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FEST



Community Impact Report

JULY 2025 – MARCH 2026

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**BECAUSE STORIES
DON'T JUST
ENTERTAIN.
THEY SHAPE THE
FUTURE.**

SPEAK WITH IMPACT: THE ADVANCED WORKSHOP



Speak with Impact: The Advanced Workshop was a remarkable session that brought participants together to think critically, express themselves with confidence, and speak with purpose.

Throughout the workshop, the children were engaged fully, asking questions, sharing ideas, and building stronger communication skills. Their growth was clear in how they spoke, with greater clarity, confidence, and intention.

This was a meaningful moment in their journey toward becoming articulate, self-assured young voices.

If you missed it, [click here](#) for a quick look at what the session entailed.

THE KLF BOOK CLUB



We believe every child deserves a space to learn, imagine, and grow. The Summer Book Club opened with a lively session where children read, shared ideas, and engaged thoughtfully with stories.

The session featured readings from Sope Martins (Riddle Riddle) and Mazzi Odu (Get Rid of Your Phone, Mummy), whose stories encouraged participation, thoughtful questions, and open conversation, reminding children that their voices matter and that they can see themselves as creators.

The Summer Book Club was a warm, welcoming space where every child could read, think, and express themselves with growing confidence.

THE KLF BOX LIBRARY



In September, we commissioned the first KLF Box Library at the Paediatrics Ward of Gbagada General Hospital. The box contains 50 stories that bring comfort, open up imagination, and remind children they are not alone, one book at a time.

This was made possible through the generosity and support of our partners, including Farafina Books, Chris Haughton, Mazzi Odu, Sope Martins, and many other authors and publishers whose books filled each box. Together, we are placing stories in the hands of children who need them most, one box, many stories, countless moments of joy.

THE KIDLIT FEST



In December, we hosted the second edition of The KidLit Fest, building on the success of our first festival. It continues to grow into a space where children, parents, and educators come together through stories, shared moments, and community.

The festival also featured activities from our partners, including StemMets, Magic Lab, Spelling Bee in Nigeria (SPIN), The Bookworm Café, Magic Carpet Academy, and Slum2School Africa, creating an engaging experience for every child in attendance.

From the activities to the many shared moments across the day, it was a joyful experience we'll always remember.

And there is so much more ahead!

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM KLF 2025



KRAFT CORNER

Craft Korner brought together children and their families to express their creativity through hands-on activities. From drawing to simple crafts, it supported imagination while making learning fun and interactive.



BOOK CAFE

Book Cafe created a relaxed space for children to explore books and read at their own pace. Authors were also present, reading alongside the kids and engaging them in discussion, it encouraged a love for reading through quiet engagement and peer interaction.



GEN ONE TALKS

Gen One Talks provided a platform for children to share their ideas, thoughts, and experiences. The sessions encouraged self-expression, built confidence, and strengthened public speaking skills.

PARTNER-LED LEARNING EXPERIENCES AT KLF



At KLF 2025, our partners helped bring learning to life through engaging and interactive activities. Activities such as StemMets, Magic Lab, and the Spelling Bee introduced children to science, creativity, and language in fun and practical ways, offering children dynamic and interactive learning experiences.

These activities encouraged curiosity, strengthened key skills, and created a fun, stimulating environment where children could explore, learn, and express themselves confidently.

PARTNER-LED SESSIONS

STEMMETS

In partnership with Stemmets Nigeria at KLF 2025, StemMets sessions introduced children to basic concepts in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through practical activities, supporting curiosity and problem-solving through learning by doing.



MAGIC LAB

With Magic Carpet Lab at KLF 2025, Magic Lab provided hands-on activities that encouraged observation and participation, creating an engaging space for children to explore and learn new ideas.

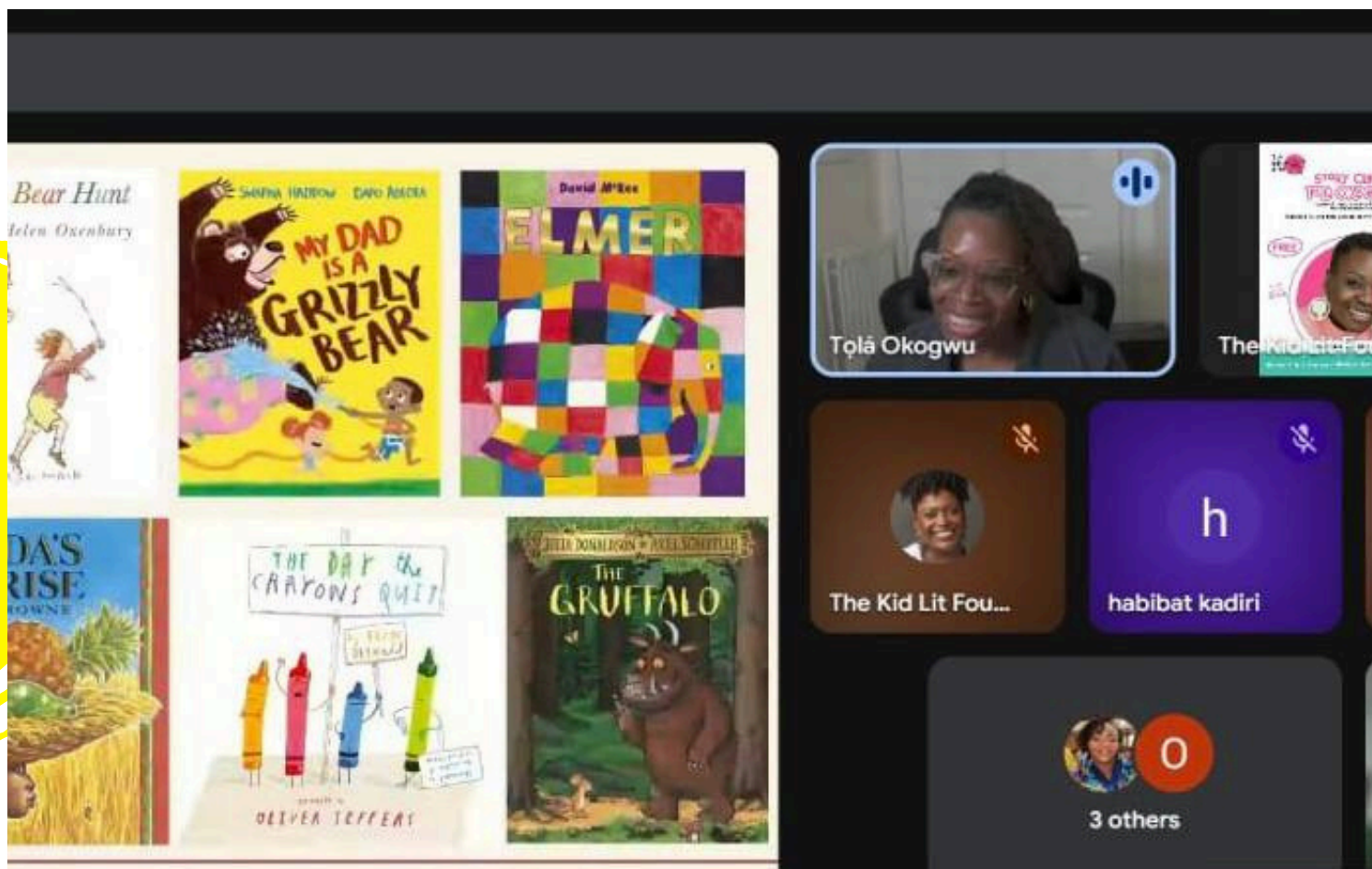


SPELLING BEE

The Spelling Bee competition, delivered in partnership with Spelling Bee In Nigeria (SPIN) at KLF 2025, focused on improving vocabulary, spelling, and confidence in communication, while encouraging active participation among the children.



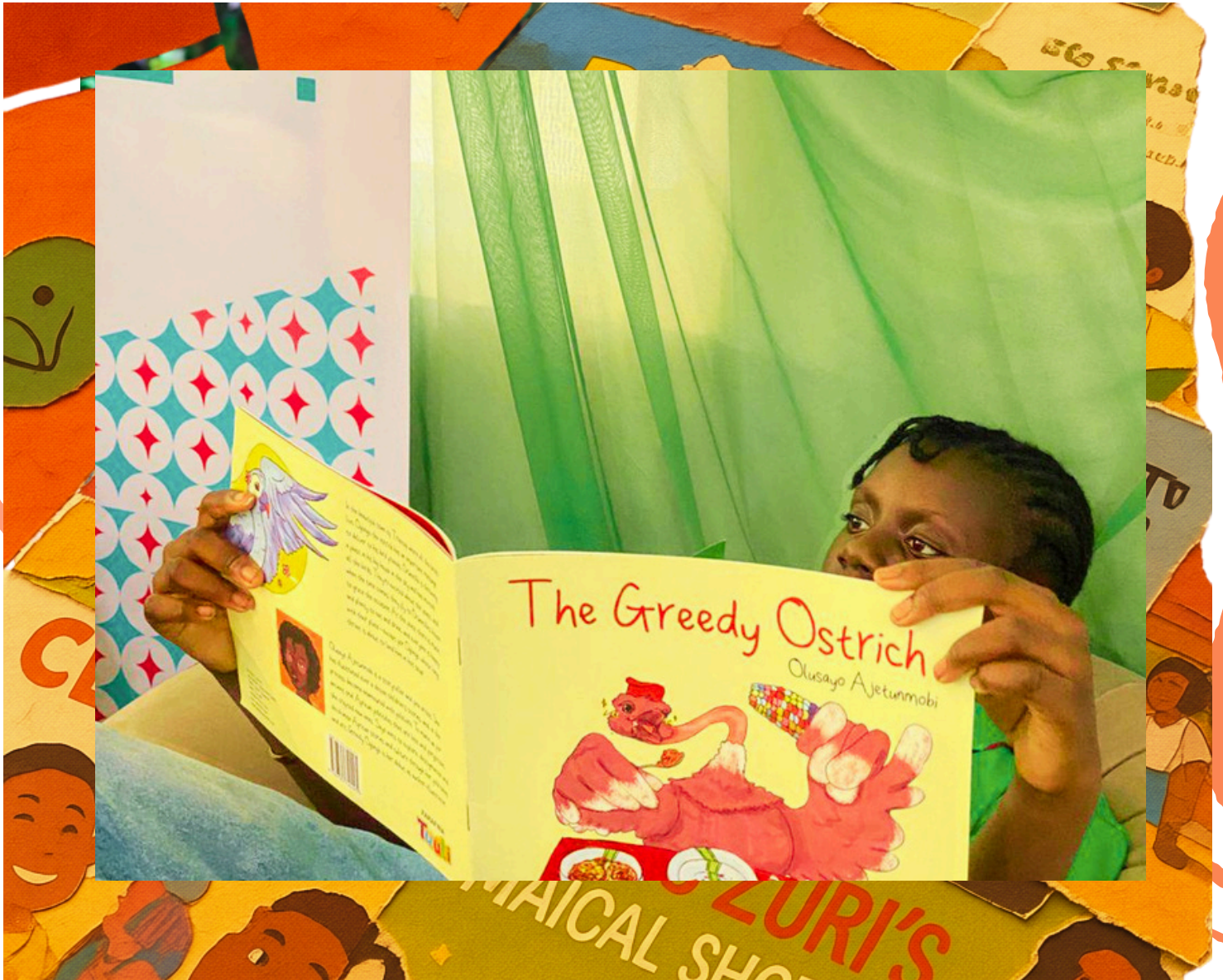
OUR FIRST ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR



The year began with an engaging Story Clinic led by bestselling and award-winning author, Tola Okogwu, known for the Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun series. Held on March 21, 2026, the free session was open to registered participants and welcomed an enthusiastic group of children.

The workshop introduced the elements of storytelling, guiding participants through character development, crafting different scenarios, and understanding what makes each character unique. It marked a strong beginning to our year of workshops, building creativity and deepening participants' interest in storytelling.

SPIN X KLF: SHARING THE JOY OF STORIES



During our outreach with Spelling Bee in Nigeria (SPIN), The Kid Lit Foundation team engaged children in engaging storytelling experiences, encouraging their creativity and encouraging self-expression.

The sessions provided an interactive space where young learners could explore different narratives, build confidence, and discover the joy of reading and sharing stories..

There's so much more to come!

THE KLF MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2026

KLF PICTURE BOOK MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2026

A Structured Creative Training Experience for Young Storytellers

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5 internationally recognised mentors

5 masterclasses

Creative Writing | Illustration | Editing | Public Speaking | Poetry

Cost of the membership is 60k

This April, we are launching our Picture Book Mentorship Program, featuring authors, illustrators, and industry experts from around the world guiding our young writers. They will learn, grow, and create their own picture books from idea to finished story.

Help your child take their first step toward becoming a published author. Register [here](#)

We look forward to welcoming your children. This is part of something we are building for the long term.

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WELCOME, LITIZEN!

LITIZEN ONBOARD!



One of our quietest successes this year has been the steady growth of our Litizen community. We now have 142 registered Litizens. Children have access to join our member hub to access monthly story challenges, workshops, and creative tasks designed just for them.

Now, you can also be part of our growing community and become a Litizen! Our Litizens are grouped by age for fun activities and events throughout the year. To get started, simply register here: **LITIZEN ONBOARDING**. Once you've signed up, you can join your group here: **LITIZEN GROUPS**

Junior Litizens are aged 7–11, and Senior Litizens are aged 12–16.

We can't wait to welcome your children into the community!

LOOKING AHEAD: WHAT'S COMING IN 2026



In the upcoming months, we are creating more ways for children to come closer to stories as readers and creators.

The Box Library Initiative will expand into hospital wards across Lagos. The middle grade Mentorship Program is also set to commence right after the picture book mentorship program. We also have an upcoming Animation Workshop, opening up new and engaging ways for children to learn how stories can be turned into moving visuals through character design, simple animation techniques, and visual storytelling.

At the heart of it all is our commitment to bringing stories closer to children.

A SHARED PATH OF GROWTH



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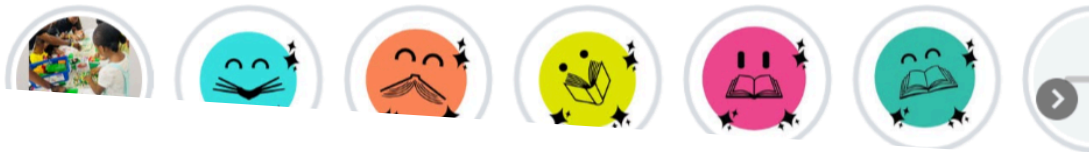
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Our online presence is growing stronger!

- We are closer than ever to 1K followers, and our Instagram, TikTok, and X accounts are active and engaging, featuring authors, their books, and campaigns about upcoming workshops.
- The KidLit Fest Instagram page brings to mind past festival moments while also sharing what's ahead and highlights from our workshops and activities throughout the year.
- Alongside this, The Kid Lit Foundation Instagram page is where our work continues day to day, from programs and mentorship to outreach and community updates.
- Follow The Kid Lit Foundation Instagram **page** to stay connected to our work and what's coming next

Join us and be part of this growing community of storytellers.





THANK YOU

FOR BEING PART OF THIS

We're excited to continue building together this year! Thank you for registering your children, for participating, and for supporting stories that inspire, entertain, and encourage curiosity.

We have more workshops and activities planned, and we can't wait to share them with you.

Keep an eye on your newsletter to stay updated on everything coming up!