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Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) at the 2024 National Celebrations of the African Public Service Day 2024

KNLS participated in the Africa Public Service Day (APSD) National Celebrations. This was held at the Kenya School of Government (Kabete Campus) on June 22nd and 23rd, 2024 under the theme “Building a Resilient Education System: The Foundation of a Future Public Service to Revitalize the Economy. The Celebrations were organized by the Ministry of Public Service, Performance and Delivery Management, State Department for Public Service.

Participants were drawn from the Government Ministries and their MDAs, Public Institutions of higher learning, and some of the County Governments. KNLS was categorized under Group B, focusing on “Harnessing technology and digitization to drive economic growth, create jobs, and enhance the living standards of all Kenyans.” Our participation was marked by showcasing our cutting-edge innovative digital solutions and services, particularly emphasizing the virtual library (vitabu), digitization lab, and data center services.

Among the dignitaries who visited the KNLS exhibition booth was Mr. Amos N. Gathecha, EBS, NDC (K), Principal Secretary, State Department for Public Service. Our engagement with about 40 clients served by the KNLS team during the two days, included: providing information, answering queries, and offering hands-on experiences with our digital platforms and services. The positive feedback from the attendees underscored the value and impact of KNLS on the public service sector.

Attendees had the opportunity to interact with the VTABU platform, exploring its functionalities and the diverse collection of e-books, journals, and educational resources. Our team also displayed the digitization process, emphasizing the importance of preserving information and making it accessible in digital format. Our involvement in this event also aligned with the broader theme of building a resilient education system, laying a strong foundation for a future public service capable of revitalizing the economy.



Kenya National Library Service and KIPRA Sign MoU to Boost Public Access to Research Materials

The Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) and the Kenya Institute of Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPRA) have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at enhancing public access to research materials. The MoU, signed on June 16, 2024, will see KIPRA's extensive research materials uploaded to KNLS's vtabu platform.

The signing ceremony, held at KNLS headquarters, was graced by KNLS CEO Dr. Charles Nzivo along with other key officials. This collaboration is set to revolutionize access to public policy research in Kenya, providing researchers, students, policymakers, and the public with seamless access to crucial information.

"This MoU marks a significant milestone in our mission to democratize access to information," said Dr. Nzivo. "By integrating KIPRA's research materials into the vtabu platform, we are ensuring that valuable policy research is accessible to all Kenyans."

KIPRA representative echoed these sentiments, highlighting the importance of the partnership in supporting evidence-based decision-making and public engagement with policy research.

The integration of KIPRA's materials into vtabu is expected to significantly impact research and policy development in Kenya, fostering an informed and participatory society.

For more information and to access the research materials, visit www.knls.ac.ke or www.vtabu.knls.ac.ke.



Courtesy visit by Ms. Rita Marsham, to discuss possible areas of collaboration and partnership with KNLS



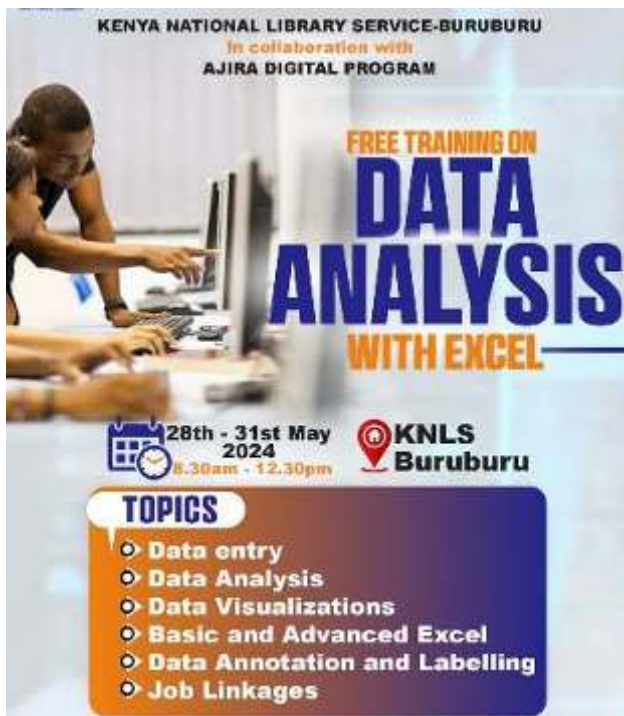
On the 6th of June 2024, Ms. Rita Marsham, daughter of the late Nicholas Kipyator Kiprono arap Biwott, paid a courtesy visit to KNLS. During her visit, Ms. Marsham toured our facilities and engaged in discussions about potential collaborations and partnerships aimed at enhancing our services.

"I am impressed by the work KNLS is doing and see great potential for impactful collaborations," she said. Her visit marks the beginning of what promises to be a fruitful partnership focused on enriching the library resources.

We are excited about the opportunities this collaboration may bring and look forward to working closely with Ms. Marsham to bring innovative changes to our library. This initiative aligns with our commitment to providing a dynamic and inclusive environment for all our clients.



KNLS in partnership with Ajira Digital to train youths in Data analysis



KNLS Buruburu, in partnership with Ajira Digital, successfully offered a free training program on Data Analysis using Excel. The programme was conducted from May 28th to May 31st, 2024. It attracted enthusiastic participation from about 40 young individuals eager to enhance their data management skills.

The training covered crucial topics such as data entry, data analysis, data visualization, basic and advanced Excel, data annotation and labeling, and job linkages. Participants gained hands-on experience and practical knowledge, significantly boosting their employability and career prospects in the data-driven job market.

The program was a remarkable success, with participants expressing their appreciation for the opportunity to learn and grow. The collaborative effort between KNLS and Ajira Digital highlighted the importance of such initiatives in preparing the next generation for the challenges and opportunities of the modern workforce.

As the training concluded, many participants felt equipped and inspired to apply their newfound skills in real-world scenarios, potentially transforming their career trajectories. The event underscored KNLS's ongoing commitment to fostering educational growth and Ajira Digital's dedication to bridging the digital skills gap among Kenyan youth.



KNLS donates books to Yali Alumni Chapter

Our inaugural episode, filmed at knls Buruburu, showcases the remarkable Faith Nzama, a Coffee Enthusiast. In a significant gesture of support for young leaders, the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) donated a collection of 2,344 books to the YALI Alumni Chapter. This generous contribution, made on May 24, 2024, aims to empower young leaders and support their educational journeys.

The diverse collection of books covers a wide range of subjects, providing valuable resources for personal and professional development. The donation underscores KNLS's commitment to fostering education and leadership in the community.

We're proud to contribute to the growth and development of our future leaders," said Madam Philomena Mwirigi, Director, Acquisition and Distribution. "These resources will play a crucial role in empowering young leaders, helping them to acquire knowledge and skills essential for their roles in society."

The YALI Alumni Chapter, part of the Young African Leaders Initiative, is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of African leaders through various programs and initiatives. This donation will enhance their resource pool, aiding in the development of effective and informed leaders.

The partnership between KNLS and YALI Alumni Chapter highlights the importance of collaboration in building a brighter future for Kenya. By providing access to quality educational materials, KNLS continues to support the nation's youth in their pursuit of knowledge and excellence.



KNLS hosts a captivating forum on storytelling for sustainable change



The Kenya National Library Service held a captivating forum on storytelling for sustainable change on May 3, 2024. This event, which was held at Maktaba Kuu, brought together enthusiasts and experts to explore the transformative power of storytelling and its role in promoting a sustainable future.

The forum highlighted how illuminating stories through art can inspire communities, influence policy, and drive social change. Participants engaged in discussions, workshops, and presentations that demonstrated the impact of storytelling on various aspects of sustainability, including environmental conservation, social equity, and economic development.

Attendees had the opportunity to hear from renowned storytellers, artists, and sustainability advocates who shared their experiences and insights. The event also featured interactive sessions where participants could develop their storytelling skills and learn how to effectively communicate messages of sustainability.

KNLS partners with Ajira Digital to offer Free Basic App Development Training.



The Kenya National Library Service in collaboration with Ajira Digital, offered a successful Free Basic App Development Training to the youth from 22nd to 26th April 2024. The training took place at Maktaba Kuu building, providing participants with an immersive learning experience in app development.

The week-long training program was attended by 33 individuals, equipping them with foundational skills in app development. This initiative provided a golden opportunity for participants to explore and engage in the world of app creation, completely free of charge. Participants delved into various aspects of app development, learning essential techniques and practical approaches under the guidance of experienced trainers. The training emphasized hands-on learning and interactive sessions to ensure comprehensive understanding and skill acquisition.

The collaboration between KNLS and Ajira Digital exemplifies their commitment to promoting digital literacy and fostering innovation among Kenyan youth. By offering accessible and quality training opportunities, KNLS continues to play a pivotal role in advancing technological skills across communities.

KNLS hosts the African Performance Tour, featuring the esteemed Nanjing University Traditional Instrument Orchestra.

On April 18th, the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) hosted the culmination of the African Performance Tour, featuring the esteemed Nanjing University Traditional Instrument Orchestra. This event displayed a magnificent fusion of cultural diversity and musical excellence, highlighting the orchestra's unparalleled talent.

The performance captivated audiences with a rich tapestry of traditional melodies and contemporary compositions, showcasing the orchestra's mastery of traditional Chinese instruments. Attendees were treated to a unique cultural exchange that emphasized the beauty and universality of music.

The collaboration between KNLS and Nanjing University underscored the importance of cultural diplomacy and mutual understanding through music. The African Performance Tour provided a platform for artists to connect across borders, enriching the cultural fabric of both Kenya and China.

As the event concluded, participants and spectators alike expressed gratitude for the opportunity to experience such a unique and memorable performance. KNLS looks forward to future collaborations that continue to celebrate and showcase the richness of global cultural heritage.



KNLS Buruburu teams up with Tangible Africa for an impactful Training of Trainers refresher session

KNLS Buruburu partnered with Tangible Africa, a South African NGO specializing in gamifying coding education, to conduct a dynamic Training of Trainers refresher session. Held from April 18th to 19th, 2024, the event empowered 45 teachers and community leaders from Nairobi with innovative skills and strategies in coding education.

The collaboration aimed to bridge the digital skills gap by introducing gamified coding techniques, making learning engaging and accessible. Tangible Africa's expertise in educational gamification enriched the training, providing practical tools for educators to inspire digital literacy among students.

"This partnership with Tangible Africa underscores our commitment to advancing coding education. By equipping educators with modern teaching approaches, we prepare our youth for success in a digital world" said the Head of KNLS Buruburu.

Participants immersed themselves in interactive workshops, learning how to integrate gamified coding methods into their curriculum effectively. The training emphasized critical thinking and problem-solving skills essential for the digital age.



Courtesy visit by IGRTC Chairman Mr. Kithinji Kiragu



IGRTC Chairman Mr. Kithinji Kiragu visited KNLS Maktaba Kuu on 4th April 2024 to acquaint himself with the library's services post-devolution. This courtesy visit underscored Mr. Kiragu's commitment to understanding the impact of devolution on public institutions like KNLS.

During the visit, Mr. Kiragu engaged with KNLS officials, discussing the library's role in community development and access to information. His interest in KNLS's operations highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts between government bodies and public institutions to enhance service delivery and promote literacy.

Kenya National Library Service Hosts AGPO Training Session

On June 20th, 2024, the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) held a comprehensive AGPO training session at the Maktaba Kuu Building in Upper Hill, Nairobi. This event provided a valuable opportunity for youth, women, and persons living with disabilities (PLWDs) to gain essential skills and knowledge for business and company management, as well as access to government tenders and other opportunities.

The training covered critical topics such as AGPO (Access to Government Procurement Opportunities), company/business registration, best practices for organizational success, and strategies to apply for and win government tenders. By participating in this session, attendees were equipped with the tools and insights needed to enhance their business operations and take advantage of available opportunities.

Participants were encouraged to reserve their slots by registering through the provided link: [Register Here](#). KNLS remains committed to empowering the community by offering such valuable training sessions. Attendees left the event better prepared to navigate the business landscape and achieve success in their respective fields.





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