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Project launched to promote reading in children

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Borders Literature for all Nations has launched a Sustainable Development Book Club to promote books for children aged between 6 and 12 years. The book club was launched via a facebook live broadcast, shortly after the founder Ms. Olatoun Gabi Williams, made an announcement through a promotional video, stating that the project had joined the United Nations SDG Book Club's network.

Speaking on the occasion, the founder said that following the model of the original United Nations Sustainable Development Goal Book (UNSDG) Book Club, the Borders Club seeks to encourage children to read books that engage with principles embedded in any 1 or more of the 17 UNSDGs, which is aimed at making the world a better place.

Reading is one of the most important skills children need to learn to be successful and it benefits students academically as it is also a necessary skill for lifelong success. By learning to make reading fun, a child is more likely to develop a love for reading which goes a long way in encouraging better reading habits and making learning easier.

According to Williams, with the book club, she seeks to help African books published on the continent and in the Diaspora gain recognition in the world's biblio-diversity. Gabi-Williams further explained that she has submitted 12 recommended reads to the UNSDGs Book Club, but

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according to her, the selection process at the UN level is quite competitive, adding that only 3 to 5 books from the long list are selected every month by the UN Club's selection committee.

The founder who has many years experience delivering written and spoken word content around literary culture, education and advocacy, has delivered various assignments on television, radio and on live platforms to advance her dual missions to promote appreciation of good books in Nigeria and Africa and also to promote child literacy, education and welfare in Nigerian institutions.



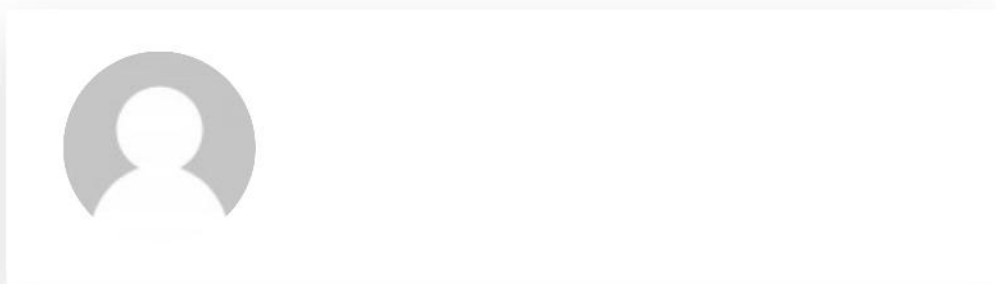
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