

Welcome to our first Friends of AHL Newsletter! For those of you who have been signed up to receive our newsletter for a while now, sorry for the delay. It has been a busy few months, but also very exciting (and at times daunting) as AHL seems to be growing. Here is some of our latest news....

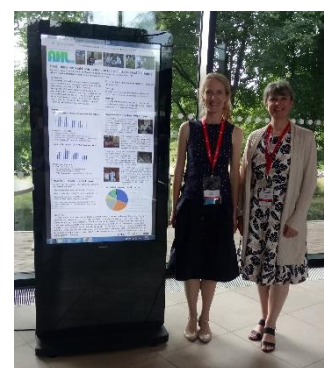


AHL libraries are now the proud stockists of the national ETAT+ (paediatrics) training manual. Here is the Makeni Hospital Librarian, Fatmata M Kamara, receiving manuals from the Project Coordinator for the Sierra Leone National ETAT+ Programme, Emma Bailey. The ETAT+ Programme, which is supported by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, has supplied training manuals to all three libraries (Makeni, Bo and Kenema). Thank you!

All of the AHL in-country team have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks to prepare the new Kenema Hospital Library, ready for users. The team collected 532 books from Freetown, coped with a vehicle breakdown (see photo), interviewed and appointed a new librarian in collaboration with the Hospital Management Team and eastern Polytechnic, procured furniture and library supplies, and labelled all the books from scratch, including stamping, spine codes, date stamp sheets and item insert cards. In addition, the new librarian Joel E Mbayoh (see photo) was trained by the AHL SL team and is now starting to register library members. Kenema Hospital Management Team are planning an official opening once the last few tasks are complete. Our trustee Eddie Carberry will be visiting in August. Thanks to the BMA, HBI, Book Aid International and Oxford Book Transplant for the wonderful book donations!



AHL trustees, Stevie Russell, Tracey Lumsden and Claire Blacklock have been spreading the word about AHL amongst health librarians, by presenting at the HLG Conference in Keele and displaying a poster at the EAHIL Conference in Cardiff. Thank you if you signed up to receive our newsletter following one of these conferences!



Ever fancied taking a bath in baked beans, or running a half marathon (as our trustee Alex Blacklock will be doing on 7th October)? Yes, I hear you say? Well, now it is easier to invite sponsors to donate to AHL through our MyDonate page: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/africanhospitallibraries>



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