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IFLA WLIC 2010



World Library and Information Congress: 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly

Theme "Open access to knowledge: sustainable progress" 10 – 15 August 2010

INVITATION

The Swedish Library Association and the National Committee is almost ready to receive you to the World Library and Information Congress, in Gothenburg 2010: the 76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly.

Over 100 papers and translations are now available on the Gothenburg website.

Please visit the [Programme and Proceedings](#) webpage for access to the individual Sessions where you can download the papers in PDF.

Papers are being added all the time so be sure to check back frequently.

See you in Gothenburg!

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/session-papers-now-available>

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Africa Section chose for its *theme "Open Access in Africa: trends and developments"* for the 76th WLIC 2010, Gothenburg. We invite all African LIS colleagues to join us. The following paper were selected for the Open Forum:

- **Open Access in Institutions of Higher Learning in Botswana**
- **Open Access Journal Publishing in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria**
- **The creation of an Information Repository: a perspective from Mozambican higher education sector**

On behalf of Africa Section, the Regional Manager for Africa will present a poster titled "**Open Access Initiatives in Africa**"

Special Interest Group

Another focus of Africa Section at WLIC 2010 in ATINA, a special interest group related to the Section with a theme "**Open access to information in Africa: fostering democratic, economic and intellectual development**"

Four paper will be presented at this session

- Lesotho
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Canada

The African LIS Community is also encouraged to support another special interest group related to the Section, the LIS Education in Developing Countries.

Africa Section will also participate in the following:

Division V Leadership Forum on the following dates:

- Monday 8 August 2010
- Wednesday 11 August 2010

Caucus: Africa, Asia & Oceania and Latin America and the Caribbean

- Tuesday 10 August 2010

SC I Africa Section

- Wednesday 11 August 2010

You are encouraged to attend in support of Africa Section,

See you in Gothenburg!

FEEL IT, IT IS HERE!!



Lindy Nhlapo, Regional Manager for Africa

Colleagues, 2010 finally arrived. South Africa became the "cradle of humankind" The global LIS, like in soccer converged in Cape Town to confirm that Africa is on the centre stage. Congratulation to those who managed to take time off from their busy schedule in support of IFLA President and IFLA Africa. We enjoyed hosting you and we also learnt from the experience.

Thank you to the colleagues who sacrificed and remained in the office to take care of business while others were in Cape Town. In the Regional Office there has been a quiet moment since the return from Milan. Africa is lively and actively participating in the global arena.

If you are in Sweden in August, WLIC 2010, once again support us by attending Africa Section's business.

You are once again encouraged to submit events around your area with photos and a diary of happenings.

IFLA is an association to join for you to meet the global LIS community.



Come and join us!

IFLA Membership, your global connection. Visit the new website: www.ifla.org

IFLA Africa would like to welcome all its new members and thank you for choosing.

We thank all members who sustain their membership by renewing, without you, there is no IFLA.

Hope you can join us in **Gothenburg**

Merci beaucoup! Muito Obrigado! شكرا uoy knahT; جزى لا; very much; baie dankie!

Lindy Nhlapo
South Africa

Since our return from Milan, the Regional Office had been tasked to organize and host number events. It was with great delight to have hosted the Secretary General of IFLA, Jennefer Nicholson in February while on her way to Cape Town. Unisa community had a chance to learn about IFLA's structure and where the Regional Office features in the whole structure.

It was great honour to be hosted by the President; Madam Ellen Tise at Stellenbosch University for the Africa Section SC Midterm Meeting. The meeting took place on 15 & 16 February 2010. The Regional Office is great to Crystal Hendrickse, PA to IFLA President at Stellenbosch University for assisting with logistics.

Highlights of the meeting

☆ Minutes

Minutes from Milan SC meeting were corrected and adopted

☆ Abstracts

First this is an opportune time to that the Africa LIS community for sending in numbers, abstracts for the WLIC 2010 Congress. 52 abstract were received. SC Members worked hard deliberating on who should present. All abstracts were good and it was hard getting to final selection.

Three of the 52 made through to Gothenburg; see *Africa Focus at WLIC 2010 above*.

☆ ALP Project Proposals

The Regional Offices continue to play an important role in ALP projects. The Regional Offices will continue to provide guidance on guidelines and timelines to applicants, and assist them to submit their applications to ALP. Out of 5 project proposals received; 2 were selected from Lesotho and Mali on small projects.

☆ Africa Section Strategic Plan

The committee continued on the discussion that began in Milan on the Strategic plan and it was finalized.

☆ Poster

The Regional Manager announced a submission for a poster presentation which was last approved see *Africa Focus at WLIC 2010 above*.

☆ IFLA Directory of Schools of LIS

On behalf of Sjoerd Koopman, J Nicholson tabled a request for Africa Section to assist gather data on Schools of LIS in Africa. Tseli Moshoeshe-Chadzingwa volunteered to design a form for distribution.

Finally all other Africa Section business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 17h00 South African time.

MLAS Workshop & SC Meeting

Under the auspices of LIASA, the MLAS Workshop was held on 17 February 2010 with the theme "Library Associations Driving Access to Knowledge: Models, Management and Advocacy"

Library Association from around the world shared their experiences especially on lobbying politicians, making them members of the library association; LIS practitioners also shared their views on how to take association and the profession forward.

I was tasked to make sure that a good coverage of Africa representation exists. The Regional Office is grateful to MLAS sponsor for sponsorship received for Botswana, Malawi and South Africa representatives to be to attend the workshop.

Africa Section SC Members who were already in Cape Town also got partial sponsorship towards attendance of MLAS Workshop.

MLAS SC Meeting was held on 20th February 2010 at which I also participated.

Stellenbosch Symposium/ IFLA Presidential Meeting

February was a rich professional development overhaul as I participated in the Presidential Meeting after the Africa Section SC Midterm Meeting and MLAS Workshop. The Presidential Meeting took place on 18/19 February 2010 at STIAS, Wallenberg Research Centre which is part of Stellenbosch University. The theme was "Knowing is not enough: engaging in the knowledge economy"

It was good to see the support of Stellenbosch University management at the meeting and of the South African Government. The Recto and Vice-Chancellor delivered the opening and welcome speech. The Minister of Science and technology, Republic of South Africa and the past Minister of Education delivered a keynote address, Ms Naledi Pandor. For all presentations and photos go to:

Presentations

<https://scholar.sun.ac.za/handle/10019.1/369/browse?type=title>

Photos

<http://www.lib.sun.ac.za/Sym2010/Photos.htm>

UNISA/ IFLA Regional Office for Africa Public Lecture

Since its inception, the public lecture series had managed to attract best speakers in three years. Dr. Sohair Wastawy from the Alexandria Library, Egypt delivered the 3rd Public Lecture with Felix Ubogu from the Wits University responding ~ see *article on Events*

Lindy Nhlapo
Regional Manager for Africa, South Africa

Kay Raseroka Honorary Doctor of Laws

On 7 June 2010 **Kay Raseroka** will receive the title of **Honorary Doctor of Laws** of the **University of Alberta** (Canada).

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The IFLA community congratulates Kay Raseroka with this outstanding token of appreciation.

Kay Raseroka will receive the honorary degree because she "served as the first African president of the International Federation of Libraries and Institutions. She founded Botswana's Children's Information Trust, and she has devoted more than 35 years to promoting the importance of oral learning in indigenous communities". She will be one of the 12 recipients of the University of Alberta's highest honour. At the same occasion two other librarians will receive a honorary title: both **Hugh Anson-Cartwright** from Canada and **James Neal** from the USA will also receive the title of Honorary Doctor of Laws for their outstanding contributions to the library community.

In a first reaction Kay Raseroka said:

"May I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation and pay tribute to you all for the support you afforded me in numerous ways in the past; contributions you made, individually and collectively, such that I was empowered to serve through IFLA, the global voice of the library and information profession.

There are hundreds of colleagues to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for allowing me work with and learn from them. As members, we debated issues through various standing committees, always striving to be supportive of the professional ideals that unite us. Even when the going was rough: we stood on the shoulders of giants, learnt from their experience and, together took small incremental steps that hopefully made contributions to IFLA and were helpful to the next generation of leaders of our profession. So, I consider the conferral of the Honorary Doctorate to me, as symbol for the broader IFLA community that had the courage to take a risk on a developing country candidate and assisted her to step up to the plate and serve IFLA as an Institution, to the best of her ability. "

In June 2010 Kay Raseroka will retire from the University of Botswana Library.

A strong number of applications were received from each of IFLA's regions for ALP small project applications for 2010, and will be considered by the ALP committee with consultation from the regional section. Funding for ALP for 2010 comes from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation IFLA general operating grant and core activity contributions. €45,000 is provided for small projects in 2010.

ALP supports projects in its focal areas of library associations, literacy, libraries in society access to information and emerging professional practices that may be:

- One-off workshops and training activities, delivering existing IFLA's policy-based training materials (for example, training materials developed by FAIFE)
- Workshops and training where new training packages and content based on ALP focal areas will be delivered and made available to IFLA
- Longer-term capacity building activities and training designed to support the development of the sector in a country, for example through the Building Strong Library Associations Programme

Full details of project guidelines can be found on the IFLA website: <http://www.ifla.org/alp>

The 2009 ALP Annual Report, covering the activities of ALP and projects carried out last year is available from the IFLA website at: <http://www.ifla.org/files/alp/alp-annual09.pdf>

ALP supported activities in Botswana and Ethiopia, and regional activities in Ghana and South Africa in the Africa region in 2009.

Building Strong Library Associations Programme

Development of the Building Strong Library Associations programme continues as IFLA prepares to launch the programme and announce the countries that will participate from 2010 at the Congress in Gothenburg. Applications for the initial countries to participate in the programme from 2010, one in each of IFLA's regions, closed in April. Each of the regional sections nominated a country to participate following the regional midterm meetings in February and March 2010. The countries will be announced at the programme's launch session at the Gothenburg Congress. €25,000 is provided for each of three Building Strong Library Associations projects (a total of €75,000 in 2010).

IFLA has begun development of the online platform that will support the programme. The online platform will provide eLearning activities, downloading of the training materials, and discussion tools to facilitate communities of practice between associations. Content will also be available via removable media (e.g. CD ROMs) where Internet access is not readily available. A meeting was held from February 8-12 at IFLA Headquarters with participants from a number of countries sharing their expertise on the ways that IFLA can use ICT to reach library associations around the world and provide high quality learning materials to all members.

Participants were invited from Egypt, Singapore, Puerto Rico, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden and South Africa together with staff from IFLA Headquarters. Theo Bothma from South Africa and Gina Younis from Egypt attended the meeting to represent the region.

A meeting to develop the impact evaluation framework for the programme was held at IFLA Headquarters from April 6-9. Impact evaluation will provide IFLA with evidence, research, and case studies about the difference that the BSLA programme makes in the countries it works in.

Building Strong Library Associations Programme to be launched at the World Library and Information Congress, Gothenburg

At the launch in Gothenburg attendees will be able to learn more about the programme and opportunities for involvement, and to attend the announcement of the first library associations selected to take part in 2010. Speakers at the session will include IFLA, those involved with the development of the programme, and representatives of the countries selected to take part from 2010.

About the Building Strong Library Associations Programme

Building Strong Library Associations is a comprehensive capacity building programme to be delivered by ALP from September 2010. It includes a training package aimed at developing and sustaining library associations, the continued delivery of IFLA existing policy-based workshops, mentoring and other activities. The programme is customizable to suit the needs of library associations around the world. The programme will be supported by an online platform that will provide remote access to learning materials and resources to all IFLA members.

Contacting ALP

ALP is based at IFLA Headquarters and is coordinated by Fiona Bradley. ALP can be contacted at alp@ifla.org

Fiona Bradley
ALP Programme Director

The Governing Board of IFLA has pleasure in submitting this Convening Notice* of the General Assembly meeting.

The IFLA General Assembly meeting will take place on 14-15 August 2010. The complete agenda along with detailed notes are available in the Convening Notice:

<http://www.ifla.org/en/news/convening-notice-for-the-ifla-general-assembly-meeting-in-gothenburg>

*This invitation, along with voting and proxy forms, was also sent to all IFLA members by regular mail on 11 June 2010.

Tatjana Hoeink
Membership Officer

UNISA/IFLA Public Lecture Turns 3 Years Old



Dr Sohair Wastawy, in the middle

The IFLA Regional Office for Africa in partnership with Unisa Library hosted their third annual IFLA Africa public lecture in April at the Florida campus. The lecture, titled: *From North to South: African Librarianship in the 21st Century*, was delivered by acclaimed Egyptian librarian Dr Sohair Wastawy of the new Alexandrina Library, and attended by various members of the library and information sector. In her welcome and introduction Unisa Library Executive Director Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata stated that the lecture would pave a way to understanding “where we are going as African librarians”.

Dr Wastawy lecture focused on the impact of technology on the African continent as well as its librarianship, despite the stereotype of ‘the dark continent’. She urged libraries to heed the UN MDG’s call to report/record their available publications as over 90% of the African countries (with over a billion people) are not reporting to the UN about their publications.

She said that because of the digital revolution, libraries are changing into diffused and connected portals and therefore response should also be informed by the new generation of library users who are visually – and not necessarily text oriented. In this sense, collections are different and modes of research are also based on digital access.

In her vision, Wastawy urged librarians to use and promote usage of institutional repositories, cultivate strategies to working smarter in the 21st century. This also means a change in the patterns of relations among academic disciplines. Wastawy urged South Africans to continue strengthening their networks with global scientists in the areas such as biotechnology.

Cyber infrastructure

Wastawy also stated the need to move towards cyber infrastructure, a domain which requires a multidisciplinary community with high levels of shared expertise, interest in what is going on globally, and tremendous amount of data, among others. In this case, the role Unisa can play includes developing the Unisa institutional repository, maintaining a digital research data as well as cooperation with different entities on and off campus – to enable group to group interaction in e-space.

Wastawy highlighted web 2.0 technologies as those about participation and understanding the impact of user created content and the challenges to traditional resources and

infrastructure. "Go mobile," she urged, reflecting on the fact that in Africa, more people have no access to landlines but are connected to their cell phones. In 1999 Africa had 7 million mobile phone subscribers and 331 million in 2008. The UNISA Library's AirPAC technology also plays a role in this regard. Other developments highlighted by Wastawy include key national libraries being built in Africa such as in Sudan and in the North of the Sahara, "but just like it takes a village to raise a child, it also takes a world to build a library," she concluded. In his response to the lecture, Wits University's Mr Felix Obogu stated that as much as the library building is still relevant "we need to renegotiate our space through open access software and online resources among others, but also the preservation of oral literature and oral history are crucial in African librarianship". Obogu reminded librarians of plans for the national digital initiative under the mandate of the National Research Foundation (NRF) which seeks to encourage institutions to digitise their information resources.

**Natalia Molebatsi
UNISA, SOUTH AFRICA**

Visitors at the Regional Office

During their visit to the National Library of South Africa on the 18th March 2010, Mabel Tomusange from Uganda, Eunice Jetha, Mozambique and GA Attia from Egypt, paid visit to the Regional Office. That was a wonderful gesture for these colleagues. We encourage all Africa LIS community to pass by at the office whenever they are in South Africa. Are doors are always open to welcome you

**Regional Manager for Africa
SOUTH AFRICA**



The African Journal Archive is a retrospective digitisation project of full-text journal articles published in Africa. Journal articles hosted on the Archive extend back to the first issue (if available) and end with the last pre-current issue (determined by the publisher). The website currently comprises 700 issues and 150,000 pages of journal archives of academic, scholarly, institutional, museums, and professional research organizations in Africa. Online access to the archive is free of charge to Africa and the world.

The journals are digitised at no charge to the publisher. Participating publishers also receive a preservation copy of their archived journal volumes.

The African Journal Archive is a Sabinet Gateway project funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Custodianship of the Archive will reside with Sabinet Gateway. Management, creation and maintenance will be contracted to Sabinet Online. Commenting on the project, Sabinet Online's Managing Director, Rosalind Hattingh says "the project will create for the first time a central full-text repository of retrospective journal content of unique value, providing not only the vital groundwork for further or related research but assisting to preserve the heritage of the African continent.

We welcome your comments and feedback. Please [contact us](#) should you have any difficulties in finding information on the website.

Publishers and scholarly societies in Africa are encouraged to [contact us](#) with their requests to be considered for participation.

SABINET, SOUTH AFRICA

Dialogue Afternoon

The date was 26 April 2010 and the venue J.S. Gericke Library Auditorium, Stellenbosch University; once again IFLA President hosted LIASA Western Cape, her home base branch of LIASA.

The Library and Information Service of Stellenbosch University, in collaboration with LIASA Western Cape branch, hosted a **Dialogue Afternoon** with Ms Bidy Fisher, the President of CILIP, and the UK LIS professional body. Her presidential theme was on professionalism within the LIS sector.

IFLA President, Senior Director of the Library and Information Service of Stellenbosch University, Madam, Ellen Tise, welcomed guests. Ms Bidy Fisher, presentation was titled "*Refreshing CILIP: the future of the professional body*"

A member of LIASA Western Cape presented a paper titled "*Where to LIASA: in pursuant of statutory status*"

The LIASA Western Cape branch and the Library and Information Service of Stellenbosch University were enthusiastic this event the **Dialogue Afternoon** because it engaged such influential leaders as Ms Bidy Fisher and Ms Ellen Tise. That was an ideal opportunity to probe ideas and contribute to the future of the LIS profession.

The slogan to market the event was "**BE AN INFORMED MEMBER OF THE PROFESSION!**"

Libraries with a Kick – an African Poster Competition and Exhibition

Is there a relation between libraries and football? Do libraries, reading and access to information play a meaningful role during the Football World Cup 2010 in South Africa?

In order to explore these questions, the Goethe-Institut together with IFLA Africa Section and the national library associations of ten countries in sub-Saharan Africa had announced a poster competition in the end of 2009. The aim of the competition *Libraries with a kick* was to create a poster and a slogan that can be suitably used to promote libraries and their services in the context of the Football World Cup.

It was a great challenge for the juries of the participating countries to select three winners from the numerous creative entries. Kenya received 140 entries; in South Africa there were more than 200 and in Togo more than 300 entries!

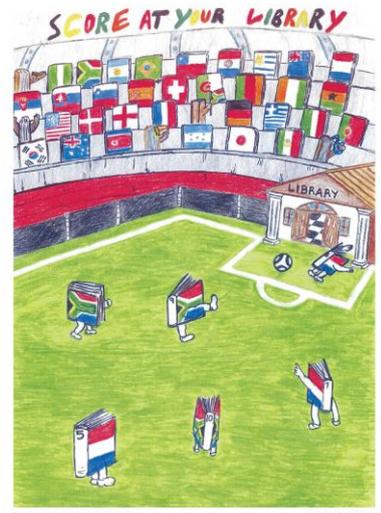
Out of the national winners, the best 14 posters have been chosen for a poster exhibition. The exhibition shows that the participating children and adults explored the relationship between soccer and libraries in a very creative way, demonstrating a huge variety of different thematic and artistic approaches regarding the topic.

During the Soccer World Cup, the exhibition is presented in 11 countries, as well as online. In South Africa, it is shown in six cities where World Cup matches take place.

The participating countries are:

- Ethiopia
- Cameroon
- Ghana
- Ivory Coast
- Kenya
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Togo

For more information, please visit:



www.goethe.de/librarieskick and www.goethe.de/bibliofoot

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“Kay Remembers” Practice of Librarianship in a Period of Forty Years Viewed Through a Botswana Mirror

Sedgefield

On 24th May a group of South African LIS practitioners, including myself, gathered at Wits University to hear Kay Raseroka share her experience in librarianship, from humble beginning to date. The title of her presentation was “Kay Remembers” It was a reminiscence of forty years in librarianship through the Botswana mirror.

The presentation reminded us that

We are not just librarians; we are the information of the world. The library is the heart of learning especially students.

We were reminded that when we have donor funding, the right way is that projects should not be *donor driven* by *need driven*

The library is not only a support service but a partner in learning. As librarians we also should be informed, learn how to lean.



Kay emphasised the importance of participation in a library association and that our active participation will sure build a strong library association.

Regional associations like SCECSAL and WALA also need us on board.

Volunteerism is not for self interest, but a national endeavour. Bringing creativity into what librarianship, should be, who we are, till then we have not succeeded into who we are.

The talk referred us back to Ranganathan, the father of librarianship with his five laws.

She further indicated that orality is not about Black persons, all of us should engage with orality. It's about telling about the information we own. As librarians we need to collect, preserve and disseminate information regardless of where it came from. We also need training, capacity building to become leaders in knowledge management. We should come together and not have fear of collaborating in bring change.

We should all be researchers, we have data. We should have teams doing data analysis.

In conclusion, Kay reminded us to work with children and elders; we should tell stories and learn the culture in mother tongue.

The meeting was grateful to learn from those who have made strides in the profession. It is hoped that she will continue to be a matron for the upcoming librarians.

Rebecca Senyolo
Wits Library, South Africa

Dear Friends and Colleagues

New Year's day 2010 finds us in Sedgefield, on the Garden Route of South Africa's Western Cape Province, enjoying the sunshine and the sea breeze. Monika and I are here for a few weeks of summer, before returning to winter in Milwaukee, USA, where I am a visiting professor in the School of Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Looking back on our first year living in the USA, we both feel that it has been a fascinating experience. I feel very grateful to have had opportunities to spend the final years of my professional career working in foreign countries, first the Netherlands (2005-2008) and now the USA (2009-).

While Milwaukee is not the most exciting metropolis we have been to, the people of Milwaukee are among the friendliest, helpful and welcoming that we have ever encountered. We have been made to feel very much at home and it has been easier to make friends here than in The Hague. This has made acclimatizing and settling down much easier, for Monika in particular.

This year teaching has kept me very busy, particularly on-line teaching. I have taught courses in Foundations of Library and Information Science, Management of Library and Information Services, and Research Methods for LIS. The main reason for my appointment in Milwaukee was to develop a new course in International and Comparative Librarianship. The syllabus for this course was approved in the course of 2009 and I will be teaching it for the first time in the coming Spring Semester. (What a misnomer! Most of that semester is very wintery.) Due to my teaching commitments, I have made very little progress with the book I am writing on international librarianship. This has been frustrating, but I am hopeful that I'll be able to make more progress this year.

On the personal side, Monika and I are both well and right now we particularly appreciate the opportunity to see our son Alfred, his wife Ady, and our granddaughter Isabel, who live in Knysna, half an hour from here by car. Throughout 2009 we have been able to keep in touch with them and with our other two sons, Martin and Sebastian, using Skype, which has enabled us to see them as well as hear them.

Last year I sent you a Library ABC and rashly promised to continue through the alphabet in the succeeding years. Since I don't travel as much as I used to while working for IFLA, the pickings for D, E and F are rather meagre. I had some difficulty finding libraries with names starting with these letters, or in towns or institutions whose names start with these letters, and where I did, the quality of the photographs leaves something to be desired. Nevertheless, here is one selected image for each of the three letters, with my very best wishes for 2010.

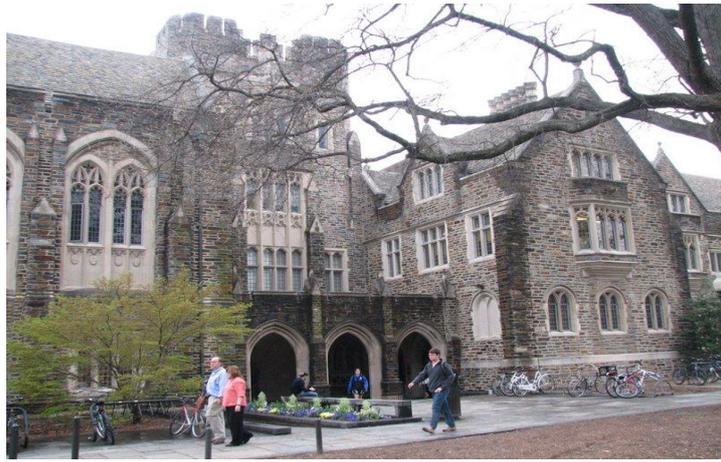
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A library DEF

D

is for **Durham**, North Carolina, and **Duke University**, where I attended a meeting of the African Librarians Council.

Duke is a private university. Its William R. Perkins Library is in the Gothic style. There are probably more Gothic buildings in the USA than in Europe. Why not?



E

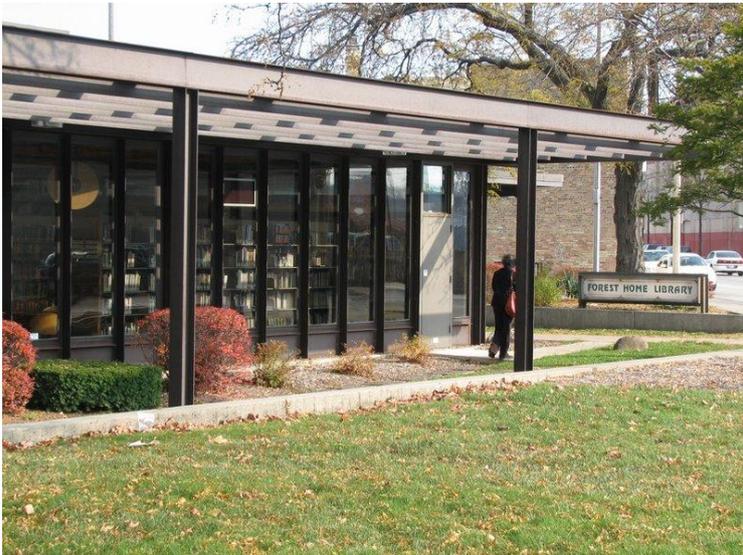
is for **Escanaba** (Delta County, Michigan), a town of some 13,000 inhabitants on Michigan's North Peninsula, a few hours' drive north of Milwaukee.

Here is a picture of the genealogy collection. Genealogy is big in this part of the USA, which attracted many immigrants from Germany and the Nordic countries. Their descendants have generally lost their languages, but remain interested in their origins.



F

is for Fredonia and Fox Point, both in Wisconsin, but I couldn't find libraries to photograph there. I instead I went to **Forest Home**, a racially mixed, less affluent neighbourhood in the inner city of Milwaukee. It has a lovely branch of the Milwaukee Public Library. I was not allowed to make photos inside, so here is a picture of the exterior. You can see right into the library, which makes it very inviting.



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Our Dear Mama Africa,
I join the world to rejoice with you for this **Honorary Doctor of Laws** of the **University of Alberta** (USA). This is truly a thing of pride for us all and we heartily rejoice and felicitate with you for an honour well earned and well deserved. Thank you to the University of Alberta for doing us proud by honoring Kay. On behalf of myself, the entire WALA, and the good people of this part of the world, I say again, Congratulations, long life and more grease to your elbows.

James O. Daniel
President, WALA



Library and Information
Association of South Africa

**12th ANNUAL CONFERENCE: 27 SEPTEMBER TO
1 OCTOBER 2010**

"LIBRARIES DRIVING ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE"

The 12th LIASA Annual Conference takes place at the Saint George Hotel and Conference Centre 27 September until 1 October. The theme for this conference is: "Libraries driving access to knowledge". LIASA has adopted the Presidential theme of Ms Ellen Tise, current IFLA President and LIASA member for the conference.

This is one of the highlights on the calendar of LIASA members, partners and all library workers. It is expected that between 800 and 1000 library workers will attend, with a strong contingent from Africa and other international delegates. A number of speakers, both locally and from various African, European countries and/or the USA will be invited. The Minister of the Department of Arts and Culture has been invited to present the keynote address. A session on Library Transformation will be included in the programme on Day One of the Conference. The exhibition, which runs during the week of the conference should attract between 45 and 50 national and international library suppliers, vendors, booksellers and publishers. This also provides the forum for interaction with all levels of government and LIASA always invite MECs, Executive Mayors and also Councillors and other key stakeholders.

A large number of delegates are first time attendees, including a substantial number from the host region. Many of these are not necessarily LIASA members. The conference therefore presents LIASA with the ideal opportunity to recruit new members and introduce existing members to its inner workings through the programme, AGM and other business meetings. The Conference also provides an opportunity for stakeholders to conduct business meetings e.g. The Heads of Provincial Library Services.

For the active LIASA member, it provides an opportunity to conduct the business of their Interest Groups or Standing Committees, in addition to holding meetings of the Representative Council and the Annual General Meeting. Since these meetings are open to all delegates, Conference can be an effective vehicle for encouraging new members to become active in the work of the Association and to mentor and coach future leadership. Elections for new office-bearers for the association will be conducted during the AGM this year

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The Elsevier Foundation is seeking new grant proposals for the 2010 Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries program. Sponsored by Elsevier, a leading global publisher of scientific, technical and medical information, the Innovative Libraries program provides grants to library programs in the developing world for innovative systems and services that improve access to scientific, technical and medical information. The deadline for Innovative Libraries proposals is **September 15th 2010**. Grants will be awarded in December 2010 and provide one, two and three year awards between US\$5,000 to US\$50,000 per year.

[The Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries](#) program supports the efforts of libraries in developing countries to improve their ability to put scientific, technical and medical information to work for those who need it. Past projects have included: expanding library information resources through digitization and knowledge preservation; training and education programs for librarians and researchers; developed-developing world partnerships to provide longer term technical assistance and training.

"Last year, the number of applications to the Innovative Libraries program rose by more than half--a clear indication of the need for this type of information development," said David Ruth, Executive Director of the Elsevier Foundation, "We believe strongly in the critical importance of funding proposals that demonstrate the use of information to address diverse issues of development, including environment, clinical care, emergency management and research skills."

Active since 2002, the Elsevier Foundation provides grants to institutions around the world, with a focus on supporting the world's libraries and scholars in the early stages of their careers. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than 60 grants worth millions of dollars to non-profit organizations working in these fields. In January 2010, \$600,000 in grants were awarded to 12 organizations selected for their innovation and potential for impact in the developing world and academic workplace.

More information on the program requirements and details of how to submit a 2010 proposal are available on [The Elsevier Foundation](#) website.

The online Elsevier Foundation application program will accept proposals from August 1st through September 15th.



INVITATION TO ATTEND SCANUL-ECS 2010

The Chairperson of SCANUL-ECS 2010 local organizing committee is inviting national and University Librarians/Directors to the Standing Conference for the African National and University Libraries in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa to take place at the University of Botswana in Gaborone, Botswana from 3rd to 5th December 2010.

The conference will review past activities and plan a way forward for the organization. In addition, the programme will include professional development activities in topics to be communicated to you shortly.

As a policy, member institutions pay an annual subscription of \$100 which is used for professional activities that are determined by members. Apart from the institutional subscription, there will be a registration fee of \$50. Please see bank details below.

Subscriptions should be paid into the following account:

ACCOUNT NAME:	UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA
BANK NAME:	STANDARD CHARTERED BANK
BANK POSTAL ADDRESS:	P O BOX 1529, GABORONE
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TRANSFER REF:	WS55-SCANUL –ECS CONFERENCE
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We look forward to hosting you.

Mrs. B. Fidzani
Chair, Local Organizing Committee
BOTSWANA



Take Note

African LIS Community is encouraged to populate the newsletter by submitting newsletter articles with photos of happening around their area.

Also to be submitted is diary of events – what are you planning.

Make your submissions to: [IFLA Regional Office for Africa](#)

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