

EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme: an update on 2022

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Since 2017 EIFL-PLIP focus

to strengthen and support continuous transformation of public library services in Africa

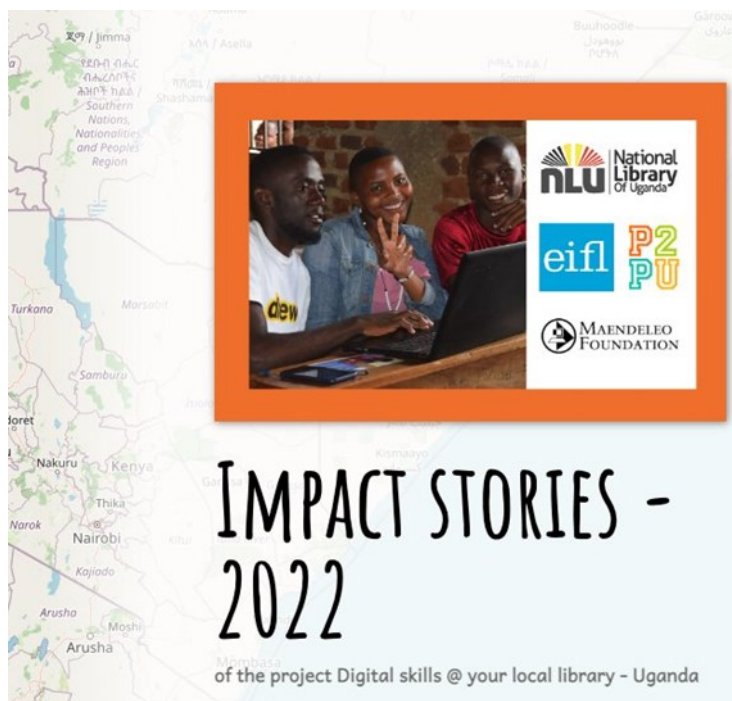


What we do

- Foster digital transformation of public library services to advance community development:
 - **Build capacity** of public library systems in Africa
 - **Advocate** with governments **for improved digital infrastructure** in public libraries
 - Empower public library innovators through **the Initiative for Young African Library Innovators (IYALI)**
 - Advance innovation through **EIFL Public Library Innovation Awards**

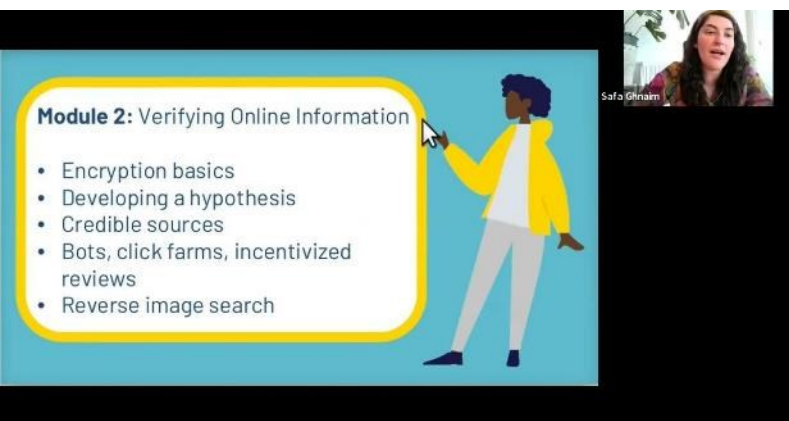
Build capacity of Public Library systems in Africa (I)

- A project '**Digital skills and inclusion through libraries in Uganda**' (Jan 2021 – March 2023)
- Working with 25 libraries across Uganda to enable youth and women to participate in digital society
- bit.ly/EIFLIAUG



Build capacity of Public Library systems in Africa (II)

Building on results of CPD/ToT programmes in Africa (2018-2020), organized **Virtual T-breaks** for the network of public librarians-trainers engaged and sharing good practice



Module 2: Verifying Online Information

- Encryption basics
- Developing a hypothesis
- Credible sources
- Bots, click farms, incentivized reviews
- Reverse image search

Safa Ghannam

Since launch in June 2021, **ten** Virtual T-breaks on different themes, e.g., *online training resources, digital inquirer, microlearning, misinformation*

Build capacity of Public Library systems in Africa (III)

Launched **EIFL-PLIP's Small Bites series**. So far, we produced three 5-6 min video lessons:

- [Managing Workshop Expectations](#)
- [How to evaluate your library's training programme](#)
- [Outcomes of library programmes and services](#)



What to evaluate?

- Satisfaction
- Learning
- Behaviour change
- Impact



Advocate for improved digital infrastructure in public libraries

- Supporting in national advocacy by library authorities/ partner organizations in Uganda
- Internet Governance Forum's (IGF) **Dynamic Coalition for 'Public Access in Libraries' (DC-PAL)**
 - Soon coming out: Final Report on '**Impacts of Public Access to Computers and Internet in Libraries**' ([Working version](#) published in Dec. 2021)
 - In preparation **IGF 2022 DC-PAL session** ['Towards User Centered Internet Governance'](#) – at 8.15 am UTC on Dec. 2 , 2022

Empower through the Initiative of Young African Library Innovators (IYALI)

On May 29 – June 4, 2022, two public library innovators from Kenya and Uganda travelled to Romania for the IYALI Library Visits and Knowledge Exchange programme, and Occupy Library 2022 conference: <https://t.co/hjsYFpkixr>



Advance innovation through recognition by Public Library Innovation Award (I)



In Jan. 2022, announced [three winners](#) of the 15th EIFL Public Library Innovation Award for **Supporting education recovery during Covid-19 pandemic:**

- KENYA - [Nakuru Public Library](#)
- UGANDA - [Nakaseke Public Library](#)
- BANGLADESH – [Mobile library project 'Wheels of Wisdom'](#) by the Grow Your Reader Foundation

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Advance innovation through recognition by Public Library Innovation Award (II)



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The 16th EIFL Public Library Innovation Award is [NOW OPEN](#):

– **Deadline:** November 14, 2022

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Future plans – 2022/2023

- Continue work on building capacity of library systems in Africa, support advocacy for better connectivity, and inspire public library service innovation through Initiative for African library innovators and EIFL award
- Explore new opportunities for partnerships and projects