The upcoming ZimLA Manicaland Branch had made plans to observe the month of October by conducting some activities. During the month of October the Branch had planned to engage a number of schools to participate in the activities. The schools were positively willing to be involved. The venue of the celebrations was to be Meikles Park, where the gathering had to be addressed by the Provincial Education Director.

However, the Branch Chairperson Mr. N. Sithole, Librarian; Africa University reported that towards the event's day the schools confirmed lack of financial resources to feed and transport the students to and from the venue.

One of the student members of the Association in that Branch, Mr. Chalton Mutema, addressed students and staff on Librarianship and School Libraries. The address was at Dangamvura High School in Mutare.

During the month of October, the Branch Chairperson Mr. N. Sithole published an article on the Role of School Libraries in Support of Teaching, Learning and Research in Schools. The article appeared in the Standard Newspaper, the Manica Post, and on zimsituation and other online sources.

ZimLA NEC takes this opportunity to encourage the Manicaland Branch not to despair, but to network and share ideas with the other Branches.