



## The IYALI Library Visits and Knowledge Exchange in Romania May 29 – June 4, 2022

# PARTICIPANTS



### Kaltuma Sama

Kenya

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#### **Position and professional experience:**

Librarian in charge of Buru Buru branch (Nairobi), Kenya National Library Service. She is a passionate library leader, skilled trainer, and trailblazer in new library services. Before BuruBuru worked in two other branches.

#### **Role in development innovative programmes:**

Started and running a cooking club/ lesson for women at my library. Tasks include:

- sourcing for the cooker/ oven for use by the club;
- mobilizing young mothers for the lesson through Teen Seed, a local Community based organization.
- facilitating for donations from well-wishers and friend of the library for ingredients and skills that were lacking at the library
- Teaching cooking and baking, whenever the volunteers were unavailable. I step in and teach as it is my passion and hobby.

**Personal vision for library:** A library that not only provides information in print form, but facilitate transfer of the said information to communities that I serve, through repackaging (what we call from theory to practice). It evolves from a store house of books to a one stop shop where citizen can access information contained in all media from one place. It is my passion to transform my library to a place of empowerment and an inclusivity. My aspiration is to create a space where no community members are left behind

**Learning interests:**

- Community involvement and empowerment
- Ideas on Uncommon spaces
- Digital technologies for kids and safety online

<h2 style="color: #4F81BD; margin: 0;">Basic facts on Kenya National Library Service- Buruburu branch in Nairobi</h2>	
Address and primary contact	P.O Box 30573. Mumias South Road, Oldonyo Sabuk junction , Buruburu
Website, social media links	www.knls.ac.ke; knlsburuburu@knls.ac.ke Twitter: @knlsmedia; Facebook and LinkedIn: kenya national library service; Instagram: knlsmedia
Founder and governance/ organizational structure	Kenya National Library Service is a semi-autonomous agency of government of Kenya, established by an act of parliament Cap 225, responsible for the national and public libraries in Kenya
The town and community (basic info)	Located in Nairobi, Buruburu Estate, Mumias Road/Ol Donyo Sabuk Road Junction in Eastlands area. The library serves a mixture of low income and middle level community from Kariobangi, Dandora, Kayole, Doonholm, Fedha, Nyayo, Umoja, Tena, Outering, Makadara, Makongeni, Kamukunji, Mbotela, Maringo and Eastleigh neighborhoods.
Primary Services (bullet points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book lending services to institutions and individuals</li> <li>• E- reader programmes on Thursdays</li> <li>• Library lessons</li> <li>• Annual Storytelling festivals and other cultural events</li> <li>• Outreach programme to Down Stream Community school Pipeline on uesday</li> <li>• Outreach to Kiambiu informal settlement in Nairobi of about 40–50,000 residents</li> <li>• Peer 2 Peer University Learning Circles</li> <li>• Online Reading Club</li> <li>• Basic ICT skills training for library users and community in general</li> <li>• Students' Holiday Mentoship Activities</li> <li>• Online Math solving competition (Tutor Web)</li> <li>• Parent/ Kids Club- Last Saturday of Every Month</li> <li>• Women empowerment club</li> <li>• Buruburu Senior citizens Club- Once a month</li> </ul>
Users (e.g. most recent statistics and demographics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership as for April 2022: Adult male 3160, female 2457 and Junior: male 5397 and female 5130</li> <li>• Special target groups: children, youth, women and the elderly</li> </ul>
Collections (key statistics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book stock; adult literature: 28,472 books</li> <li>• Junior literature: 25,593 books</li> </ul>
ICT facilities, e.g. #of computers, other tools, special facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 PCs (e-resources center)</li> <li>• Free WIFI</li> <li>• 100 E-readers</li> <li>• 5 Tablets</li> </ul>

Library's space (e.g. square meters)	<p>Buruburu library is a modern facility that strives to enable access to information for knowledge and transformation of livelihoods. It is constructed on a 0.6 ha plot and is a four (4) storey complex. It has a sitting capacity of up to 600 persons. The library is easily accessible by everyone including the very young and the physically challenged persons; as they can use the staircase, the lift and the ramp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ground floor: Customer care desk, Executive reading area; Children Library.</li> <li>• Mezzanine floor: Children Library (cntn'd) and Teenage Section.</li> <li>• 1st floor: The Adult Library; E-resource.</li> <li>• 2nd floor: Short Loan/Reference Section.</li> <li>• 3rd floor is unoccupied as at now.</li> </ul>
Staff	16 staff. 13 technical and 3 support
Volunteers, if any	Library Interns from secondary schools and university student (During school holidays, on quarterly basis)
Annual budget (most recent)	Th branch has no separate budget, it is ran through knls grant and salary fund from the national treasury
Main partners	Government of Kenya, Book Aid International, World Reader, EIFL
Key achievements / Unique Activities and/or Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International story telling festivals and culture exhibition</li> <li>• Cookery club</li> <li>• Seniors Club</li> <li>• Night Book review clubs for college students</li> </ul>
Any other relevant information / references	<p>In 2014, Burubu branch library has won EIFL Public Library Innovation Award for supporting literacy - <a href="https://www.eifl.net/eifl-in-action/contributing-literacy-innovation-award-1">https://www.eifl.net/eifl-in-action/contributing-literacy-innovation-award-1</a></p> <p>2016 and 2017 Maktaba award winner that recognise the very best in library services in Kenya.</p>

KNLS Buruburu branch in photos:



Readers queuing to access the library





Junior section /  
View  
from  
across  
the road





## Peter Balaba

Uganda

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### **Position and professional experience:**

Peter is a Librarian and Manager of Nakaseke Public Library in Uganda. Responsible for the development and day-to-day running of the Library services including lobbying, marketing and promoting library services to the community.

### **Role in development of innovative services and personal vision for the library:**

He describes local library as "a One-Stop Centre" where Rural disadvantaged people can meet, share, innovate and have access to internet, computer training, secretarial e-services government services, e-readers, and a community radio station. Peter has led development of all new library services, and kept the library open for students even during the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **The library is to:**

- inspire the community to read, view and listen to our developmental programs
- promote lifelong learning among Women, Youth and Farmers.
- provide ICT skills which supports lifelong learning and spark innovations.

However, my personal profession aspiration is to ensure that I get enough knowledge on innovations and ICT skills to empower my community for a better livelihood.

### **Learning interests:**

1. Digital Literacy Skills
2. Library Sustainability
3. Library Innovations

### **Basic facts on Nakaseke Public Library – Uganda**

Address and primary contact

P.O Box 1051, Nakaseke Town Council; tel: +256782902991; e-mail: nakasekepubliclibrary@gmail.com

Website, social media links	www.nakasekecmc.blogspot.com ; Twitter: @nakasekeRadiofm; Facebook : Nakaseke Public Library   Facebook
Founder and governance/ organizational structure	The library was established by the Community under the Local Council Leadership. It was then supported by the Government with the funding from UNESCO and the National Library of Uganda Library is managed by the Committee of 12 Members, elected from Nakaseke Town, Nakaseke Sub-County and Kasangombe Sub- County, appointed from Local Councils, and delegated from Nakaseke Teacher's Training College and Nakaseke Hospital.
The town and community (basic info)	The Library is located in Nakaseke Town and serves farming community, mainly producing Coffee and Banana
Primary Services (bullet points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book lending and e-Readers</li> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• Computer Training</li> <li>• Outreach services</li> <li>• Radio Broadcasting services</li> </ul>
Users (e.g. most recent statistics and demographics)	From Jan 2022 to date Library Visits: 650; Internet users: 296. Major groups of Users: Youth and Women .
Collections (key statistics)	Adult Section: 2708 Children's Conner: 2368
ICT facilities, e.g. #of computers, other tools, special facilities	19 computer workplaces, including N-computing system with 12 Clients on 2 Servers; 3 Desktop Computers and 4 Laptops 1 Digital camera 1 Photocopier, 2 Printers; 1 Router (Internet); 1 Radio transmitter (100wts); 70 e-Readers
Library's space (e.g. square meters)	Children's Conner (8800 x 6450), Adult Section (11000 x 6000)
Staff	2
Volunteers, if any	16
Annual budget (most recent)	12 million UGX (EUR 3200)
Main partners	Nakaseke Local Government, National Library of Uganda , EIFL and UNESCO- Uganda
Key achievements / Unique Activities and Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Outreaches to Schools and Community</li> <li>• Using ICTs to support education during COVID 19 Pandemic</li> <li>• Low Cost Environmental and Health friendly cooking solutions</li> <li>• Skilling women and Youth through Learning Circles</li> </ul>
Any other relevant information / references	Nakaseke Public Library has just received EIFL Public Library Innovation Award for supporting education recovery during pandemic ( <a href="https://www.eifl.net/eifl-in-action/education-recovery-during-covid-19-innovation-award">https://www.eifl.net/eifl-in-action/education-recovery-during-covid-19-innovation-award</a> ) that has boosted morale of users and recognition from the Community and local government.



Photos of Nakaseke public library: The building, and ICT training for community



# AGENDA

## Overall objectives of the library visits and knowledge exchange

- Library visits aimed at observing new library services, digital education and community development activities in rural, city and county libraries
- Professional discussions on innovative library services from Kenya, Uganda and Romania
- Participation in Occupy Library Conference

## Programme Partners :

- National Association of Public Libraries and Librarians (ANBPR) - Braşov branch (<https://anbpr.org.ro/>)
- Brasov County Library (<https://www.bjbv.ro/>)
- Dâmbovita County Library (<http://www.bjdb.ro/>)
- EduCaB International (<http://www.educab.org/>)

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## Saturday, 29 May

Afternoon – Arrival

Welcome dinner

## Monday, 30 May

7:30 Meet at North Train Station Bucharest. Travel to Brasov with train IR1880 departing at 8:06.

10:28 - Arrive in Braşov and go to Braşov County Library, Branch for children and youth: Iuliu Maniu Street, nr.6

- General presentation of Children Services in Braşov

12.00 Meet at Braşov County Library: Eroilor Street, nr.35

12.00 - 12.45 - Visit of the main library and Baiulescu House

13.00 - 14.00 - Lunch : option 1: catering : Casa Tudor Restaurant or Quotidian Restaurant

<https://glovoapp.com/ro/ro/brasov/casa-tudor-brv-/?content=menu-c.10954613>

<https://www.upfood.ro/restaurante/Quotidian-by-Bellman-c64987650>

14.00 - 15.30 - Meeting with ANBPR Brasov branch with presentations and discussion

presenters: Ms. Anca Marian, librarian Braşov Public Library

Mr. Peter Balaba, librarian at Nakaseke Public Library, Uganda

Ms. Kaltuma Sama, head librarian of Buru Buru Public Library in

Nairobi, Kenya

Ms. Ramune Petuchovaite, Public Library Innovation Programme

Manager, EIFL

15:30 - Tour of the touristic attractions

- Rope Street
- Black Church
- Casa Mureşenilor Museum
- Two Towers
- The Council Square (with Humanitas Bookstore)
- Catherine's Gate
- Science Museum (optional)

19.00 - Diner at Sergiana Restaurant, Mureşenilor Street, nr. 28

<https://glovoapp.com/ro/ro/brasov/sergiana/?content=menu-c.19727454>

## **Tuesday, 31 May**

9.00 Meeting in the hotel lobby

9.30 - 10.00 - Visit of Codlea Municipal Library, Braşov County

Travel to Dumbrăviţa

10.30 - 11.30 - Visit of Dumbrăviţa Rural Library, Braşov County

Travel to Pietrari

14.00 -15.30 - Lunch at Hanul Vatra, Costeşti, DJ 646A

15.30 - 17 - Visit & discussion at Pietrari Public Library, Vâlcea County.

Travel to Târgovişte

Check - in at Nova hotel, Strada Arsenalului 14, Târgovişte

## **Wednesday, 1 June**

9.15 - Meeting in hotel lobby

10.00 - 11.30 - Participation at Marathon of Stories at the Dambovită County Library's Children Section

12.00 - 13.30 - Visit at the Chindia Park and historical monuments from the area – The Monumental Ensemble "Curtea Domneasca" Targoviste - <http://www.muzeu-dambovitene.ro/index.php/curtea-domneasca-targoviste>: The Printing and Old Books Museum, The "Sf. Vineri" old church, possibly The Chindia Tour, The Police Museum (the only one from the country), possibly The Art and History Museum (depending on time and availability)

13.30 - 15.00 - Lunch at "Brotacei" Restaurant near Chindia Lake - BROTACEI Restaurant & Park Events - <https://business.nefico.ro/brotacei/>

15.00 - 16.00 - Visit at Dealu Monastery - <https://www.manastireadealu.ro/>

16.00 - Departure to Bucharest. On the way we can visit Nucet Monastery or other cultural monuments

17.30 - Arrival at the pick-up point in Bucharest and travel to Mercure City Center

## **Thursday and Friday, 2-3 June**

### **Occupy Library 2022 conference**

11.00 am going to Goethe Institut Bukarest  
Occupy Library 2022 conference agenda available online -  
<https://occupylibrary.net/agenda-2022/>

## **Saturday, 4 June**

Afternoon - Departure

Wishing you a safe journey home!