

PILH NEWSLETTER

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Beverly Stephen

Beverly Stephen has been the devoted full-time supervisor of the Duplan Community Library for 3 years. Since mid-June, by zoom on our new Chromebooks, with Deb Spear, our new PILH Library Specialist consultant, they have begun working together on the librarian skills Beverly identifies that she wants to learn. Beverly enjoys her liaison to all grade levels in the Duplan School (k-12), but especially likes working with younger readers. She brings great enthusiasm to her job and will soon be implementing innovative reading activities for the summer programs she, Duplan Methodist Pastor Edzaire Paul, and Olivier Gay (a new library staff member) designed for their 250 campers. [DONATE](#) to Duplan



The Power of Cooperation

The Ravine Sèche Reading Center began in 2014 after a *Livres en Folie* fair book donation. The Foundation Lise Antoine Saint-Natus (Flassef); Foundation Lucienne Deschamps, and Foundation Odette Roy Fombrun donated more books to create the original collection. The center serves 150 houses in a tiny historic Artibonite village built by Food for the Poor.

Michaëlle Saint-Natus, the Reading Center's Mentor, was introduced to PILH as a Kreyòl translator of its bilingual book collection in 2019. In 2020 PILH reciprocated by providing funds for new books and library worker training for the center. Edson Fanfan, who participated in the Library Management training, is its dedicated librarian and teacher.

According to Gary Cassamajor, the Ravine Sèche site supervisor, today as soon as the center opens, kids stream in. Now, children are reading and then retelling the stories to one another. To build further momentum, PILH recently donated funds for concept and story boardbooks for young children.

Ravine Sèche is a successful community literacy center growing through teamwork. PILH is grateful for Michaëlle Saint-Natus, a collaborator who cares deeply about Haiti's literacy progress and willingly shares her expertise with us. ★

Support This Partnership

PEPA Education Grand Finale

On June 12th, 2022, the PEPA Education Agency National Read Aloud contest held its Grand Finale at the El Rancho Hotel, Petion-ville. Along with excited contestants and their families, more than 200 supporters packed the banquet room. From nearly *(continue to next page)*

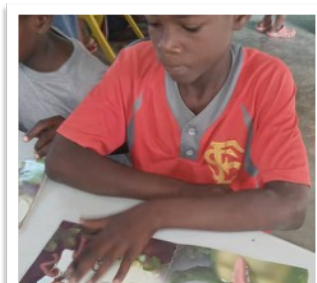
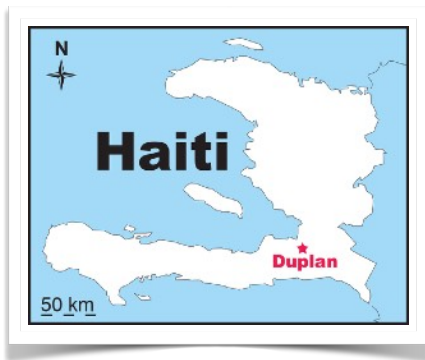


Photo by Michaëlle Saint-Natus

The Duplan Library Expansion

PILH has made quarterly funds transfer to the Duplan Community Library to purchase the following: French and Kreyòl books, 7 Chromebooks, solar panels, batteries, an inverter, a laser printer, and a flat screen scanner. PILH also has paid for librarian support and maintenance and other miscellaneous items. Please help by contributing.



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Today's Great Quote:

"A library card is the start of a lifelong adventure."

★ *Author Lilian Jackson Braun*

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96 original contestants, 3 were judged winners. The first place winner will be the 2022-23 PEPA Ambassador promoting the contest nationally for Geraldine PePe, its Director.

Because Partners in Literacy Haiti (PILH) was a significant event funder, its representative Brulan Jean-Michel was a keynote speaker. The 2nd and 3rd place winners, PILH Ambassadors, when possible, will visit neighborhood schools and centers to share their joy of reading aloud in front of (or on video) to young students. They will also promote PILH's Kreyòl reading and library goals to staff. ★ **DONATE**

PILH Christmas Celebration at the Historic Kilgore-Lewis Home

Join us December 10, 2022, for a wonderful Christmas time event in support of Partners in Literacy Haiti.



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The event will take place at the historic Kilgore Lewis House located in Greenville, South Carolina. Built about 1838 it is one of the oldest structures in Greenville County and the only historic home open to the public in Greenville. There are gardens surrounding the house and an Accredited Arboretum.

Garden clubs throughout Greenville will decorate for a festive Christmas gala. The drop in will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM with Christmas Wassail and delightful goodies available. You may also want to join in on the silent auction for one of a kind Christmas gifts.

Tickets will be available for this special event with proceeds going to Partners in Literacy Haiti for the expansion of the Duplan library. Hurry, tickets are limited. View the Kilgore-Lewis House video at Christmas time. ★

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