

## ADLaM Romanization Table review: request for assistance

The library community has noted an increase in publishing in languages using the ADLaM script. In order to provide access to these titles for all users, librarians utilize a Romanization table of non-Latin scripts. Essentially, the table allows librarians to substitute Latin letters to pronounce words and sounds in another language that does not use Latin letters. This is to allow users to search for library materials in the ADLaM script using both Latin and non-Latin characters. By having multiple access points, users are able to find the resources that they are looking for more quickly and efficiently, and library staff are able to assist without necessarily knowing the ADLaM script.

Charles Riley, a cataloging librarian at Yale University, in conjunction with the script creators Abdoulaye and Ibrahima Barry, has created a draft Romanization table for the ADLaM script. Before we can send out this table to the library community, we need your help. Please take the time to review the table and in particular, we ask that you evaluate whether or not the Latin letters accurately reflect the transliteration of each letter in the ADLaM script.

Please send all comments and questions to Erin Freas-Smith ([efre@loc.gov](mailto:efre@loc.gov)) by Friday, October 7, 2022.