

# The 2013 IRC Africa Subcommittee Program

ALA Annual Conference – Chicago

Sunday June 30, 2013

## Bridging the Digital Divide: Technology and Information Access in Africa

### Venue

**McCormick Place  
Convention Center  
S103bc**

### Time

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
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### Chair

Araba Dawson-Andoh  
Africana Librarian  
Ohio University Libraries

### Moderator

Cliff Missen  
Clinical Associate Professor  
University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill

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*The Africa Subcommittee annual program provides librarians working in Africa or interested in librarianship in Africa the opportunity to share information about library services, collections, and projects in Africa.*

Technology has brought changes in library service delivery, and the Internet has become the dominant mode of information exchange in libraries. New opportunities for collecting, organizing, and disseminating local content; and providing access to remotely distributed resources have emerged. In Africa, this transformation has been slow due to the digital divide but there are ongoing efforts to close the gap.

This panel presentation will describe technology initiatives in African libraries and provide insights to the challenges encountered in efforts to utilize technology to enhance services. Panelists will discuss digitization projects, institutional repositories, resource sharing, Internet connectivity and other technologies.

### Panelists:

Graziano Krätli

Digital Projects and Technology Librarian, Email: graziano.kratli@yale.edu  
Yale University Divinity School Library

Title: *West African Arabic Manuscript Heritage at a Crossroads: Dust to Digital or Digital Dust?*

Jane Kinney Meyers

President, Lubuto Library Project® Inc, Email: mayazi@verizon.net

Title: *Singing the songs of continuation: libraries worldwide join forces to restore Zambia's literary heritage*

Yetunde Zaid (Ph.D)

Head, Readers' Services Department, Email: yetundezaid@gmail.com

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Olubukola Olatise

Circulation Librarian, Email: buktam@yahoo.com

Main Library, University of Lagos

Title: *Past imperfect, Present continuous and Future perfect: Paradigm Shift in Information Service Provision In Nigerian University Libraries*

Innocent Rugambwa

Director, Library Services, Email: irugambwa@parliament.go.ug  
Parliament of Uganda

Title: *Meeting the Changing Needs of the Parliament*