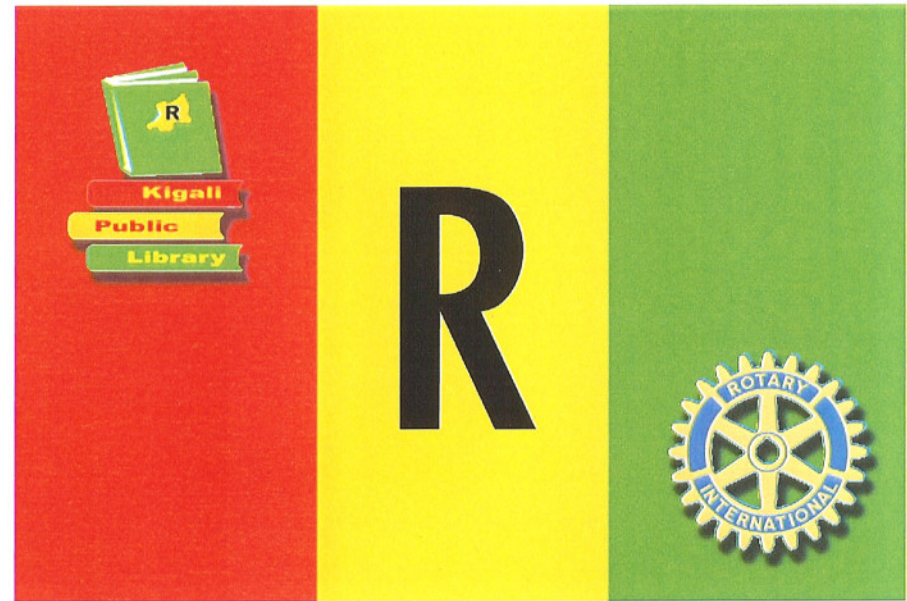


The American Friends of Kigali Public Library (AFKPL), a non-profit organization that is committed to aiding the construction of Rwanda's first public library in the nation's capital, Kigali, was founded in February of 2001 by Zachary Kaufman. The AFKPL has joined the Rotary Club of Kigali-Virunga in this effort to counter the striking scarcity of books and the resulting lack of a culture of reading. For decades Rwanda has suffered from isolationism, violence, and extremism, culminating in the April 1994 genocide in which approximately one million Rwandans were killed. One historian of the genocide, Philip Gourevitch, notes that "the dead of Rwanda accumulated at nearly three times the rate of Jewish dead during the Holocaust. It was the most efficient mass killing since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

The AFKPL would like to extend its gratitude and appreciation to The Honorable Ambassador Richard Sezibera and the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda for making this evening's fund raising event possible, and to those in attendance, whose interest and support will ensure the success of this important project. Individuals seeking more information on contributions, or wishing to join the AFKPL may contact Zachary Kaufman at zachary.kaufman@aya.yale.edu or (202) 248-0946. Through this library's books, Rwanda's children will learn to read and will have access to a world filled with ideas and wonder. We thank you for helping to transform Rwanda's tools of destruction into tools of knowledge by giving generously.

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