

TAMASHA YA KISWAHILI

A successful event dubbed “Tamasha ya Kiswahili” was held at Buruburu Library on 14th October 2017. The event brought together Kiswahili language experts, authors, academicians and Kiswahili language enthusiasts. Among the Key guests who graced the occasion were;

- a. **Prof Ken Walibora** – Nation Media Group Quality Manager, Kiswahili Media at (radio, TV, online and print), speaker, and distinguished author
- b. **Dr Hamisi Babusa** – Swahili Lecturer and Head of Academic Audit, Kenyatta University
- c. **Pauline Kea Kyovi** – Lecturer St Johns Teachers Training College and Author
- d. **Swaleh Mdoe** – Head of Swahili Broadcasting – Royal Media
- e. **Munene Nyaga** – Head of Radio and Presenter QFM
- f. **Nuhu Bakari** - Mshairi
- g. **Alamin Somo** - Presenter Radio Salaam – Mombasa
- h. **Monscent Namusassi** – Author
- i. **Almasi Bin Ndangili** – Author and Co-Partner in organizing Tamasha ya Kiswahili
- j. **Mathalan Mzee Pilau** – Native Swahili elder and speaker (Mvita dialect)



Swaleh Mdoe following the events of the day keenly during the “*Tamasha ya Kiswahili*” event at knls Buruburu Branch

The one-day event was characterized by diverse activities including: awareness on bad use of the language; interview sessions with media personalities on the growth and use of the language; plays emphasizing the importance of Kiswahili as a national language; and a deliberation on what should be done to promote Kiswahili which is National Language in Kenya yet people have challenges using it in communication. Students from Kenyatta University, Technical University of Kenya, Precious Blood Riruta, Eastleigh Boys, Good Shepherd Academy and Bidii Primary pupils attended the event. Teachers from schools in Nairobi and from as far as Nakuru Town equally were present.



Prof Ken Walibora having an interactive session with students of Precious Blood Riruta during the “*Tamasha ya Kiswahili*” event

Key guest who attended the event lauded the efforts of knls and promised to be part of future programs that seek to promote the use of Kiswahili language.

