

"The Lubuto Library Project has become a huge success growing into a professional development agency serving the needs of African children...lt shows what commitment and determination can do to start a movement... I am proud that SLA members embraced the vision of the leaders of this project and have been able to play a part in its success."

- Gloria Zamora, President (2009-2010) Special Libraries Association

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LUBUTO n. Enlightenment, Knowledge and Light in Icibemba, the language of the Bemba people of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Lubuto libraries will help Zambia meet its Millennium Development Goals in education, equity, and poverty reduction.

Dear Lubuto Friends and Supporters:

During 2008, the Lubuto Library Project achieved significant milestones that have set us on the path toward establishing Lubuto as a strong, sustainable organization. Building on the success of our first Lubuto library, opened in the fall of 2007 in Lusaka, Zambia, we have developed critical relationships with government agencies and local communities in Zambia that will enable Lubuto to continue its mission to build libraries and offer enriching educational programs to the vulnerable children that we serve.

Well-loved and well-used, the first Lubuto library at the Fountain of Hope Drop-In Centre had nearly 10,000 visits in 2008. To ensure the library's success, the Lubuto Library Project worked closely with the Fountain of Hope to identify and train the first Lubuto librarian, Vasco Severino, and to obtain Government of Zambia funding for his salary. We held a management workshop in May to reinforce a sense of local ownership of the library and began to establish a network that includes hosts and young users of our future libraries in Lusaka.

The next two hosts of Lubuto libraries have been identified and we are finalizing the details related to financing, construction and staffing. One host is the Matantala Integrated Rural Development Enterprise in Nabukuyu, a rural community in Zambia's southern province. Another site is planned in partnership with the local organization YOFOSO, serving street children in Lusaka's Garden Compound, an area where large numbers of vulnerable children stay.

In addition, we are working closely with Zambia Open Community Schools (ZOCS) and, with them, seeking donor support for three Lubuto libraries to be built in 2010 and 2011 in Lusaka and in other areas of Zambia.

In 2008, Lubuto formalized strategic relationships with Zambian organizations. We reached a memorandum of understanding with Zambia's Ministry of Education. This was a very important step because it ensures that Lubuto libraries will be included in the Government's education development plans and budget. Under this agreement, the Ministry of Education has authorized Lubuto to build libraries throughout the country and has agreed to provide funding source support. The Ministry has also designated the Lubuto Library Project as the leader in providing library services to children in Zambia.

Lubuto also partnered with Zambia's Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development to implement our program at the Fountain of Hope. We submitted a successful proposal to the Ministry to provide operational funds. We are now developing a formal partnership that will pave the

"I was getting disheartened by what I was seeing whilst working on my dissertation and finding the Lubuto Library Project has given me...hope that there is some real development going on out there! " — JOANNA ANDERSON, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, U.K.





way for creation of Lubuto libraries throughout the country, financed by multilateral and bilateral donors and international corporations working in Zambia.

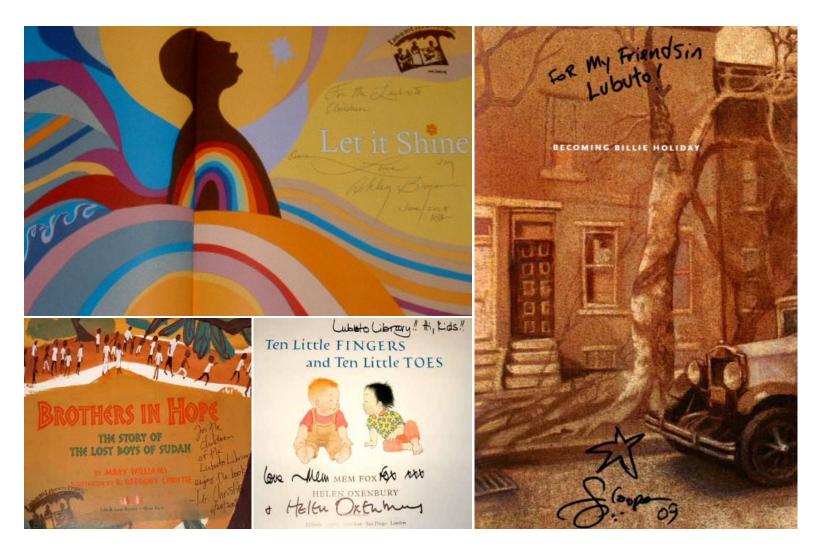
Lubuto, in partnership with the Zambia Library Association, established the Zambia Board on Books for Young People (ZBBY), a national chapter of the International Board on Books for Young People, which promotes the creation of children's books in vernacular languages. Our first focus has been to gather traditional Zambian stories to inspire their adaptation and publication as bilingual children's books. A Lubuto volunteer in Washington DC has been scanning materials in the Library of Congress's African and Middle East Reading Room, where some of Zambia's cultural heritage has been stored for decades. These public-domain materials will be put on a wiki on the Lubuto.org website to allow speakers of Zambian languages to provide translations and to serve as a resource for authors/illustrators, as well as Africana scholars.

During the year, we gained significant recognition and established a more secure funding base in the U.S. and Zambia. Our many individual volunteers have been the life-blood of our organization. Lubuto has also been the fortunate recipient of generous acts and funding from several leading organizations. Dow Jones & Co. not only granted the funds needed to construct one of our new libraries, but is running a worldwide employee book drive to build its entire 4,000-volume book collection. The Oprah Winfrey Foundation, the National Geographic Society, and Brodart, a leading library supplier, have all been major contributors to Lubuto. In addition, we have enjoyed the support of our colleagues in library programs in universities across North America and Zambia.

2008 was a year of many accomplishments for Lubuto and we look forward to continuing our progress in 2009. Our success to date has been attributable to our dedicated volunteers in the U.S. and in Zambia and to our many generous donors. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for their untiring support of our important work to improve the lives of Africa's most vulnerable children.

June 2009

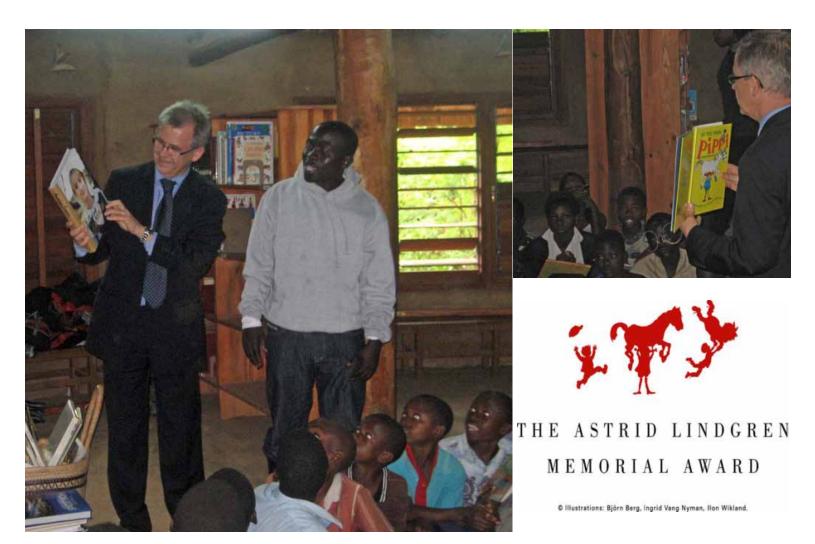
Jan Kinny Meyas



Lubuto connects the most vulnerable children with authors, illustrators and book donors via books inscribed especially to them. Each Lubuto library starts with a high-quality, knowledgably selected, balanced and comprehensive collection of 4,000 sturdy books. Collections are assembled and cataloged with a specially-designed access system by U.S. volunteers and are sent shelf-ready to Africa, where local-language books are added.

Beyond its libraries, the Lubuto Library Project works to identify and bring traditional Zambian stories back into print as first-rate children's books, and in partnership with the Zambia Library Association, cofounded the Zambia Board on Books for Young People to further these efforts.

"Everything big that occurred in the world occurred in someone's imagination." —ASTRID LINDGREN, 1907 - 2002



Mr. Lars Ronnås paid a visit to the first Lubuto library, read excerpts from Pippi Longstocking to the children, and presented the library with books about Sweden.

ASTRID LINDGREN MEMORIAL AWARD NOMINATION

The Lubuto Library Project was nominated for the prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA), the world's largest prize for children's and youth literature, awarded by the Swedish Academy of Arts.

"ALMA sends a signal to the world that children and youth literature is worth millions and that children and youth are invaluable. In the same spirit, the Lubuto Library Project engages numerous volunteers who gather street children and youth around the library's more than 4,000 books as well as theatre, story telling and art - all out of the conviction that books have the power to inspire, take children out of their difficult lives and offer them a look into a world of possibilities."

—Lars Ronnås, Swedish Ambassador to Zambia



VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM

Children who participated in Mwamba Mulangala's Visual Arts Program at the Fountain of Hope's Lubuto library were invited by the Visual Arts Council of Zambia to exhibit and sell their work at the Henry Tayali Gallery in Lusaka.

The exhibition's opening was enthusiastically received by nearly 100 friends of Lubuto libraries, leaders in Zambia's arts community and diplomatic corps, including the American and Swedish ambassadors.

Patrons, impressed by the quality of the work, purchased dozens of the paintings on display, making at least one young artist a proud (kwacha) millionaire, and turning all who sold their work into professionals! Everyone attending the show strongly agreed that these vulnerable children have a lot of talent that is waiting to be developed, given the opportunities offered by Lubuto's programs.

The children and youth that Lubuto libraries target are largely left out of the educational establishment for various reasons. But they, like all children, have the need and right to grow up with the wisdom and traditions of their culture, to learn about the world and find their place in it, and to find their voice and express it. For some children, the visual arts are the best media of expression and understanding. For this reason, the Visual Arts Program will be at the core of every Lubuto library.

"The group has been helpful in my way of life...I mean I have learned to behave better and live and work with other people. I want to thank the supporters of this program because it has been good to us. Keep the program running forever!" —Roy Chitwila, participant in the Visual Arts Program



- "Before, I only knew how to draw; now I know how to paint. I developed new skills, and I gained a lot of confidence. I would like to thank Jane Meyers and Mr. Mwamba for changing my life and the lives of my fellow artist friends."
- Robby Musole
- "I express my ideas and ask for guidance. We learn how to do artistic things and how to use our talent. Mwamba is a kind person. When I talk to him, I learn a lot, he treats me like a friend. This program is important to me because it helps me build my future."
- David Shampwali
- " Selling my paintings helps my family with new income. The program has helped me to express myself. I enjoy being in the art room, thinking of new drawing ideas, sharing painting tricks with my friends. We exchange ideas about new ways of painting."
- Joe Tembo
- " Art is good. Mr. Mwamba has taught me to draw and paint and also shading techniques. It's good to earn money with my art. With that income, I buy more art supplies like paints, canvas and brushes, so I can paint more!"
- Emmanual Kwabilo



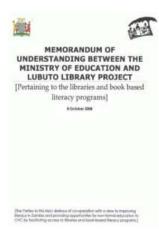
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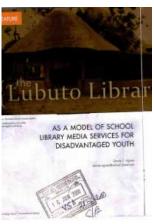
U.S. high school volunteers Ellie Tomlinson and Henry Meyers very successfully introduced the One Laptop Per Child XO laptops at the Fountain of Hope Lubuto library.

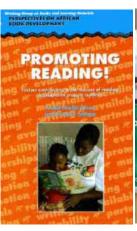
Ellie and Henry traveled to Lusaka to show children, staff and volunteers at the first Lubuto library what the XO laptop can do and how to use it. Planning in advance, Lubuto volunteers in the U.S. produced a manual which helped Henry and Ellie to explain how the computers work and will serve as an ongoing reference.

Since Lubuto primarily serves children who do not attend a formal school and often are homeless, this was not a typical target group for the 10 innovative laptops that were donated by the OLPC Foundation. The laptops are designed to allow children to have their own computers, but in Lubuto libraries, children who would otherwise never have the opportunity can share them.

The children absolutely love the XOs and use them to compose music, draw, learn the pronunciation of words, take pictures and - in an environment where Internet access is not likely to be available in the foreseeable future – enjoy communicating between laptops using the innovative XO mesh technology.











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"For founding a professional library development organization that creates indigenously-styled, model libraries with excellent collections and programs for Africa's most vulnerable children.... providing much more than a room with books....connecting American volunteers and students with their African peers....working to preserve Zambia's cultural heritage....partnering with governments and colleagues and establishing a funding network to insure sustainability and growth to develop other Lubuto libraries....[and] serving as a true hero to vulnerable children in Zambia and a shining example of commitment to first-rate library services for youth around the world. "

American Library Association 2009 Presidential Citation for International Innovation awarded to Lubuto Library Project by ALA President James Rettig, July 2009.

"Just as U.S. public libraries are much more than just information providers, Lubuto libraries are much more than just book providers. They provide educational opportunities for vulnerable youth, and serve as community centers for the wider local population. They also provide a means for artistic expression and other forms of self-expression for severely disadvantaged youth."

Professor Denise Agosto, "The Lubuto Library Project and the Universality of Public Library Services Youth" *Public Libraries* Public Library Association, Nov/Dec 2008.

"The LLP will provide leadership in establishing standards of good library practice, in supplying excellent and well-balanced book collections, developing targeted services and programmes, and constructing appropriate library buildings that are environmentally suitable and connected to Zambian vernacular building patterns, to meet national needs as identified by GRZ [Government of Zambia] or the hosting agencies....LLP will assist the GRZ in attaining the objectives of the MDGs [Millennium Development Goals]. "

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ministry of Education and Lubuto Library Project

"The success of Lubuto shows us that library services can help impoverished and otherwise vulnerable students in at least five different ways (1) through basic information and literacy services, (2) through culturally-relevant information resources, (3) through outreach services, (4) through community collaboration, and (5) through social interaction and entertainment opportunities. "

Professor Denise Agosto, "The Lubuto Library Project as a Model of School Library Media Services for Disadvantaged Youth." Knowledge Quest: Journal of the American Association of School Librarians

LLP was highlighted as a model of the use of partnerships and networking in *Promoting Reading! Factors* contributing to the success of reading development projects in Africa.

READ Educational Trust (South Africa) and ADEA Working Group on Books and Learning Materials, 2008.

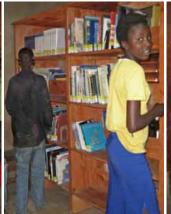
"The outstanding and amazing accomplishment of this endeavor is nearly beyond words, for not only are the children receiving a non-formal education, they are offered a safe place (off the streets) and hope that their future may be brighter. The project fosters partnerships with the government and other libraries and institutions in Zambia, the US, and the U.K. (thus far). The process of raising funds and providing materials as well as staff training is a global one....Through her persistence, courage, and foresight, one very special librarian with vision – Jane Kinney Meyers – is reaching out to the children their society has thrown away. "

Dow Jones Factiva, "The Inside Scoop"

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Lubuto libraries and programs are a transformational force in Zambia.

JANE KINNEY MEYERS, CHAIRMAN

President and founder, Lubuto Library Project, Inc.

Jane Meyers is a professional librarian with almost 25 years experience working and living in Africa, consulting, teaching and working with scores of libraries throughout the continent and participating in the formulation of National Information policies of Malawi and Zambia. She lived in Malawi for nearly four years, developing a network of research libraries for the country's Ministry of Agriculture on a World Bank project, and pioneering CD-ROM applications for Africa in the mid-1980s. Ten years later she returned to neighboring Zambia. There she became increasingly involved with services to street children offered by the Fountain of Hope, a drop-in shelter in Lusaka. She established a reading program, served on the Board, raised funds, and created a library for the children, among her many contributions to the center.

After living and working in Zambia from 1998 to 2001, Jane returned to the U.S. and developed the concept, approach and organization of the Lubuto Library Project. Honorary lifetime membership in the Zambia Library Association awarded to her in 2006 was joined by wide acclaim in the library profession for her career of international innovation and establishing the Lubuto Library Project. Most recently Jane received the 2009 American Library Association's President's Citation for International Innovation.

JANE MEYERS INTRODUCES LUBUTO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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PARTNER AND SPONSORSHIP CONSULTANT AND CHILDREN'S WRITER

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"As an investor relations professional, no one could be better than Jenifer in creating our annual reports and press communications, and her MBA and long experience give direction and expression to our business plans. Jenifer's hard work on behalf of Lubuto has raised the quality of our communications to a very high level of professionalism."

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"Carol agreed to join our board after her pro bono assistance resulted in Lubuto's receipt of 501(c)3 tax-exempt status in an unheard-of 10 days. She has kept us aligned with the IRS ever since, in addition to providing excellent service as board secretary, engaging other Sutherland attorneys' pro bono assistance and working hard throughout the year to help Lubuto accomplish its mission."

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"As a highly-regarded architect and urban planner herself, Mary Beth recognized the extraordinary talent and accomplishment of our libraries' designer, Eleni Coromvli. She brings recognition and scholarly expression to Eleni's language of vernacular architecture and advances Lubuto's mission to spread beautiful and enriching libraries for children throughout Africa."

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LIBRARY CONSULTANT

"After an illustrious career as a systems librarian advising the Council on Library Resources, U.S. National Libraries of Medicine and Agriculture and the Library of Congress, Sally's professionalism, expertise and energy now focused on organizing and managing Lubuto collections is not only an invaluable contribution to the Lubuto Project, but will ultimately be an important benefit to libraries throughout the African continent."

FINANCIAL SECTOR SPECIALIST, FINANCIAL MARKET INTEGRITY GROUP, WORLD BANK

"With years of high-level experience institutionalizing transparent practices and good governance among World Bank and IMF member countries, Stuart ensures transparency in Lubuto's government and civil society relationships and in all of our operations in Africa by drafting our agreements and providing oversight. As a Zambian lawyer, his commitment to our mission springs from a profound appreciation of the importance of the educational opportunities that Lubuto libraries provide."







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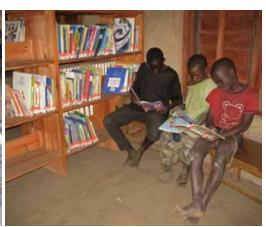
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The architecture of Lubuto libraries creates a home.

The inspiring environments of indigenously-styled Lubuto library compounds are intrinsic to the experience and impact of library programs on individual users.

Completely faithful to vernacular building patterns and a source of pride and celebration of Zambia's cultures, the purpose-built structures cost-effectively support Lubuto's wide range of services and programs, including defined outdoor space amid buildings for performances.

Lubuto libraries' lovely buildings attract many tourists as well as users to enjoy their comfortable and welcoming spaces. Their reflection of traditional architecture of Zambia is not only functional but also reflects Lubuto's vision of not imposing western educational systems but, rather, basing its services on traditional approaches by which African children learn about the world and their place in it.



" The work that [the Lubuto Library at the Fountain of Hope] is doing to provide a safe haven for street kids is impressive. The thoughtful planning and great efforts you have put into the project are very evident. You are to be commended for your efforts! It will be great to see more Lubuto libraries built in Zambia and other parts of Africa. Unfortunately with the AIDS pandemic, the number of street children will continue to rise. Everywhere you look the needs are so great..."

- Barbara Ringk, librarian, and visitor to the first Lubuto library.

" I remember walking up the street to our public library when I was a little girl and can remember how special the feeling inside was. But we also had school and church and other special places. So the libraries your project builds must be really special for these kids."

- Jean S. Diepenbrock, Raleigh, NC









Every child has the right to learn and imagine a better world.

BOOKS FOR THE SECOND LUBUTO LIBRARY COLLECTION ...CAME FROM:

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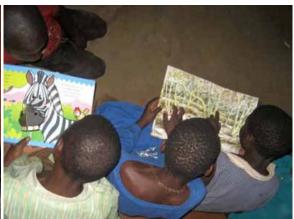
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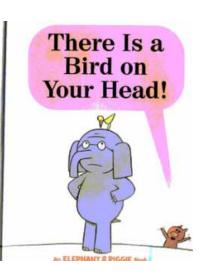
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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of Lubuto Library Project, Inc. Washington, DC

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Lubuto Library Project, Inc. (a non-profit organization) as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lubuto Library Project, Inc. as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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assets	2006	2007	2008
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,889	\$ 10,686	\$ 34,807
Donated books	30,700	20,910	67,860
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 58,589	\$ 31,596	\$ 102,667
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT			
Computer Equipment	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 1,194
Fixtures	2,500	2,500	2,500
Website	9,150	9,150	9,150
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(6,948)	(10,484)	(12,418)
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	5,402	1,866	426
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 63,991	\$ 33,462	\$ 103,093
liabilities and net assets			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued expenses	\$ —	\$ _	\$ —
Payable to President	2,344	1,118	1,167
Payable to Lubuto Zambia	_	3,358	7,408
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 2,344	\$ 4,476	\$ 8,575
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted	\$ 30,947	\$ 8,076	\$ 19,658
Temporarily restricted	30,700	20,910	74,860
TOTAL NET ASSETS	61,647	28,986	94,518
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Lubuto Library Project, Inc. financial information

	2006		2007		2008	
UNRESTRICTED REVENUE AND SUPPORT						
Contributed support	\$	132,591	\$	137,358	\$	156,232
Individual donations		10,578		34,658		33,925
Corporate grants		4,425		3,900		2,038
Foundation grants		16,930		7,530		44,391
Other Income		20		1,031		600
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$	164,544	\$	184,477	\$	237,186
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS						
Satisfaction of donation restrictions	\$	35,516	\$	23,550	\$	5,000
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE AND SUPPORT AND NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	\$	200,060	\$	208,027	\$	242,186
EXPENSES						
Program services	\$	151,321	\$	202,692	\$	206,641
Supporting services						
General and administrative		32,610		25,158		20,893
Fundraising		4,366		3,048		3,070
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	188,297	\$	230,898	\$	230,604
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$	11,763	\$	(22,871)	\$	11,582
CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS						
Contributed books	\$	18,700	\$	8,910	\$	43,950
Corporate grants		44		0		0
Foundation grants		26,150		0		10,000
Individual donations		9,322		4,850		5,000
Net assets released from restrictions		(35,516)		(23,550)		(5,000)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS		18,700		(9,790)		53,950
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS		30,463		(32,661)		65,532
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD		31,184		61,647		28,986
NET ASSETS AT END OF PERIOD	\$	61,647	\$	28,986	\$	94,518



