

**Progressive African Library & Information Activists' Group Forms  
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PALIAct is an important work. I hope the fire catches hold so that other realize information is power.

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The following announcement about PALIAct appeared in the Newsletter of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, August/September, 2005.

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The African Progressive Librarian and Information Activists' Group (PALIAct) is an initiative of a group of progressive PanAfrican librarians and information workers. We recognize that progressive leadership in the African information is required to break the colonial and imperialist policies and practices in meeting the information needs of working people in Africa, and make the profession more relevant to the needs of African librarians and information workers.

The Progressive African Library and Information Activists' Group - PALIAct Vision is to develop a people-oriented information service run and managed by/on behalf of workers, peasants, pastoralists, fisher people and other marginalized individuals and groups whose information needs have not been met. The new service will be based on equality for all African nationalities, for women, disabled people, and classes.

PALIAct will provide a new vision to help create a people-orientated information service that can meet the information needs of workers and peasants. It will work towards providing an anti-imperialist and a Pan African world outlook among African librarians and information workers.

It will also seek to set up an alternative information service in partnership with the potential users of the service as a way of showing what our "official" libraries and information workers should be doing.

PALIAct will form partnerships with progressive information and other workers within Africa and overseas. The Project will bring together the resources, skills, and labor of those who accept its vision for a relevant information service, based on the principles of equality, equity, social justice, and democracy.

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