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Introduction

The Nigerian School Library Association appreciates the role of effective school library media centres in developing the favourable reading culture and efficient implementation of curriculum in Nigerian schools, thus, the theme for this year's conference is stated as above

The deliberations at the conference resulted into the issuance of this communiqué

1. For the attainment of high quality library services in Nigerian schools, and in consonance with best practice internationally, school library legislation should be enacted by all levels of government in Nigeria for the establishment and development of library in all schools.
2. Qualified school library personnel are essential for sustainable quality school library services. We therefore urge government to employ qualified school librarians/school library media specialists to manage school libraries and media centres in Nigeria and to mount regular capacity development programmes for school library personnel.
3. Schools in Nigeria (primary and secondary) should incorporate on their time-table at least two library periods per week in order for students to develop essential reading and learning skills.
4. Government should approve curriculum for teaching and learning of library and information skills appropriate for each level of education system in Nigeria.
5. The Nigerian School Library Association observed the dearth of reading materials for Nigerian children. To address this need, we urge the government to support projects

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aimed at producing and distributing suitable and appropriate reading materials for the Nigerian school children through legislation, funding and collaboration with relevant bodies.

6. School libraries in Nigeria should be ICT compliant in order to enhance the quality of education in schools. Therefore, government should ensure provision of electronic resources and regular supply of electricity for their effective utilization.
7. The NSLA has identified funding as a major obstacle to quality school library service. We hereby urge government and proprietor of schools to increase funding of school libraries through direct grants, regular budgetary provision and Public Private Programme Collaborations.
8. To ensure effective utilization of funds and facilities provided, government should establish inspectorate division for proper and effective monitoring of the school libraries.



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