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## **ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS**

ICT	Information Communication Technology
IFLA	International Federation of Library Association
LGA	Local Government Area
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
NOA	National Orientation Agency
RLRCNQ	Resolving Conflict in Nigeria Questionnaire
SAP	Structural Adjustment Programme
UNESCO	The United Nation Economic, Social and Cultural Organization

## **ABSTARCT**

This study investigated the public libraries and peaceful coexistence among the residents in selected local governments in Kwara State. The study adopted descriptive survey design. The population comprised 27 librarians of Offa Township Library, Offa and Kwara State Library Board, Ilorin. A sample size of 27 librarians was used. Researcher used the entire population of librarians as sample size. Total enumeration sampling technique was adopted. Questionnaire was used as an instrument for data collection. Questionnaire was distributed to 27 librarians in the two selected public libraries, with 27 copies of questionnaire returned. The response rate was 100%. Data collected was analysed and tabulated using simple frequency counts and percentage. The findings of the study revealed that there are various library services provided by public libraries in promoting peaceful coexistence among residents. Also, the findings of the study indicated that public libraries in Kwara State support government with various programmes that promote peaceful coexistence among residents. The findings of the study revealed that many prevailing factors such as; poor maintenance culture, management issues hindered peaceful coexistence among residents in Kwara State. Among the challenges identified are: inadequate resources and facilities, poor funding of public libraries by government and lack of interest in social issues by library staff. The study recommended that funding should be provided by government to public libraries in Kwara State. Also, the study recommended that qualified and dedicated personnel should be recruited into public libraries in order to ensure that effective service delivery towards peace promotion and conflict resolution is achieved.