and school libraries across Lagos State. The discussions centered on strengthening collaboration, sharing best practices, and exploring innovative ways to enhance library services across the state.

On Day Two, participants attended a joint seminar with the Lagos State Records and Archives Bureau (LASRAB) themed “Libraries and Archives as Gateways to Intangible Cultural Heritage.” The seminar emphasized the critical connection between archival practices and library

services in safeguarding cultural knowledge.

Day Three featured a virtual webinar under the theme “Libraries for Cultural Heritage.” Guest speaker Dr. Ekeh Motunrayo of Lagos State University delivered an insightful presentation on “Librarianship in a Multicultural Society.” The session was graced by Prof. G. O. Alegbeleye, who served as the Guest of Honour, adding prestige and inspiration to the event.

Day Four took participants on an immersive cultural tour of key historical sites, including the Brazilian Barracoon of Seriki Williams Abass, the First Storey Building in Nigeria, and the Heritage Museum. The visits provided firsthand experiences of Nigeria's rich cultural



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heritage and reinforced the libraries' role in documenting, preserving, and interpreting cultural narratives.

The Week concluded on Day Five with a vibrant celebration, as librarians donned colorful traditional attire to showcase unity, cultural pride, and the dynamism of Lagos State's library community.

Overall, the NLA Lagos Chapter Library Week 2025 successfully fused professional development with cultural awareness, reinforcing the critical role of libraries as custodians of Nigeria's heritage.

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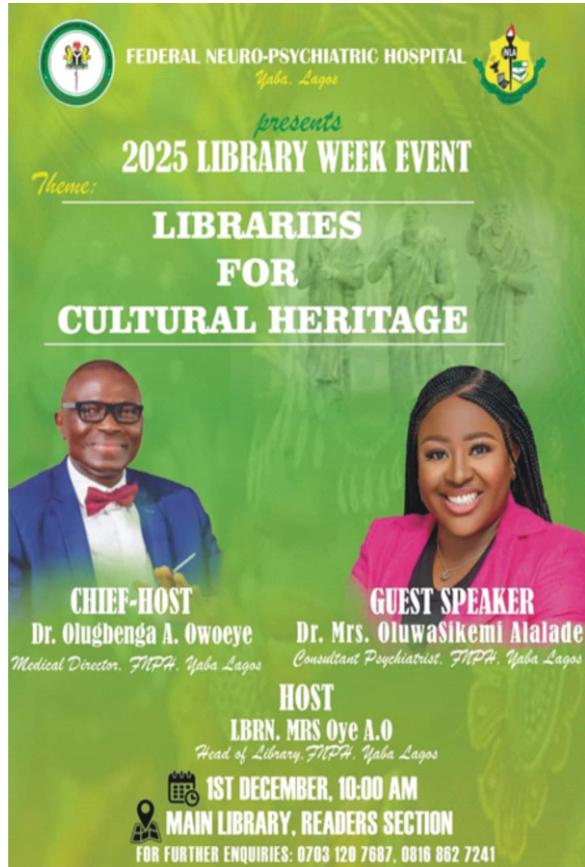


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Celebrating Heritage: Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital Library Marks Library Week 2025

The Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital Library, Yaba, Lagos, celebrated Library Week 2025 on December 1st in a serene yet culturally vibrant atmosphere. The event, themed "Libraries for Cultural Heritage," opened with a prayer and the national anthem performed in Yoruba, followed by greetings in Yoruba, Hausa, and Igbo, reflecting Nigeria's rich cultural diversity. Guests were ushered to the high table, and the Head of Department delivered a warm welcome address. Though the Medical Director was absent, the Director of Administration represented him, emphasizing the importance of cultural preservation and the pivotal role of libraries in society.

The guest speaker, renowned for her expertise and passion, delivered an inspiring lecture that traced the historical



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traditions and values shaping cultural identity. An “Adopt a Library” appeal was also made, encouraging support for the growth and sustainability of the library.

Adding vibrancy to the celebration, participants enjoyed a musical performance and a hands-on Adire-making demonstration, showcasing Nigeria's traditional artistry. The event

concluded with the presentation of awards, photographs, dancing, and a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered in Hausa, Yoruba, and Igbo, followed by a closing prayer in Igbo, leaving attendees inspired by a true celebration of unity, culture, and heritage.

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Preserving Heritage Through Libraries: Niger State Public Library Marks 2025 Library Week



The Niger State Public Library, Bida, recently hosted its 2025 Library Week, highlighting the critical role of libraries in preserving cultural identity and fostering community engagement with indigenous knowledge.

The opening ceremony brought together a diverse audience of librarians, students, school administrators, cultural custodians, and community members. The Director of the Niger State Library Board delivered the lead paper, titled "The Role of Public Libraries in the Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Niger State in Perspective." The presentation emphasized the importance of documenting local traditions, promoting cultural literacy, and encouraging younger generations to value and safeguard their heritage.

In a gesture to support literacy and learning, books were donated to participating schools, enhancing access to educational materials and fostering a reading culture. The donations were warmly received by the school communities.

To deepen cultural understanding, participants embarked on educational visits to several heritage sites in Bida. The tour included Tswatamukun, renowned for historic aluminum craftsmanship; Gbongbofu, famous for brass works; Masaga, noted for glass production; and Dokodza, recognized for crafting traditional farming tools. These visits provided firsthand insight into the artistry and skills that reflect Bida's rich cultural identity.

A visit to the Etsu Nupe Palace further enriched participants' appreciation

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of Nupe history, royal traditions, and cultural governance.

The Library Week 2025 successfully demonstrated the pivotal role of libraries in promoting cultural awareness, literacy, and

active community engagement, affirming their position as vital custodians of Nigeria's cultural heritage.

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OSUN STATE

Read, Reflect, React: Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Library Celebrates Library Week 2025

The Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Library of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, celebrated its 2025 Library Week and Annual Lecture from April 22–24, 2025, under the theme “Read, Reflect, React: The Transformative Power of Reading in Personal and National Development.”

Day One opened with a captivating exhibition titled “Obafemi Awolowo University Memoirs,” showcasing archival materials and artefacts that traced the historical growth of the University and its Library. The event also featured an Awareness Dance led by the University

Librarian, Dr. O. A. Fadehan, adding vibrancy and fostering active community participation.

Day Two hosted the Annual Public Lecture, held in alignment with UNESCO World Book and Copyright Day for the first time. Chaired by renowned LIS scholar Professor G. O. Alegbeleye, the lecture was delivered by Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ibadan, on the topic “The Reader's Journey: Navigating National Development Through the Lens of Literacy.” The event attracted university principal officers, senior academics,



CROSS-SECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE LIBRARY WEEK PUBLIC LECTURE
EQUALLY COMMEMORATING THE UNESCO WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY ON
THE 23RD OF APRIL, 2025



PHOTO OF THE CAKE CELEBRATING THE HEZEKIAH OLUWASANMI LIBRARY WEEK AND THE
PUBLIC LECTURE COMMEMORATING THE UNESCO WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY ON
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AWARENESS DANCE LED BY THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN OAU, ON TUESDAY, APRIL
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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, DR. O.A. FADEHAN (DONNED IN BLACK & WHITE CENTRE) WITH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS AT THE EXHIBITION OPENING ON TUESDAY APRIL 22, 2025



H.O. LIBRARY, OAU, NIGHT OF READINGS: FROM THE LEFT - DEAN OF DENTISTRY, DEAN OF BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENT, DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC), DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ADMINISTRATION), UNIVERSITY BURSAR, REGISTRAR AND DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT)

librarians, and special guests, culminating in the presentation of awards and a commemorative H.O. Library-UNESCO cake-cutting ceremony.

Day Three concluded with a Night of Readings, where university leaders, staff, and students—including a visually impaired student—presented selected literary excerpts. The session highlighted the unifying power of reading and reinforced the

culture of literacy across the academic community.

The 2025 Library Week at Hezekiah Oluwasanmi Library successfully combined historical reflection, scholarly engagement, and community participation, emphasizing the transformative impact of reading on both personal growth and national development.

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Preserving Heritage, Empowering Knowledge: NLA Oyo State Celebrates Library Week 2025

The Oyo State Chapter of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA) successfully marked its 2025 Library Week from November 18–20 at the Federal School of Surveying (FSS), Oyo, aligning with the national theme, "Libraries for Cultural Heritage." The celebration emphasized the vital role of libraries in preserving and promoting Nigeria's rich cultural identity.

The week's activities were held under the leadership of the Provost, Surveyor Dr. Nihinlola Olayinka-Dosunmu, and commenced with a welcoming address by NLA Oyo State Chapter Chairperson, Dr. Sophia Vivian Adeyeye. The keynote address delivered by Mr. Ogunmola set the tone for insightful discussions, while the lead paper presentation by Dr. Ganeey provided a robust academic perspective on the significance of libraries in cultural preservation.

The event also featured the chapter's Annual General Meeting (AGM), which included the formal introduction of outgoing



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executives, announcement of election results by the electoral chairman, Mr. Agwu

Patlick, and the swearing-in of newly elected officials. This seamless transition underscored the chapter's commitment to professional leadership and community engagement.

The 2025 Library Week at FSS Oyo proved a resounding success, highlighting libraries as dynamic centers of culture, learning, and heritage, while reinforcing the Oyo State Chapter's dedication to advancing the library profession.

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LIBRARY WEEK CONFERENCE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LIBRARIES FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

PROGRAMME TIMETABLE

Tue. 18th November, 2025
LIBRARY SENSITIZATION/
AWAWARENESS CREATION & ARRIVAL

Thur. 20th November, 2025
PAPER PRESENTATION (CONT.) //
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wed. 19th November, 2025
OPENING CEREMONY AND
PAPER PRESENTATION

Fri. 21st November, 2025
DEPARTURE

VENUE: M. T. Kotangora Library Complex, Federal School of Surveying, Oyo

MR OYEKUNLE OGUNMOLA
CEO, Alliance Craft Nigeria Limited

SURV. 'DUPE NIHINOLA OLAYINKA-DOSUNMU
Rector, Federal School of Surveying, Oyo

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Guardians of Heritage: NLA Sokoto State Celebrates Library Week 2025

The Sokoto State Chapter of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA) successfully hosted its 2025 Annual Library Week from November 20–21 at the Sokoto State Library Complex, under the theme "Libraries and Cultural Heritage." The programme highlighted libraries as custodians of collective memory, guardians of traditions, and bridges connecting past, present, and future. The event drew librarians, cultural custodians, traditional leaders, government officials, scholars, and students.

In her opening remarks, State Chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Kudirat Abiola Adegoke, CLN, emphasized the importance of preserving manuscripts, oral histories, local literature, and historical documents to safeguard cultural identity. She cautioned against overreliance on foreign materials that dilute local values and encouraged

citizens to donate artifacts and archival resources to public libraries rather than keeping them privately.

Keynote speaker Alhaji Zaki Jekada reinforced this message, stressing that manuscripts, artifacts, oral traditions, and historical documents form the backbone of Sokoto's cultural identity. He called for equipping libraries to ensure knowledge is transmitted across generations.

The chairperson also highlighted ongoing challenges, including inadequate funding, poor school library infrastructure, and weak adherence to library operating hours. She urged government and stakeholders to enforce standards, sponsor reading campaigns, donate materials, and support capacity-building initiatives. Students were also advised to prioritize library resources over generative AI tools for research and learning.



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The Library Week featured awards recognizing individuals who have significantly supported library services. Participants visited historic sites and cultural centers, including the Dallatu Gallery, where they admired valuable manuscripts but noted urgent preservation needs, particularly water damage. HRH Alh. Sani Umar Jabbi, the Royal Father of the Day, reinforced the essential role of libraries in national development.

The two-day celebration successfully showcased the pivotal role of libraries in preserving Sokoto State's cultural heritage, inspiring greater awareness, participation, and commitment to safeguarding the past for future generations.

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5 GOOGLE TOOLS LIBRARIANS NEED THIS YEAR



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An average librarian can relate to this: you've just received a last-minute request for usage statistics, an invitation to attend a collaborative meeting, a reminder to submit a monthly report, a reference query that needs urgent attention, or a simple follow-up session with users or students. All these can be very overwhelming and librarians, information professionals, researchers, administrators, and even students can relate very to days like this. Now, how does one person manage all these tasks within a short time, without burning out? **It's a new year, and I want to share practical solutions for librarians.** Just keep reading.

The five tools discussed below are familiar to many of us. They already exist on our phones and computers, but we often ignore them or do not maximize them while we struggle with multiple responsibilities. If you find some time to explore these tools, you'll realize that you rarely explore even a fraction of what they can do. Here are the five Google tools that can change how librarians work this year: Google Forms, Keep, Drive, Docs, and Calendar:



Google Forms

Purpose: To collect data & feedback
Top Features: It provides templates, auto-save to Sheets and auto-grades quiz features
Use Cases: Librarians can collect user feedback, conduct needs assessments, register participants for library programmes or even manage training evaluations or other service improvements.



Google Keep

Purpose: For quick notes, reminders and documentation
Top Features: Variety of labels, color-coding, OCR from images, etc
Use Cases: Researchers can use it for quick reference, snap tables or quotes from books. Librarians can capture reference questions, meeting notes, jot ideas or make quick observations from user interactions, etc.



Google Drive

Purpose: Act as a cloud server, a centralized file storage
Top Features: 15GB free, version history, link-sharing
Use Cases: Librarians can use Drive as a shared workspace, store reports, training materials, digitised documents, instructional content, and backup internal records, making collaboration and access easier across teams.



Google Docs

Purpose: For collaborative writing & editing
Top Features: Real-time input and comments, version control, voice typing
Use Cases: Lecturers can co-author syllabus or research papers effectively, Librarians can jointly develop library policies and user education materials.



Google Calendar

Purpose: Effective scheduling & productivity
Top Features: Shared calendars, reminders, time-zone support
Use Cases: Librarians can track timeline for project milestones and schedule reference desk duties, training sessions, meetings or outreach programmes. Shared calendars can help teams stay aligned and reduce missed deadlines.

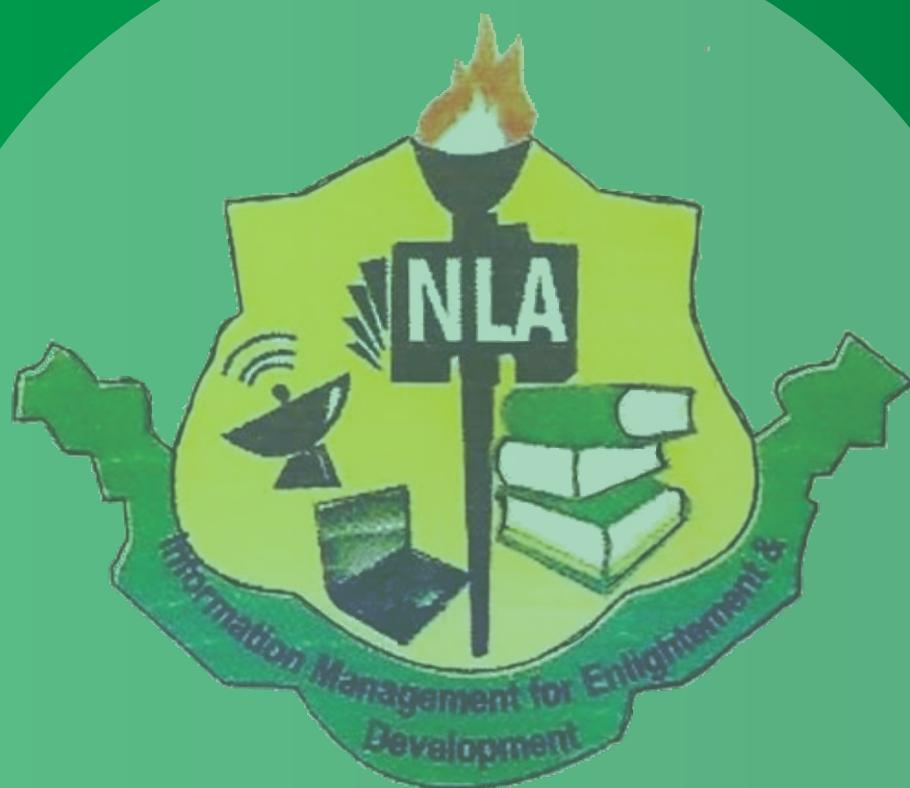


WHY DO THESE TOOLS MATTER?

These tools are not just free; they work best together. Google is more than a search engine or cloud storage provider like many people think. Its tools are designed to support everyday professional workflows. For example, a librarian can maybe jot an idea in Google Keep, then convert it to a Google Doc, store it securely in Drive, and perhaps schedule a review date in Calendar, or collect user feedback through Forms for that idea. Simple steps, but very effective.

Research backs it (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2505.10598>): in one university study, Google Workspace showed a "very effective" collaboration mean score of 4.6, which proves that these tools are not just convenient, but they're actually transformative. So, if professionals can see the potentials of Google's free suite, they might never go wrong, especially when it is deployed intentionally. You can give it a trial, explore them and see that they offer a complete workflow to make you work smarter and not harder: from capturing ideas, collaborating, storing securely, scheduling, down to collecting feedback, ALL FOR FREE.

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