LIBRARIES NEED GOOD CONNECTIVITY!

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WHO is eifl?

"EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) is a not-for-profit organization that works with libraries to enable access to knowledge in developing and transition economy countries in Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and Latin America.
In a highly networked digital world its activities help people to access and use information for education, learning, research and sustainable community development".

Library consortia in 47 countries representing more than 2,300 libraries, are part of the EIFL network. In addition, they work in another 13 countries with project partners.

THE CHALLENGE

Digital technology has revolutionized the ways in which we access and share information, communicate and learn.
However, billions of people around the world are still unable to reap the benefits.

THE APPROACH

EIFL partners with libraries and library consortia,
as we believe that this is the most sustainable way to improve access to knowledge.

WHAT ARE LIBRARY CONSORTIA?

Groups of libraries that -

- Share common goals.
- Speak with one voice to policymakers and funders.
- Include university, research and public libraries, and other institutions.
- Share resources and activities.
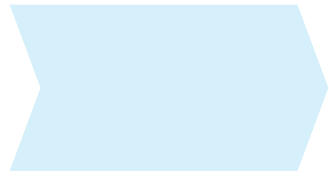- Reach millions of users efficiently.

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WHO IS PALICO?

PALICO (Palestinian Library and Information Consortium) introduced in 2005 is a body of 16 Universities and Colleges.

The Committee of Academic Libraries which was established in 1987 under the umbrella of the Ministry of Higher Education is the core body of this consortium.
http://palico.ps

EIFL PALICO RELATIONSHIP

EIFL PROGRAMMES

Licensing Programme

Copyright and Libraries Programme
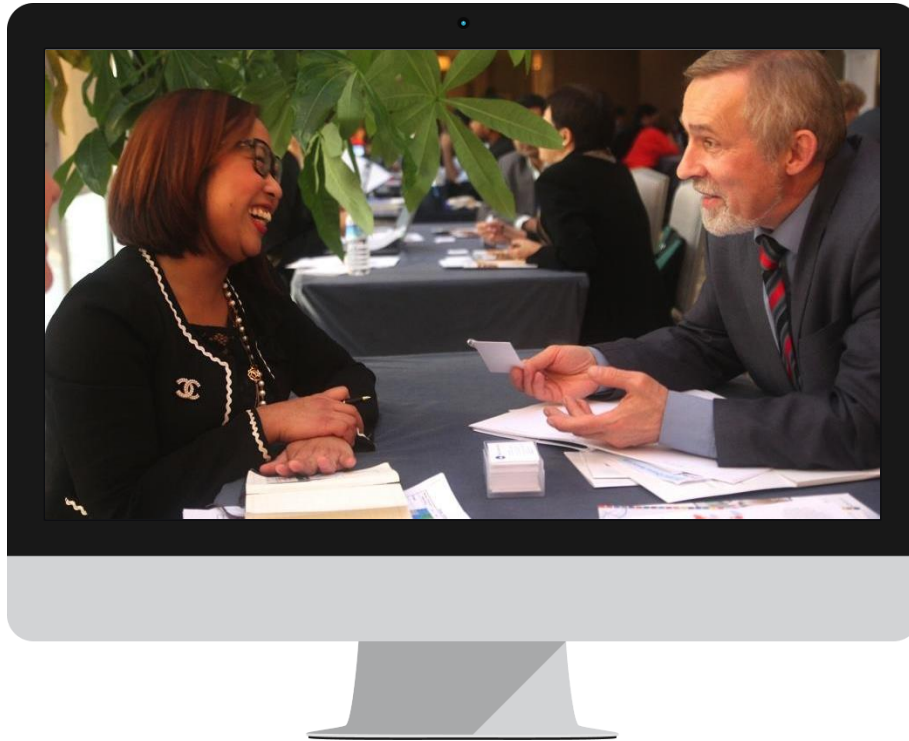
Open Access Programme

LICENSING:THE CHALLENGE

Access to commercial e-resources is essential for research and education. High subscription costs and inadequate connectivity create a major barrier for libraries and their users in developing and transition countries.

LICENSING PROGRAMME

Expanding access to commercial e-resources

- EIFL negotiates affordable access to e-resources.

- PALICO ensures widespread adoption and usage of licensed e-resources.

COPYRIGHT & LIBRARIES: THE CHALLENGE

Restrictive copyright laws create legal barriers to using resources for education, research and socio-economic development.

COPYRIGHT AND LIBRARIES PROGRAMME
Promoting a fair copyright system

EIFL builds capacity of librarians in copyright.

EIFL campaign for national copyright law reform.

PALICO advocates for rules to benefit libraries.
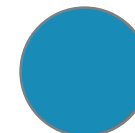
OPEN ACCESS:THE CHALLENGE

Research is critical to improving development and solving global health, agriculture and environmental challenges. However the majority of the world's peer-reviewed articles are locked in subscription journals, inaccessible to researchers in developing and transition countries.

OPEN ACCESS PROGRAMME
Removing barriers to knowledge sharing

EIFL builds capacity to publish OA journals and set up OA repositories.

PALICO builds OA institutional repositories.

PALICO NOW

- Building of a strong consortium

- Cost savings:

- - Access to free e-resources (10)

- - Reduced prices on some subscriptions

- Capacity building:

- - Training and workshops

- - Webinars

- Advocating for the role of libraries

- Visibilty of research output through institutional repositories- birzeit university launched its IR "fada" in october 2016- http://fada.birzeit.edu three univ.'s are on the way

- Knowledge sharing and networking

THE CHALLENGES

- Use of ICT's in teaching, learning and research is now vital, as is being part of networks for academic and research collaboration.

- Academic and research libraries support teaching and research, and must be equipped with appropriate technologies and be partners in the networks.

- Electronic resources are invaluable research tools that increasingly replace print-based resource.

- E-resources are underutilized due to slow connectivity, and other reasons such as inadequate computer infrastructure.

- Connectivity is inadequate to allow sharing of e-resources across networks or remote access by researchers off campus.

- Open Access institutional repositories can not be accessed easily when connectivity is poor despite their potential to increase use, visibility and impact of research output.

WHY DOES IT MAKE SENSE FOR LIBRARIES AND NRENs TO COOPERATE?

- To ensure the availability and accessibility of affordable high bandwidth in academic and research libraries in support of research and development, and academic teaching and learning.

- To contribute significantly to improved connectivity and affordable high bandwidth in libraries for the wide use (on and off-campus) of electronic resources (commercial and open access) by research and academic institutions.

POTENTIAL AEREAS FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN LIBRARIES AND NRENs

- Involvement in NRENS meetings to share knowledge and discuss developments.

- PALICO/ NREN joint advocacy to improve connectivity;

  PALICO in turn can furnish statistics of access and

  downloads in Palestine and other eifl countries to show actual & potential

  data traffic.

- Sharing of e-resources on a wider level.

- Encourage open access publishing to improve research and education.

THANK YOU

We welcome any

QUESTIONS...

COMMENTS...

SUGGESTIONS...

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