

BURKINA FASO, Afri Compiled by Elizabeth	
Population and literacy levels	18,931,686 (July 2015 est.) Literacy rate: 36% (2015 est.) Male: 43%; Female: 29.3% Definition: age 15 and over can read and write  Languages: French (official), native African languages (Sudanic family) spoken by 90% of the population Source: CIA World Factbook
Overview of education and school library situation	In Burkina Faso schooling is compulsory for children aged 7 to 14 but this is not enforced; hence very low rates of literacy. The school system is modelled on the French one and instruction is in French. Few children continue on to the four years of junior high school and

	even fewer to senior high. The junior high school offers vocational schooling with a 2 to 3 year professional training to become a primary schoolmaster, nurse, policeman, etc.  Source: Education system in Burkina Faso  According to Textbooks and School Library Provision in Secondary Schools in Sub-Saharan Africa, Burkina Faso has received assistance from donors in developing school libraries in recent years. Certainly the school and school library architecture of Diébédo Francis Kéré has generated considerable interest.  Another visionary step is that, despite poverty and multilingual challenges, Burkina Faso's Ministry of Culture has decided to make reading development a central strategy. With French cooperation they instituted a Public Reading and Cultural Activity Centre (CELPAC) development plan. In 2005 CENALAC was implemented to encourage public reading as well as to train staff across the country. There are 5 networks – Sahel, Mouhoun, South Savannah, Mogho and Gulmu; each network has numerous libraries which are stocked with books and games, AV material and computers. Supervising staff are traine din France and it is hoped this project will be self-sustaining.  Source: COBIAC
Links to important associations/contacts	Bibliotheque Nationale du Burkina contacts  Bibliotheque Nationale du Burkina
	Association burkinabé des gestionnaires de l'information documentaire (ABGID)
Particular issues and needs of the country	Refugees from Mali; soil erosion; desertification; sanitation; safe drinking water; infectious diseases; child labour (38%) Source: CIA World Factbook
Famous authors	<u>List of Burkinabé writers</u>

	Frédéric Pacéré Titinga
	Children's writers: Bernadette Sanou Dao
Links to literature of the country	Burkinabé literature
Links to SL programs or advocacy tools	
News/Reports	<u>UNESCO International Bureau of Education – Africa</u> links including world data on the education in Burkina Faso and contacts
	For information literacy resources and links related to Burkina Faso in French, see pages 265-273 of
	<u>UNESCO Overview of information literacy resources worldwide, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn</u> .
	A light-filled public library in Burkina Faso by Kere Architecture
	<u>Diébédo Francis Kéré</u> – school architecture projects in Burkina Faso
	Building for Africa: the responsive architecture of Gando School Library

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