New and innovative public library services launched in 27 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The services all use information and communication technology (ICT) and were developed to test new ideas for serving community needs.

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Advancing community development

Information is essential for development. Public libraries – known and trusted information service providers, located at the centre of community life – are uniquely placed to provide communities with the information they need to improve their lives.

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**IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES**

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**EIFL-PLIP**

- Encourages development of innovative public library services that use technology to improve lives.
- Inspires more public libraries to offer innovative services through wide sharing of information about successful innovation.
- Focuses on these vital development areas: Agriculture and Rural Development, Health, Education, Employment and Economic Wellbeing, Social Inclusion.
- Enables public libraries to develop new services by offering small grants and by building librarians’ capacity to innovate.
- Collects evidence about public library innovation through impact assessment and research.
- Recognizes and rewards public library service innovation through the EIFL Innovation Awards programme.

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