

## The Brief Story of **PAGE BY PAGE – MOMBASA** in pictures



**PAGE BY PAGE – MOMBASA** started with Sauda's simple dream of helping kids in Mombasa, Kenya.

Sauda's dream quickly evolved into a gathering of like-minded, big-hearted volunteers . . . and a lot of books in a Seattle basement!

The dream soon morphed into a grassroots nonprofit organization, complete with fundraising activities and a whole host of generous volunteers and donors!

On a personal trip to Mombasa, Sauda enlisted the support of a museum and an elementary school to get the books into the hands of eager children.



Volunteers label library book pockets and checkout cards in Seattle



A small group of volunteers gather after a massive group fundraising activity in July 2023

These pictures represent just a small sampling of our wonderful volunteers and activities. For much more, please see our Photo Gallery at <https://www.pagebypagemombasa.org>

# Our Collaboration with National Museums of Kenya\* to Create **PAGE BY PAGE – MOMBASA Children's Library**

\*Specifically, the Coastal Resource Centre (CRC) located within the National Museums of Kenya Heritage Training Institute, Mombasa



Before picture: Here's the room that the Coastal Resource Center in Mombasa graciously dedicated to become the children's library, along with dedicated librarians!



So, we got to work! We involved several local craftsmen and artisans to prepare the library. From handcrafting book shelves from scratch . . .



. . . and varnishing them . . .



. . . to assembling them.



We had the walls painted in bright colors . . .



. . . and had the plumbing fixed.





We had an artist paint colorful murals with children's themes . . .



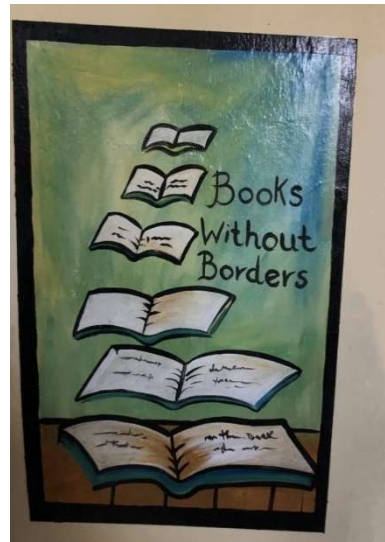
and got to see his work in progress



. . . along with the amazing, completed scenes! *Picasso!* 😊



Here are more wondrous murals now complete . . .



. . . and more . . .



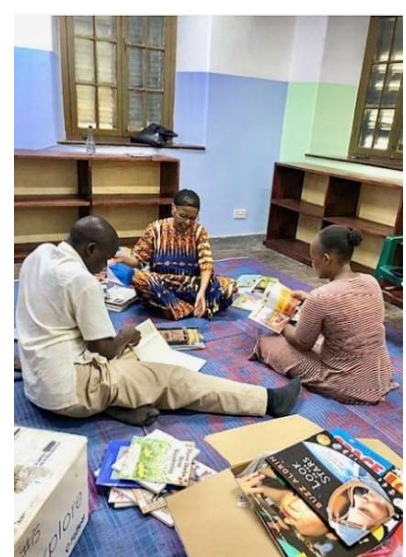
. . . and even more!



We had the books delivered. All the way from Seattle via San Diego to Mombasa via container ship.



Then we unpacked them . . .

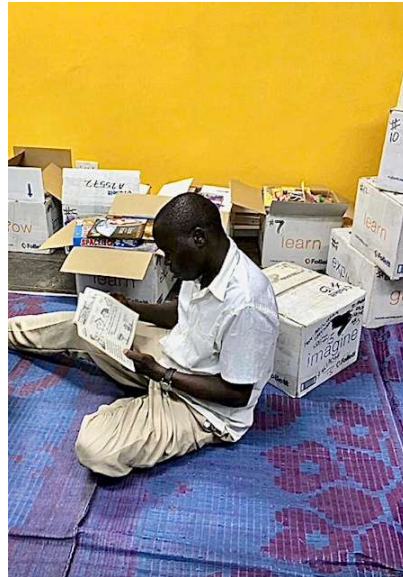


sorted and organized them . . .





... talked about them ...



... and simply just enjoyed them.



Then we put the books on the new shelves in our new library!



And had a reading party with little PreK kids, who couldn't wait for the grown-ups to organize a Grand Opening!



So, we listened to interesting stories and picked out books ...



... and helped each other read them together!



We had a lot of fun listening and looking and reading and laughing!







And even read books by ourselves!



Or, at least we enjoyed looking at the pictures! Afterall, we're just PreK kids! But we'll start reading soon! And we'll tell our older siblings and friends about this cool new library!



We also used our new crayons to color . . .



. . .and make beautiful drawings.





That we shared with others!



After a busy morning, we had some snacks.

Then we marched back to school, after a wonderful, fun-filled day at our new community library: [PAGE BY PAGE MOMBASA CHILDREN'S LIBRARY](#). We plan on visiting again very soon, and again and again . . . ! 😊



On March 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 we had the official opening ceremony.

There were speeches by grown-ups and presentations by school children





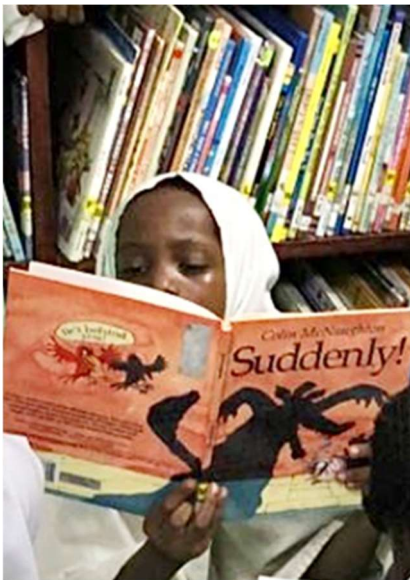
Then a new group of kids got to explore the new library . . .



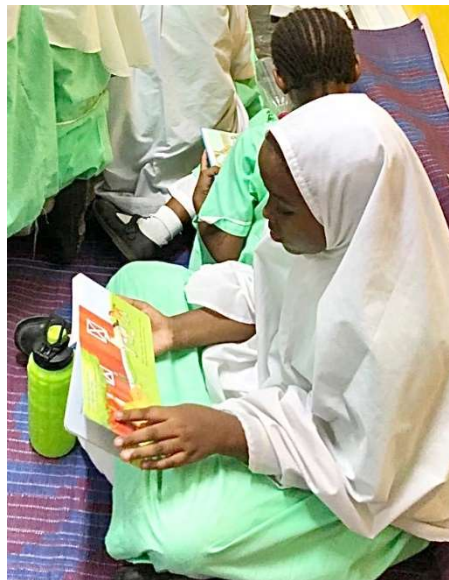
. . . and read books and share . . .



. . . and pose for pictures . . .



And read some more!



They all promised to come back again and again and tell their friends!



Sauda and a supporter proudly pose in front of the collaboration mural