



Crowdfunding an MLIS for Lubuto's future



# Lubuto Library Project

*Bringing knowledge and enlightenment to Africa's most vulnerable children and youth*



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## A Leader for African Libraries

As friends of the Lubuto Library Project, you know that Lubuto not only transforms young lives through our caring library services, but also strives for a sustainable foundation for libraries serving youth throughout Africa. The key to achieving those objectives lies in building capacity to carry our work forward into the future.

Lubuto's Library Services Advisor, Thomas Mukonde, has been accepted to the Master's in Library and Information Science program at the [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#). Lubuto believes that supporting his professional education is the key to the future not only of

Lubuto, but of children's libraries across the continent. We need your support to make this a reality.

Thomas joined Lubuto in November 2013 and immediately became an integral part of our team. Since then, Thomas has met and formed important new initiatives with local publishers and technological innovators, revitalized library services for teens through book clubs and movie nights, and fully embodied the holistic, supportive mission of Lubuto Libraries.

While there are many professional librarians and some library schools in Zambia, there is no coursework available in library services for children and youth. Thomas's studies at Illinois' perennially highest ranked MLIS program will prepare him to provide professional leadership in children's services that is sorely needed in Zambia and welcomed by our library colleagues there. This professional education will lay the foundation for a sustainable Lubuto Library movement across Africa.

Illinois has offered Thomas an assistantship and small scholarship, but \$25,000 is still needed to support him while he earns this essential degree. This amount includes the cost of his travel to and from Zambia, living expenses, books and academic supplies, and some remaining tuition costs. Lubuto has launched a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo to help fund Thomas's education and we ask you to please support this important cause by donating to this 45 day campaign. Your tax-deductible contribution will genuinely plant seeds for the future of Lubuto Libraries, transforming the lives of countless youth in Africa through first-rate libraries made just for them.

**Please Donate Today!**

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