EIFL HIGHLIGHTS 2020

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• 1.5 billion learners in 193 countries affected by closure of schools and educational institutions (March 2020)

• Overnight and midway through the academic year

For education to continue, it had to move off-campus and online
How EIFL programmes responded to the COVID-19 pandemic

- **EIFL Licensing Programme** - reached out to partner publishers asking to provide access to journals, e-books, databases via username and password.

- **EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme** - co-wrote an open letter calling on WIPO to provide guidance to member states to ensure that the IP regime supports urgent worldwide efforts to tackle COVID-19.

- **EIFL Open Access Programme** - co-curated research material and data allowing people to easily and speedily find the latest COVID-19-related research on OpenAIRE and Zenodo platforms.

- **EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme** - kept in touch with public library grantees and facilitated exchange of experiences on libraries’ work during the lockdown.
OUR VISION IS A WORLD IN WHICH ALL PEOPLE HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE THEY NEED TO ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.
Welcome to Albania, our new partner

- Consortium of Albanian Libraries
- 30 libraries across the country
- Led by the Academy of Sciences of Albania
Celebrations!

- Last year we celebrated EIFL’s 20th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of the EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme (EIFL-PLIP)

- This year the EIFL Copyright and Libraries Programme turns 15! Celebration of Programme Manager Teresa Hackett’s work!
Changing the lives of people with print disabilities

- People with print disabilities are no longer denied books in accessible formats due to legal reasons.
- EIFL’s work recognized; shortlisted as a finalist for the 2020 ABC International Excellence Award for Accessible Publishing.
- Five more EIFL partner countries joined the Marrakesh Treaty - Belarus, Côte d'Ivoire, Serbia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.
- Now 50% of all EIFL partner countries have joined.
More articles in open access

Two ways

1. Increase publishing in open access journals
2. Making articles openly available in repositories
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Publishing in open access journals

- We have negotiated agreements with 6 publishers for free or discounted Article Processing Charges (APC) for 1,100+ journals
- Organized a campaign to raise awareness among researchers about the agreements
- 4,400 + downloads of lists of eligible journals for APCs
Making articles openly available in repositories

- There are 1,200 + open access repositories in EIFL partner countries
- Latest: Myanmar Educational Research and Learning Portal (MERAL) with 5,370 articles from 19 universities
- Collaboration with Google Scholar to fix indexing issues of repositories and journals:
  - 168,402 documents discoverable in open access in repositories in Kenya, Latvia, Myanmar, Ukraine
  - 250 open access journals from Nepal, Lithuania, Serbia, Ukraine
Sustainable public library training in Namibia

- Completed 20-month project with Namibia Library and Archive Services (NLAS)
- 16 public librarians trained as trainers: principles of training adults; how to plan, organize, conduct training in 11 subjects, including –
  * Designing & delivering ICT training in communities
  * mobile information literacy
  * eResources & internet searching
  * Introducing new library service ideas
  * design thinking & project management
  * re-thinking library spaces
  * community needs assessment & service impact evaluation
- New trainers now training in NLAS network of 66 public libraries staffed by over 260 public librarians

“Most of the time when we want to train our librarians we have to get somebody from outside - external trainers. But with this programme we will have experts locally.”

- Namutenya Hamwaalwa, Deputy Director, Namibia Library and Archives Service
THANK YOU!

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