

Background & inspiration - 'shipping container library':
Grew from volunteer reading program, thousands of books from UK libraries, donated shipping container & fittings

Features:

- Book collection in non-circulating reading room
- Bookstore organization
- English-language books
- Mostly well-illustrated non-fiction
- Adult volunteers reading aloud

Impact and lessons of 'container library':

- Library "overwhelmed" by demand—container space inadequate
- Increased English skills, literacy, general knowledge—many users pass secondary school exams, win scholarships
- Benefit to entire community—sharing the library—Fountain of Hope relations with community improve
- Children reading aloud to one another
- Young patrons learn to "treasure" and safeguard books
- High school students travel "home" to library to study
- Opened a path for children to communicate and connect with society

Street kids "discover" volleyball in library book (2001)...
...and it becomes a favorite sport (2005)

Lubuto Library Project's GOALS-


Reach street kids with libraries to:

- Enjoy good books and general learning
- Improve English-language speaking and literacy
- Expand means of self-expression
- Raise self-esteem
- Provide a **safe haven** and connection with adults who care





Lubuto Library Project formed in 2005 - Built first Lubuto Library at Fountain of Hope drop-in centre, Lusaka, Zambia



Sustainable library development: Lubuto's principles and best practices

Underlying Principles:

- Development of a sustainable and professional organization – not 'charity' dependent on individual 'passion' or largesse – and NOT a book donation program
- Libraries should be a transformational force within societies (OCLC 2008)

Effective and sustainable library development requires:

- Respect for national and local institutions and culture
- Community ownership
- Professionalism, innovation, accountability, transparency in the development agency


Respect for national institutions

- Coordination with national plans/programs ensures efficiency and relevance
- Government support is essential to sustainability



MOU between Lubuto and Ministry of Education - Lubuto to be included in education sector development plans and budget; new partnership with Ministry of Sport, Youth & Child Development

Permanent Secretary of Education recommends Lubuto Librarians in Zambia's civil service

Support and oversight from other pertinent government ministries, local government, traditional authorities

Understand culture and world views

Lubuto works *within* culture to understand history, world views, current issues and standards



Zambian leaders and professionals provide guidance and support through Lubuto boards and joint planning




Zambian library professionals engaged in Lubuto library development and training

Opening Celebration for first Lubuto Library, September 21, 2007

Guest of Honor Dr. Kenneth David Kaunda, founding president of the Republic of Zambia reads Caps for Sale, enacted by street children (below)

Lubuto Advisory Board member Mulenga Kapwepwe

"...we're...holding on to humanity here"
President Kenneth David Kaunda, on the first Lubuto Library

Address specific needs of local environment

Relevance depends on understanding the individuals to be served, their needs and the organizational and general cultural context

Library hosts are community-based organizations serving vulnerable children, identified with Government — isolated efforts not effective or sustainable

Outreach to hard-to-reach children: First Lubuto librarians are former street children

Buildings designed to meet specific needs, reflect traditional culture, reconnect children with society — preserving cultural heritage with architecture

Community

Respect for the community is key to ownership and ensuring that those critical for success become integral participants

Lubuto's programs are designed to reconnect vulnerable children with society

Valuing oral traditions while introducing quality children's literature

Sharing target group benefits with broader society

Inclusion: Lubuto recognizes that vulnerable children are worthy of our best professional efforts - to be shared society-wide

Ownership

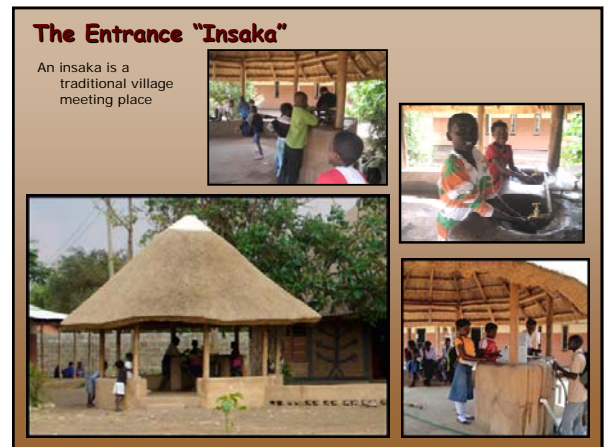
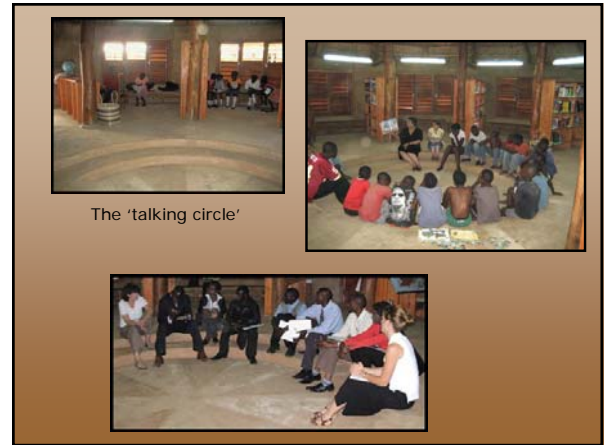
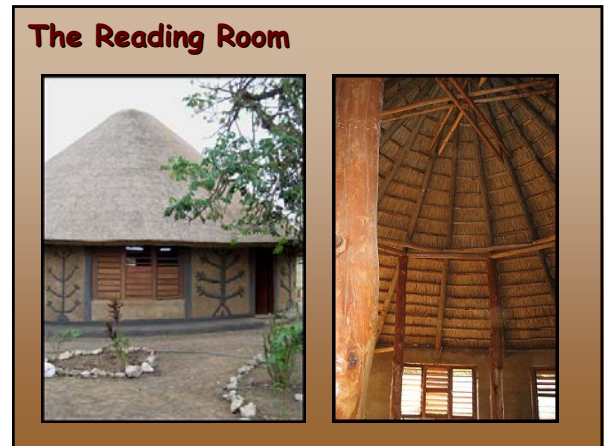
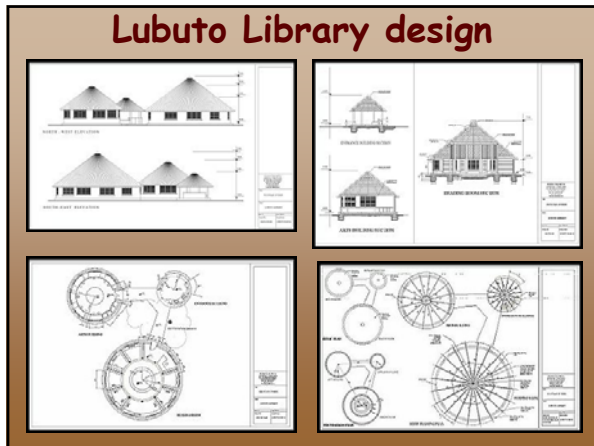
Lubuto Libraries are *owned and run* by established community-based organizations that serve vulnerable children in other ways - communities participate in library design and construction

Indigenous building design and focus on traditional culture deepen sense of ownership

Policies developed *with* host organizations
Specially-developed organization system

Lubuto Library buildings



Thatched roofed structures based on vernacular architecture
Approx. \$80,000 for construction of 3-building library compound
First library now a Zambian tourist destination




Ownership: Capacity Building

Capacity building for sustainability of Lubuto's innovative program is needed simultaneously on many levels

Lubuto trains library staff while strengthening local training capacity

Lubuto and Zambia Library Association partner in **Zambian Board on Books for Young People**, to develop national capacity to create excellent bilingual children's books while preserving traditional culture on Lubuto.org wiki



Fulbright scholar will teach UNZA library and education students and with IRA volunteers develop book-based literacy program

Ownership: Public/Private Partnerships

Coordination with local professional networks and activities



Private sector partnerships in Zambia; TV show sponsorship to generate construction revenues

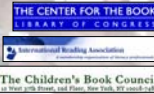


International and multinational partnerships



Professionalism

Too many 'book' or 'library' programs are not planned or implemented by library professionals, and 'book dumping' by charitable programs is commonplace, without consideration or adequate evaluation of impact

Lubuto engages top professional expertise in every aspect of its operations, on its boards and Collections/Programs Advisory Council



Excellent, well-balanced collection building is guided by experts in children's literature and professionals working with Lubuto Libraries







First-rate targeted programs are offered by **Zambian professionals**

Appropriate technologies are determined by careful understanding of need, context and relevance


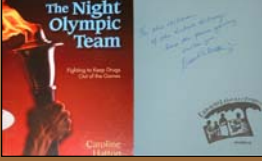
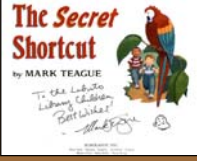
BOOKS FOR LUBUTO LIBRARIES

Professional collection development policies and guidelines, specially developed organization system

Lubuto connects the most vulnerable children with the best authors and illustrators and donors to Lubuto Library collections

with books inscribed especially for them


Lubuto Libraries are recognized as a model for library services to disadvantaged youth *anywhere*

AS A MODEL OF SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH

PROMOTING READING!

THE Lubuto LIBRARY PROJECT AND THE UNIVERSALITY OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES FOR YOUTH

Outreach and programmes for street children

Lubuto offers innovations in services and psychosocial support to vulnerable children. Regular outreach to street children bring them to the library and participation in library programmes:

- Reading
- Visual arts
- Motivational mentoring
- Performing arts and storytelling
- Health & HIV/AIDS prevention
- Environment
- OLPC XO laptops
- Oral culture preservation and book making
- Photography in Nature

Reading Program

Visual Arts Program

Weekly art program led by Zambian artist/teacher Mwamba Mulangala

Exhibition and sale at Henry Tayali Gallery February 17, 2009

ZAMBIA NATIONAL VISUAL ARTS COUNCIL (UAC)

Performing Arts & Storytelling Program



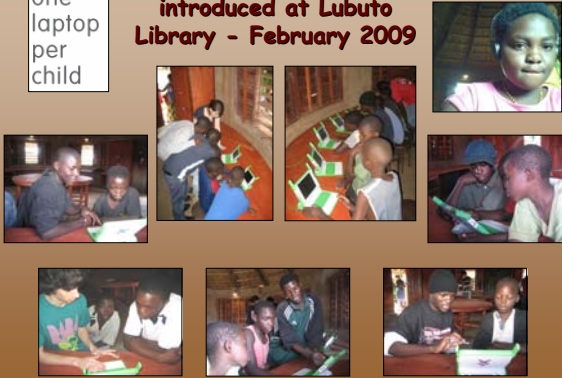
Motivational Mentoring Program

Motivational counsellor
Dr. Lawrence Mukuka

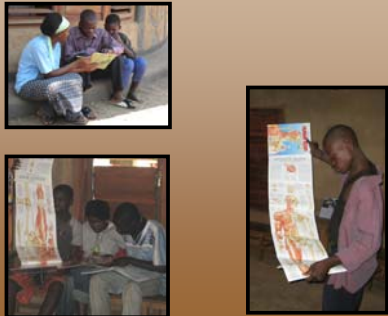


one laptop per child

OLPC XO laptops introduced at Lubuto Library - February 2009



Health & HIV/AIDS Programme



Environment Programme




Oral culture preservation and bookmaking:

Children transcribe stories from elders/storytellers to:


- Create their own library materials
- Re-connect with oral traditions
- Preserve traditional culture

Establishment of Zambia Board on Books for Young People in partnership with ZLS



Photography in Nature Programme

Visiting artist
Joanne Miller







Children illustrate stories of caring for environment with photos made into books

Collection-Building/Awareness Programme

Lubuto works with US students and adult volunteers to:

- Collect, select, classify, process, and ship books for Lubuto Libraries
- Raise awareness in US of AIDS impact on African children through positive action and messages
- Spring 2010: Sidwell Friends middle school minimester





Julian Bond at Lubuto film premiere

APpLe in Africa

Dear Auburn Public Library Friends,
My world travels have taken me to Africa. Actually, I am visiting a wonderful library in Zambia. It is called the Lubuto Library, and I love it here. This library serves children who may not have a place to live or a grown-up to take care of them. At the library, they are able to look at books and listen to someone read them stories. Sometimes these children are not able to go to school, but this library gives them a place to go to learn. Lubuto is a word in the Bemba language (a language spoken in Zambia) that means knowledge, enlightenment, and light. To learn more, visit www.lubuto.org or ask Miss Ashley, she can help you find more information about this library. Keep reading!

Your Friend,
APpLe



APpLe in front of the Lubuto Library in Zambia (Photo and information provided courtesy of the Lubuto Library Project, www.lubuto.org)

Innovation and development

...from the ground up







Professional foundation provides a framework for understanding fundamental issues, identifying needs and developing programs to meet them

A small, needs-focused organization can adapt to local situations and continue to evolve appropriate systems and services

Transparency and accountability

Numbers of books provided—or people in a community to be served—are not adequate measures of library impact

- Training includes measurement of libraries' use and impact
- Library programs evaluated quantitatively and qualitatively
- Library materials assessed by type, level, and subject matter to guide collection development policy
- Evaluation tools include statistics, observation, interviews, and correlation with success in school exams

Management/User Workshop, May 2008

People of the Lubuto Library Project in the U.S.



Filmmaker Silvina Fernandez-Duque



Partner agreements, Zambian director Stuart Yikona



President Jane Moyers, with Bono



Budget, planning and technology support, Ken Meyers



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Advisory Board member Mark Chona

ZOCS Partner Peter Sinyangwe

Lubuto founding friend, Kenny Hau

Volunteer Irene Leerschool

Librarians Naomi Mtanga, Stacy Langner and Maria Ronnäs

Mulenga Mulenga, next Lubuto librarian

Lubuto Library Project Volunteers and Supporters...

High Schools, i-Schools and Universities:

Dozens of individual faculty, librarian and student volunteers and institutional support from:

- American Int'l. School of Lusaka
- American University
- Catholic University of America
- Drexel University *i-School*
- Sidwell Friends, Edmund Burke, Green Acres, other DC-area schools
- George Washington University
- International School of Lusaka
- LearnServe Zambia
- Pratt Institute
- San Jose State University
- University of Alabama -Lubuto Alabama
- University of Maryland
- University of North Carolina
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Carolina LISSA
- University of Zambia

Associations:

- Friends of Lubuto Libraries
- International Board on Books for Young People
- Rotary Clubs
- Special Libraries Association and chapters
- U.S. Board on Books for Young People and IBBY
- Special Libraries Association

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Peter McDermott, CEO, Children's Investment Fund Foundation, UK (former Chief of UNICEF's HIV/AIDS Section and UNICEF Resident Representative to Zambia)
Suzi Peel, OVC policy expert; Vice President, Books of Hope, Washington, DC, USA
Jewell Stoddard, Director of Children's Services, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC, USA
Ellen R. Tise, Senior Director, Library & Information Services, Stellenbosch University, and 2007-9 IFLA President-elect, Stellenbosch, South Africa
Jim Wooten, retired ABC News *Nightline* Senior Correspondent and author, *We Are All the Same: A Story of a Boy's Courage and a Mother's Love* (soon to be a film starring Naomi Watts), Washington, DC, USA

Next steps:

- Garden Compound Lubuto Library, construction funded by Dow Jones & Co. - collection packed by DC SLA volunteers
- Proposal to the European Union in Zambia with Zambia Open Community Schools to construct 3 libraries, teacher training, child development policy and girls' outreach program
- Partnership with Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development for Lubuto Libraries in various Zambian sites - ILO
- Mumuni Lubuto Library with traditional authorities in rural southern province village of Nabukuyu
- St. Francis Community School Lubuto Library constructed by Univ. of San Francisco students as semester-abroad programs

Needed: baseline data and impact research

LUBUTO:

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