EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme: an update on 2022

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Since 2017 EIFL-PLIP focus to strengthen and support continuous transformation of public library services in Africa
What we do

- Foster digital transformation of public library services to advance community development:
  - **Build capacity** of public library systems in Africa
  - **Advocate** with governments for improved digital infrastructure in public libraries
  - Empower public library innovators through **the Initiative for Young African Library Innovators (IYALI)**
  - Advance innovation through **EIFL Public Library Innovation Awards**
Build capacity of Public Library systems in Africa (I)

- A project ‘Digital skills and inclusion through libraries in Uganda’ (Jan 2021 – March 2023)
- Working with 25 libraries across Uganda to enable youth and women to participate in digital society
Build capacity of Public Library systems in Africa (II)

Building on results of CPD/ToT programmes in Africa (2018-2020), organized **Virtual T-breaks** for the network of public librarians-trainers engaged and sharing good practice

Since launch in June 2021, **ten** Virtual T-breaks on different themes, e.g., *online training resources*, *digital inquirer*, *microlearning*, *misinformation*
Build capacity of Public Library systems in Africa (III)

Launched EIFL-PLIP’s Small Bites series. So far, we produced three 5-6 min video lessons:

- Managing Workshop Expectations
- How to evaluate your library’s training programme
- Outcomes of library programmes and services
Advocate for improved digital infrastructure in public libraries

- Supporting in national advocacy by library authorities/partner organizations in Uganda
- Internet Governance Forum’s (IGF) Dynamic Coalition for ‘Public Access in Libraries’ (DC-PAL)
  • In preparation IGF 2022 DC-PAL session ‘Towards User Centered Internet Governance’ – at 8.15 am UTC on Dec. 2, 2022
Empower through the Initiative of Young African Library Innovators (IYALI)

On May 29 – June 4, 2022, two public library innovators from Kenya and Uganda travelled to Romania for the IYALI Library Visits and Knowledge Exchange programme, and Occupy Library 2022 conference: https://t.co/hjsYFpkixr
Advance innovation through recognition by Public Library Innovation Award (I)

In Jan. 2022, announced three winners of the 15th EIFL Public Library Innovation Award for Supporting education recovery during Covid-19 pandemic:

- KENYA - Nakuru Public Library
- UGANDA - Nakaseke Public Library
- BANGLADESH – Mobile library project ‘Wheels of Wisdom’ by the Grow Your Reader Foundation
The 16th EIFL Public Library Innovation Award is **NOW OPEN**:

- **Deadline**: November 14, 2022
Future plans – 2022/2023

- Continue work on building capacity of library systems in Africa, support advocacy for better connectivity, and inspire public library service innovation through Initiative for African library innovators and EIFL award
- Explore new opportunities for partnerships and projects