



Lubuto Library Project

Bringing knowledge and enlightenment to Africa's street kids, orphans, and other vulnerable children

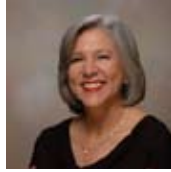


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A Few Words from the SLA Leadership

SLA President Gloria Zamora:

"The Lubuto Library Project has become a huge success growing into a professional development agency serving the needs of African children throughout that nation. The founders of the Lubuto Project took one idea to which they were committed and have turned it into a mission to serve these children. It shows what commitment and determination can do to start a movement. On the occasion of SLA's centennial I am proud that SLA members embraced the vision of the leaders of this project and have been able to play a part in its success. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success."



SLA President-elect Anne Caputo:

"Congratulations to the Lubuto Library Project and Jane Kinney Meyers for creating and sustaining what is truly a 'special library' project. Your vision of libraries embedded in local communities serving the unique needs of Africa's most vulnerable children exemplifies the best ideals of all information professionals."



The Embassy of the Republic of Zambia welcomes Special Library Association members to celebrate their centennial international reception on Zambian soil in recognition of SLA support to the Lubuto Library Project

During the last several of SLA's first 100 years, individual and corporate members and chapters have literally and dramatically helped make the Lubuto Library Project a vital new development initiative in southern Africa, creating opportunities for equitable education through model library services.

In recognition of SLA's global support to Lubuto, **Ambassador Dr. Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika** (a member of Lubuto's Advisory Board) has welcomed SLA to the Zambian Embassy for a special evening to celebrate our centennial international reception and SLA's support



of the Lubuto Project. As has so much of what the Lubuto Project has been able to accomplish, this gracious reception on Zambia soil is made possible by the very generous support of Dow Jones & Company.

Dow Jones & Co. – Lubuto's super champions!

Lubuto's relationship with Dow Jones & Co. began when SLA chose Jane Kinney Meyers as the 2007 recipient of the Dow Jones Factiva Leadership Award, after which Clare Hart accepted our invitation to join Lubuto's Advisory Board. Dow Jones underwrote Jane's attendance at the following year's annual conference, duplicated and distributed DVDs of the opening of the first library in Zambia, and allowed us to introduce SLA members to Lubuto at their expo booth. During this period, **Anne Caputo, Lorraine Bell** and other Dow Jones staff joined in to promote support within both SLA and Dow Jones & Co.



Then things really took off! Dow Jones launched an enterprise-wide employee book drive with the goal of creating a complete Lubuto library collection – and has found many creative ways to generate book donations and funds for purchasing books. Then they decided that **Dow Jones would donate the funds for construction of the library** that would house the collection! And Senior Vice President **Clare Hart**, well known to all of us in SLA, plans to go to Zambia for the opening of that library.

Meanwhile, SLA President-elect **Anne Caputo** has worked hard to mobilize volunteers and supporters at Dow Jones, SLA and elsewhere, bringing 6 friends to join other DC SLA members in packing up our second collection to ship to Zambia, leveraging Dow Jones support to Lubuto as an incentive to get DC SLA members to fill out its strategic planning survey, and finding many other ways to engage Dow Jones and its employees in support of Lubuto.

Lubuto's info pros create very special libraries!

In this special newsletter edition we wish to express our deepest gratitude to all of the Lubuto Library Project's great SLA champions!

Lubuto's Latest News

Our April 16th news flash told of the very successful introduction of the One Laptop Per Child XO laptops at the first Lubuto Library and of the exciting exhibition of paintings by the participants in Lubuto's visual arts program at a private gallery in Lusaka.



Since that time, we have been very busy working with Zambian Open Community Schools (ZOCS) to seek support from the European Union in Zambia to build three more Lubuto Libraries. And we are also entering into a partnership with Zambia's Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development who would like its donors to support creation of Lubuto Libraries at various sites throughout the country. This agreement complements our MOU with the Ministry of Education, who have asked LLP to provide national leadership in library services for children. Understanding of and commitment to our high-quality libraries with innovative programs for children and youth is growing and spreading on all levels in Zambia.



We are finalizing plans to begin building the library in Lusaka's Garden Compound for which Dow Jones provided construction funds and whose collection was packed by DC SLA volunteers. And well-loved, the first Lubuto Library at the Fountain of Hope had nearly 10,000 visits in 2008.

LLP is powered by dedicated SLA volunteers

Michelle Campbell has worked tirelessly creating and maintaining the Lubuto.org website. **Stacy Langner** of the SubSaharan Africa chapter is transforming our organization with her extensive KM and international development expertise. And **Caroline Huggins** and **Emily Gould** of Baltimore's Village Learning Center are working hard to help create a union catalog of Lubuto Library holdings.

SLA's **Kenlee Ray** and **Richard Huffine** organized major chapter initiatives that garnered hundreds of excellent donated books and a great SLA crew to pack a 4,000-volume collection for shipment to Africa. They spearheaded book collections by **Laurie Calhoun**, **Barbara Follensbee-Moore** and **Eileen Deegan**.

DC area LIS schools gave some of the most committed volunteers to Lubuto: **Rivka Yerushalmi** from the U. of Maryland and from Catholic U., **Ann Buki**, **Christine Stoessel** and **Karen Martin**. Drexel's i-School librarian **Tim Siftar** has been a creative and loyal Lubuto champion for several years.

DC SLA's **Mary Talley Garcia** and **Lucy Leggiero** developed a program for introducing the OLPC laptops in our libraries. **Victor Monti** and **Eileen Rourke** have helped DC SLA members interested in international work understand what is unique about Lubuto as a professional development services agency. **Eve Wider** helped us introduce our best practices in sustainable development to international development faculty and information professionals in Pittsburgh. New Lubuto volunteer **Laurie Crunk** joins her Alabama colleague **Tatum Preston** in bringing new energy, talents and ideas to our work. We look forward to **Susan Maclean's** contributions to our libraries' music programming.

And our very special friend and helper, Division Cabinet Chair **Ann Sweeney**, who came to Zambia for the opening of our first library, remains an important force in our organization.

***Professor Paul Wasserman
1924-2009***

We remember with profound gratitude the support, mentoring and guidance in international librarianship received over thirty years from SLA Hall of Fame honoree Paul Wasserman, founder of the University of Maryland's College of Information Science, who passed away on May 8.



Other SLA members contribute personal and corporate giving reflecting the best of the information profession

Hundreds of our colleagues have very generously supported our work, and here are some that particularly reflect their talents, creativity and professional excellence:

Information entrepreneur **Phil Brown** is our second largest individual monetary donor, and additionally has found inventive ways to raise money for Lubuto through his enterprises' marketing activities.

National Geographic's Susan Fifer Canby serves on our Advisory Board and with her colleagues at NGS has mobilized support for shipping our collections to Africa and donations of hundreds of NGS's excellent books.

Over the past three years, **Judy Harris of Bryan Cave LLP** has raised over \$3,000 for us during her firm's annual celebration of National Library Week.

An anonymous SLA donor made an extraordinarily generous donation on International Special Libraries Day in honor of SLA Fellow **Joan Gervino**.

Bill Noorlander not only donated funds from a NY-SLA award he received, but his company, **BST America**, gave a generous holiday donation in lieu of customer gifts.

In the same vein, **Richard Huffine** donated \$500 of his 2008 Dow Jones Leadership Award to Lubuto.

Past SLA president **Cindy Hill** is finding ways to support Lubuto with her upcoming wedding!

Rita Ormsby converted an author's appreciation for her outstanding information support to a \$1,000 donation to Lubuto.

Karen Vagts has given very generously to Lubuto "in recognition of what members of SLA can accomplish to help library users around the world."

Chris Matthews and **Rivka Yerushalmi** have also given major financial support – right when we needed it!

In addition to widespread individual member support, the **New York** and **DC SLA** chapters have, through friendly membership challenges, holiday raffles, donation of speaker honoraria and other creative mechanisms, provided significant financial support to Lubuto over the past several years.

Dan Trefethen and **Cris Kinghorn** connected Lubuto with potential Seattle corporate foundation donors in advance of the 2008 SLA conference.

DC SLA members **Dav Robertson** and **Jessica Beauchamp** donated One Laptop Per Child XO laptops when they read about their introduction at our first library with 10 XOs we received from **Nicholas Negroponte** thanks to **Clare Hart** making sure he knew about the Lubuto Library Project.

