

Roads to Reading **COLAU** Community Libraries Association Of Uganda

"REMEMBERING THE FUTURE" BOOK GIVE AWAY:



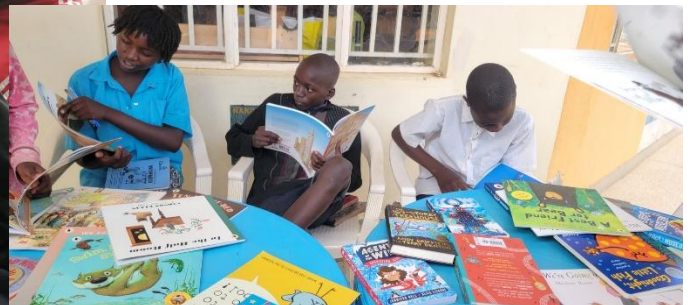
Participants from different community libraries pose for a photo with the books they received.

COLAU partnered with the Remembering the Future team to share stories from the book titled, "Remembering the Future". This book is a collection of stories told by different authors from Uganda, edited by Christopher Conte. Representatives from community libraries namely; Kawempe Youth Centre, MANSUETO library (Kiboga), Echo Rural Arise Africa, Centre for Youth Driven Development Initiatives, Treasure Children's Resource Centre and a few others joined discussions after the author of one of the stories shared her story. The activity was concluded by a book donation to each of the libraries present to share stories to their community libraries. [Here](#) is a link to an article written by the journalist present about the activity.

PICTORIAL: BOOK AID PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY COLAU; DISCOVERY BOOK BOXES SCHEME AND THE BOOKS TO GO PROJECTS.



Children from 2 schools (Ocean Springs Primary School and Kashojwa Primary School) reading books they received under the Discovery Book Boxes Scheme





Pupils from Mpererwe Church of Uganda Primary School reading books their schools received under the Books to Go project.

ACTIVITIES IN SOME COMMUNITY LIBRARIES: DIGITAL LITERACY AT NYARUSHANJE COMMUNITY LIBRARY.

Nyarushanje is a community library located in Rukungiri district in Western Uganda. Various programs and activities are carried out in this library such as literacy programs for seniors, teenage mothers and many others. They recently carried out a digital literacy training for teachers and learners in one of the schools in their communities.



MANSUETO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

MANSUETO community library is located in Kiboga district in the further central part of Uganda. This library has a children's football club and a series of children's activities such as spelling bees, reading competitions, life skills and practical skills like cooking and baking.



DIGITAL LITERACY AT NYARUSHANJE COMMUNITY LIBRARY. Nyarushanje Community Library is bridging the digital divide in the community in Western Uganda through school based digital literacy training initiatives. PeerLink Initiative Uganda (PELI-U) conducted a two-day digital literacy training at Kisiizi Primary School, empowering 61 learners and 6 teachers with essential digital skills for today's world.

The training focused on internet use in education, responsible social media engagement, digital citizenship, cyber safety, and introducing age-appropriate AI tools for both teachers and learners. Teachers explored how AI can support lesson planning and interactive learning, while learners gained foundational digital literacy and critical thinking skills for safe and responsible technology use. Nyarushanje envisions a future where rural schools are not left behind in the digital age.



BOOK CLINIC PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY LIBRARIES:

The book clinic, one of the projects of the Read to Learn Foundation is currently being conducted in several community libraries such as Kitengesha Community Library, Centre for Children, Access Knowledge Africa, Marko Lukooya Memorial Community Library and Ammuno Rural Hub among others.



Ashoman Kindergarten School children with the literacy Champions from Centre For Children Community Library.

ACTIVITIES AT THE SECRETARIAT: PARTNERSHIP WITH READ TO DREAM

COLAU in collaboration with Read to Dream, launched 2 libraries in under-resourced schools, namely Noble Care and Kibedi Matugga Primary Schools. Below are photos taken during the launch of the 2 school libraries.



One of the COLAU Board members, who is also a children's author reading one of her books to the children at the same school.



Cutting cake to symbolise the launch at Noble Care Primary School and below, new books and shelf donated by Read to Dream.



The team from COLAU and Read to Dream pose for a photo with the Headteacher of Kibedi Matugga Primary School

FORMALISING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WIKIMEDIA COMMUNITY USER GROUP UGANDA:

The Wikimedia Community User Group Uganda has formalised its partnership with COLAU. The user group intends to train librarians in some of the community libraries to edit Wikipedia and its related projects through edit-a-thons. We are looking forward to a great partnership with the Wikimedia Community User Group Uganda.



The Executive Director of the Wikimedia Community User Group Uganda with the Board Treasurer of the Community Libraries Association of Uganda. :