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Jamhuri Day Celebrations 2025: Showcasing Knowledge and Engagement

From a curious conversations to shared moments of learning, our booth came alive during the Jamhuri Day Celebrations held from 8th to 11th December 2025 at the KICC Grounds. The event provided a vibrant platform to interact with Kenyans from diverse backgrounds, each bringing unique perspectives and a shared interest in knowledge and information access. Throughout the four days, we engaged visitors through meaningful conversations, demonstrations, and guided interactions that highlighted the breadth of our services and programmes.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about our digital platforms, outreach initiatives, and the wide range of resources available to support education, research, and personal development. The enthusiasm and curiosity displayed by visitors reflected a growing appreciation for the role of libraries in a rapidly evolving information landscape. The exhibition space became a hub of engagement, learning, and exchange, reinforcing the importance of accessible knowledge for all.

The celebrations also provided an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to promoting a reading culture and supporting lifelong learning as key drivers of national development. By showcasing our services and directly engaging with the public, we strengthened awareness of our mandate and demonstrated how knowledge continues to serve as a vital pillar of nationhood.



KNLS Strengthens Collaboration with TVET Institutions at National Workshop

The Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) joined TVET librarians at Rift Valley National Polytechnic for a national workshop themed “Identification and Review of Reference Materials for the Modularized Curricula.” The forum brought together key stakeholders in technical and vocational education to deliberate on the development and alignment of reference materials with the evolving modularized curriculum framework.

Representing the Director General/CEO, Dr. Charles Nzivo, Mr. Wilson Kabucho, Head of Facility at the KNLS Nakuru Preservation Facility, reaffirmed KNLS’s commitment to strengthening access to quality learning resources. He emphasized the institution’s ongoing role in supporting TVET libraries through provision of relevant materials, technical expertise, and preservation services aimed at enhancing information accessibility.

Mr. Isaac, Head Librarian at The Eldoret National Polytechnic, highlighted that KNLS had recently donated information materials to the institution. This gesture was warmly received by participants, who commended KNLS for its continued partnership and collaboration with TVET institutions across the country.

The engagement underscored KNLS’s dedication to building strong networks and providing technical support to empower TVET institutions in delivering quality, competency-based training.



Hosting Venezuelan Ambassador to Strengthen Cultural Exchange

We had the pleasure of hosting Her Excellency Moravia Peralta Hernández, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, at the Maktaba Kuu Building to explore potential areas of collaboration. The visit marked an important step towards strengthening cultural and knowledge exchange between Kenya and Venezuela, in line with our mandate of promoting access to information and fostering global partnerships.

Discussions focused on promoting cultural exchange through books, videos, and audiobooks available on the vtabu virtual library platform. The engagement also explored opportunities for international exchange programmes and other knowledge-sharing initiatives aimed at enhancing cross-cultural learning and collaboration between the two nations. These initiatives are expected to broaden access to diverse content while enriching the user experience on digital platforms.

The meeting underscored a shared commitment to fostering mutual understanding and strengthening cultural ties through information and learning. We reaffirmed our dedication to building strategic partnerships that support global learning, cultural appreciation, and the exchange of ideas, positioning libraries as key enablers of international cooperation and knowledge sharing.



Celebrating Knowledge and Innovation at the Nairobi International ASK Show

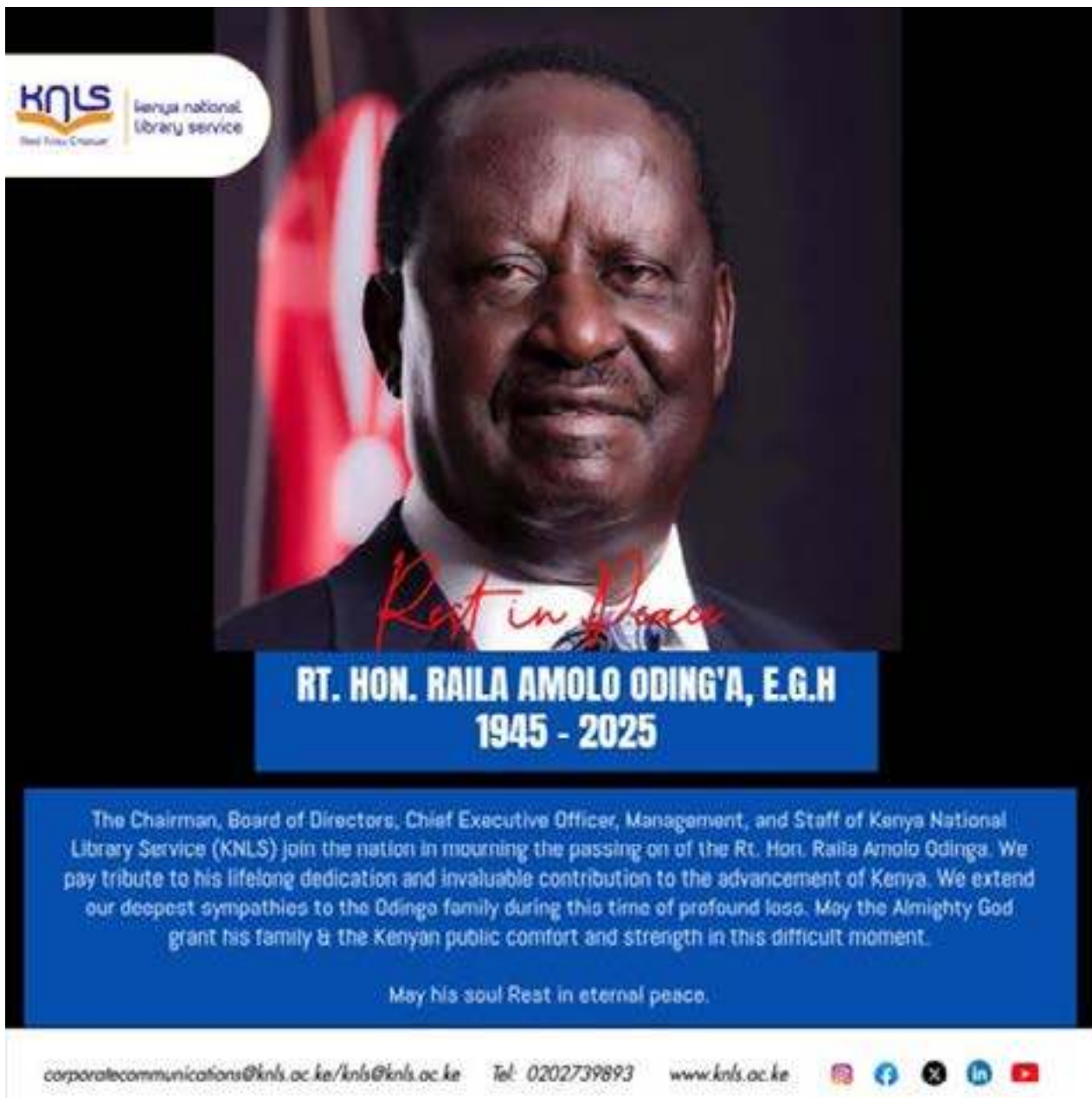
We were proud to participate in this year's Nairobi International ASK Show, bringing a wealth of knowledge, innovation, and exciting opportunities to visitors. Our stand offered a firsthand look at a range of services, from digitization solutions to the vtabu virtual library, showcasing how we are advancing literacy and information access across the country.

Attendees had the chance to learn, engage, and explore the many ways our services support education, research, and personal development. The exhibition provided an interactive space to experience the latest in library innovation and digital learning, highlighting our commitment to making information accessible to all.

Visitors joined us at the ASK Showgrounds, Exhibition Hall, where meaningful conversations, demonstrations, and hands-on interactions brought our mission to life. It was an opportunity to connect, share knowledge, and celebrate the role of information in empowering communities.



Condolence Message on the Passing of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga



The graphic features a portrait of Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga with the handwritten text "Rest in Peace" in red script over it. In the top left corner is the KNLS logo with the text "Kenya national library service" and "Read Today Change". Below the portrait is a blue banner with the text "RT. HON. RAILA AMOLO ODING'A, E.G.H 1945 - 2025". Below this is a larger blue box containing a formal condolence message. At the bottom of the graphic is a white bar with contact information and social media icons.

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**RT. HON. RAILA AMOLO ODING'A, E.G.H
1945 - 2025**

The Chairman, Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Management, and Staff of Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) join the nation in mourning the passing on of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga. We pay tribute to his lifelong dedication and invaluable contribution to the advancement of Kenya. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Odinga family during this time of profound loss. May the Almighty God grant his family & the Kenyan public comfort and strength in this difficult moment.

May his soul Rest in eternal peace.

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Our deepest sympathies go out to the Odinga family during this time of profound loss. May the Almighty grant them, and all Kenyans, comfort and strength to endure this difficult moment.

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Season's Greetings: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026!

As the festive season unfolds, we extend our warmest greetings to all our readers, partners, and stakeholders who have journeyed with us in promoting access to knowledge, learning, and information throughout the year. Your support, engagement, and collaboration have been instrumental in helping us reach communities, inspire a love for reading, and expand the horizons of learning across the nation.

This season is an opportunity to reflect on the milestones achieved, the lives enriched through access to books and digital resources, and the partnerships that have strengthened our shared mission of knowledge for all. As we look forward to the New Year, we remain committed to advancing literacy, nurturing curiosity, and providing platforms that empower individuals to explore, learn, and grow.

May 2026 bring growth, inspiration, and endless opportunities for discovery, learning, and innovation. From all of us, we wish you a joyous festive season filled with peace, happiness, and the transformative power of knowledge.





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