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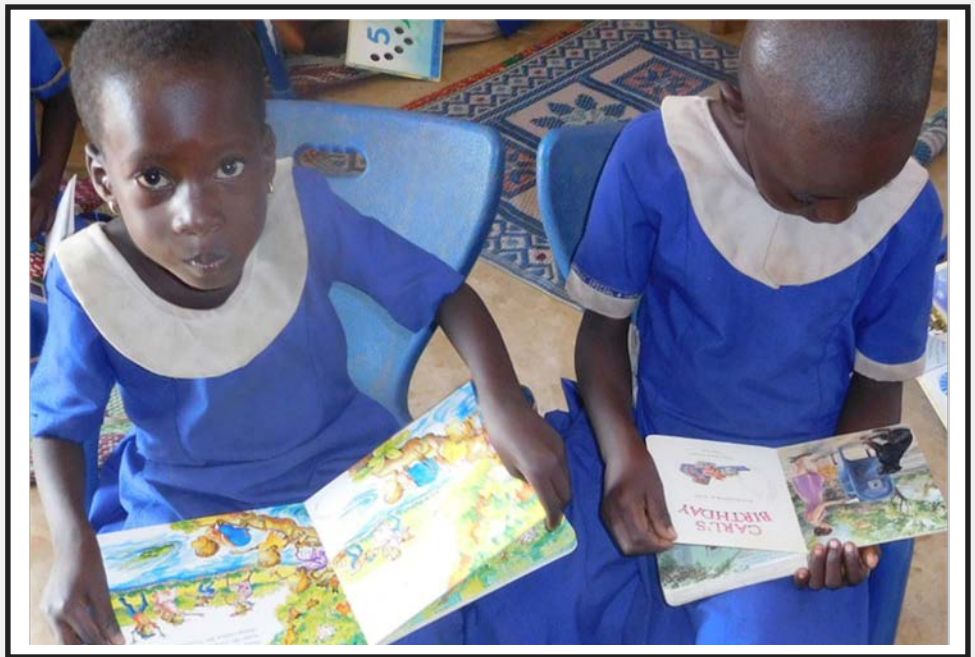
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SPRING 2018

Communities' First Lending Library Takes Root

**The La'Angum Learning Center lending library, opened
in 2017, is a proven game changer**



The response of our students and the wider community to the area's first lending library opened by PAMBE Ghana in 2017 demonstrates the power of thoughtful community investment in education. The library created new jobs and training opportunities for both paid staff and student librarians. Following the robust response to Executive Director Alice Iddi-Gubbels' call for student librarian applications, the position was filled with a slate of enthusiastic, young, 'rotating' librarians. Due to student demand for library access the head librarian arrives before school so that children can also come early and read for pleasure. Even those older La'Angum students who have graduated and moved on to junior high school often stop by on their way to school to check out books. Few among us in the educational community lacks a fond memory of the magic of a library, and that at La'Angum has likewise become a quiet haven for young patrons to experience the magic of books. Look inside on page 5 for more library photos.

Mother Huggers Puts the ‘Fun’ in Fundraising

Oklahoma City based non-profit presented PAMBE Ghana with a check for \$20,000 to support teacher salaries following its fabulously fun bowling fundraiser

Membership based non-profit Mother Huggers headed by Beth Jansen granted PAMBE Ghana \$20,000 to support increased teacher compensation at La’Angum Learning Center. Mother Huggers obtained a \$5,000 grant from the Liddell Foundation based in Norman, Oklahoma, then named PAMBE Ghana the international recipient of Mother Huggers’ fabulously fun annual bowling fundraiser, which generated another \$15,000 for the Ghana school. The bowling event also raised funds for local non-profits primarily through team registrations, a silent auction and individual contributions. PAMBE Ghana’s Board and volunteers joined the fun with several teams. At right, past Board president Susan Kovats bowls a strike.



Did you know? PAMBE Ghana’s teachers presently earn less than those who serve at Ghanaian Education Service (“GES”) schools and La’Angum Learning Center risks losing Montessori trained teachers to the GES. Thanks to the generosity of the Liddell Foundation and Mother Huggers, PAMBE Ghana will begin to implement its long-time plan of responsibly raising teacher salaries. **Please join Mother Huggers by making a tax deductible donation to support increased teacher compensation.** Please see more at motherhuggers.us to see that organization’s good work done locally and internationally.



Kaberic Joins Kyle Dillingham and Horseshoe Road for sunset concert at OKC Boathouse

Renowned dancer and musician Eric Kabore - internationally and in his home country Burkina Faso known as ‘Kaberic’ – performed in concert April 7th together with homegrown favorites Kyle Dillingham and Horseshoe Road (left, above) at the OKC Boathouse. After the sun set across the Oklahoma River the stage changed dramatically and a fireworks display illuminated the musicians. The lovely evening was capped by certain daring guests (including PAMBE Ghana’s dear friend Bill Majors lower left, in in red vest) accepting Kaberic’s invitation to don the dance skirt and join him on stage. A portion of the evening’s proceeds went to PAMBE Ghana.



Multiple Shopping Options for Fair Trade Fans

From inception as a small holiday market in 2009, PAMBE Ghana's global market has grown into a much-anticipated multi-season shopping event that provides significant operating funds. We are pleased to announce that in 2018 market shopping opportunities have expanded again into multiple venues. Come shop with more ways to win + win + win – by purchasing unique items to keep or gift + providing fair wages to the artisans + knowing that 100% of net proceeds go directly to support educate children at La'Angum Learning Center.

2017

PAMBE Ghana's midtown market debuted in a fantastic space donated by the generous folks at The Sieber Apartments on N. Hudson Avenue in Oklahoma City.

2017 Holiday Market

Right – the 2017 holiday market kicked off with a party in the Sieber lobby. We anticipate this year's market will also be in Midtown. Watch for details!



2018

May 26, 27 & 28

PASEO Arts Festival

The global market returns to the PASEO Arts Festival in Oklahoma City's historic arts district located at NW 30th and N. Walker. Peruse the fabulous fair trade finds and beat the heat at PAMBE Ghana's space in Rainbow Fleet's *air conditioned* office space at 3024 Paseo Drive.

The Paseo Farmers' Market at SixTwelve

Join us at the Paseo Farmers' Market at SixTwelve (612 NW 29th Street), featuring locally grown produce, Saturday mornings from 9 A.M. - Noon.

The Global Market will be there

June 16

July 28

August 11

September 12

October 13



Support community farmers and schoolchildren in underserved northern Ghana at this new event.



And don't forget – there is always a fair trade mini-market at the learning tree toy store.

Shop local

7638 N. Western Avenue

Oklahoma City

10-6, Monday-Saturday

Why buy fair trade? See

<http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/shoppingethically/whybuyethical/whybuyfairtrade.aspx> or
http://www.fairtraderesource.org/downloads/top_10_reasons_to_support_ft.pdf

In northern Ghana, LLC students use the lending library



Left, the surprise of a pop-up book!

Right, student librarian, Amdia.

Below left, primary students enjoy picture books, and boys look at readers.



Meanwhile in Oklahoma City, Heritage Hall first grade students studied the diverse artistic styles of Van Gogh, Picasso, O'Keeffe, and Warhol, then created and displayed their own like works, at an art show, below, which raised over \$1,000 for LLC.



The joy of learning is universal.



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takes root in
communities**

**Oklahoma
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teacher salaries**



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**LLC students celebrate Ghanaian Independence
Day March 6th**

