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Strategic Planning Meeting 4-6 Jan 2019

EXCO members discussed, amongst others, the following:

- Roadshows which are scheduled for 2-3 days at all LIASA branches. For some branches this will coincide with LIASA's planned activities, such as the May Seminar, Librarian's Day, and so on.
- Other activities to be covered by the roadshow include LIASA's professional body status, development goals, and LIASA restructuring.
- EXCO will engage with the branch members and Branch Executive Committees, all decision makers and provincial representatives during the roadshow.

Leadership Weekend

A two-day leadership weekend has been planned in order to orientate newly-elected committee members. The Branch and National Interest Groups Secretaries, Public Relations Officers and Treasurers will be engaged during the Community of Practice training, which will be held on 7 February 2019. This will be followed by the Representative Council Meeting from 8 to 9 Feb.

South African Library Week

The Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) is celebrating South



EXCO Members at the Strategic Planning Meeting

African Library Week (SALW) 2019 as follows:

Theme: Collaborate @ your library

Date: 18 - 24 March

Launch date: Thursday 14 March

Launch venue: Sechaba Mahobe Public Library, Botshabelo, Free State.

New LIASA Website

The national office team has worked tirelessly to revamp the LIASA website. If you have not yet seen these changes, please visit <http://www.liasa.org.za/> for more information.

Membership

Members are once again reminded to renew their membership. South African Library Week (SALW) is fast approaching, and members are urged to renew their membership timeously in order to avoid forfeiting their benefits.

Membership can be renewed in the following ways:

- Arrange with the LNO before 31 May 2019 for payment over three consecutive months. Membership is only activated once the full payment has been received.
- Pay via EFT. Forms with banking details can be accessed on the website at <http://www.liasa.org.za/register/>

The 20th LIASA Annual Conference 2019 will be held from 30 September to 4 October in Durban, Kwa-Zulu Natal. Let us take pride in making sure that we **#icommit** to make our professional body even more vibrant.

Mokgadi Rebecca Senyolo
LIASA SECRETARY

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Editor's Note

Welcome to this first issue of the *LIASA-in-Touch* for 2019. I hope that by now you are well into the swing of things after the holiday break and wish you a productive and successful year ahead.

Firstly, let me apologise if anyone received a "spoilt" copy of the December 2018 issue. There was a problem with the font at the beginning of the print run which was corrected, but due to an oversight some of these copies were inadvertently included in the delivery to the distribution company. If you are one of the unfortunate individuals who received such a copy, then please email me at liasaintouch@liasa.org.za

This March issue covers events in LIASA and the LIS sector for the period November and December 2018 into January 2019. One would think that it would be quiet with most library workers on leave but it seems that things are never quiet in the LIS sector.

In these pages you will find inspiring words from the LIASA President, Nikki Crowster,



Ms Nohra Moerat

encouraging all members to **#icommit**. Submissions from around the country, covering rural and urban areas, and from all kinds of libraries, are evidence of a proud and vibrant LIS sector in South Africa. Find out how the national Librarian of the Year 2018 plans to spend his prize money and what the Branch Librarian of the Year Award means to its recipients.

There is more news from the LIASA 19th Annual Conference, Open Access Week events, skills empowering workshops,

inspirational reading projects, holiday programmes and various staff awards events. Given the time of year, several LIASA branches held their annual end of year functions to reflect on the past year and recommit to the Association.

The editorial team sends out best wishes for South African Library Week (18 to 24 March) and looks forward to receiving your articles and photographs of what is always a celebratory time on the South African LIS calendar. Articles and photographs for Library Lover's Month (February), World Read Aloud Day (1 February 2019) and other LIASA events are most welcome. Please also submit your opinions and views on any LIS related matters that you feel strongly about as well as any comments and suggestions you may have on the magazine itself.

Lastly, thank you to our advertisers for their continued support.

The deadline for submissions for the June 2019 issue is 17 April 2019.

Nohra Moerat
EDITOR



Ms Nikki Crowster

Dear LIASA members

It turns out that I am the 9th person to hold the office of LIASA President in the 11th term of office. I follow a line of esteemed librarians. LIASA's history is fascinating, being the culmination of the efforts locally and regionally to obtain inclusivity and to bring about change in the LIS sector. Luminaries, some who are still advocates for and who still serve LIASA loyally, were at the forefront of the actions that resulted in the Library and Information Association of South Africa. Some views are that we worry too much about the past while opposing comments state that we want to discard the legacy. Many quotations speak to the value of knowing the past to gain an understanding of how to move forward and not to repeat (too often) the mistakes of the past. In our case, the need to change is driven by a volatile global environment that requires us to adjust the way we do things. Our customer base is changing in response to globalisation; the sustainable development goals (national and international) are designed to support social

From the President

justice and are the recognition of the value of every human on this planet and the need to accord each with human rights, dignity, education and food security among others. We need to preserve the planet – it's the only one we have, and it sustains humankind. The award in 2014 of professional body status to the Association was a significant gamechanger that enables the Association to confer professional designations to LIS practitioners (who meet the criteria) within South Africa. Therefore, LIASA needs to change.

The 2018 AGM approved the proposal stemming from 'a full review (structural and organisational) and to investigate the alternatives for a 21st century Association', that LIASA needs to be restructured and in doing this, we will be guided by the King IV Code™ that describes principles and recommends practices that support good governance. Legitimacy, efficiency, effective controls, accountability and authentic leadership are some of the elements of an effective 21st century organisation. Reshaping LIASA will position us more strategically for the leadership roles that is needed from a Professional Body. The conversations about the new shape of LIASA has begun: an Indaba and sessions at 2018 Conference; in the Executive Committee's strategic planning weekend in early January and at the upcoming REPCO meeting in early February. Furthermore, consultations will take place with all stakeholders through a series of roadshows with visits to every LIASA branch and using other engagements such as the annual

LIASA branch seminars fondly called the 'May Seminars'.

The drive to further efficiencies has not waited for a restructure: the Executive Committee compiled in November 2018, a list of areas that will be improved on. Through the years, we have strayed from the LIASA guidelines and the Convenors of Branches and Interest Groups and Governance have been working on realigning the practices in our Branches, Interest Groups and the Association as a whole. Portfolio titles, regular meetings, minutes of meetings, Branch activities, marketing and information provisions are all earmarked for improvement.

Innovation, an aspect of the Presidential theme, is being brought to bear by asking LIASA how could we operate in new ways, relevant to the Association's work and to further its position as the guardian of the LIS profession. In keeping with this notion and that of partnerships and collaboration, we have begun talks with other societies with whom we share commonalities in the LIS sector. Collaborations within the book value chain, for example publishers, are ongoing and the benefits to LIASA are immediate. These partners are in full support of South African Library Week (SALW) which will assist greatly with the promotion of available LIS services and other types of support to communities.

On the matter of SALW: 'Collaborate @ your Library' resonates with the Presidential theme and is a call to action. The SALW theme speaks not only to communities to leverage the opportunities of partnerships with and in Libraries and other

information providing entities but also to LIS practitioners. What relationships could you forge to enhance LIS services? With non-traditional partners? How do we innovate? The SALW poster that graces the cover of this magazine provides visual clues: the base is a banner of people – the reason for our existence: we serve.

Books, education, social media, technology, life/sustainability/ the earth (look out for the plant growing from a book), collaboration, communication and human engagements are depicted in this vibrant canvas that represents the LIS sector, the LIS practitioners, the people we serve, our environment and our world. We are interconnected and therefore, we collaborate.

I quote from my Presidential acceptance speech: 'The German statesman, Konrad Adenauer, once said: We all live under the same sky, but we don't all have the same horizon. There are several interpretations available: (1) That each person's perspective might be unique; (2) another view is that this quote points to social injustice and that people are restricted from access to abundance available to others.' LIASA's calling is clear and you are LIASA therefore, we call on you to contribute this year to the conversations about the LIASA restructure; on the engagements with seemingly non-traditional partners; on collaborations with persons of common interest; on LIASA as the Professional Body and on LIASA as the leader in the LIS profession. There is much to do, please [#icommit](#).

Nikki Crowster
LIASA PRESIDENT

CITY of Cape Town at LIASA Conference

City of Cape Town librarians take a moment to celebrate Nazeem Hardy's appointment as the LIASA President-Elect for 2018-2020 at the recent LIASA Conference held in Cape Town. With Nazeem (seated), from left, Rudi Wicomb, Nizam Bray, Flippie Van Der Walt, Nadia Ismail, Yolanda Yakhe, Patrick de Stadler, Elzana Dlomo, Carmen Holtzman, Linda Ntaka, Ashley Lewis and Diarmaid Wessels.





AFLIA Vice President Mr Mandla Ntombela and colleagues



Shireen Deoraj with coach Sarah Negumbo (Namibia), Glory Okeagu (Nigeria), Peter Chamgwera (Malawi) and N Daship (Nigeria)



The AfLIA Leadership Academy

The 2nd AfLIA Leadership Academy was held in Abuja, Nigeria from 14 to 18 January 2019. Twenty-five participants from twelve countries were selected for the programme. The only participant from South Africa was Mrs Shireen Deoraj, senior librarian at the Durban Central Library, eThekweni Municipality.

The AfLIA Leadership Academy (AFLAc) is a leadership enhancement programme for upcoming library leaders, mostly in middle management positions. It is modeled on the Leadership Academy of Public Library Association of USA. Although

the formal programme lasts for nine months, participants are expected to have formed strong networks between themselves and between themselves and others, so that their learning will continue beyond the nine months and that it will also be passed on to other librarians, both formally and informally.

The Academy aims at empowering library leaders to become strategic thinkers and implementers that put libraries at the centre of a changing Africa, to understand the many opportunities available for development of the library field and ultimately the communities served, and work out ways

of taking advantage of these opportunities, to serve their communities.

AFLAc will groom and connect high-potential African library leaders and give them training, support, and networks that will allow them to transform libraries into vibrant centres of community activity, connectivity, learning, and development. It is envisaged that by the end of the programme, participants will also be keenly aware, as the new generation of leaders, of their responsibility to the library field and therefore the need to support and nurture those coming after them to ensure that the public library field in Africa becomes very strong.

The week-long programme included a range of topics such as effective leadership, change management, project monitoring and evaluation, asset based community development and advocacy, among others. Speakers and facilitators included academics, AfLIA President and former national librarian Mr John Tsebe, AfLIA Vice President and LIASA immediate past President Mr Mandla Ntombela, business leaders and librarians. Coaches included Mr Kepi Madumo, Director of Johannesburg Public Libraries.

Shireen Deoraj

Saving the material of South Africa's past

The Paper Conservation, Bookbinding and Training Centre, was established in 2010.

The idea to establish such a Centre was mooted in 2007 by the Africana Library Trust who is the legal custodian of the collections of the Kimberley Africana Library. South Africa was in dire need of a Paper Conservation centre which could serve as a national facility for the conservation of paper-based material and to provide a structured training programme for Paper Conservators and Bookbinders. It was also felt that Kimberley was an ideal centre to establish such a facility as it offers two essential elements for conservation of paper-based material namely, a dry climate and alkaline water.

The Centre is located in the De Beers Archives which was made available by the De Beers Mining Company to the Africana Library Trust

Over the years several workshops dealing with various aspects of paper conservation and bookbinding and presented by



highly qualified Conservators have been held.

Workshops scheduled for 2019 are:

1. Digitisation – May 2019
2. Archival protective enclosures – August 2019

3. Conservation of flat objects – November 2019

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Open Access Seminar: Nelson Mandela University LiS



Erica Janse van Rensburg (SABINET), Glenn Truran (SANLIC), Deidre Mvula (Francis & Taylor) and Robert Pearce (NMU Libraries)



Khawulile Radebe, Larshan Naicker, Debbie Martindale and Wynand van der Walt, all from Rhodes University Library

The aim of the Nelson Mandela University (NMU) Library and Information Services (LIS) Open Access Seminar on 31 October 2018 with the theme: Open Access 2020 (OA2020) – International and South African Perspectives, was to raise awareness of Open Access practices internationally, nationally and locally. 52 invited guests attended the Seminar.

Starting off with the SPARC statement that “Open Access is the free, immediate, online availability of research articles coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment” it was considered worthwhile to investigate if this statement is actually true; how Researchers, Academics and Publishers respond to this and if it is aligned with the Open Access 2020 (OA2020) aims and objectives:

[\(https://sparcopen.org/open-access/\)](https://sparcopen.org/open-access/)

Programme

The Director of NMU LIS (Mr Robert Pearce) was the Programme Facilitator. Dr Kwezi Mzilikazi, Director of Research Management at NMU, was responsible for the Opening and Welcome and Ms Bonga Makrweide delivered the vote of thanks.

Topics presented:

- Mr Mohamed Kamel, Elsevier Africa Director. Title: Open Access and Elsevier
- Mr Naasir Abrahams, Business Development Executive for VitalSource South Africa. Title: VitalSource/Bookshelf
- Mr Ross Johnston, Rehab Books & Technology. Title: We have a Dream... Rehab Books & Technology has a Dream of giving every NMU student a brighter future through scalable world class solutions, delivered with love and generosity and making MORE learning materials accessible to MORE students

- Ms Erika Janse Van Rensburg, Product Manager for African Journals. Title: Advocating Open Access...defining the role that Sabinet plays in Open Access in the local and international arena as well as current and new initiatives.
- Ms Deidré Mvula, Managing Editor: Africa Taylor & Francis Group. Title: What are scam publishers? And ways to combat them
- Mr Glenn Truran, Director: SANLIC. Title: Open Access 2020 and the role of South African National Library and Information Consortium (SANLIC)
- Prof Cheryl Foxcroft, Dean: Teaching & Learning – NMU. Title: Open Educational Resources (OER) Courses and Degrees-Benefits and Challenges
- Mr Larshan Naicker, Head: User & Research Support Services, Rhodes University Library. Title: Rhodes' Open Access policy
- Ms Debbie Martindale, Librarian: Scholarly Communication, Rhodes University Library. Title: Scholarly Communication - The Library's strategic plan to support raising the visibility of institutional research
- Ms Khawulile Radebe, Librarian Repository Administration & Metadata, Rhodes University Library. Title: Managing the Institutional Repository for OA
- Mr Wynand van der Walt, Head Librarian: Technical Services at Rhodes University Library. Title: Beyond OA: Additional methods for enhanced exposure

Open Access 2018 Seminar Presentations link:

<https://library.mandela.ac.za/Open-Access-2018-Presentations>

The NMU LIS Open Access Task Team consisted of the Director LIS, Ms Lindoor, Ms Zeeyanah Ajam, Ms Sithenjisiwe Nyaningwe, Mr Noel Penny and Ms Busi Ngxila.

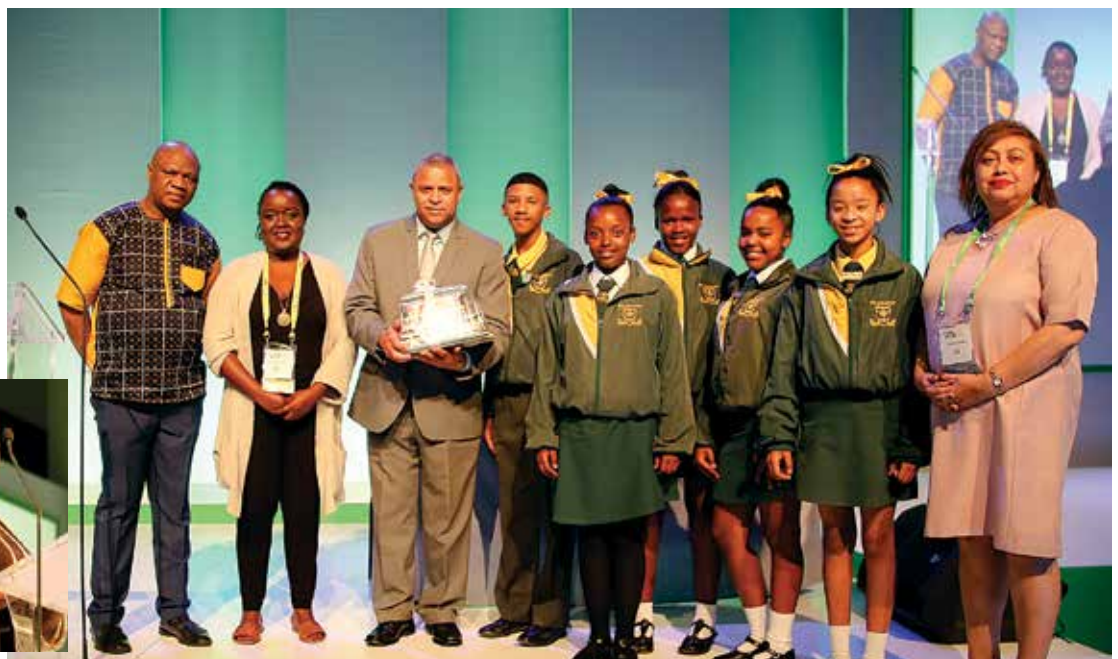
Biblioref's Book Donation at LIASA's 19th Annual Conference

In preparation for LIASA's 19th Annual Conference in Cape Town, Biblioref was approached by Laddie McKechnie, Chairperson of the Western Cape LIASA Branch, to provide Dal Josaphat Primary with a donation of books.

Biblioref was extremely excited to support the school and provided them with a total of 55 beautiful Afrikaans storybooks.

Biblioref's Project Assistant, Phoebe Sibomana presented the donation to the school at the LIASA Conference during October 2018.

Phoebe also had the opportunity to speak about the work done at Biblioref and the importance of creating a reading culture for children.





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Halala Winner! is a comic story told in isiXhosa and English. It will soon be translated into Sesotho-English and isiZulu-English. It's the first in a collection of stories, called **My world, My words**, aimed at helping learners to transition more easily between languages, especially when they first encounter English at school. These stories have cartoon illustrations and use a mix of South African languages to tell local and exciting stories. In *Halala Winner!* Sibulele, who is new at Jabulani Junior School, learns that winning can happen in all sorts of ways ...



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Ms Tuelo Ntlotlang

Open Access: are we all on board?

On 26 October 2018, the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) Library held a morning seminar in celebration of International Open Access Week 2018.

The seminar was motivated by, among many other things, the IFLA's strategic plea of "Leaving no one behind" hence the seminar theme "Designing equitable foundations for open knowledge". The seminar was attended by members of the BIUST community and more than twenty librarians from both public and school libraries in and around Palapye. Palapye is in the Central District and hosts BIUST, a newly established premier university.

As the facilitator of the seminar, Ms Tuelo Ntlotlang, unpacked the theme of the day and took us through the concept of open access. I gained some insight into the subject which compelled me to reflect, contemplate, and

mentally position myself and fellow librarians. Are we all on board?

My sense is that we are not all on board. A very informal observation on trends in the discourse of the open access movement is the seemingly computational and technical outlook which in my opinion may bring uncertainties and misgivings for some librarians. The movement, which I now understand, is about opening access to full text scholarly articles, a welcome development which most libraries and librarians have embraced. The increased visibility of open access journals and institutional repositories in libraries as reflected in our library catalogues bears testimony to that. However, it is important to acknowledge the fact that the openness is skewed to those who are part of the World Wide Web and especially those who are techno savvy.

It is a reality that this free accessibility of scholarly works will continue to widen the already existing digital divide. Furthermore, it relates to the indisputable economic divide in a way that seems to be now building a huge unfair or undemocratic wall that confines those on the adverse side of the digital divide into perpetual doom. I still wonder if membership to the open access movement is really open.

As a librarian, by virtue of the universal commitment to bridging the knowledge gap, we are inevitably invited into the OA movement. We stand for an inclusive information society.

We however need to be cognoscent of the fact that the digital divide is also real between libraries and amongst librarians. Even in cases where there is access to technologies, there are many other people issues that create differences in how the

technologies are used. Librarians are also at different levels of the digital continuum. We have to be mindful of both the vertical and horizontal digital divide that exists in libraries and strive to close it. I worry that we may fight for closing the gap between user communities but forget the one between ourselves.

Yes, there are many other things that we need to understand so that we can brush up some skills needed to keep us relevant to the discourse. We need to be able to balance the democratic rights of those who generate the information; the publishers and the consumers of the same. I now have a sense of belonging when I realised that this calls for more librarianship than just computer expertise. Even if authors and publishers could get into any form of agreement to open scholarly communication as much as possible, the community of users still needs to be informed and educated on how to meaningfully access and use the open access resources. There is still a need to have in place systems that evaluate relevance of what has been opened. So yes, librarians still remain relevant. How then do we help each other see that?

My contention is that we should engage from a library-centered approach and instill membership that brings to the table all other functionalities of library service.

As Ms Tuelo Ntlotlang wrapped up the seminar, I "silently" resolved that I needed to find colleagues who have not yet subscribed to the movement. We will not be left behind.

Dr Ayanda A. Lebele

DIRECTOR, LIBRARY SERVICE, BIUST



Loiuise Verwey, Nomgcobo Spondo, Sithenjiwe Nyanningwe, Luyolo Matabeni, Sinothando Mkalipi, Anelisa Mente-Mpako, Nomthandazo Dyantyi

LIASA Eastern Cape: Year-end Function 2018, East London

LIASA Eastern Cape held its end of year function and general meeting under the leadership of Mr Luyolo Matabeni. The function was held in East London at the WarmKaros Conference House.

The event was well attended by branch members and non-members. The main purpose of

the general meeting was to fill the vacant post on the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) and to formally hand over leadership from the 2016-2018 BEC to the incoming BEC 2018-2020.

Mrs Sithenjiwe Nyanningwe was elected as the Convenor for Marketing and Advocacy and ICT. Miss Nomgcobo Spondo

was re-elected to the BEC as the Convenor for Public and Community Libraries Interest Group (PACLIG). Miss Sinothando Mkalipi was elected as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) for the term 2018-2020.

Miss Ujala Satgoor graced us with her presence for the last time as a member of the

branch as she bid farewell to move to her new home which is the Western Cape Branch. She was also the guest speaker and spoke about development within the field of librarianship and gave encouraging words to the incoming BEC.


Luyolo Matabeni

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I moved back into my house next to the Park in Grassy Park on 21 January 2017 and was pleasantly surprised to find that the Park had been upgraded into a beautiful space with an amazing atmosphere by one of our neighbours, Kenny Felix.

My brother who renovated my house for me, coordinated with Kenny, and created a Stoep, with an entrance into the Park. This space seemed magical to me and I just had to use it for something special.

I created a little Reading Corner with books and games to be used by the neighbourhood children when they visited the Park. We also get children from other areas coming to play in the Park or looking for something to eat; they then first have to be educated about washing their hands and how to handle the books and games. Providing water to drink and a toilet became another reality, especially last year during the drought. There are many grandparents who bring their little ones to the Park and they are pleasantly surprised by the little Reading Corner, as it can become very stressful to run after small children all the time. Getting the children to read, and reading to them, becomes very relaxing for them also.

However, it became a problem that I could not be home all the time to watch the Corner, so it developed into a Book Basket left on the Stoep for when there is no one at home. If the Book Basket is not outside, the children come to the door and ask, "Anty, is die Libry oep?" The Park is also used as a thoroughfare, so lots of adult and children walk through the space, or specifically come there to have their breakfast, just sit and relax, read or have a chat with someone. The children come to play and fetch the Book basket to read.

It has become a little piece of paradise for me with my

grandchildren, as I would not just lie there on the grass, but with the children in the park, and a book, you can let go of your inhibitions and bring out the child in you. New Year's Eve was so amazing; people had functions and relaxed in the Park.

Edulis donated some of the books which I offered to people in the park to read. It was like opening a treasure chest; opening one jewel after the other, discovering something better every time, for young and old. Reading and sharing books really transcends any barriers. We have quite a big community of foreign nationals living in the area and it is wonderful to see how our children all play and read together irrespective of religion, race, gender, colour or nationality.

As far as the books are concerned, I have quite an extensive collection of my own which I have accumulated through the years, but I buy books all the time and also get some donations. Some of the books I allow to be taken and returned based just on honesty. I do not have an issue system, but sometimes I ask the children to write down what they are taking for them to also feel special.

Sharing books with others and seeing the effect that it has on people can add more value to your life. Books need to be shared in order for them to have a full impact on others. I always feel that it no use having lots of books just sitting on a shelf. You do find that they can disappear, but the hope is that at least someone is reading it and benefitting to some extent.

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Are prescribed or recommended textbooks of good quality?

Annually, academic institutions, for example, provide a list of prescribed and recommended textbooks that will be used for a specific period in order to address the teaching, learning and research needs.

The same happens in schools across the country, where catalogues consisting of lists of textbooks that meet specified criteria, are compiled and made available to schools to choose from. Such textbooks are deemed suitable for use in teaching and learning. The question that I always have is, how do we ensure that the quality of the content supersedes all the other processes? Choosing prescribed or recommended books for students or learners should not be taken as a by the way type of exercise as I have seen in some institutions. The issue of quality, though part of process, should be central. With reference to the opinion piece that recently appeared in the City press:

<https://city-press.news24.com/Voices/when-it-comes-to-making-laws-quality-over-quantity-is-preferable-20190117>

it must be made clear to all that once quality is compromised the consequences are always dire and will live with us for a very long time.

When selecting textbooks (prescribed or recommended) for teaching, learning and research, clear criteria need to be clearly spelt out and agreed upon by all the stakeholders. Teachers or lecturers who are at the forefront, delivering the message from these resources, need to play a crucial role otherwise they will be accused of conveying half-cooked content to their learners or students. Quality therefore means the content must not only be up-to-date but also prepare learners and students to fit into the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

Some of the most important elements associated with quality, when it

comes to choosing a textbook, include the following: author's reputation, relevance to the Grade or module, Year of publication, Publisher, peer review, and so on. There are other relevant but equally important elements like price and available format. We are living in a digital world, and it is therefore important that we make these textbooks available in different formats as most of the learners have access to digital devices which they would use to download such textbooks or workbooks thus giving them access 24/7.

The move by the Gauteng Department of Education to change the way teaching and learning is conducted, is a case in point, but one wonders if quality is placed at the forefront. In a recently published article in the City press newspaper titled:

Cyril's Grand school plan: Go High Tech: <https://city-press.news24.com/News/cyrils-grand-school-plan-go-hi-tech-20190106>

the South African Government intends to revolutionise the entire education system by embracing the 4IR. This grand plan includes digitisation of all curriculum materials including textbooks, workbooks and teacher support material. Although this is to be applauded, the quality should and must always be prioritised otherwise we will be accused of teaching sub-standard content and it will take us some time to catch up and reach the standards already set out by fellow developing countries like Singapore, India and China which have already laid the foundations and are ready for the 4IR.

Monde Madiba

DEPUTY DIRECTOR: COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT, UFS

Recruiting and Resurrecting at Breakfast Time

A staggering 92 members - including some familiar LIASA stalwarts as well as some brand-new members - attended the Western Cape Branch Annual Recruitment Breakfast held in November 2018 at the picturesque Boshenmeer Golf Estate in Paarl.

The packed breakfast programme included handing over the Western Cape Librarian of the Year 2018 trophy and certificate to Zuthobeke Mvakade; the nomination of members to fill vacant portfolios on the Branch Executive and the Branch Interest Groups; as well lucky draws.

During the Breakfast, the Western Cape Branch Award was resurrected from its 9-year hibernation after Theresa de Young (Western Cape Branch Treasurer and 2007 winner) and Rheina Epstein (Donor) were commissioned by the Western Cape BEC to re-introduce the accolade.

The Award is given for any library research project, special project or event - in any library sector - based on how it is promoted to its niche market and how it showcases the idea that possibilities and opportunities offered by libraries and librarians have great power, influence and effect.

Through an intensive marketing campaign from August to November 2018, members were challenged to enter their library initiative to be the one bold enough to resurrect the Award.

Dynamic judges were tasked



with the hefty job of identifying the winner, as entries came in from all sectors, each one of them a potential winner.

However, it was the Cape Town Region of the Phendulani Literary Quiz that snapped up the brand new trophy. This school library project, coordinated by Rona Souter of Westcott Primary School and Penny Dare (library volunteer and LIASA member), aims to increase literary knowledge and appreciation, comprehension skills and critical thinking by giving learners an incentive to open a book and read.

First runner up, Bellville Library's Harry Potter Quiz Tournament entered by Tasneem Adriaanse, with its very impressive marketing and planning strategy, enticed members of the public

who had never used the library before and who had no idea what libraries could offer, to come to the library.

The second runner up, the very sustainable Chess @ Libraries project initiated by Daniel Arendse (P.D. Paulse Public Library in Kuilsriver) increased the volume of library users by bringing in chess players that generally had not used the library before. Chess @ Libraries also unites libraries by promoting a chess tournament for libraries only.

All the entries had the potential to resurrect the award:

- Righardt le Roux's Diakonia/ Nal'ibali Reading Clubs targeting reading-for-enjoyment and critical literacy development amongst children is a shining example of how to present a

portfolio of evidence as well as marketing of a project.

- Strength of partnerships was amplified by the Riversdal Public Library and the Goukam Health APD (Western Cape Association for persons with Disabilities) Project submitted by Ursula Oosthuizen.
- Shehaamah Mohamed's UWC entry From Standards to Threshold Concepts: Embedding critical literacies in teaching and learning - A UWC initiative introduced a new approach to information literacy training that can be adapted to suit programmes in public libraries too.
- Wynberg Library - using social media, by Nadia Ismail, illustrated the power of social media despite the challenge of no access to WIFI in a library.
- Wellington Library Reading Project submitted by Ntobeko Sikhakhane showed how to succeed in developing the love and culture of reading and literacy amongst youth by inviting parents to become involved through setting aside time to read at home.
- UCT Libraries Plaza Week Campaign entered by Nuroo Davids showed that it is possible to "take the Library out of the Library" through branding, marketing and sponsorship.

Watch this space for this year's year-end Breakfast!

**Theresa de Young,
Rheina Epstein**



Steve Cilliers, Managing Director of Oxford University Press South Africa hands over the container library to Mrs B Daniels, Principal of Athlone North Primary School

After devastating fire, Cape Town school receives container library

Cape Town, 19 October 2018: After an arson-investigated fire caused devastation to a large part of Athlone North Primary School's infrastructure, learners once again have a library thanks to a generous donation by one of South Africa's leading educational publishers.

After considering a number of schools as part of their 2018 CSI programme, Oxford University Press South Africa decided that Athlone North Primary School was

an obvious choice. The school's 579 learners had been stranded without access to books and other vital resources since the school library, as well as a classroom and minor hall, were destroyed in March.

Handing over the beautiful container to the school, Oxford's Managing Director, Steve Cilliers said, "Having access to books and resources found in a library is critical to a child's development. We are delighted to be donating the container library to Athlone

North Primary."

The container has been decorated inside and out. Artist Izak Vollgraaff was commissioned to paint the container with the assistance of Oxford staff members who also donated numerous games, toys and resources to help with furnishings and décor.

The 12-metre container has been fitted with sturdy shelving, an interactive carpet, curtains, a fan, a chair for the teacher on duty, and 30 handmade pillows

for learners to sit on and enjoy their books. The library has been stocked with over 700 books donated by Oxford University Press South Africa.

Oxford University Press South Africa thanks those who joined forces to help make this project happen: AAD Trucks sponsored the transportation of the container, Builders Warehouse Tokai assisted with carpeting, Crazy Chairs Woodstock assisted with the chair and Mia Grobler made the pillows.

LIASA Gauteng North wraps up 2018

Year-end-functions are arranged by institutions mostly for fun and relaxation. For the LIASA Gauteng North Branch members it is always an opportunity to reflect, reconfirm and recommit our involvement to the Association.

On 16 November 2018 the branch held its Year-End Function at Al-Amin Restaurant in Laudium, west of Pretoria. The function was attended by 27 members.

The Keynote speaker for the day was Mr Peter Popela, the Campus Principal of Central Johannesburg TVET college, Ellis Park Campus. He shared a brief background on the theme which was #ThumaMina #ICommit, the concept taken from the lyrics of the song Thuma Mina by music icon Hugh Masekela. It means "Send Me". It was adopted by the President of South Africa, Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa as his 2018 election manifesto; this was the president's attempt to stimulate all South Africans to act and serve their communities. The concept was also used as a tagline by Nikki Crowster, President of LIASA, in her acceptance speech.

According to Mr Popela, as the people of South Africa we should each support the concept by reaching out and serving in our respective occupations and communities. He continued to say fear, worry and doubt could



lead members to shy away from serving, and these factors can lead them to being frustrated, angry and eventually leaving the Association. He thus called upon all members to deal with those factors, to commit to serving and to serve with passion, passion when it comes to the responsibilities they are entrusted with in their families, at church, at their children's schools, in the community as well as in their respective Associations. He emphasised: "without passion and commitment, you will not

succeed".

This motivational speech was followed by a special meeting for by-elections. We were so motivated by his effective message that members availed themselves to be nominated straightaway and all outstanding portfolios were filled with no effort at all.

Ms Mmaditshi Seageng, the outgoing Chairperson, thanked the outgoing committee, and wished the incoming committee a fruitful term ahead. She called upon Gauteng North

Branch members to make time to participate in the branch's activities.

The Gauteng North Branch is led by:

- Chairperson: Ms Suzy Nyakale
- Chair-elect: Ms Mahlodi Moromodishi
- Treasurer: Ms Eunice Mtshali
- Secretary: Ms Ofentse Maaroganye
- PRO: Ms Mmakgoshi Reetseng
- Additional Members: Mr David Mashapa, Ms Suzan Mamabolo, Ms Motsarome Mabena, Mr Mmakwena Molala.

All the above members have recommitted themselves to serving in the branch executive committee and to sacrificing their time and efforts to ensure that LIASA succeeds in all its endeavors.

Ms Suzy Nyakale, the incoming Chairperson thanked all who attended the function. She announced the new 2018-2020 BEC and shared her vision which is to pay due attention to making further strides towards improving the efficiency and effectiveness of LIASA.

In general, this was a very successful function; members parted on a good note and were all looking forward to 2019.

Mmakgoshi Reetseng

PRO: LIASA GAUTENG NORTH BRANCH,

Suzan Mamabolo

ADDITIONAL MEMBER

Workshop attendees gather alongside NLSA staff at the workshop



NLSA Preservation Department provides Disaster Management Training for libraries in outlying areas

The National Library of South Africa (NLSA)'s Preservation and Conservation Services Department recently promoted disaster management for libraries at the Richmond Book Town Festival, an annual festival which takes place in the Northern Cape, South Africa.

The workshop was one of many which the department has held during 2018 and seeks to attract librarians in and around

the region and enthusiastic locals who might not otherwise have had access to these much-needed library services.

The NLSA has participated in the Richmond Book Festival for many years in order to positively impact communities across the region with the skills necessary to efficiently run a library. Workshops cover topics ranging from library disaster prevention and recovery to proper cleaning, preservation management, risk management,

digitisation, climate control, book and paper conservation, basic book repairs, bookbinding, de-acidification, stack management, library re-locations and pest management. The workshops are done quarterly by the NLSA and covers every province in South Africa in order to ensure the continuous education and development of all librarians across the nation.

NLSA staff look forward to these workshops and to engaging

with librarians and book lovers from across the country who are simply searching for advice on how to effectively equip their library or to simply bind their own books so that huge collections are preserved for access by present and future readers.

Tarcia Hendricks

COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING AND
STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS COORDINATOR,
NLSA



Workshop attendees travelled in from the Northern Cape province to absorb knowledge made available by the NLSA, as seen here during their presentation sessions

Ottery Library: An award winning library

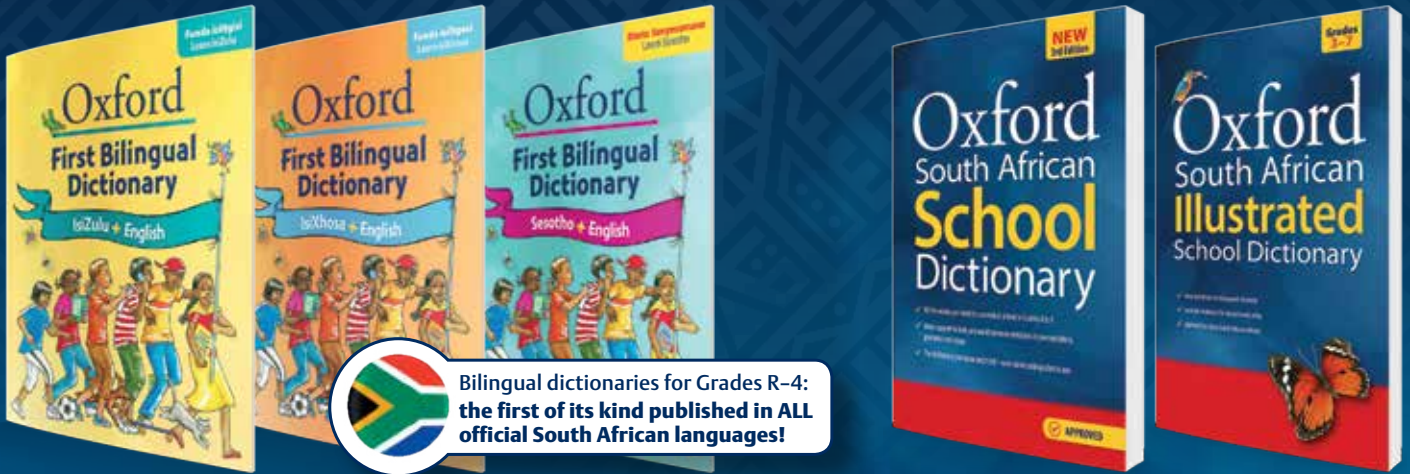
Ottery Library took the cake and the cherries by winning the Mayoral and the Provincial/ National Award for 2018 at the Community Services and Health Directorate Awards Ceremony in December 2018.

The library only has 4 staff members and risked it all to collect overdue library books during National Book Week in September 2018.

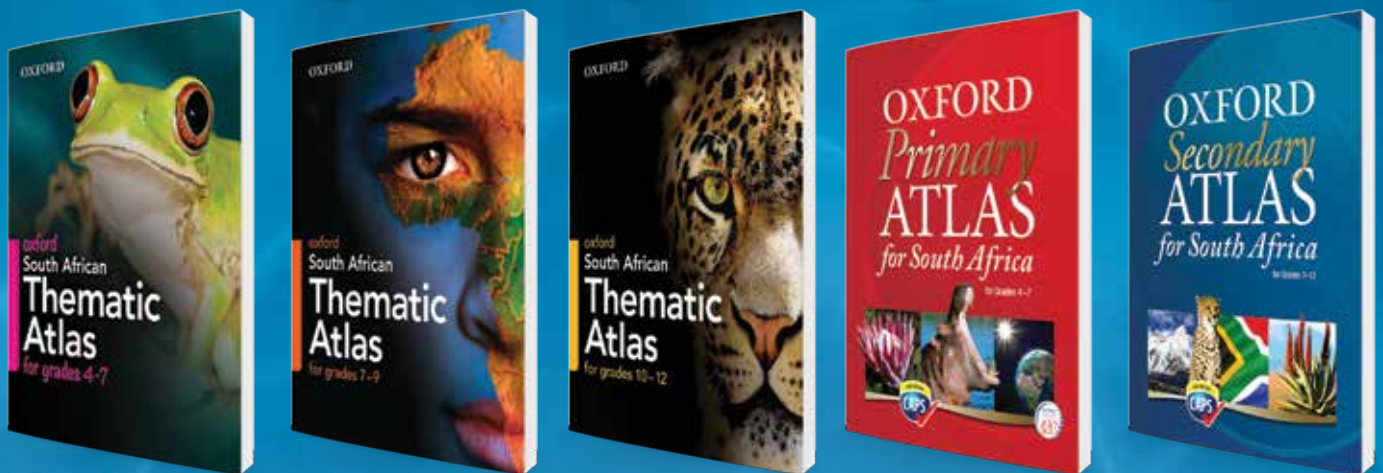
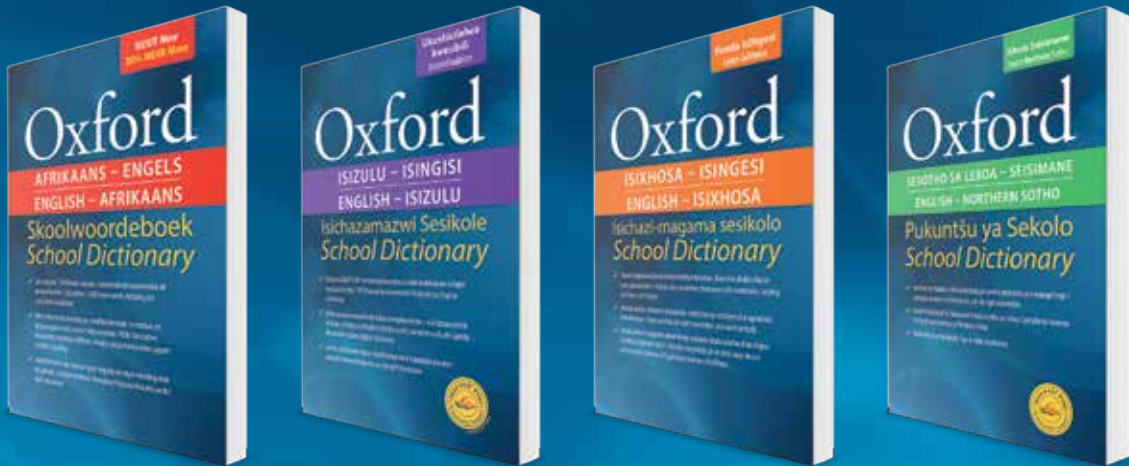
LIS Director Ninnie Steyn (second from left) with the staff from Ottery Library who were honored in two categories. From left to right is: Karen van der Heyden, Sharon Roman and Tracey Muir-Rix.



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2018 Librarian of the Year to donate library resources to schools

On Thursday, 11 October 2018, during the 18th LIASA conference themed “Libraries and Information Services: agents of community development and social transformation”, I was announced as the LIASA Librarian of the Year (LoY) for 2018.

This theme sought to conscientise the librarians about their responsibility to assist with community development and social transformation. Guided by this theme, I therefore decided on a project to utilise my prize money (generously sponsored by UKS) towards the improvement of school/community library

resources in the North-West Province.

It is generally known that very few schools in South Africa have a resourced library with many studies putting the number at 7%. As indicated in my proposal, the project was chosen in order to:

- Assist in addressing the need for school library resources in the North West Province.
- Contribute to the community development and social transformation of the learners as envisaged by the theme of the 18th LIASA conference where the award was conferred.
- Contribute to a conference paper to be submitted to an international conference

for presentation.

- Contribute to the body of literature on community engagement initiatives of libraries. An academic article will be prepared after the completion of the project.
- Locate the profession of librarianship within the community engagement and development paradigm.
- Showcase the social responsiveness of LoY sponsors who would have paid for the resources.

If my proposal to donate the funds to school libraries is approved, myself as a librarian, and LIASA and the sponsors of this award would have played



some role in improving the resources of school libraries in South Africa generally but specifically in the rural North West Province.

Siviwe Bangani
(LoY 2018)

LoY 2018, 1st runner up: What I will do with the prize money?

Iwould like to acknowledge with gratitude SAPnet who sponsored the award; and to my Professional Association - LIASA I would like to say THANK YOU for the opportunity and for making sure that my contribution to LIASA and LIS sector is recognised. This award will motivate and encourage librarians who work in schools to join LIASA and will also enable me to enrich my role as librarian and expand my contribution to the profession.

I am planning to spend the prize money on attending the IASL Conference. The International Association for School Librarianship (IASL) is the association for school librarians, teacher librarians and officials working closely with school

libraries. The 2019 conference will be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia from 21 to 25 October 2019. As I am a Senior Education Specialist-School Library and Information Services where my duties include providing support and monitoring to school libraries, I believe this conference will contribute a lot to my professional development.

The theme for the conference is Convergence-Empowerment-Transformation School Libraries. The main goals are:

- To learn about current school library practice and research
- To discuss the mission, vision and the role of the school library in a digital society
- To explore and discuss ideas for transforming school library programmes
- To learn about school



library programmes in Croatia and the Region

- To create global connections for future cooperation

The conference is dedicated to the advancement of theory and practice in school librarianship, provides a space for practitioners to share their understanding of where we are today and to build

for the future. The conference is participative and promotes dissemination and exchange of ideas in a variety of formats. It is also an excellent opportunity for me to learn more about the issues and trends in school librarianship, network with other librarians across the globe, experience the camaraderie of librarianship, and the dialogue about research and the best practices in school libraries both local and international. After attending this Conference I will contribute a lot to the profession.

Nompumelelo Shongwe

SENIOR EDUCATION SPECIALIST-SCHOOL LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES
MPUMALANGA DEPT OF EDUCATION
GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT

Free State 2018 LoY: “What has the Award meant to you?”



Iam a faculty librarian for Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the University of the Free State (UFS), where I play an embedded role between the library and the faculty academics and students.

I have managed to embed library research skills in the urban geography module as a

compulsory unit and currently geology is following suit. I have contributed significantly in embedding library research skills as part of the research methodology module and the core curriculum in other faculties. I am also part of an action research team at the library and am currently compiling an article about our work. I have been part of the multiliteracy team working on an online course for students.

In 2018 I was actively involved in community projects as part of the UFS Library marketing team. I was the HELIG convener for the LIASA Free State branch which had the highest membership compared to other interest groups in the branch. I was part of a team presenting two papers at the LIASA Conference 2017. I also became a volunteer at the 2018

LIASA conference. Presently I am the Chair-Elect for the LIASA Free State Branch.

Being nominated the Free State Librarian of the Year did not only bring honour to me but was equally acknowledged by the UFS libraries as a celebrated achievement. I also received the UFS Library Librarian of the Year Award 2018. The university took equal pleasure in the Award and made a university wide announcement by placing it on the university website for the whole world to see: <https://www.ufs.ac.za/templates/news-archive-item/campus-news/2018/december/for-the-love-of-books>. My interview was also placed on the UFS website. The Award was also publicised by the UFS Dumela newsletter/publication. This reinforces the important role

the library plays in society.

At the LIASA conference I networked with a lot of colleagues and shared ideas. I am learning a lot in my profession and I am passionate about it. I want to thank LIASA for this recognition and exposure and encourage all in the profession to join LIASA. Let us not ask what can LIASA do for me, but what can I do for LIASA.

I also want to thank UFS library management for their continuous support and upliftment. I leave you with my favourite quote;

“If you feel like there’s something out there that you’re supposed to be doing, if you have a passion for it, then stop wishing and just do it.” - Wanda Skyes

Kegomodicwe Phuthi

KwaZulu-Natal 2018 LoY inspired by LIASA Conference 2018



I will be forever grateful to EThekwni Municipality (the first African city to be recognised as a UNESCO City of Literature) Libraries department and LIASA KZN members for recognizing my work and exposing me to a very informative platform such as this.

Although it was not the first time I attended the LIASA Conference, it was my first time attending it outside of Durban and being nominated as the branch Librarian of the Year in my 20 years of service. This was an

eye opener for me; to share all the knowledge I have acquired and encouraging my colleagues to join the Association.

It was inspiring and motivating to meet other professionals from different environments and engaging with them. I have learnt that my profession is bigger than I thought. It was inspiring to listen to the presentations where librarians are changing people's lives and making a significant mark on our government as well as the world. It made me realise that even though the world is being taken by the 4th industrial revolution, librarians will always remain relevant in people's lives. We need to embrace technology but not forget about communities that have never seen or heard of a library. If people cannot come to our facilities, we need to go to them. We should use technology such as video clips to market our services to advocate for our profession. We need to own our industry and position ourselves on top. We need to be visible and

relevant where we work.

Minister for Art and Culture, Nathi Mthethwa, encouraged me when he insisted that librarians must be equipped with the new technology in order to transform the information sector. We must change with the times and embrace new challenges, but our main objective of disseminating information and encouraging a culture of reading should not be forgotten.

I have been encouraged to dedicate all my energy to advocate for LIASA, my profession and continue making an impact on society. I believe all communities should have libraries, hence I will be collaborating with the Department of Education, assisting them with opening School Libraries and conducting literacy programmes with learners.

As a librarian, I need to make an impact on the community as well as the world and I should not allow people to undermine my career, hence I need to advocate for my career. We do not have

enough resources but we can do so much with the little that we have. We can collaborate with other organisations that share our vision. I have learnt that librarians are very creative and innovative professionals but they do not market themselves enough.

As librarians we need to be leaders that have followers and ensure that people will always think of us whenever they are planning something good in the community. We should always strive for excellence. We are lucky that LIASA is currently a voluntary Association. It is only we that can change LIASA for the better by joining it. All professionals should be members of LIASA and avail themselves to work for the Association.

Let us all be proud of our profession, Association and strive to work collectively to transform our society.

Sibo Doncabe

SENIOR LIBRARIAN, ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY

City of Cape Town hosts its first citywide Summer Reading programme

The Library and Information Services of the City of Cape Town successfully concluded their first Citywide Summer Reading programme in January 2019.

Most parents welcomed The Summer Reading Road Trip to keep the children positively occupied for the holidays. Children under 12 could sign up to receive a passport to complete within a 5-week programme. The age appropriate passports were designed in such a way that a child could continue the programme at home during the period, and didn't have to visit the library every week. It included puzzles, word games and off course reading. Weekly "check-ins" at the library was recommended for all the Road Trip travelers, but it wasn't essential as readers could stay home and read as well.

The feedback received from libraries was that the programme was enthusiastically welcomed and that the children were keen to jump into the activities. Some libraries went out their way to promote the programme by creating awareness at the community gathering places, like local swimming pools and malls.

A total of 1,143 children registered for the programme and the age group 8-12 was the most active and interested. Passports were handed out to



Children at Woodstock Library engaged in the Summer Reading Road Trip: on the left, 8-year old Julbert Masimago is in Grade 2 at St Agnes Primary School, and Carl Davies is 8 years old and attends Marine Primary School in Ocean View

223 parents for babies aged up to 3 years, where the passport consisted of book sharing ideas and tips. Ages 4-7 were more involved in word games, puzzles and assisted reading activities. By mid-January, 453 passports had been completed and libraries still expect completed passports to be returned until the end of January. The 8 to 12-year-olds clearly enjoyed the programme more than any other age groups – they even brought their friends and

siblings to the library for friendly competitions on "who can read the most books".

Drawing, puzzles and reading was thoroughly enjoyed all round, but librarians thought the children found writing recommendations of their favourite books to share with their library friend a bit of a challenge. City librarians have since requested a Winter Holidays Reading Programme for when children are home during the cold and rainy season.

The Summer Reading Road Trip was well-marketed in the City via radio interviews, posters and social media posts. The most noticeable impact observed by librarians was that 22% of the children who participated became members of the library to join the Reading Road Trip and 28% of these became regular visitors during the December holidays. These children were further invited to join existing library book clubs and reading programmes for 2019.

The programme was distributed to all 104 public libraries in Cape Town to collectively campaign for children to benefit from reading for fun. The programme's success was attributed to the support received from our partners, Mikhulu Trust, Wordworks, Nal'ibali and Book Dash. The City aims to expand the Reading Programme to include other school holidays in future endeavours. It is envisioned that this Citywide Reading Programme will be the first of many!

Christelle Lubbe

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CoJ Libraries e-Learning Services nominated for the United Nation's World Summit on the Information Society Prize 2019

In October 2018, the Library and Information Services: eLearning Unit submitted the eLearning Classrooms projects to the WSIS stocktaking Database, to ensure recognition of the City of Joburg libraries for their contribution to SDGs. The database is a publicly accessible system providing information on ICT-related initiatives and projects carried out by governments, international organisations, the business sector, civil society and other entities with reference to the 11 WSIS Action Lines outlined in the Geneva Plan of Action.

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) is a unique two-phase United Nations (UN) summit that was initiated in order to create an evolving multi-stakeholder platform aimed at addressing the issues raised by information and communication technologies (ICTs) through a

structured and inclusive approach at the national, regional and international levels. The goal of WSIS is to achieve a common vision, desire and commitment to build a people-centric, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information.

WSIS Prize 2019 is a mechanism to evaluate and reward stakeholders who have submitted projects, for their efforts in the implementation of WSIS outcomes. The contest, open to all its stakeholders, is an integral part of the WSIS Stocktaking Process and comprises prizes in 18 categories that are directly linked to the WSIS Action Lines outlined in the Geneva Plan of Action.

The City of Johannesburg libraries: eLearning Services has been nominated for the WSIS Prize 2019, among 77

programmes submitted under Category 9 — Action Line C7. ICT applications: benefits in all aspects of life — E-learning. We submitted a project titled: eLearning classrooms in City of Joburg libraries, which was to showcase how we have expanded the use of 12 eLearning classrooms and introduced a concept of Mobile eLearning classrooms to share resources with those libraries that are under-resourced or where it is not possible to extend the library for a classroom facility. We shared pictures and examples of some of the activities and programmes held as well as how we have collaborated with various external partners to ensure that the eLearning classrooms and mobile eLearning classrooms benefit the community.

The City of Joburg would like to thank and show appreciation to all LIASA members and friends

who have voted. The 18 winning projects and 72 champion projects will be recognised at the WSIS Forum 2019, to be held from 8 to 12 April 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.

If we win the Prize, it will be a win for all SA libraries and it will be a positive representation of public libraries from Africa under E-Learning and ICT. This helps to expose our libraries to the world and show our contribution to the SDGs and our progress in the 4th industrial revolution.

To view the City of Joburg submission, you can register at <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/stocktaking/Prizes/2019/Vote> and search for nominated projects under category 9-elearning.

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City Of Johannesburg Public Libraries Awards Performance Excellence

At an award ceremony held on 14 December 2018 the Library and the Information Services Directorate (LIS) gave recognition to the staff members whose consistent excellent performance promotes and enhances service delivery in Johannesburg Public Libraries.

Region G was awarded Best Performing Region for 2018. Congratulations to Region G and their management, Assistant Director Sapna Ragunanan, and Manager Ulenda Minnegen.

The Director's Special Award for Performance Excellence was awarded to Ferhaad Vally. "Ferhaad is an exemplary staff member who has found his life's purpose and passion in the work he does. His attention to detail and committed efforts and sheer love for his work is reflected on



Winner Ferhaad Vally with Sapna Ragunanan and Nobuntu Mpendulo

a daily basis as he performs his duties, his outreach programmes, participation in various eLearning activities, and his interaction with staff and users. He is nothing short of a sterling library role model in action and behaviour.



Winner Solly Mukwevho with Alenor Duarte, Atilla Lourens and Nobuntu Mpendulo

He is a huge asset to LIS and the City as a whole" says Nobuntu Mpendulo, Director: Library and Information Services.

Solly Mukwevho was the overall performer for 2018 and received a trophy for the

Employee of the Year for the Library and Information Services Directorate. "I receive many calls from community members asking about Solly with a special book request or to praise him. He is not only an excellent driver clerk, but a team player that goes beyond the call of duty to get any job done and to ensure that services are delivered. Solly is always prepared to take additional responsibility, even outside office hours, without complaining. He is much loved by especially senior community members and fellow staff members. His demeanour and work ethic is an example to everyone" says Nobuntu Mpendulo, Director: Library and Information Services.

Alenor Duarte

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COJLIS



Siwiwe Bangani receives his National Finalist Award for North-West Branch from Mandla Ntombela



Nompumelelo Shongwe receives National Finalist Award for Mpumalanga Branch from Mandla Ntombela



Holiday fun @ Beaconsfield Public Library, Kimberley, N Cape

The Beaconsfield Public Library presented a very successful holiday programme during December

2018. One hundred and eighty-eight children joined in the different activities and had lots of fun with the colouring-in,

pavement art, finger paint, making of Christmas cards and puzzle building. When the week of activities ended on Friday

14 December the children each received a packet of goodies and an ice-lolly to take home.

Manda Hough, LIBRARIAN



Christmas in Tzaneen

The Tzaneen Library hosted a Christmas Workshop on 11 December 2018.

Children of different ages as well as adults explored their creativity, making Christmas stars, designing Christmas cards and coloring giant posters. The workshop was enjoyed by all and everyone felt a sense of fellowship. Mothers and their children gathered in the library to be creative together and walked out with smiles. The library was

alive with colour as everyone displayed their art work.

Children worked together and exchanged ideas on design and all walked out with their masterpieces to hand out to family and friends. It was the first time some of the children realised that they had artistic talent and potential, and they were inspired by craft books filled with ideas on decorating Christmas cards and making decorations.

The giant Christmas coloring

posters brought excitement about Christmas; participants were curious about the stories illustrated from the Bible and decided to read up about them.

The day ended with the colouring in activity and all gave their best to beautify the posters together, true to the spirit of Christmas.

Reneilwe Kgoete

LIBRARIAN
GREATER TZANEEN MUNICIPALITY



City of Cape Town LIS Awards



Nadia Ismail LIS' Favourite Librarian of the Year 2018, based on nominations and motivations from library patrons, received the Customer Centric Award for 2018 at the Community Services and Health Directorate Awards Ceremony in December 2018

Professional Body Awards



Elizabeth Robertson receives her Professional Librarian designation

People in the Library and Information Sector

On the Move



Msimelelo Fana has been appointed Knowledge Curator at TSiBA (Tertiary School in Business Administration). He is also a convener of the 4.0 Knowledge Hub at TSiBA. TSiBA is a unique social enterprise collective that provides future-focused business education to ambitious and highly energised individuals and emerging businesses. Msimelelo worked at e.tv's Libraries and Archives prior to joining TSiBA.

Rachel Nyiramugisha has been appointed Assistant Librarian in the Faculty of Engineering and Forestry Library at Stellenbosch University Library.

Maditaba Meltaf was promoted as Senior Librarian at the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (NRF)

Chipa Maimela has been appointed as a Senior Training Co-ordinator at Merensky 2 Library at the University of Pretoria.

He worked as a Science, Mathematics and Technology Teacher within the South African Basic Education Department. He has further worked as an Instructional Developer at the University of the Witwatersrand and The Da Vinci Institute for Technology Management.

Chipa holds a Honours Degree in Educational Management, a Diploma in Science and Technology Education, and is a current MBA candidate.



Graduation

Lindall Adams was awarded her Doctoral Degree at UNISA. Her thesis is titled "The Contribution of Library Programmes at the Emfuleni Library and Information Services in creating social capital to reduce poverty". She says; "I also want to use *LIASA-in-Touch* to thank Marina van Wyk, Library Manager of the Emfuleni Local Municipality Library and Information Services. I dedicate my thesis to her and her team."



Retirements

The Department of Library Services (DLS) at the University of Pretoria bade farewell to two deputy directors in November and December 2018 respectively:



Dr Heila Pienaar, Deputy Director of Strategic Innovation was appointed in June 1988 and has served the DLS for 30 years. She will be remembered for her strategic visionary skills as she had the amazing capability to identify future trends and challenges in the library environment and align library services accordingly.



Mrs Hilda Kriel, Deputy Director of Product Enablement was appointed in January 1993 and has served the DLS for 25 years. Mrs Kriel and Dr Pienaar's skills complemented each other. Whereas Dr Pienaar was good with seeing the bigger picture and upcoming trends, Mrs Kriel was good with processes, structure and detail.

The Department of Library Services wishes them a long and joyous retirement and wants to thank them for their knowledge, skills and years of experience that brought the library to where it is today.

Retirement

Louise van Heerden has retired from the National Library of South Africa after 33 years of service. She began her library career in 1976 at the Department of National Education, as a librarian in the government libraries. She joined the Department of Defence in 1977, working in the Document Delivery section, before assuming the position of Head of the Defence Library.

It was when she joined the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), that she made her first acquaintance with computerised cataloguing. Louise moved to the then State Library, in March 1986 as a member of the Joint Catalogue Department. It was here that she was responsible for quality control and later began creating and maintaining authority records, first name then series authority records. When the Joint Catalogue closed in 1992, Louise transferred to the South African National Bibliography (SANB) continuing her authority control work on the series authority file until her retirement in 2019. Louise says, "Cataloguers are adjustable creatures who need to be able to adapt to continuously changing situations." Louise went from AACR1 to AACR2; worked on Sabinet's WLN system; Python and then Erudite.

In SANB Louise worked on various integrated library management systems including Dobis, Millennium, OCLC Worldcat and recently on the upgraded OCLC WorldShare Manager Services. During this time the cataloguing format



changed from SAMARC to USMARC then to MARC21.

In 2002 Louise attended training on series authority work at the Library of Congress in Washington, USA to allow her to conduct series authority work on OCLC. Since then she has been responsible for creating and maintaining series and uniform title authority records for South African records on Connexion.

In 2013 when the National Library of South Africa moved from AACR2 to RDA and led the South African LIS Sector in the move to RDA, Louise was nominated to the position of Secretary of the RDA-SA Steering Committee. She held this position until the Steering Committee was dissolved in 2016. Louise has been an active member of the RDA Committee, facilitating RDA workshops around the country, first at university libraries and then concentrating on provincial and municipal libraries. Louise has also been a longstanding LIASA member and a member of the Sabinet Product Advisory Board.

Sally Schramm has retired in December 2018 as Senior Librarian from the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (NRF)



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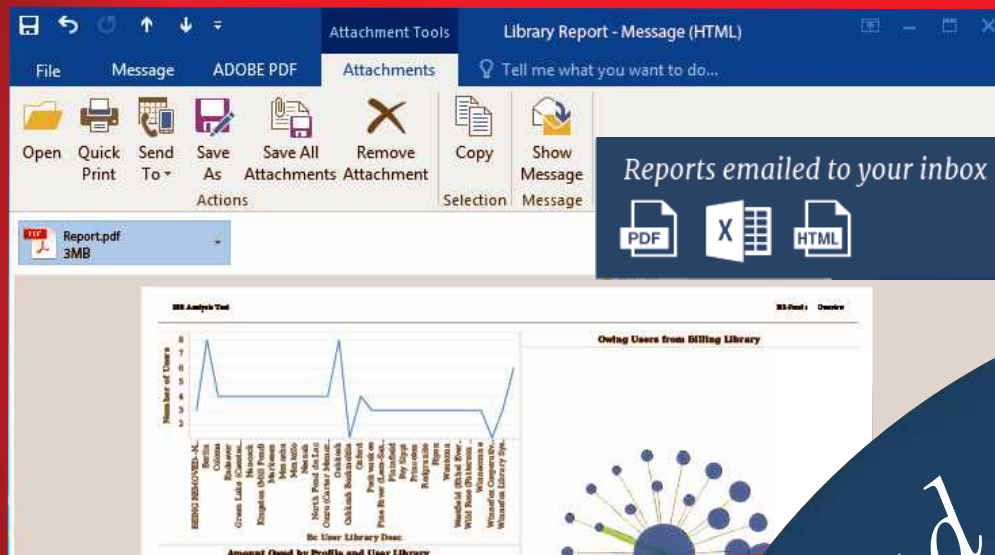
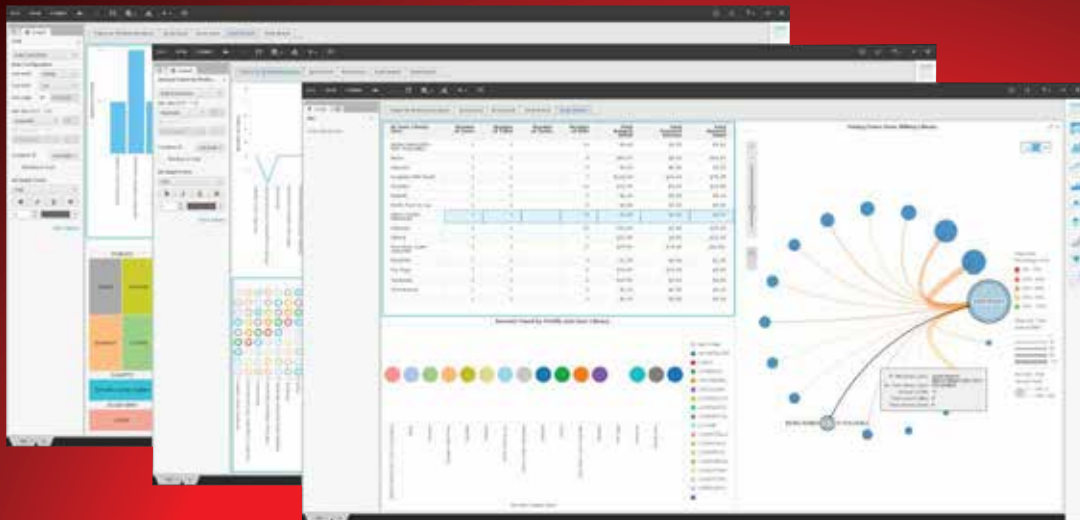
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