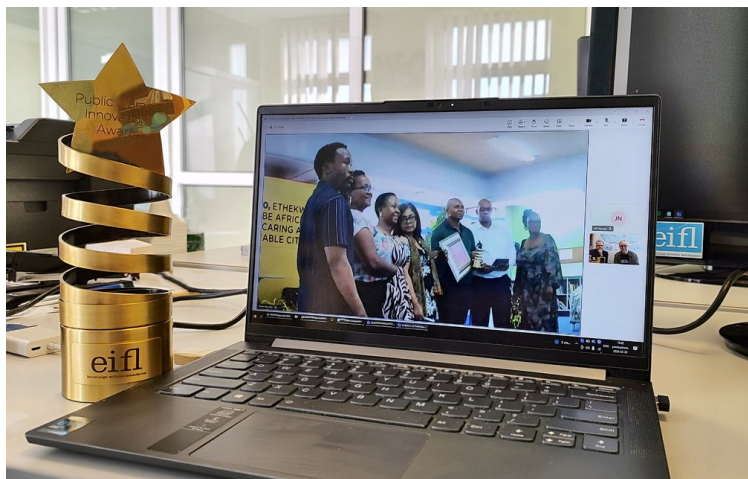


EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme – From September 2025 to September 2026



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EIFL-PLIP Focus, since 2017

to strengthen and support the continuous transformation of public library services in Africa

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EIFL-PLIP strategic goal and objectives for 2024-2026

- **Foster **digital transformation** of public library services**
 - Build the capacity of national public library networks in Africa to integrate technology into library services that advance development.
 - Recognise and advance innovation in public library services through the EIFL Public Library Innovation Award.

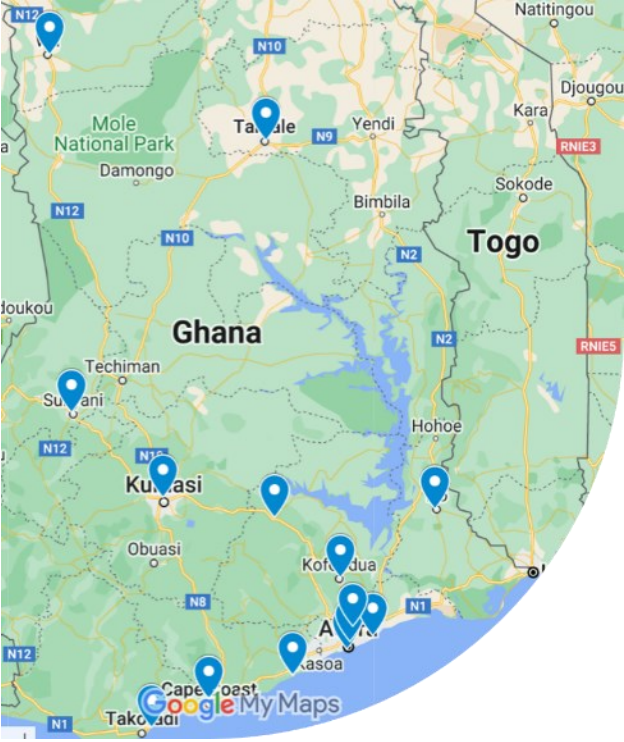
Build capacity of Public Library networks in Africa (1)

- In May 2026, we completed the 32-month project '**Digital Learning @ Ghana Public Libraries**'
- Funded by the Internet Society Foundation through the Strengthening Communities, Improving Lives and Livelihoods (SCILLS) grants programme.

- In partnership with



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Digital Learning @ Ghana Public Libraries project

Engaged 15 public libraries across Ghana to become digital learning hubs and **expand educational opportunities for students aged 12 to 18** by advancing their digital skills and engaging them in digital learning based on free and open educational resources (OERs).

Check out a detailed case study presented at the IFLA WLIC 2026 satellite meeting:

<https://zurl.co/ppdc8>

By May 2026, fifteen Ghanaian public libraries engaged more than 22,100 students.



- Over 19,800 students from more than 300 Junior and Senior High Schools improved their digital literacy skills through outreach visits.
- Over 2,300 students attended advanced 4-6-week in-library digital learning workshops and received certificates.

Key project activities

- **Needs assessment** informed decisions about the training curriculum and OER's.
- **Training of Trainers** built the capacity of public library staff as digital learning facilitators.
- **Outreach to schools** brought fun, engaging classes on various digital subjects and some tablets to share.
- Four-to-six-week-long **digital learning workshops in libraries** deepened students' digital and information literacy skills.



Build capacity of Public Library systems in Africa (2)

We plan to extend the EIFL-PLIP Training the Trainers to Malawi and Zambia, as we have seen the **first results of advocacy to improve public library ICT infrastructure:**

- By the end of 2025, the Malawi government provided 40 computers to 17 National Library Service – Malawi branches.
- In December 2025, Airtel Zambia donated wireless routers and data to 20 Zambia Library Service public libraries
- In July 2026, ZICTA provided 12 computers, a printer, and a projector to Luapula Provincial Library, Zambia.

Build capacity of Public Library systems in Africa (3)

- We held four **Virtual Breaks** – knowledge-sharing and training events on Zoom - for EIFL-PLIP partner public libraries on topics such as Project development capacity; Library of the Future; Civic Potential of Public Libraries; and AI in Public Libraries.
- Adapted two **Information literacy training resources for libraries**: Smart Use of Artificial Intelligence and Staying Safe on YouTube (Check out on EIFL resources webpage).

Build capacity of Public Library systems in Africa (4)

- We added 6 new training videos to the **EIFL-PLIP's Small Bites series for public librarians**.
- We started to promote the series, which now consists of **18 videos** from five to 11 minutes long.
- See the playlist: <https://bit.ly/3ZsJG00>.

Different roles of a good trainer:
Instructor, Coach,
and Facilitator

Writing a meaningful narrative report for a library project

Reporting on library project outcomes

Preventing disruptive behavior during training

Principles of digital skills training for adults

Adapting OER for library training

Advance innovation through EIFL Public Library Innovation Award

We announced four winners of EIFL Public Library Innovation Award for impactful STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) activities:

- Woodhurst Library, eThekweni Municipality Libraries, South Africa,
- Biblioteca de Empresas Públicas de Medellín, Colombia,
- Rijeka City Library, Croatia,
- Shanghai Children's Library, China.

<https://zurl.co/TxoRU>

The 20th Call for EIFL Public Library Innovation Award is now open!

Theme: **Advancing Community AI Literacy**

Link: <https://eifl.net/ia20>

Key dates:

Call Official Launch

Aug 18, 2026

Oct 26, 2026

**Submission
Deadline**

**Winners
Notified**

Dec 2026

Jan 2027

**Winners' Public
Announcement**



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Thank you!