# CENTURIES MORE FOR NAIROBI'S OLDEST LIBRARY!

A cultural landmark teeters on the edge of erasure.

McMillan Memorial Library belongs to all of us, a living space of knowledge, culture, and community. Together, we can restore it, protect its heritage, and ensure it thrives for generations to come.



#### 1931

Built by Lady Lucy McMillan in memory of her husband, Sir Northrup McMillan.

#### **Protected by law**

The only Kenyan building with its own Act of Parliament.

#### **Access**

Segregated until 1958, then bequeathed to Nairobi City Council and opened to the public ahead of Independence.

#### **Branches**

Eastlands and Kaloleni restored by Book Bunk.

#### WHY RESTORATION MATTERS

- Nairobi's oldest and Kenya's second oldest library.
- A symbol of Nairobi's cultural evolution, from colonial exclusivity to public ownership.
- A landmark of national memory, preserving rare historic collections.
- Still serves students and the wider public despite urgent restoration needs.
- Endures as a beacon of culture and learning.

### **FUNDING REQUIRED**

# Book Bunk is raising \$7.6M for full restoration, delivered in phases

**Roof Works:** Stop water damage and stabilise the building.

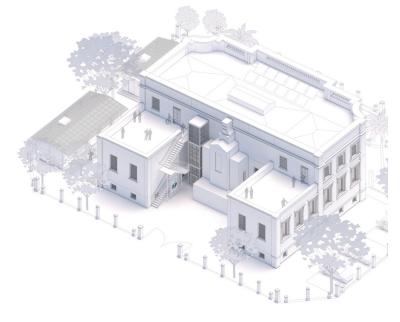
**External Drainage:** Fix drainage; build external toilets and sanitation facilities.

**Power & Electricals:** Secure a dedicated grid connection and solar energy.

**Basement & Collection Care:** Safeguard collections; revitalise staff offices.

Interiors: Restore furniture, technology, lighting, acoustics, landscaping.

**Safety & Accessibility:** Install elevator, fire exits, terraces, gazebos, and playgrounds.



## BE PART OF THIS LEGACY

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