WHO WE ARE

> EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) is an international not-for-profit organization that works with libraries in developing and transition countries to enable access to knowledge for education, learning, research and sustainable community development.

Our strategy has three main goals:

To advance a fair and sustainable transition from paywalled to open access content

Major achievements in 2022 -

- 14 agreements with publishers were in place enabling authors from EIFL partner countries to publish for free, or at reduced prices, in open access in 2,280 journals. 1,471 authors benefited from these agreements and they published 1,679 articles in open access. Savings in Article Processing Charges (APCs) for authors and their institutions in EIFL partner countries amounted to US$2,350,506.
- Read & Publish agreements, in which researchers can access journals and also publish articles in open access without paying APCs: In 2022, Estonia, Fiji, Ghana, Latvia, Lithuania and Palestine signed up for the EIFL-negotiated agreement with Cambridge University Press, and Latvia and Slovenia joined the agreement with SAGE Publications.
- We provided advice to institutions that were developing open access policies. Seven institutions (in Armenia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Moldova and Uganda) adopted policies mandating deposit of research output in open access repositories, and eight more open access policies (in Armenia, Botswana, Ghana, Kenya Kyrgyzstan and Lesotho) are under discussion by university administrations.

To support research, teaching and learning

Major achievements in 2022 -

- We helped libraries to provide remote access to licensed e-resources by negotiating with technology service providers. In 2022, 208 libraries subscribed to EIFL-negotiated remote access services.
- We advocated for national copyright law reform to encourage the adoption of modern copyright laws that maximize access to content:
  - Participated in copyright law review processes in Kenya, Kosovo, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda.
  - Contributed to ending the book famine for persons with print disabilities by supporting ratification and implementation of the Marrakesh Treaty in Armenia, Kenya, Ukraine and Vietnam.
- At the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), we supported a new proposal by the African Group for a work programme on copyright limitations and exceptions. Member states agreed on specific lines of action for preservation, research and cross-border uses.
- We advocated for creation and maintenance of open public infrastructures that enable the publication and sharing of research in open access journals and open repositories:
  - Contributed to adoption of national open science policies enabling open public infrastructures in Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Romania, Slovenia and Ukraine, and draft policies that are now being discussed in three countries (Armenia, Botswana and Moldova) and at the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture.
  - EIFL support led 65 institutions, in Ethiopia,

Georgia, Ghana and Kenya, to launch open access journal publishing platforms using Open Journal Systems software.

- EIFL support led to improvements in the quality of 98 open access journals and repositories.
- EIFL support led to the launch of eight new open access repositories in Democratic Republic of Congo and Ghana.
- EIFL coordinated the writing of DSpace 7 user documentation and hosted a DSpace 7 webinar.
- We contributed resources to the UNESCO Open Science Toolkit to support implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science.
- To enhance open science and open research skills of librarians and researchers, we:
  - Hosted two train-the-trainer bootcamps for open science trainers.
  - Contributed to the development of 15 courses in Ukrainian on open science for Master's and PhD students, which received accreditation in four universities in Ukraine.
  - Supported the development of a handbook on open access in Kyrgyzstan that is being distributed to universities across the country.

To foster digital transformation of public library services

Major achievements in 2022 -

- We built digital literacy skills and advocated for improvements of ICT infrastructure in Uganda:

- With partners, we continued with our training-of-trainers programme for 27 public and community libraries. By the end of 2022, over 11,000 vulnerable people, mostly women and youth, had completed digital skills training, delivered by our trained librarians. The training programme attracted a donation of 10 computers from MTN Foundation Uganda for one of the participating libraries.
- Continued our relationship with the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC). In 2022, UCC provided 10 computers and internet connectivity to 10 public and community libraries.
- Produced a series of four microlearning videos for public librarians and public library trainers who deliver ICT training in their communities.
- We advocated at the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) for inclusion of public libraries in national ICT development plans. In 2022, within the framework of the IGF Dynamic Coalition of Public Access in Libraries, we released the final report of a study providing an overview of evidence of the impacts and benefits of public access to computers and the internet in libraries.
- We selected four libraries (in Colombia, Kenya, Lithuania and Serbia) for the EIFL Public Library Innovation Award for enabling learning through play. The award was supported by the LEGO Foundation.