



## **Commemoration of International English Language Day and World Book Day 2021**

### **A Revival of the American Spaces, Kano**

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The dRPC commemorated the English Language day and World book day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2021 in collaboration with the American Spaces, Kano State by donating 300 English Grade 3 and 4 books to the Kano State Library in the company of relevant education stakeholders in the state and school pupils who were introduced to the use of library.

The two major issues recognized in the honor of this day are of importance to the development community which aligns with the dRPC's U.S. Embassy Funded Project, Teacher Development for Transition (TDT) Project. The project is aimed to improve the English Language competences of 100 SUBEB Grade 3 English Teachers in the area of transition from Hausa to English in 10 Government Primary Schools equally distributed within Rural and Urban areas.

This program was conducted in collaboration with the America Space Corner whose activities the dRPC seeks to revive by creating awareness about opportunities for English Language learning and professional development through the ongoing TDT Project. The Space and dRPC collaborated to offer a strategic use of English language programs to advance foreign policy goals in which English language programs can expand the pool of young people, educators, and other professionals

Three hundred grade 3 and 4 books were donated by the dRPC to the Kano State Library Children Section as a part of the TDT project specifically selected for children who are transitioning from being taught in Hausa to English. This is aimed to strengthen the reading culture and learning outcomes of the children of Kano state.

The following papers were presented during the program by the stakeholders:

1. Kano State Government Commitment to Teacher Training to Help Primary School Pupils Transit From Hausa to English Language by the Board Secretary - SUBEB, Kano
2. History of Public Libraries in Kano State and the Importance of World Book Day by the Executive Secretary –KSLB
3. The Role of National Library of Nigeria in Kano State by Head of Branch National Library

In the course of presenting the papers, the representative of the SUBEB coordinator, Mai Kudi Abdul Al-alau, who represented the Executive Secretary, reassured the participants of the State Government's commitment to improve English Language teaching and Learning. He said

*"I wish to reiterate that the Kano State Government, under the leadership of His Excellency Dr Abdullahi Umar Ganduje is committed to improve the English Language Teaching and learning in our primary schools as its cardinal principle of government."*

Present were the representatives of the Kano State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), Kano State Library Board, FCDO, KALMA, SRCOE, American Spaces Kano and thirty Primary 4 pupils from Race Course Primary School, Kano State.

The program held in honor of the English Language day and World Books day was organized by the dRPC featured the donation of 300 grade 3 and 4 books to the Kano State Library, created awareness about the activities of American Space Corner, and had three papers presented by the SUBEB Kano, Kano State Library Board, National Library Representative and the American Spaces, Kano.

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