

Ready for Reading



Fighting Poverty of the Mind and Spirit

Ready for Reading seeks to empower the Rwinkwavu community through literacy, technology and life skills, enhancing academic, social, cultural and economic opportunities for both personal and community growth and enrichment.

Rwinkwavu Community Library and Learning Center



In 2012 RfR opened the 7,800 sq. ft. Rwinkwavu Community Library and Learning Center (RCLLC) located in an underserved rural area in Eastern Rwanda. With a population of 21,000 in a catchment area of 225,000, the RCLLC serves as a center of opportunity, hope and healing. As the first of its kind in Rwanda, RfR has created a replicable national model and is helping define and develop the role of community libraries to meet the government's **2020 Vision Action Plan**.



OVERVIEW

Since 2012, the RCLLC has served as information, education, social and cultural hub in Rwinkwavu and beyond. RFR Provides a strong core of programming, community-based initiatives and a resource-rich space for children and adults to learn, engage, enjoy and thrive.

ADULTS

Adult Kinyarwanda Literacy Classes: Rwinkwavu is the #1 sector in addressing adult illiteracy; with 450 adults attaining Kinyarwanda literacy certification, learning to read and write for the first time!



Women's Club: Women meet weekly to cover topics like health, nutrition, parenting skills and develop income-generating activities.



- English and Computer classes
- Open Library/Reading Room
- Access to Internet services
- Community events and celebrations

Children and Youth

Harmony Preschool: Opened in January 2015 in partnership with Teach Rwanda(TR), Harmony is one of two top preschools in Rwanda. TR provides ongoing teacher training in international best practices curriculum being adopted by the Ministry of Education. Forty children are thriving in a book rich, hands-on learning environment.



Before the RCLLC opened, community children had no structured out-of-school opportunities to learn or play. Now they are actively engaged by trained staff with story time, reading, e-reader classes, play educational games and participate in basketball and music classes.





Collaboration Grows Community



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Nkondo Enrichment Program: Supports P4/5/6 students in mastering English Literacy and ICT skills. National exams scores have improved with from 0 /75 passing in 2012 to 65/72 passing in 2015.



E-reader Program: Ready for Reading/WorldReader partnership: we have 50 e-readers with over 150 titles both International and African in English and Kinyarwanda. Students meet twice a week to improve English comprehension and literacy/love of reading.



ICT: Until the RCLLC opened the Rwinkwavu community had no access to computers or Internet services. Now RfR provides access to global information and ICT training to give community members the tools to participate in academic, social and economic opportunities.



Girls Clubs: Ready for Reading/LitWorld Partnership: Creative expression coupled with a consistent, deep mentor relationships build self-esteem and resilience in each girl. The program cultivates a new generation of women leaders, storytellers, and academic achievers, effecting change for themselves, their communities, and their world.



Music Program: Communal music making and instruction in both contemporary and traditional music and dance and Ingomo drumming for all ages in a variety of settings.



Basketball Program: Ready for Reading/Shooting Touch partnership –mission is to introduce Basketball to rural Rwanda and use it as a catalyst around youth mentorship and community-building.

