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## New EIFL website

As part of our new branding strategy, which includes a new name (EIFL and no longer eIFL.net); new strapline – knowledge without boundaries; and new logo, we now also have a new website. The new site features updated content, video content, a simplified navigation, and an upgraded look and feel.

The site showcases the activities, priorities, and successes of EIFL and its more than 45 partner countries. It also provides new content in many areas, including e-resource licensing and free and open source software. And it will continue to serve as a resource to support capacity building and provide tools for advocacy.

Visit our new site today at [www.eifl.net](http://www.eifl.net) and learn about our exciting activities.



## EIFL partners with Maghreb universities

The vision for the future of Maghreb (North African) universities is that students and faculty will have easy-to-use, online access to a wide variety of scientific and technical information. This vision will become reality through a three-year EC Tempus Programme funded project, which was launched November 1, 2010.

As a result of the grant, libraries, by then organized in consortia, will be able to negotiate favorable agreements for commercial e-resources; faculty will begin depositing their research results into institutional repositories; and there will be library portals that have been designed with input from end users to ensure that they fully meet their needs.

This grant recognizes the central role that university libraries, as providers of scientific and technical information, play in the dissemination of scientific research results to faculty, researchers and businesses.

EIFL is among the partner institutions that will collaborate on this exciting endeavor. Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) is the lead institution, along with eleven Maghreb universities (in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia) and two European universities (in Romania and France); [see complete list](#). EIFL will provide the necessary training and expertise in the areas of consortium management, e-resource licensing, and open access.

A kick off meeting will be held December 10, 2010 in Brussels; Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA Programme Manager will be representing EIFL.

## Meet EIFL in Botswana

EIFL staff members Rima Kupryte and Monika Segbert-Elbert will be presenting at two upcoming conferences to be held at the University of Botswana, Gabarone.

SCANUL-ECS (Standing Committee of African National and University Libraries - East, Central and Southern Africa) which is the organization of national and university libraries in the Eastern, Central, and Southern African region will take place on December 3-5. SCECSAL (Standing Conference of Eastern, Central, and Southern Africa Librarians) encompassing library associations in the region will take place on December 6-9.

We look forward to meeting colleagues from the region during those two conferences and visiting with the Botswana Library Consortium Board. Consortium is planning to launch two achievements that are going to take them to the next level of organizational development: their new website and Strategic Plan.

## Report from IGF 2010: Libraries on the agenda

For the first time, EIFL co-organized a workshop at the [Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\) 2010](#) along with OER-Brazil, with the goal of raising the awareness of the key role that libraries play in ensuring access to knowledge. IGF is an important policy forum with a mandate from the UN World Summit on the Information Society ([WSIS](#)) that aims to influence Internet-related public policy issues through a multilateral, multi-stakeholder, democratic and transparent approach.



The IGF 2010 was held September 14 -17 in Vilnius, Lithuania and was attended by more than 1400 people, along with a record breaking 600+ remote participants (people who attended via the internet). In attendance were major stakeholders of internet governance including civil society groups, policy makers, intergovernmental organizations, government officials.



development.

Through our workshop, "Why we need an Open Web: Open Knowledge Governance for Innovation", and EIFL staff contributions during sessions throughout the conference, we explained the role of libraries in the knowledge society and communicated the successes that libraries have had in influencing policy. Above all, we demonstrated that libraries are well positioned to provide access to knowledge and are thereby contributing to sustainable economic and social

We had a great lineup of workshop speakers who addressed the many facets of the open web, including open standards, open source, open access, open data, open science, and open educational resources, and the role of libraries in promoting the open web.

Our workshop was moderated by Stuart Hamilton, Senior Policy Advisor at IFLA, and remotely moderated by Teresa Hackett, EIFL-IP Programme Manager. The speakers were:

- Emilija Banionyte, Lithuanian Research Library Consortium (LMBA)
- Eddan Katz, Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF)
- Iryna Kuchma, EIFL
- Julia Mortyakova, The Right to Research Coalition, SPARC
- John Wilbanks, Creative Commons , who joined live from SF

Workshop presentations and video of entire workshop [available here](#)

More details along with recommendations and EIFL staff contributions at workshops [available here](#).

## Spotlight: Building digital libraries in Africa: Local content, regional support, global visibility

EIFL teamed up with the Koha Foundation in 2007 to run a pilot project in southern Africa to develop expertise and to grow the network for Greenstone, a suite of software for building and distributing digital library collections. Learn about how this network has grown and about the wide variety of collections that are now available online. [Read more](#).

## Library consortia news

### Thailand joins EIFL as a partner country!

Electronic Information for Libraries in Thailand (EIFL-Thai) joins EIFL as an umbrella organization for a consortium of consortia. EIFL-Thai includes PULINET (Provincial University Library Network), PULNET (Private University Library Network), Rajabhat, Rachamangala Technology, Thailinet-Thai, university libraries in metropolitan areas, and special library working groups such as medical and economics' libraries. At this point, all the consortium members are higher education institutions.

Soeythip Sukul will be the EIFL Country Coordinator. When asked what she felt were the benefits of joining EIFL, she stated, "what EIFL has done for libraries in developing and transition countries is amazing. I hope members of the EIFL-Thai consortium will benefit from the services that EIFL provides in order to serve their library users better. We look forward to working with EIFL's global libraries network".

There will initially be 22 member libraries when EIFL-Thai joins EIFL, some representative of self-supporting cooperatives, and there are already have plans to increase this membership.

Please join us in welcoming our newest partner country!

We are grateful to Soeythip for more information about higher education in Thailand – [learn more](#).



## EIFL events

- 2 Nov “Academic Libraries: Objectives and perspectives of academic libraries 2010”, Brno, Czech Republic. Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA programme manager, presented a paper “Open Access in Eastern Europe: Removing barriers to knowledge sharing” at the conference. The conference programme with presentations is available [here](#).
- 4-5 Nov “Facilitating Access to Culture in the Digital Age - WIPO Global Meeting on Emerging Copyright Licensing Modalities” in Geneva will be attended by Kathy Matsika, EIFL-IP Zimbabwe, and Teresa Hackett, EIFL-IP Programme Manager. Professor Lawrence Lessig, Harvard Law School will be one of the keynote speakers.
- 5 Nov 8th e-Infrastructure Concertation Meeting organised by the Commission Services with the support of the e-ScienceTalk project in Geneva, Switzerland. Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA programme manager, presented at the training session on European Helpdesk for Open Access OpenAIRE project.
- 8-12 Nov The Twenty-first session of the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) in Geneva. Kathy Matsika and Teresa Hackett will attend.
- 9 Nov Africa Day for Librarians organised by the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden. Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA programme manager, presented “The State of Open Access Publishing and Open Access Repositories in Africa”
- 10-11Nov Open Access Africa conference hosted by BioMed Central, in partnership with ComputerAid, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya. Rosemary Otando, University of Nairobi, and EIFL-OA country coordinator in Kenya presented “Open access and institutional repositories in research and academic institutions” and participated in the panel discussion “Institutional experiences of open access.”
- 11-12 Nov Librarians Association of Moldova – 2010 Annual Conference in Chisinau, Moldova. The conference is entitled "Open Access at the information and knowledge the support of durable progress." The representatives of the consortium eIFL Direct Moldova will present on the activities of the consortium in this area and prospects of OA in the world.
- 12-13 Nov Conference of Librarians, Archivists and Museologists  
The PLIP Grantee Public Library Zavidovici will present on their project "Introduction of New Services and Technology to Public Library Zavidovici" in Sarajevo, Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 22-23 Nov Regional Workshop on Benefits of Open Access for Research Dissemination, Usage, Visibility and Impact, organised by the Academy of Science of South Africa in partnership with EIFL and UNESCO, in Pretoria, South Africa. Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA programme manager, will be participating.
- 22-26 Nov Sixth meeting of the WIPO Committee on Development and Intellectual Property (CDIP/6) in Geneva. Teresa Hackett will attend
- 26 Nov The Roundtable on "Creating the first thematic repository in Moldova based on the Scientific Library of the Academy of Economic Sciences of

- Moldova” will be held in Chisinau. The organizers are Silvia Ghinculov, Chairman of the Consortium, eIFL Direct Moldova and Natalia Cheradi, Program Coordinator, Moldova OA
- 26 Nov [Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium \(KLISC\) meeting](#) at the University of Nairobi. Rima Kupryte and Monika Segbert-Elbert will be attending.
- 27 Nov – 2 Dec [EIFL-PLIP Grantee meetings](#) will be hosted by Kenya National Library Service. Representatives of [12 granted EIFL-PLIP projects](#) will meet to discuss the progress of projects, share lessons learned and help EIFL to prepare the second round of call for proposals for replicability.
- 30 Nov – 2 Dec [Online Information](#) will take place in London. Susanna Lob and Ilse Gey van Pittius from the EIFL-Licensing team will be meeting with publishers.
- **EIFL Country/E-resources Coordinators:** Please contact Susanna Lob (susanna.lob(at)eifl.net) if there are any issues you would like us to discuss with publishers, or any additional resources you would be interested in.
  - **Publishers:** Please contact subscriptions@eifl.net if you would be interested in arranging a meeting.
- 1 Dec [Second general assembly](#) of the [OpenAIRE project](#) will be held in Ghent, Belgium. Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA programme manager, will be participating.
- 2 Dec [OpenAIRE meeting](#), organized with support of the Directorate Generals for Research (RTD) and for the Information Society and Media (INFSO) of the European Commission, will be held in Ghent, Belgium. Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA programme manager, will be participating.
- 2 Dec [Botswana Library Consortium meeting](#). Rima Kupryte and Monika Segbert-Elbert will be attending
- 3-5 Dec [Shaping the future Direction: Forging strategic partnerships in the SCANUL-ECS region](#). A conference sponsored by SCANUL-ECS (Standing Committee of African National and University Libraries - East, Central and Southern Africa) will be held in Botswana. EIFL will present a paper: “Knowledge across Boundaries: EIFL programs building the digital library.” [Learn more](#).
- 6-9 Dec [Enhancing Democracy and Good Governance through Effective Information and Knowledge Services](#). A conference sponsored by SCECSAL (Standing Conference of Eastern, Central, and Southern Africa Librarians). EIFL will present a paper: “Public Libraries in their communities: a catalyst for change.” [Learn more](#).
- 10 Dec [ISTeMag project](#), a TEMPUS funded project aimed at optimising access to scientific and technical information of Universities in Maghreb countries, will hold their kick off meeting in Brussels. Iryna Kuchma, EIFL-OA Programme Manager will be representing EIFL.

### Renewals

#### EMERALD MANAGEMENT EJOURNAL COLLECTIONS

We have signed a 3-year renewal agreement with Emerald Group Publishing for the Emerald eJournal Collections from 1 January 2011 – 31 December 2013. The Collections offer access to an expanding portfolio of over 250 prestigious peer-reviewed journals in a broad range of subject areas. [Learn more](#)

#### OXFORD SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE

We have signed a renewal agreement with Oxford University Press for the Oxford Scholarship Online until 31 December 2012. Oxford Scholarship Online offers cross-searchable access to the full text of a rapidly-expanding e-book library of over 4,000 scholarly titles. 18 individual subject modules are now available – from Law to Literature, and from Philosophy to Physics. [Learn more.](#)

#### MULTI-SCIENCE JOURNALS COLLECTION

We have signed a 3-year renewal agreement with Multi-Science Publishing for the Multi-Science Journals Collection from 1 January 2011 – 31 December 2013. The Collection offers access to an expanding range of over 20 peer-reviewed journals (including backfiles) in subject areas such as engineering, the built environment, energy, acoustics, and sports science. [Learn more.](#)

#### OTHER RENEWALS

We are in the process of finalising renewal negotiations with Oxford Journals, Institute of Physics Publishing, Project Muse and Wiley-Blackwell.

### News about EIFL-licensed resources

#### CAMBRIDGE JOURNALS ONLINE - NEW MOBILE AND LOW BANDWIDTH VERSION NOW AVAILABLE

Cambridge University Press has launched a mobile version of Cambridge Journals Online. Not only will the new service enable users to access the site via mobile devices, the mobile version requires less bandwidth and will therefore be easier to use over slower internet connections.

- Users at subscribing institutions can access the site at <http://jnls.cup.org>
- Cambridge Journals Online is available through EIFL-Licensing. Access for institutions in many EIFL countries is available either free of charge or at highly discounted rates. [Learn more.](#)

## BRITANNICA ONLINE: ACADEMIC EDITION - RELAUNCHED WITH NEW INTERFACE AND FUNCTIONALITY

Britannica Online has recently been relaunched. The new site offers an engaging user interface, intuitive search functionality, and more rigorously-curated content. It also offers additional opportunities for peer-enhanced learning such as the ability to upload, save, and share documents and media using the new 'My Britannica' Workspace.

- Users at subscribing institutions can access the site at <http://search.eb.com>.
- Britannica Online: Academic Edition is available through EIFL-Licensing. Access for institutions in many EIFL countries is available at highly discounted rates. [Learn more](#)
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## EIFL-OA update

### International Open Access Week 2010



The largest, most successful International Open Access Week was organised on October 18-24. With just under **900 participants in 94 countries**, this year's event was no less than **three times larger** than it was just a year ago. Hundreds of videos, photos, blog posts, and more were released to promote and highlight the benefits of Open Access to research and take the conversation even more deeply into the research community – and they absolutely did.

The increase in diversity of participants is even more telling. Started as a student-driven event in 2007 with support from SPARC and the library community, Open Access Day was at first a library-centric affair. Having grown in recognition and participation every year since, in 2010 we truly began to make deep inroads into the academy.

Nobel prize-winning scientist and director of the U.S. National Cancer Institute Dr. Harold Varmus participated in the official OA Week kick-off event, saying, with respect to where open-access publishing has reached and what's now possible: "All of these adventures are tremendously exciting because they markedly enrich the experience of being a scientist, of reading the work of others, and of exchanging views with others in the scientific community." Dr. Varmus's comments are online at <http://vimeo.com/15881200>.

Read inspiring stories about creatively recognizing Open Access Week. More than [20 EIFL partner countries](#) actively contributed to the event. You can also read about events at the [Open Access Week site](#).

Watch for more Open Access Week round-up materials. And, of course, there's Open Access Week 2011 to look forward to!

(based on the [An Open Access Week](#) letter from SPARC)

## Serbia KoBSON contributes to DOAJ



At the EIFL 2010 General Assembly (GA) hosted by University of Lund, Sweden, the [Directory of Open Access journals \(DOAJ\)](#), which is located at the University of Lund, conducted a training session for all GA participants.

As result of contacts made at that session, Serbia: KoBSON (Serbian Library Consortium for Coordinated Acquisition) and the National Library worked with DOAJ to add 21 new Serbian Open Access journals to DOAJ. In the last few days metadata for more than 4,800 articles was deposited (using easy to use tools developed by Lund for uploading XML).

This cooperation was a very successful one. We encourage other EIFL partner countries to follow their example in order to provide wider access for their open access journals.

## EIFL-IP update

### Focus on training and international policy work

The last quarter of the year has been busy for EIFL-IP with two milestone events and preparation for upcoming WIPO committee meetings.

#### SEMINAR IN VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

The international seminar in Vilnius to promote and encourage take-up of "Copyright for Librarians", the curriculum developed by the Berkman Center at Harvard Law School for EIFL was attended by library school representatives and EIFL-IP librarians from twelve countries from the region. A round table discussion on the teaching of copyright to librarians raised the needs of library school staff, and discussed the current status of the teaching of copyright. In some countries such as Estonia, copyright is taught to undergraduate and masters students as part of a programme related to information ethics. In Belarus it falls under the courses on the information market. In Lithuania, it is part of a general course on information law, where copyright is becoming increasingly important because of the many issues arising from large scale digitisation projects, orphan works and the sharing of content. The curriculum was hailed by participants as a welcome addition to existing material because it is up-to-date and is aimed specially at librarians. In contrast to existing textbooks, which can be legalistic and focusing on copyright protections, the curriculum is practical and written from the perspective of providing access to copyrighted content.



The seminar was enriched by presentations from Andrey Zemskov, Institute of Culture, Moscow on the teaching copyright to librarians in Russia; a description of the copyright component in the new EU TEMPUS Project Masters Programme On Library And Information Science for Armenia, Georgia, Uzbekistan by Natia Gabrichidze from Ilia State University Library and a discussion of the first translation by Stela Filipi Matutinovic, University of Belgrade in Serbia under the auspices of the EU TEMPUS Project New Library Services at Western Balkan universities.

We are very grateful to Professor William (Terry) Fisher who introduced the concepts in the curriculum to the library faculty group, conducted a training session on Module 1 Copyright and the Public Domain for Lithuanian librarians and gave a public lecture to a packed audience at the Ministry of Culture. Although the project has formally ended, the Berkman Center continues to show a commitment, assigning some current law students to undertake further improvements. It was agreed that there should be a mechanism to alert translators as to what changes have been made to the text, and a page where translators can log their work to avoid any duplication of efforts. A mailing list was established to share information and updates, which will be expanded to include all those who have an interest in the topic.

## TRAINING IN CAMBRIDGE, UK

At the end of October, participants from nine countries took part in the EIFL-IP Advanced training in copyright, advocacy and presentation skills in Cambridge, UK. Kimberley Isbell from the Berkman Center taught from three modules of "[Copyright for Librarians](#)". This was followed by sessions by a variety of speakers on how to interpret national copyright laws, updates on national advocacy plans, how to organise a national advocacy campaign, and some hot copyright topics in the US. As so much of our work is about communication and presentation, the final day comprised Presentation & Media Training with tips for how to develop a more influential speaking style, planning and structuring material effectively and communicating clear messages.



Dr Tim Hubbard from the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute joined us to talk about the value of open data for researchers, featuring the story of the Human Genome Project, which raised questions about the issue of technology transfer in developing countries. We are very grateful to Cambridge University Press (CUP) for organising a tour of Cambridge University Library, a legal deposit library, with its special Darwin and Newton collections, and for hosting a reception at the CUP bookshop.

## International policy work at WIPO

November is a busy month with two important Committee meetings and a seminar on emerging licensing schemes at WIPO. The WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) will meet to discuss, among other issues, the proposal by the African Group for a "Draft WIPO Treaty on Exceptions and Limitations for the Disabled, Educational and Research Institutions, and Libraries". An important issue will be to agree a strategy for moving forward on all the issues concerning exceptions and limitations in a way that does not delay the proposal for blind, visually impaired and other reading disabled persons put forward by Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay and Mexico.

Later in the month, the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property will continue its detailed work implementing the WIPO Development Agenda. While the work of this Committee is more technical, it is just as important because it is working on project proposals in areas such as Intellectual Property, Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), the Digital Divide and Access to Knowledge to which libraries can contribute.

### FOSS ILS pilots and case studies - revisiting past successes

In 2008, the EIFL FOSS program saw a range of libraries across the network evaluating and potentially migrating to two FOSS ILS tools: Koha and Evergreen. The [case studies from five of these projects](#) were disseminated upon completion in 2009. Now we are taking the opportunity to follow up with these stories and see what has happened since the pilot period came to an end.

#### Nepal case study

Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya (MPP), a non-profit, non-governmental library in Nepal with over 32,000 monographs and periodicals, wished to move to a FOSS ILS and had already evaluated Koha as a possibility for their ILS and decided to also pilot Evergreen. [Read the original Nepal Evergreen Case Study.](#)

2010 Update: Although the installation of Evergreen was successful, issues still remained with regards to migration of records in MARC21 standard. Because of this the library decided that Koha was the better FOSS option for their context. Records from the in-house ILS are being converted into MARC standard and imported into Koha – so far over 5,000 records have been migrated this way. When the migration reaches 10,000 records, MPP plans to open the OPAC to the public.

#### Zimbabwe case study

Midlands State University Library has four sites, a collection of over 70,000 volumes and serves over 12,000 students. Their pilot to explore moving to the Evergreen FOSS ILS was driven by both financial concerns and the evidence of an existing international technical support community on the web. [Read the original Zimbabwe Evergreen Case Study.](#)

2010 Update: Taking a similar path to the Nepali example, MSU is now using both Koha and Evergreen alongside their existing proprietary library management system. Obviously running several systems in tandem requires a great deal of effort, so in December a formal evaluation of Koha and Evergreen will be undertaken. It will be done in consultation with the circulation desk staff themselves and a final decision will be made as to which system to move to in early 2011.

#### Armenia case study

The Fundamental Scientific Library of the National Academy of Sciences in Armenia has a wealth of historic scientific documents numbering more than 3 million in hard copy alone. For reasons of cost and technical resource, and to display leadership as a national centre of excellence, they decided to migrate from an ALEPH / WinISIS system to the Evergreen FOSS ILS. [Read the original Armenia Evergreen Case Study.](#)

2010 Update: The Fundamental Scientific Library team produced an Armenian version of the Evergreen user interface – their work has now spread across all 29 libraries of the National Academy of Sciences. They have also shared their knowledge with libraries in neighbouring Georgia. A Russian localization of Evergreen has been produced. The Fundamental Scientific Library has now pushed forward its interest in FOSS tools by delivering the Open Access journals Armenian Journal of Mathematics and the Armenian Journal of Physics via the Eprints software.

## Malawi case study

Mzuzu University Library has a collection of over 16,000 volumes and 200 journal titles. They chose to pilot the Koha FOSS ILS to gain cost efficiencies and to move towards a standardised record format. [Read the original Malawi Koha Case Study.](#)

2010 Update: Mzuzu University has become a popular training ground for Koha, and the lessons learned from the project have been integrated into the University's Bachelor's Degree programme in Library and Information Science. Most institutions in the MALICO network have now used at least the cataloguing module, with some having extended further to the circulation, OPAC, acquisitions and report modules.

## Launching into the future

A Call for Participation for new pilots and case studies was issued in October 2010. For this call the scope was broad; any aspect of FOSS use in libraries was eligible, with the exception of ILS since that area was covered previously (see above). So far, a range of proposals have been submitted from all regions of the EIFL network – topics include digital asset management, serials management, disability aids for library users, mobile phone integration, and much more. The announcement of selected projects will be shared in the Jan-Feb newsletter.

Meanwhile if you have stories of FOSS usage in your own library, please contact Simon Ball, the FOSS Programme Manager at [simon.ball\[at\]eifl.net](mailto:simon.ball@eifl.net) so that we can share your experiences with others.

## EIFL-PLIP update

### PLIP takes off

PLIP grantees are now six months into their projects and they already have significant achievements to share.

#### **Zavidovići Public Library, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Young people in Zavidovići are making a film of their town, with the aim of promoting tourism. Their inspiration follows the opening of the public library's multi-media youth centre which aims to accommodate schoolchildren who spend many hours each week waiting for buses. [Learn more.](#)

#### **Lveate Centrestone Public Library/Supplementary Teaching Education Project (STEP), Cambodia**

The Lveate Centrestone Public LibrarySTEP project has recorded 51 oral history interviews. The project will create a digital archive focused on the brutal Khmer Rouge regime. The archive will be available to communities, teachers and pupils as a learning and teaching resource. [Learn more.](#)

### **Panguipulli Public Library no. 296, Chile**

Farmers in the remote, mountainous province of Valdivia are learning how to use computers, the Internet and social networking skills. One farmer set up a Facebook page and after a little exploring, linked up with his sister in Argentina, whom he had not seen for over 10 years. [Learn more.](#)

### **Ghana Public Library Board, Ghana**

Ninety young people, including 57 women from Tamale and communities around the town in Northern Ghana have graduated from their library's Information Technology course. The Northern Regional Library has teamed up with a local NGO, HACEP, to build youth leadership through computer training. [Learn more.](#)

### **Kenya National Library Service (KNLS), Kenya**

Librarians and health workers have started to work together to improve the health of communities in Kenya. The KNLS has installed 10 new computers in two rural libraries, and each library now has an Internet-connected "health corner" where librarians and health workers can work together to improve health information flows. [Learn more.](#)

### **Utena A. and M. Miskiniai Public Library, Lithuania**

Librarians at the Utena A. and M. Miskiniai Public Library in Utena have completed the first modules of a computer game that aims to encourage children to go back to school. Every morning, children come to the library rather than go to school, and the library wants to encourage the children to engage with their teachers and the school system again. [Learn more.](#)

### **Braka Miladinovci Radoviz Public Library, Macedonia**

Ten young unemployed people have found jobs after attending computer and job application skills training offered by the Braka Miladinovci Radoviz Public Library. The library has already trained over 20 people through their "Creative minds create job opportunities" programme. [Learn more.](#)

### **Public Libraries Coordination, Mexico**

The Public Libraries Coordination in the State of Yucutan has begun collecting text, audio, film and photographs for a digital library focused on Mayan language and culture. The library aims to preserve Mayan language and heritage and to create resources for Mayan people. [Learn more.](#)

### **Ulaanbaatar City Public Library, Mongolia**

Blind people in Mongolia have selected their top 12 books for digitisation through the Ulaanbaatar City Public Library's DAISY talking books project. The library has built a studio and is migrating analogue talking books to digital format, using Daisy technology. [Learn more.](#)

### **Saula Public Library, Nepal**

The Saula Public Library's handicraft development project has attracted 45 local handicraft workers – and seven deaf children from local schools – to its first training programme. The project is building handicraft workers' traditional design skills, and extending their skills to include computers and digital design. [Learn more.](#)

### **Public Library "Radislav Nikčević", Serbia**

The Public Library's Agrolib-Ja project, which includes an online market for local farmers' produce and crafts, and trains farmers in computer skills, has inspired the local government to completely renovate a network of five rural libraries. [Learn more.](#)

### **Lubuto Library Project, Zambia**

Teachers and students are working together to create a pioneering computer game that will teach Zambia's vulnerable children literacy skills in local languages. The library is using the Open Source software, Etoys, and computers donated by One Laptop Per Child to create a game that links mother tongue language learning to literacy. [Learn more.](#)

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