



# Lubuto Library Project

*Bringing knowledge and enlightenment to Africa's street kids, orphans and other vulnerable children and youth*



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## **Lubuto Library at Ngwerere School to officially open November 10th!**



Thanks to Dow Jones & Co. the second Lubuto Library will

open its doors to vulnerable children and youth in Lusaka's Garden Compound on November 10, 2010. Dow Jones and its employees very generously provided the resources for a complete library, with a corporate gift of \$60,000 to cover construction costs and employee book donations and a foundation grant together amounting to almost \$50,000 for the collection and staff training.

Its excellent 4,000-volume collection was selected and cataloged by our volunteers in Washington and very generously shipped *free of charge* by International Mailing



Solutions, with help from our great friends at National Geographic. This is the first Lubuto Library built in partnership with Zambia's Ministry of

Education, who chose Ngwerere Basic School as its host due to its proximity to where many street children and other vulnerable youth live. Though hosted by a Government school, the library is open to all, and will actively reach out to out-of-school children to extend Lubuto's high-quality educational opportunities to all children and youth.



Our Guest of Honor for the opening event will be the first Republican President of Zambia, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda. We were honored that President Kaunda opened our first library in 2007, characterizing it as a place where we are "holding on to humanity." We are thrilled that he will come again to celebrate the opening of the Ngwerere Lubuto Library. The program will also feature performances of

traditional stories by Lubuto's children, led by Kenny Hau. We will show Silvina Fernandez-Duque's newest *Lubuto Productions* film, "Our Time to Bring Change" and Danny Glover and Mulenga Kapwepwe's remarks about Lubuto's programs filmed at our April 15 event at the Zambian Embassy in DC. If you can be in Lusaka on November 10 and would like an invitation to attend the opening, please email us at [lubuto@verizon.net](mailto:lubuto@verizon.net).

## **Lubuto Artists invited to exhibit in USA**

The Stella Jones Gallery in New Orleans, Louisiana, which specializes in the work of African and African Diaspora artists, has offered the use of their gallery for an exhibition of the work of participants in our Visual Arts Program. We hope to be able to plan the exhibition's opening to take place during the annual conference of the American Library Association in New Orleans in June 2011 so that our library colleagues and supporters may attend. This



exciting offer from Stella Jones has ignited tremendous enthusiasm among the youth, new and old, participating in our program, and we are creating a new structure for it called **LubutoArts** and working to affiliate with the National Arts Council of Zambia.

## **ZBBY and Lubuto Host Local Language Book Making Workshop**

Lubuto and the Zambian Board on Books for Young People (ZBBY) received a CHF 5,000 grant from the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Yamada Fund to cover local costs for two workshops by Anne Pellowski focusing on the importance of preserving traditional stories and making books for children in local languages. Anne is well-known for these workshops which she has given throughout the



world, and she will be joined for the Zambia workshops by IBBY member and Lubuto supporter Helen Kay. The workshops will take place at the Fountain of Hope Lubuto Library in Lusaka and in Monze, in Zambia's Southern Province. The Monze workshop participants are community members that are part of the Matantala Rural Development Enterprise, hosts of the third Lubuto Library in nearby Nabukuyu. Lubuto Library Project is currently seeking funding to build that library for children in the Nabukuyu community.

### We Need Your Continued Financial Support

Please send checks to:

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5505 Connecticut Ave., NW, #368  
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Or make one-time or recurrent donations by credit card through [www.Lubuto.org](http://www.Lubuto.org)



### Julie Allen's impressions at the Lubuto Library

Washington, DC school librarian Julie Allen spent two weeks at the Lubuto Library in Lusaka inventorying the collection to update the online catalog with the library's holdings. She shared her delight at what she saw there: "...motivated



children visit the library on their own to read their favorite stories and eagerly participate in group read alouds. Twice each week Lubuto's Kenny Hau would appear like the *Pied Piper of Hamelin* with

40 or 50 enthusiastic children following behind him to rehearse for a *Pippi Longstocking* play. Whether it be reading books, performing plays, painting, writing computer Zambian language lessons, or being mentored on meaningful topics, the Lubuto library programs provide children with a strong sense of community that they have come to cherish and depend on in their daily lives. My Lubuto Library experience was short, but I came home as a true believer that the program must be sustained for its positive impact on the lives of the children."

### Jane Meyers receives U.K. library association International Award

The International Library and Information Group of the U.K.'s Chartered Institute of Library and Informational Professionals awarded Jane Kinney Meyers its "2010 International Award for making a difference in libraries and information services outside the UK" in



"recognition of [her] work with libraries in Africa and in particular of her work as founder and President of the Lubuto Library Project in Zambia to enrich the lives of street children, orphans and other vulnerable and out-of-school children and youths through libraries."

### New Advisory Board Member

We are honored to welcome the new Ambassador of the Republic of Zambia to the U.S., Sheila Siwela, to Lubuto's Advisory Board. She joins Ambassador Mbikusita-Lewanika on the board, who now represents Zambia at the European Union in Brussels, Ambassador Siwela's previous post.

