

## Our Mission

Teaching citizens nationwide how to develop local library Friends to raise funds, be advocates and promote libraries.

## Our Vision

Our Vision is to ensure that every city in the nation with a post office has a public library.

## Our Values

### Integrity

We are committed to honesty, loyalty and a high standard of ethical conduct.

### Respect

We recognize the existing diversity, talent and ideas. We believe every tribe should contribute and have the opportunity to be heard.

### Excellence

We achieve performance excellence through hard work, innovation, creativity and prudent risk taking.

### Teamwork

We will accomplish our goals by working together with all local friends of libraries across the nation.

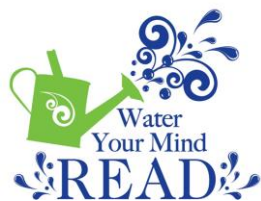
### Transparency

Accountable to the general public.

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Libraries are the memory of mankind, the storehouse, that contains all which was known and has been thought. Were some holocaust to destroy all intellectual institutions, except libraries, all could be recreated. But if the libraries were destroyed, all other institutions in the world could not re-create them. By Whitney North Seymour, Jr.



Team's Effort



Your Potential is our Passion  
Serving the Nation since 1993

## Friends of Libraries Nigeria Chapter.



Alachua Public Library  
USA.



Shagamu Public  
Library, Ogun State Nigeria.

The academic, public, school, and special libraries are different types of books depositories existing today in our modern society. Our focus begins with public libraries. The conditions and numbers of public libraries in Nigeria are deplorable. The Federal, State and Local Government do not fund them adequately. A few local philanthropists are pitching in and some groups from overseas have seen the dilapidated state of their regional libraries and they are gearing efforts to redeem them. These efforts are commendable, but they are not sustaining. The situation is like giving a hand out to homeless man. No amount of handout can change his/her situation without new orientation. We cannot continue in the current circle of provision and expect a change for public libraries. There must be a new approach to the appalling state. It is therefore very important to get, the stronger attention of the Federal government, the senate and the legislative branch pass a bill that will regularly fund and the establishment of public libraries across the nation. Each state and local government should be encouraged to do more. As a national body we would encourage better public support for the libraries. Friends of libraries Nigeria Chapter believes that the effort to accomplish this

should not be the burden of one sector. Success can only be achieved through concerted effort. We are therefore hoping to work with existing local or regional groups in order to amplify our voice in the nation. Additionally, teaming up with the National Association of librarians will echo our voice in the nation. Our team will also work with people that have the general interest of the future generation to enact legislation for establishing Public Libraries across the nation.

Because the efforts of individual groups are seasonal, the libraries are continually regressing. Most existing libraries are state libraries that are struggling to survive. No sustainable plan is in place to maintain operations. As public libraries are lacking in most cities, and the existing academic libraries are not better of.

- These are the values of Public Library. Education, Lifelong learning, Information and Recreation.
- These people needed to be recognized For their efforts in their local districts. Adassa Adumori Foundation Project based in Tennessee, build Public Library for Emure-Ekiti in Ekiti State. Secondly and Zaccheus Onumba Dibiaezue Memorial Libraries has strong outreach to Prison, Secondary Schools and Community Public Libraries. Please note that there are others philanthropists that we are yet to know.
- Libraries are institutions that don't yield a return on investment immediately. When money is allocated for road construction, electrification and agriculture you see the return of the investment faster than the library. It is a long-term project and the dividends are limitless.

State	# LGA	Libraries per State	# of citified Librarians	Population
Abia	17	11	14	2,833,999
Adamawa	21	4	13	3,168,101
Akwa Ibom	31	5	12	3,920,208
Anambra	21	12	14	4,182,032
Bauchi	20	2	17	4,676,465
Bayesla	8	1	3	1,703,358
Bennue	23	9	5	4,219,244
Borno	27	9	0	4,151,193
Cross-River	18	3	5	2,888,966
Delta	25	27	21	4,098,391
Ebonyi	13	3	2	2,173,501
Edo	18	24	7	3,218,332
Ekiti	16	2	3	1,863,275
Enugu	17	5	8	3,257,298
Gombe	11	13	11	2,353,879
Imo	27	11	12	3,934,899
Jigawa	27	15	11	4,348,649
Kaduna	23	10	5	6,066,562
Kano	44	19	24	9,383,682
Katsina	34	23	7	5,591,589
Kebi	21	6	2	3,238,628
Kogi	21	4	3	3,278,487
Kwara	16	1	10	2,371,089
Lagos	20	12	10	9,013,534
Nasarawa	13	3	2	1,863,275
Niger	25	1	6	3,950,249
Ogun	20	5	5	3,728,098
Ondo	18	1	2	3,441,024
Osun	30	18	1	3,423,535
Oyo	33	5	9	5,591,589
Plateau	17	3	3	3,178,712
Rivers	23	4	1	5,185,400
Sokoto	23	1	3	3,696,999
Taraba	16	2		2,300,736
Yobe	17	12	8	2,321,591
Zamfara	14	2	2	3,259,846
FTC, Abuja	6	4	9	1,405,201

36 States -- 200LGA Avg.=8Lib --- 2/LGA --- 3,868,934/State

The table above gives us a national view of the lamentable and unbecoming state of our public libraries in district capitals. In most states, only state library exist. The task ahead is enormous and costly.

**Our Effort:** EON Inc. had made 2 of 20 ft container Shipments of Books to Akwa-Ibom State. Another 2 of the containers were delivered to the University Commission for national distribution. Fifty computers were airlifted to New York from Gainesville FL before finally shipped to Nigeria. Thanks to support of Nigeria Consulate of in New York and our community base supporters in the United States. We are currently working on another container for 2016. In 2015, Scholarships were awarded to 6 University students.

**Can you help?** If so please contact us at the address on the back of this brochure in Nigeria or in the United States.



The task might seem overwhelming. An African proverb says you eat an elephant in one bite at a time. This is a billion dollar project. With your help, this can be done.

We need tons of shipments and much construction work in almost all districts across the nation. The future goal is to make sure every city in all the districts has at least one library.