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COUNTY LIBRARIES**

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AI	Artificial Intelligence
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CoK	Constitution of Kenya
E-Resources	Electronic Resources
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICIFA	Institute of Certified Investment and Financial Analysts of Kenya
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
KASNEB	Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board
KNLS	Kenya National Library Service
TV	Television
U.S.A.	United States of America
Wi-Fi	Wireless Fidelity
CECM	County Executive Committee Member

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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

The Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library, established under Standing Order 212D of the National Assembly Standing Orders, is mandated, among others, to advise Parliament on matters of public participation, enhance access to library, publications, and research services, and support Members in the effective use of information and communication technology.

The Parliament of Kenya uses various official platforms to disseminate information and provide the public with access to its activities, ensuring that legislative processes are open and inclusive. These platforms include the official parliamentary website, live TV and social media broadcasts (YouTube, Facebook, X), Hansard and committee reports, public hearings and forums, and print newspapers, all of which serve to inform the public and encourage meaningful engagement in parliamentary business. The Parliament of Kenya Library plays a central role as the official custodian of parliamentary information. It manages a large collection of parliamentary documents in both physical and electronic formats. To further enhance accessibility, the library has developed a digital library, which currently hosts 28,568 documents, including key publications and legislative materials.

With a view to expanding public access to parliamentary works and fostering literacy, the Committee proposed establishing parliamentary corners in both national and county libraries. To consider the proposal, the Committee held a consultative meeting with key stakeholders, including the Parliamentary Joint Services, Kenya National Library Services (KNLS), Kenya Libraries and Information Services Consortium (KLISC), and the Association of Government Librarians.

In addition, the Committee undertook inspection visits to selected libraries to assess existing resource centres and determine the availability and suitability of space for the proposed Parliamentary Corners. The libraries visited were:

1. KNLS- Maktaba Kuu;
2. Lagam Branch Library;
3. Eldoret Branch Library;
4. Kakamega Branch Library;
5. Kisumu Branch Library;
6. Dr. Robert Ouko Memorial Library, Kisumu County;
7. Mombasa County Library;
8. Kilifi County Library; and
9. Malindi County Library.

The Committee observed that leveraging the existing infrastructure and the extensive network of public libraries offers a strategic opportunity for Parliament to expand its outreach. The proposed parliamentary corners will serve as dedicated spaces for accessing parliamentary information, fostering civic education, and enhancing public understanding of parliamentary processes.

During the visit to KNLS/ Maktaba Kuu, the Committee toured the American Corner Mtaani and noted that it serves as a dynamic hub offering open access for learning opportunities, particularly for youth, including free Wi-Fi and access to an e-library for research.

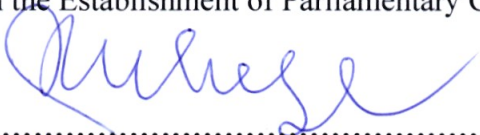
The Committee further noted the willingness of County Governments to partner with Parliament in implementing this initiative, as well as the availability of adequate space in most libraries to accommodate the corners. It also observed that other institutions, such as Kenya Law Reform and KASNEB, have successfully established similar resource corners, making their materials accessible to the public.

In light of global trends towards digital transformation and artificial intelligence, the Committee recognizes the potential to further strengthen this initiative by using ICT to disseminate parliamentary information across the country.

The Committee appreciates the logistical and technical support offered by the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the National Assembly in the execution of its mandate.

On behalf of the Committee and pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 199 (6), it is my pleasant privilege and honour to present to this House the Report of the Committee on its consideration of the Report on the Establishment of Parliamentary Corners in National and County Libraries.

Signed.....Date.....


for
HON. DANIEL EPUYO NANOK, CBS, M.P.
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND
LIBRARY

1.0 PREFACE

1.1 Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

1. The Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library is established by Standing Order 212D of the National Assembly and is mandated to:
 - i. consider and report on all matters relating to broadcasting of the proceedings of the House;
 - ii. advise the House on matters related to public participation;
 - iii. make reports and recommendations to the House, including proposed legislation on matters relating to broadcasting of House proceedings;
 - iv. recommend to and advise the House on matters related to the provision of library, publications, and research services in Parliament, including improvement of the library and research services; and
 - v. assist Members in utilizing the facilities provided by the library and research services, including the use of information and communication technology.

1.2 Committee Membership

2. The Committee comprises the following twenty-one (21) Members -

Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, CBS, M.P. – **Chairperson**
Turkana West Constituency
United Democratic Alliance

Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, CBS, M.P. – **Vice-Chairperson**
Limuru Constituency
United Democratic Alliance

Hon. Naomi Jilo Waqo, M.P.
Marsabit (CWR)
United Democratic Alliance

Hon. Korir, Adams Kipsanai MP
Keiyo Constituency
Wiper Democratic Movement

Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Ahmed Shabbir, CBS, M. P.
Kisumu East Constituency
Independent

Hon. CPA Geoffrey Wandeto, MP
Tetu Constituency
United Democratic Alliance

Hon. Kombe, Harrison Garama, M.P.
Magarini Constituency
Orange Democratic Party

Hon. Julius Kipletting Rutto, MP
Kesses Constituency
United Democratic Alliance

Hon. Koyi, John Waluke, CBS, M.P.
Sirisha Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. (Dr.) Mamwacha, Onchoke Charles, MP
Bonchari Constituency
United Progressive Alliance

Hon. Gakuya James Mwangi, M.P
Embakasi Constituency
United Democratic Alliance

Hon. Mupe, Anthony Kenga, MP
Rabai Constituency
Pamoja African Alliance

Hon. Murwithania, Rindikiri Mugambi, CBS,
M.P.
Buuri Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Nguro Onesmus Ngogoyo, MP
Kajiado Constituency
United Democratic Alliance

Hon. Hon. Gachobe Samuel Kinuthia, MP
Subukia Constituency
United Democratic Alliance

Hon. Salasya, Peter Kalerwa, MP
Mumias East Constituency
Democratic Action Party of Kenya

Hon. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdi, MP
Lafey Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Edward Muriu Wakili, MP
Gatanga Constituency
United Democratic Alliance

Hon Khodhe, Phelix Odiwuor, MP
Langata Constituency
Orange Democratic Party

Hon. Abubakar, Talib Ahmed, MP
Nominated
Wiper Democratic Movement

Hon. Kiamba, Suzanne Ndunge, MP
Makueni Constituency
Wiper Democratic Movement

1.3 Committee Secretariat

3. The secretariat supporting the Committee comprises the following staff: –

Ms. Jane Ouko

Clerk Assistant II/Head of Secretariat

Mr. Silas Lomutur
Research Officer III

Mr. Danton Kimutai
Audio officer

Mercy Wanyonyi
Principal Legal Counsel II

Ms. Mary Kamande
Public Communications Officer III

Ms. Mercy Mayende
Media Relations Officer III

Ms. Caroline Waweru
Hansard Reporter II

Ms. Jacinta Maru
Sergeant-At -Arms

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Constitution of Kenya and the Parliamentary Service Commission Strategic Plan (2019 – 2030)

4. Article 118 of the Constitution of Kenya mandates Parliament to conduct its business in an open and transparent manner, ensuring that the public has access to its proceedings and facilitates citizen participation in its legislative and other functions, including the work of its committees. Further, Article 35 of the CoK 2010 guarantees every citizen the constitutional right to access information.
5. Aligned with these constitutional provisions, the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) Strategic Plan (2019–2030) identifies public trust, the third strategic pillar, as a foundational element for strengthening democratic governance. This pillar is instrumental in actualizing Article 118 by promoting public access to and participation in parliamentary processes. Parliament, therefore, has a responsibility to ensure that citizens are informed, engaged, and empowered to participate meaningfully in its business.
6. Further, Standing Order 212D of the National Assembly Standing Orders mandates the Committee, amongst other functions, to advise the House on matters related to public participation, recommend to and advise Parliament on the provision and improvement of library, publications, and research services, and assist Members in utilizing the facilities provided by the Library and Research Services, including the effective use of information and communication technology
7. To promote transparency, accountability, and citizen participation, the Parliament of Kenya uses multiple official platforms to disseminate information and provide public access to its activities, ensuring that legislative processes are open and inclusive.
8. These platforms include: the official parliamentary website, live broadcasts on TV and social media (YouTube, Facebook, X); Hansard and committee reports, public hearings and forums, and print newspapers, all of which serve to inform the public and encourage meaningful engagement in parliamentary business.
9. The Parliament of Kenya Library plays a central role as the official custodian of parliamentary information, maintaining an extensive collection of resources related to parliamentary work in both physical and digital formats. To further enhance accessibility, the library has developed the Bunge digital repository, which currently hosts more than twenty thousand (20,000) documents, including key publications and legislative materials.
10. To expand public access to parliamentary information, to promote civic education, and to enhance Parliament's visibility, the Committee proposes the establishment of parliamentary corners in National and county libraries to serve as dedicated spaces for accessing parliamentary information, promoting civic education, and enhancing public awareness of parliamentary processes.

3.0 INSPECTION VISITS TO LIBRARIES

Introduction

11. The Committee undertook inspection visits to various counties with the main objectives being to gain insights into the existing resource corners; ascertain the accessibility, availability, and demand for parliamentary materials; assess the suitability of available spaces for setting up the parliamentary corners; and deliberate on a collaborative framework for the implementation of the proposal.
12. Consequently, to achieve these objectives, the Committee visited the following selected libraries in Nyanza, Western, Rift Valley, Nairobi, and the Coastal region between July 2025 and March 2026:

1. The Kenya National Library Services Headquarters, Maktaba Kuu

13. The Committee undertook an inspection visit to the KNLS Headquarters, Maktaba Kuu, to gain insights into existing resource corners and to assess the availability and suitability of space for setting up parliamentary corners.
14. During the visit, Members learnt that there are three national libraries in the country and a total of sixty-one (61) county libraries, which would be instrumental in advancing civic education.
15. The Committee also toured the American Corner Mtaani, which was established through a partnership between the United States of America (USA) and the Kenya National Library Service. The Corner aims to provide free, open-access spaces that promote learning, access to information, and cultural exchange, particularly among young people, by offering resources on education, technology, entrepreneurship, and opportunities such as scholarships and exchange programmes related to the United States, while also fostering mutual understanding between Kenya and the USA.
16. Further, the Committee was apprised that the American Corner Mtaani provides open-access learning opportunities for the public, with a particular focus on the youth, offering free Wi-Fi and access to an e-library for research purposes. Additionally, visitors can borrow laptops for on-site use, and the space provides a conducive environment that allows users to freely engage in various educational and creative activities. The facility also features a podcast studio for interviews, editing, and uploading content to various social media platforms, and all services are free and accessible to the public.
17. The Committee further toured spaces where various organisations have set up specialized corners, including Neema Foundation, KASNEB, Chinese Cultural Information, and HIV Awareness corners.
18. Consequently, the Committee noted that Parliament can replicate the same through the establishment of parliamentary corners to bring Parliament closer to the people, especially at

the grassroots level, to counter the lack of awareness, disinformation, and misinformation about Parliament.

19. To actualize this, the Committee observed the need to establish a legal framework, primarily through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with KNLS, and to review relevant legislation to incorporate provisions on the partnership between Parliament and KNLS, to strengthen civic engagement and awareness about the role of Parliament.
20. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of KNLS commended the Committee for the proposal to establish parliamentary corners in libraries across the country, noting that the initiative would enhance civic education and improve the dissemination of knowledge about Parliament. He affirmed KNLS's full support for the proposal, stating that it would play a significant role in combating misinformation and disinformation about Parliament.

2. The Eldoret Branch Library, Uasin Gishu County

21. The Governor of Uasin Gishu County, H.E. Dr. Jonathan Bii Chelilim, E.G.H., expressed support for the initiative to establish parliamentary corners, characterizing it as a noble venture vital for the promotion of good governance across the country.
22. Members noted with concern that the Eldoret Library was razed during the anti-Finance Bill protests in June 2024. To mitigate the disruption of critical services, the County Government has since established a makeshift library to ensure continuity of service provision for residents.
23. The Committee was further briefed that the County is in the process of rebuilding the facility into a modern library incorporating a youth innovation Centre and an Amphitheatre. The County has already laid the foundation for the new library, which will integrate ICT within existing library services to offer a wide range of services to the public, including a youth Centre with an e-library. The project is expected to be completed within two years.
24. Additionally, the Committee learned that the County received eight (8) staff from the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS), pursuant to Legal Notice No.142 of 2019 on Transfer of Library Functions.
25. It was further brought to the attention of Members that Uasin Gishu County has the highest library readership in the country, with the main users being students, researchers, and teachers.
26. The Committee toured the makeshift library at Eldoret and ascertained that the space was not suitable for a proper library setup. The Committee took cognizance of the fact that the bookshelves were inadequate, most processes were being carried out manually, there was no designated sitting area for readers, and a significant number of books were in poor condition.

3. Lagam library - Elgeyo Marakwet County

27. The Lagam Library in Chesongoch serves as a key library in Elgeyo Marakwet County, recording a readership of approximately two hundred (200) users daily. The library offers services such as Braille and e-reading.

28. In accordance with Legal Notice No.142 of 2019 on Transfer of Library Functions, the library was handed over by the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) with two (2) staff and twenty-five thousand (25,000) books.
29. The Committee was further briefed that the library had recorded a total of four thousand five hundred (4,500) users in the past year.
30. The Committee noted the need to advocate for the adoption and expansion of e-resources in libraries to improve access to information and align library services with the growing global use of information technology.
31. The Committee noted several challenges affecting the operations of Lagam library, including a lack of internet connectivity and the incomplete status of the library, which continue to limit effective service delivery and access to information resources.

4. Kakamega Branch Library

32. The Committee was received by County officials who welcomed Members and provided an overview of library services in the County.
33. The Committee was informed that Kakamega Branch Library and KNLS Lusumu Branch Library were devolved to Kakamega County following the transfer of library functions to County Governments.
34. The Committee noted that the library holds approximately forty-two thousand (42,000) books valued at Kshs 3.2 million and is supported by a staff complement of sixteen officers. It was further noted that the library has established partnerships with various institutions, including KASNEB, Neema Foundation, Kenya Law Reform, and ICIPAK, which have set up dedicated resource corners to enhance access to specialized materials for users.
35. Also, the Committee was apprised that the land on which the Kakamega library stands has not yet been formally transferred to the County Government, although the process of handing over had commenced. This has posed administrative and operational challenges in the management and development of the facility.
36. The Committee further observed that the absence of internet infrastructure had significantly hindered connectivity, thereby creating a digital divide and constraining access to digital resources and modern library services. This has affected the library's ability to meet the evolving information needs of its users more effectively.
37. Additionally, the Committee was informed that changes in the education system have created a demand for new and updated learning materials, rendering some of the existing resources obsolete. While the County has set aside funds for restocking, there remains a broader need for a national policy on standardization of library services across the country, as well as the establishment of e-library services to support young people and promote a reading culture.

38. The library also faces challenges such as inadequate funding for maintenance, limited space during peak periods such as school holidays, and gaps in ICT infrastructure and services.

5. Kisumu Branch Library

39. H.E. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu County, commended the initiative as timely and important in promoting public participation and strengthening governance structures.
40. The Committee noted that the library has a collection of approximately seventy thousand (70,000) books and records an average daily usage of about five hundred (500) users during peak periods and one hundred (100) users during low season.
41. It was brought to the attention of Members that the initiative of establishing the American Corner began at the Kisumu Library, where the Embassy renovated and added space for a children's library and a makeshift space to be equipped with modern ICT facilities for youth training. However, the Embassy withdrew after the building was completed, and the project did not take off as planned.
42. The Committee was further apprised that the County has since continued to mentor youth and children using available resources and through partnerships with various non-governmental organisations.
43. The Committee ascertained that the mobile library programme was not operational, as the vehicle designated for outreach services was non-functional and no funds had been allocated by the County Government for its repair and maintenance.
44. The Committee further observed that the library's limited sitting capacity has compelled users to access services in shifts, thereby constraining access to library resources and negatively affecting the quality and convenience of service delivery.
45. The Committee noted that the restoration of internet services is underway following earlier disruptions. The County Government had put in place measures to ensure full restoration of connectivity by the end of October 2025, to enhance access to digital resources and modern information services.
46. The Committee observed that the library has adequate space for the establishment of a Parliamentary Corner, which would significantly enhance public access to parliamentary information and strengthen civic engagement.
47. The Committee further welcomed the County Government's commitment to collaborate with relevant stakeholders to ensure that the Parliamentary Corners are adequately equipped and effectively operationalized once rolled out.

6. Dr. Robert Ouko Memorial Library

48. The Committee also visited the Dr. Robert Ouko Memorial Library. During the engagement, the Committee was informed that the library was established in 2014 in honour of the late Dr.

Robert Ouko, and serves as an important hub for education, access to ICT, and a cultural centre for the surrounding community.

49. It was brought to the attention of Members that the facility, which serves residents from Kisumu, Kericho, and Nandi counties, combines learning resources with historical preservation. It houses a collection of over 24,000 books, an e-repository, and designated reading areas for both adults and children. The library also features a memorabilia section documenting the life and legacy of Dr. Robert Ouko.
50. The Committee was briefed that the library comprises key sections, including a children's area, a reference section, an ICT space, and general reading areas, making it a comprehensive learning environment.
51. The Committee observed that the library plays a significant role in supporting education and research in the region. Also, the library serves approximately one hundred and ninety (190) Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres, one hundred and thirty (130) primary schools, five (5) tertiary institutions, and numerous public and private secondary schools, as well as research institutions.
52. The Committee further observed that the facility is widely recognized as a centre for rare information materials, attracting a large number of users seeking specialized resources.
53. However, the Committee noted that some programmes, such as youth training initiatives previously conducted at the facility, had halted due to a lack of internet connectivity. Also, there are other challenges affecting the smooth operation of the library. These include leaking roofs requiring urgent renovation, inadequate sitting space, especially during peak periods such as school holidays, a shortage of staff, and insufficient budgetary allocations for maintenance and development.
54. In their deliberations, Members reaffirmed their commitment to advocating for increased budgetary allocation to support the sustainability and improvement of the library.
55. Further, Members were of the view that strengthening ICT infrastructure and supporting the establishment of parliamentary corners in public libraries would enhance access to legislative information and bring Parliament closer to the people.

7. Mombasa County Library

56. The Committee was informed that Mombasa County Library is the oldest library in the region and is widely recognized as the home of libraries. Established in 1903 through a donation by Seif Bin Salim, the facility was conceived as Kenya's first free public reading room and library. The Committee further noted that the building is gazetted as a National Monument and that any structural alterations or renovations require approval from the relevant National Heritage authorities.

57. The Committee further noted that the transfer of library services has created disparities in the management and financing of library functions, particularly because the funds allocated to the County do not adequately cater for the high operational and maintenance costs, including staff salaries.
58. The Committee welcomed the County Government's commitment to support the establishment and operationalization of Parliamentary Corners within public libraries as a means of enhancing civic engagement and access to parliamentary information.
59. The Committee further noted that financial constraints and the rising cost of replenishing physical reading materials have prompted efforts to transition towards digital infrastructure. The proposed strategy seeks to reduce long-term costs through investment in learners' tablets and digital content distribution. The Committee also noted a proposal to develop a Digital Library Application to enable citizens to access digital learning materials at a minimal cost.
60. Members were informed that the library holds a collection of approximately forty thousand (40,000) physical books and reference works. These materials include children's literature, historical texts, Kenya Law Reform, and literature texts utilized by learners and researchers.
61. Members further observed that the internal layout of the library provides sections for juniors, adults, and a reserved counselling and advisory office with the capacity to accommodate approximately twenty (20) learners requiring guidance and related support.
62. Members were informed that peak usage occurs during holidays, when the facility records 5,000 user visits per month, with between 100 and 150 daily users occupying the reading space. However, Members noted that the reading areas require ventilators or fans to ensure a conducive reading environment.
63. Also, Members were informed that the library has begun digitizing its materials, including the introduction of Kindle readers. However, the transition is hindered by copyright restrictions and the need for greater cooperation from publishers.
64. Additionally, the Committee observed that the mobile library programme was not operational, as the vehicle designated for outreach services was non-functional. No funds had been allocated by the County Government for its repair and maintenance since 2023.
65. Members observed that the Mombasa County Library is accessible to the public and possesses sufficient space and infrastructure to host a parliamentary corner.

8. Kilifi County Library

66. The Committee was received by the Deputy Governor, H.E. Flora Mbetsa Chibule, who expressed her appreciation for the visit. She underscored Kilifi County's ambition to become a point of reference and a case study for successful partnership with Parliament.

67. The Committee noted that Kilifi County has five (5) public libraries, but only three (3) are functional, namely Kilifi County Library, Dzitsoni Library, and Malindi Library. Gandini and Shariani libraries are awaiting operationalization.
68. The Governor expressed her support for integrating ICT into library services to make libraries more attractive to younger generations and to transform them into vibrant and innovative community spaces. She further drew the attention of Members to the fact that Kilifi County is endowed with a rich cultural heritage and tourism assets that strengthen this vision.
69. The Committee visited the Kilifi County Library, which was established in 2002 to provide access to books and information resources in support of literacy and a reading culture. The library also offers digital services, including internet access, and prioritizes the preservation of local culture and heritage by collecting, documenting, and preserving materials relevant to local communities.
70. Members took note of the fact that the County actively preserves the stories and cultures of its diverse communities to maintain authentic history.
71. Members established that the building is modest in size, with partitioned rooms housing bookshelves. The library has dedicated sections for children, adults, and persons with disabilities, and its collection includes fiction books, reference materials, and two reading areas.
72. It was further brought to the attention of Members that the library designates specific areas and resources for users with special needs, offering audiobooks and digital literacy support in partnership with relevant organisations. However, the Committee ascertained that the special needs areas are not adequately equipped with accessibility features for persons with disabilities, including Braille materials and assistive software.
73. Members noted that the library has established several partnerships to enhance its services. These include partnership with KASNEB, which has set up a dedicated resource corner for specialized materials; KENNET, which provides high-speed internet; Worldreader, which supports parent and child digital literacy; Neema Foundation, which has established school book clubs in Ganze; Global Literacy and Book Aid International, which support the establishment of school libraries in Ganze; Pwani University, which provides attachment students to the libraries and school book clubs; and Bookbunk, which assists in mobilizing resources for the construction and transformation of a modern Kilifi Library.
74. The Committee observed that Kilifi County Library appears to be ahead of many counties in establishing dedicated partnerships and integrating digitization, culture, and creativity into its library services.

75. Despite these successes, the Committee recognized that the library faces several challenges, including the lack of mobile library services, inadequate and outdated information resources, insufficient funding for maintenance, and a lack of adequate infrastructure for persons living with disabilities (PLWDs).

9. Malindi County Library

76. The Committee visited the Malindi County Library located in Malindi Central Comprehensive School, which hosts between 130 and 150 users per day, translating to approximately 2,600 users per month, but due to limited space, users are attended to in intervals.
77. In addition, the Committee was informed that the library currently holds a stock of 14,785 books and other information materials valued at Kshs 12,492,036.04, as per the most recent stocktaking exercise.
78. Members noted that since its inception, the library has had access to the internet and e-resources. Consequently, it has contributed to improved performance by learners, especially in English and Kiswahili.
79. Additionally, Members learned that the library offers KASNEB materials, individual book lending, and consultancy services; as well as reading promotion activities such as read-louds, storytelling, reading challenges, and book clubs. The library serves Malindi Children's Remand Home, seven (7) primary schools, and three (3) secondary schools. It also serves adult education programmes.
80. Despite these successes, the library faces challenges, including inadequate funding for the day-to-day running of the library, outreach services, and purchase of newspapers and periodicals; outdated reading materials, limited space, and insufficient ICT facilities.
81. Additionally, the Committee noted that the location of the library limits public access, as entry is restricted to the public to prevent disruption of school programmes.

4.0 COST OF OPERATIONALIZING A PILOT PARLIAMENTARY CORNER

82. The Committee further considered the estimated cost of establishing a pilot parliamentary corner at the Kenya National Library Service (KNLS) headquarters, Maktaba Kuu and will be discussed with the relevant office for consideration.
83. The budget covers key components such as infrastructure setup, procurement of materials, ICT support, and other necessary items for the successful rollout of the pilot phase.

5.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

84. In its visit to the public libraries, the Committee observed as follows: -

That:

1. The absence of standardized operational frameworks for libraries has led to significant disparities in infrastructure, staffing, and administration across the country.
2. Inadequate and inconsistent funding constrains library operations nationwide, resulting in reduced service delivery, limited or no access to the internet, understaffing, and deferred maintenance of infrastructure.
3. The Kenya National Library Headquarters (Maktaba Kuu), Upper Hill, Mombasa County Library, and Kisumu County Library are accessible to the public and possess sufficient space and infrastructure to host parliamentary corners. Additionally, Dr. Robert Ouko Memorial Library is widely recognized as a centre for rare information materials, attracting a large number of users seeking specialized resources.
4. The establishment of Parliamentary Corners in national and county libraries provides a structured platform for Parliament to enhance public access to its work by showcasing House proceedings and Committee outputs, strengthening public understanding of legislative processes, and bridging the gap between Parliament and citizens.
5. Expanding the functional scope of constituency offices into localized information hubs would significantly enhance civic awareness and successfully decentralize the presence of Parliament to the grassroots level.

6.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

85. The Committee recommends that:

1. The State Department for Culture, the Arts and Heritage should develop and publish a national county library policy to guide planning, co-ordination, and sustainable development of library services across all counties, minimum library standards covering service levels, staffing, infrastructure, and digitization of materials;
2. In the FY 2026/27, the Parliamentary Service Commission should establish and fully operationalize pilot Parliamentary Corners at the Kenya National Library Headquarters (Maktaba Kuu), Mombasa Branch Library, and Kisumu County Library, and monitor milestones to guide evaluation and scale-up.
3. The Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) should design and implement a phased rollout plan to replicate the parliamentary corners across all 47 counties by

June 2029. The plan must include distinct quarterly milestones, a comprehensive risk-management framework, and an itemized budget estimate for approval by the National Assembly.

4. The Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) should develop and implement a standardized framework by June 2027 to fully utilize all constituency offices as complementary information hubs. This initiative must establish operational guidelines for public participation and digital/physical dissemination of parliamentary information, with performance measured by a minimum 25% increase in public submissions and recorded constituent engagement across all counties by the end of FY 2027/2028.

Signed..........Date.....*9th June 2026*.....

 **HON. DANIEL EPUYO NANOK, CBS, M.P.**
**CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND
LIBRARY**



COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY

ADOPTION LIST

Adoption of the Report on the Establishment of Parliamentary Corners in National and County Libraries

We, the undersigned, hereby affix our signatures to this Report to affirm our approval:

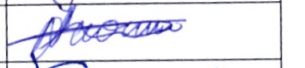
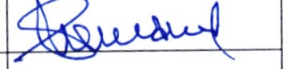
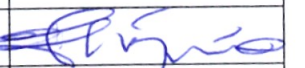
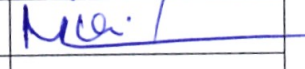
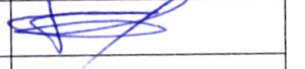
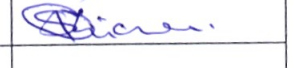
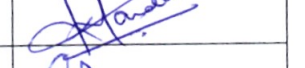
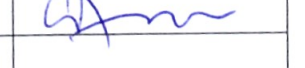
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3.	The Hon. Waqo Naomi Jillo, CBS, M.P.	
4.	The Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Ahmed Shabbir, CBS, M. P	
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6.	The Hon. Kombe Harrison Garama, M.P.	
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21.	The Hon. Abubakar, Talib Ahmed, M.P.	



Figure 1: Committee Members at the Kakamega Branch Library



Figure 2: Members of the Committee during a courtesy visit to the Governor, Kisumu County



Figure 3: Member of the Committee during an engagement with the Governor of Mombasa County



Figure 4: Member of the Committee during a courtesy call to the Governor, Kilifi County

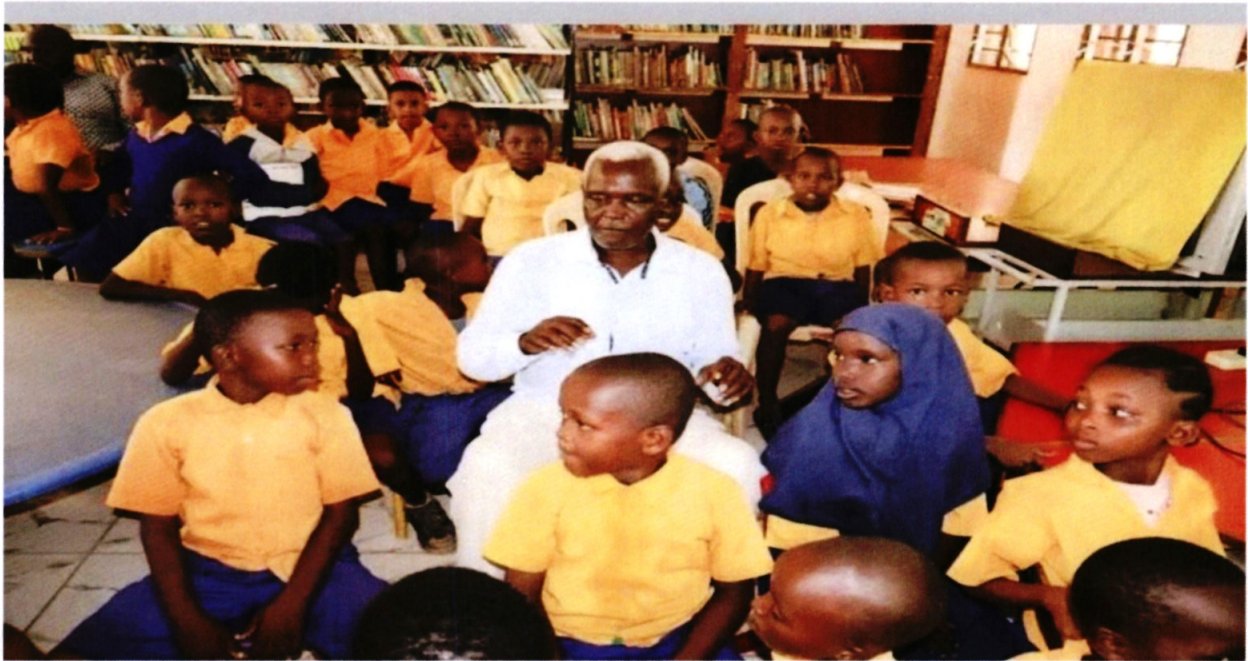


Figure 5: The Hon. Murwithania, Rindikiri Mugambi, CBS, M.P. engaging with learners at the Malindi Branch Library



Figure 6: Members of the Committee at the Kakamega County Library

MINUTES OF THE 19TH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM II BUNGE TOWER ON TUESDAY, 2ND JUNE 2026 AT 12.00 PM

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, CBS, M.P | – | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, CBS, M.P | – | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Ahmed Shabbir, CBS, M. P. | | |
| 4. Hon. Gachobe Samuel Kinuthia, M.P. | | |
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| 7. Hon. Kiamba, Suzanne Ndunge, M.P. | | |
| 8. Hon. Khodhe, Phelix Odiwuor, M.P. | | |

APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Waqo Naomi Jillo, CBS, M.P.
2. Hon. Koyi, John Waluke, CBS, M.P.
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13. Hon. Salasya, Peter Kalerwa, M.P.

IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Ms. Jane Ouko | – | Clerk Assistant II |
| 2. Mr. Silas Lomutur | – | Research Officer III |
| 3. Mr. Peter Mutethia | – | Audio Officer |
| 4. Ms. Caroline Waweru | – | Hansard Reporter II |
| 5. Ms. Jacinta Maru | – | Serjeant-at-arms |

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2026/096

PRELIMINARIES

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock with a word of prayer and introductions thereafter.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2026/097**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted on the proposal of Hon. Nguro Onesmus Ngogoyo, M.P., and seconded by Hon. Khodhe, Phelix Odiwuor M.P.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2026/098**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES
THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the 15th sitting held on 28th April 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting on a proposal by the Hon. Nguro Onesmus Ngogoyo M.P., and seconded by Hon. Hon. Kiamba, Suzanne Ndunge, M.P.

The Minutes of the 16th sitting held on 5th May 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting on a proposal by the Hon. Kiamba, Suzanne Ndunge, M.P., and seconded by Hon. Khodhe, Phelix Odiwuor, M.P.

The Minutes of the 17th sitting held on 6th May 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting on a proposal by the Hon. Kiamba, Suzanne Ndunge, M.P., and seconded by Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, CBS, M.P.

The Minutes of the 18th sitting held on 7th May 2026 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting on a proposal by the Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, CBS, M.P., and seconded by Hon. Kiamba, Suzanne Ndunge, M.P.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2026/099**ADOPTION OF THE
REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF PARLIAMENTARY CORNERS
IN NATIONAL AND COUNTY
LIBRARIES**

The Committee considered and adopted the Report on the Establishment of Parliamentary Corners in National and County Libraries and observed as follows:

That: -

1. The proposed budget should cater for the remuneration of personnel to man the parliamentary corners once established;
2. The Committee further resolved that there is a need to engage with the Senate Committee responsible for library matters, to apprise them of issues observed during the visits to libraries;
3. The Committee expressed the view that Constituency Offices should be utilised as centres for information dissemination. Members noted that Parliament faces challenges arising from the high volume of petitions originating at the constituency level, and that Constituency Offices are well-positioned to serve as complementary hubs for the dissemination of parliamentary information and the facilitation of public petitions; and
4. Regarding the establishment of Constituency Information Centres, the Secretariat was tasked to prepare a prototype guidance document for the establishment of a Constituency

Information Hub. Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Ahmed Shabbir, CBS, M.P., informed the Committee that his constituency is ready to establish a pilot Constituency Information Hub.

The Report was adopted on the proposal of Hon. (Dr.) Mamwacha Onchoke Charles, M.P., and seconded by Hon. Gachobe Samuel Kinuthia, M.P.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2026/100 **AOB**

Following an invitation by the China Media Group Vide letter dated 5th March 2026, the Committee resolved to conduct a familiarization tour on Thursday, 18th June 2026, upon approval by the Clerk.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2026/101 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at three minutes past one o'clock in the afternoon.

Signed.  Date. 

HON. DANIEL EPUYO NANOK, CBS, M.P.
CHAIRPERSON