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Courtesy visit by International Youth Fellowship (IYF) team to explore exciting prospects for future collaborations in the realm of mind education.



A delegation from the International Youth Fellowship (IYF) visited KNLS to explore collaborations in the field of mind education. IYF is a Christian-based, global youth organization that focuses on inspiring and raising leaders of the next generation to overcome challenges and limitations. Their core mission revolves around not only raising but equipping the upcoming readers with intellectual prowess, humility, and a global perspective. As expected, such collaborative international exchange initiatives eventually serve to promote mutual understanding and harmony among nations and people.



## KNLS Participates in the Sarit Centre's Youth Climate Summit & Festival

In a resounding commitment to engage and empower youth in meaningful climate action, the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) enthusiastically participated in the 4th annual Youth in Climate Action Summit and festival at the Sarit Centre on the 24th-25th of August 2023 in Nairobi. The summit was attended by about 150 youth working in climate change from different sectors. They exchanged their views on amplifying their voices, strengthening their movement, and contributing to collective action in climate change. The event was a collaborative initiative between YALI Alumni Chapter of Kenya and Youth Greenspace Action Network supported by KIPPRA and USAID- Kenya.

This event provided a platform for KNLS to showcase her offerings and offer guidance on accessing information materials on climate change and other subjects the KNLS virtual library via [vtabu.knls.ac.ke](http://vtabu.knls.ac.ke). The theme of the summit i.e. "Meaningful Engagement and Unifying Youth Voices for Climate Action," resonated well with KNLS's undertaking to inspire and educate the youth for a sustainable future. Dr. Charles NziVO, CEO KNLS, who had been slotted in as a panelist was represented by the Ag. Deputy Director, Ms. Julie Musandu.

In her remarks, Ms. Julie emphasized that Libraries inherently serve as natural institutions for climate action. KNLS's exhibition booth attracted a substantial number of inquisitive attendees, eager to: gain insights into the National Library's contributions to climate action; and to explore the available library programs. Guidelines on how to access the Virtual library via television screens and laptops was also demonstrated. A total of 279 (140 females and 139 males) summit participants visited the KNLS booth over the two days.. The visitors' book was brimming with positive feedback, confirming the significant role played by KNLS in engaging and educating young individuals on climate action during the 4th Annual Youth Climate Change Summit & Festival.



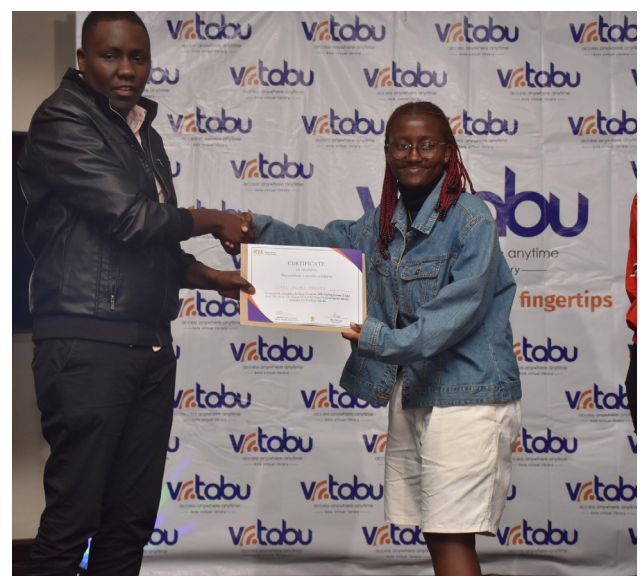


## Celebrating Cohort Three Graduates' Success in Basic ICT Skills Program

In a moment filled with immense pride and profound accomplishment, students of Cohort Three training program graduated in the Basic ICT Skills, KNLS is delighted to extend its warmest congratulations to the exceptional graduates of Cohort Three, who not only completed but triumphed in the Basic ICT Skills Program.

This achievement stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and relentless hard work that has been invested in this transformative educational journey. The skills acquired will no doubt help the graduates to navigate through the ever-evolving world of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) with ease. This accomplishment is not only a personal victory for the graduates but also a vital step toward bridging the digital divide in our society. In an increasingly technology-driven world, digital literacy is no longer a luxury but a necessity. The training has also equipped them with the essential skills needed to thrive in the digital age, positioning them for success in various professional and personal endeavors.

The Basic ICT Skills Program has not only provided the graduates with practical skills but has also empowered them to be agents of change in their communities. KNLS continues to be a beacon of knowledge and opportunity, empowering individuals to achieve their dreams and contribute meaningfully to the nation's growth.





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## KNLS Inspiring Young Minds with Joy and Knowledge at the Chacho Kids Festival



On 12th August 2023, KNLS took center stage at the Chacho Kidz Festival, creating a lasting impression on the minds of the future leaders. This vibrant event epitomized KNLS's unwavering commitment to nurturing young intellects, infusing them with knowledge, and fostering joy.

The Chacho Kidz Festival, hosted by the celebrated Daniel Ndambuki, known as Churchill, transformed Uhuru Gardens beneath the dynamic Nairobi skies into a haven of learning, talent exploration, and community connection. This annual festival stands as a testament to dedication to empowering children.

At this lively gathering, KNLS actively engaged with young attendees, igniting their passion for learning and literature. The festival served as a vibrant stage for the library service to showcase steadfast commitment to improvement in education and the dissemination of knowledge. Through captivating activities and interactions, KNLS aimed to fuel the curiosity of young minds, empowering them to explore the world of books and discover boundless possibilities. In addition to celebrating learning and fun, the Chacho Kidz Festival offered a platform for community engagement. It was a day when young minds flourished, talents were unearthed, and families united to

share the joys of knowledge and entertainment.

KNLS's participation at the Chacho Kidz Festival showcased its dedication to uplifting and educating the younger generation. It was a celebration of knowledge, joy, and the limitless potential harbored by young minds.





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## Empowering the Future Generation through Coding Expertise at KNLS Buruburu



This initiative aligns with KNLS's expedition to bridge the digital divide and empower youth to leverage technology for personal and societal advancement. By investing in coding education, KNLS Buruburu is not just teaching a skill; it's opening doors to limitless opportunities and nurturing a generation of tech-savvy innovators.



**I**n an era where technology is shaping the world we live in, KNLS Buruburu branch is making deliberate efforts to inspire and equip the next generation with essential coding skills. This innovative initiative reflects KNLS' commitment to nurturing the talents and potential of young minds, preparing them for a tech-driven future.

At KNLS Buruburu, the focus extends beyond just offering library services; it's about creating a dynamic learning environment that ignites the curiosity of youth and equips them with 21st-century skills. Coding, the language of computers, is at the heart of this endeavor.

By introducing coding programs and workshops, KNLS Buruburu is providing a platform for youngsters to explore the fascinating world of programming, web development, and digital problem-solving. These skills are not only valuable in the job market but also foster critical thinking, creativity, and innovation.

KNLS Buruburu aims to demystify coding and make it accessible to all, regardless of age or background. The library is transforming into a hub where young learners can embark on a journey of self-discovery and exploration, guided by skilled mentors.



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## Youthful Passion for Education and Social Equity Shines Bright at KNLS Nakuru Focus Group Meeting



**I**n a remarkable collaboration with Book Aid International, KNLS in Nakuru hosted a thought-provoking focus group meeting on August 3rd 2023. This event, which was tailored for junior secondary students, attracted 24 bright minds, comprising 12 from secondary schools and an equally enthusiastic dozen from higher education institutions. The primary objective of this gathering was to gauge the information needs of teenagers and young adults aged 13-25.

The outcome of the program left an indelible mark on the participants, showcasing the unwavering passion and commitment of these young individuals. Many attendees exhibited a profound concern for marginalized communities, particularly those residing in the North Eastern region, and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

One predominant theme that emerged from this gathering was the collective desire among these youth to champion educational access for all. They expressed their aspirations to establish institutions that offer free education, reflecting a heartfelt commitment to addressing societal disparities and promoting equal opportunities in education.





## 4th City Talents Expression: Unearthing Young Talents and Fostering Self-Sustainability



**I**n an ongoing endeavor to discover and nurture young talents among children, teenagers, and youth, the 10th edition of the “4th City Talents Expression” program is set to launch. This initiative, that is hosted by the KNLS Nakuru branch, has a clear mission: to equip these budding talents with the skills and knowledge necessary to transform their gifts into a means of livelihood.

In a collaborative effort, the program is proudly sponsored by Atesh Graphics and receives support from the Nakuru County Government. It operates on a monthly basis, offering a consistent platform for young individuals to explore and develop their unique abilities.

The lead instructor for this initiative is a renowned public figure from the Churchill Show by the stage name “Omwami.” With his wealth of experience

and expertise, Omwami will serve as the guiding light for these emerging talents, helping them hone their skills and channel their creativity toward sustainable careers.

This edition of the “4th City Talents Expression” is a demonstration of the power of partnerships between local businesses and the government in empowering the youth. It underscores the commitment of all involved to creating opportunities for young people to realize their potential and achieve self-sufficiency.

As this program unfolds, it promises to be an exciting journey of self-discovery and growth for the participants, offering them a chance to turn their passions into viable livelihoods. The “4th City Talents Expression” continues to be a beacon of hope and empowerment for the youth of Nakuru and beyond.





## Upcoming Events

### 1. *International Book Fair 2023* *Date & Time*

*27th September to 1st October 2023*

*Location*  
*Sarit Centre, Westlands Kenya Nairobi*

### 2. *Nairobi International Trade Fair* *Date & Time*

*25th September to 1st October 2023*  
*at Location*

*Jamhuri Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya*

