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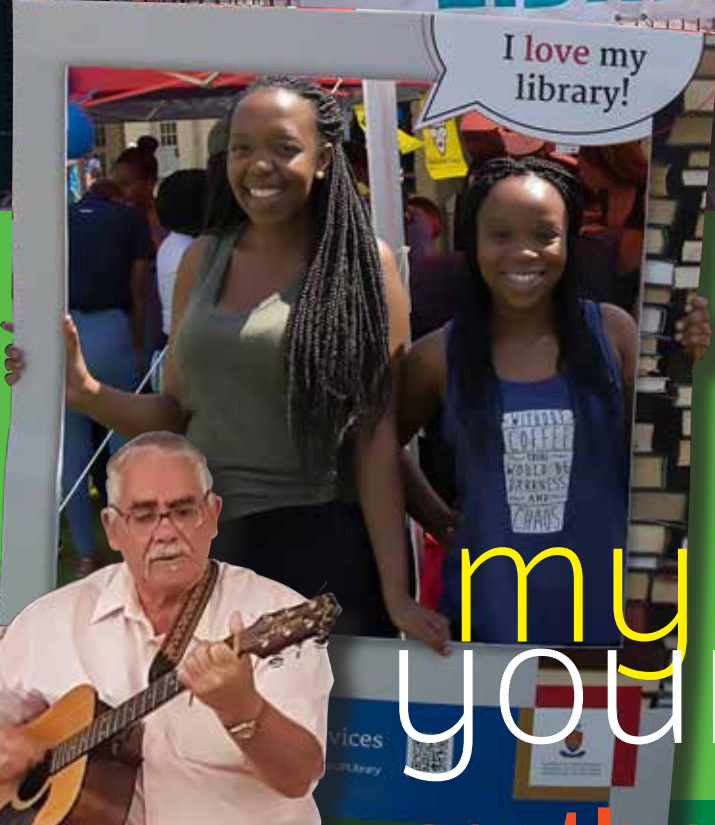
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The National Launch of SA Library Week 2017 held at the Sunrise View Primary and Secondary Schools, Bojanala, Retladirela, Rustenburg, North West Province, on 17 March 2017, was a huge success. Many dignitaries from government, education, and the LIS Sector at large attended the event. The Honourable Deputy Minister: Arts & Culture, Ms R Mabudafasi presented the keynote address. Other speakers included the LIASA President, Mr M Ntombela; PanSALB Chairperson, Dr RM Monareng; the Department of Education & Sport Development, MEC Mr S Lehari; and testimonials from learners and library users. LIASA would like to acknowledge the North West Province community for their participation in the programme, the Sunrise View Primary and Secondary Schools for the venue, the partners and sponsors for their loyal and

generous support, and the LIASA North West Branch Local Organising Committee. The various branches thereafter held their own SALW programmes.

Ms Lebogang Masalesa has been appointed as the LIASA Administrative Officer and commenced her duties with effect, 18 April 2017. She completed her BA Political Science degree in 2015 and her Post Graduate Diploma in Information Science at the University of Limpopo in 2016. Ms Masalesa grew up as an only child in Mokopane in Limpopo and attended Hebron Model School. She is an avid reader and enjoys playing sport. She has a 3-year-old daughter, Naledi. This position at LIASA is Ms Masalesa's first job, but she volunteered as Admin Assistant for the CEO at Voortrekker Hospital prior to her commencing at LIASA.

The call for papers for the 18th LIASA Annual Conference

2017 has been made. The theme for this years conference - "Re-envisioning the role of Library and Information Services", allows us to reflect on the current state of libraries and librarianship in South Africa and the future of the South African LIS sector. The LIASA Conference, therefore, gives you the opportunity to share your concerns, challenges, experiences, best practices and innovative solutions towards re-envisioning your organisation, your professional development and the LIS sector under the following sub-themes:

- Changing places
- Changing spaces
- Changing faces
- Changing technology
- Transformation

**Look forward to seeing you at the Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre, 2 - 6 October 2017.**

**Larshan Naicker**  
NATIONAL SECRETARY

## A letter of gratitude to Nohra Moerat (previous editor of LIASA-in-Touch) from Mandla Ntombela, LIASA President

Dear Nohra

Thank you for your contribution as Editor of *LIASA-in-Touch*. Please allow me to express my sincere gratitude on behalf of the LIASA Executive Committee, the LIASA Representative Council, and the LIASA membership in general, for your contribution as Editor in the success of the *LIASA-in-Touch* magazine during the past five years. This is a huge task and we appreciate the time and effort that you have put into this!

It is quite a task to manage

the workflow of the magazine, giving deadlines, word counts and pay rates, setting budgets and working to make sure advertising materials arrive on time. On top of that, you also had to ensure that everything is on schedule and I am sure that was no easy feat. Somehow, you were able to make what seemed complicated into something we could all be excited about and get behind.

While we will miss the thoughtful, calm and

professional approach that you have brought to the position of Editor, we are thankful that we are still so fortunate to have your expertise, guidance and encouragement to rely on as you continue in your new role as Advertising Editor of LiT.

Thanks once again for your support and loyalty to LIASA and your willingness to serve in any capacity.

Yours sincerely,

9 MAY 2017



Dear Colleagues,  
 The 18<sup>th</sup> LIASA Annual Conference theme: "Re-envisioning the role of Library and Information Services", allows us to reflect on the current state of libraries and librarianship in South Africa and the future of the South African LIS sector.

A successful re-envisioning process is an active process of reflection on what is, and what can be; is inclusive; requires visionary leadership, strategic

thinking and planning, and a willingness to change. The outcome hereof is among others a paradigm shift, an engaged workforce in a dynamic profession and a supportive community.

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Kind regards.

**Annamarie Goosen**  
LIASA MANAGER



Mr Mandla Ntombela

Colleagues, African Libraries and Librarians will never be the same again as IFLA and AFLIA exert more efforts to realize the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (adopted by world leaders and which now requires implementation).

In the month of May all library associations in Africa met with IFLA President Elect, Ms Glòria Pérez-Salmerón, and the IFLA General Secretary, Mr Gerald Leitner, where they emphasized the following objectives:

- Raise the level of awareness of library workers at community, national and regional levels, on the SDGs, and promote the important role libraries can play in development and contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs;
- Increase the participation of library associations and public library representatives in advocacy work at national and regional levels to secure sustainable public access to information through library services and programmes.

South Africa's response to finding the balance between meeting both present and future needs is found in the

# From the President

National Development Plan (NDP) 2030. Libraries, among other relevant stakeholders, have a critical role to play within the National Development Plan to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) over the next 15 years. The eradication of information illiteracy and building of a modern, efficient and equitable library and information system respectively were highlighted as important developmental actions by the LIS Transformation Charter.

LIASA May Seminars are focusing on the IFLA International Advocacy Programme (IAP) which was narrated in the previous edition and so Branches will conduct workshops and seminars. LIASA and the National Library of South Africa (NLSA) have committed to a partnership which plays a direct role in the development of an Advocacy Programme for South African library and information services professionals.

LIASA celebrated South African Library Week from 18-26 March 2017 with the theme "My Library, your library" and sub-themes: "My Library, My Home", "Mind your Library" and "Tell me about your Library". The National Launch was held at the Sunrise View Primary & Secondary Schools, Bojanala, Retladirela, 14133 Molapo Drive, Rustenburg, North West Province, on Friday 17th March. The Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture, Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi delivered the Key Note address.

The theme "My Library, Your library" takes libraries into the heart of the community and encourages people to treat these

as their homes so that destroying libraries and burning books becomes unthinkable. It is a reminder to all library users that the library is a communal space that caters to specific needs whether these are educational, social, recreational or informative. In 2017, the Library Association celebrates its 20th anniversary and given its mission to assist with the development of South Africa through access to information, it is fitting that the South African public is invited to partner with LIASA to make 'My Library, Your Library'.

The association appreciates the support we always receive during SALW and therefore I would like to acknowledge all who contributed to the success of the week:

- The principals of Sunrise View Primary & Secondary Schools at Bojanala, North West
- Department of Arts and Culture, the National Library of South Africa, the North West Department of Cultural and Traditional Affairs, North West Department of Education and the City of Rustenburg, CiBLiS, CSX, Innovative Interfaces, Red Pepper Books, Sabinet, Tagtron and UKS for their sponsorship of the beautiful poster, which has become a sought after item
- Publishers and booksellers who contributed so generously to the identified schools. Whenever LIASA calls upon this sector, the response is overwhelming
- LIASA North West Branch, under the able leadership of Tebogo Morajane, for their enthusiasm, generosity and commitment to ensuring

the launch was a success

- LIASA members throughout the country who widely marketed SALW and ensures that their libraries hosted events in celebration of this week.

Congratulations to all, I believe we have again managed to send out a strong message to the public and stakeholders about the role of libraries in our communities and to the national development agenda.

The 2017 theme "Celebrating libraries in 20 years of democracy" for our year-long activities provides the LIS sector an opportunity to reflect not only on how the profession has grown over these two decades but also on how the various libraries and librarians are contributing to the strengthening of democracy in South Africa. Whilst we celebrate our successes, we still have a long way to entrenching libraries as an essential community and development partner in the greater social milieu of South Africa.

IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Wroclaw, Poland, 19-25 August 2017 (Congress website: <http://2017.ifla.org/>). Please let the LIASA National Office know if you will be attending IFLA.

I would like to invite you to attend the 18th LIASA Conference to be held from 2 - 6 October 2017 in the Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre, Boksburg (Ekurhuleni). The programme promises to be exciting and relevant. Watch the website and LIASAOnline for updates. We look forward to hosting you.

## SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY WEEK: 18-26 MARCH 2017 (SALW 2017)

**The Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) celebrated a very successful South African Library Week from 18-26 March 2017 with the theme "My Library, your library" and sub-themes: "My Library, My Home", "Mind your Library" and "Tell me about your Library".**

The National Launch was held at the Sunrise View Primary & Secondary Schools, Rustenburg, North West Province, on the 17th (Friday) of March 2017.

The 2017 theme "My Library, Your library" takes libraries into the heart of the community and strives to awaken a sense of ownership in each community member. The theme encourages



Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture, Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi

people to take libraries to heart and to treat these as their homes so that destroying libraries and burning books become unthinkable.

See some snapshots of the launch throughout this issue.

Senovia Welman

LIASA PRO: 2016 - 2018

# South African Library Week: 19 - 26 March, 2017



The Audience at the launch from two angles



School kids lining up for flag hoisting ceremony



Flag hoisting ceremony



Book donation ceremony to Primary and Secondary schools



School kids with donated LIASA bags and T-shirts



SABINET at SALW launch



Some of the LIASA EXCO members



LIASA Gauteng North Branch



School children actively involved in the Launch event

LIASA North West Branch undertook the task of marshalling the launch event



# Celebration @ National School of Government Library (NSG)

On the 23 March 2017 the NSG Library celebrated the SALW under this year's theme "My Library your Library". The Chief Director: Research & Innovation, Professor Potgieter, welcomed and opened the NSG Library week celebration, followed by a brief emphasis of the important contribution made by NSG library in developing book collections and library resources.

Professor Potgieter mentioned that the library celebrated this year's SALW with an interactive showcase of the services provided to staff members and his delight at the hosting of the Deputy National Librarian, Dr Maepa, from the National Library of South Africa (NLSA). He further mentioned that NLSA, both the Cape Town and Pretoria Campus' have valuable newspaper collections. Libraries must not be destroyed; the theme serves as a reminder to all library users that the library is a communal space that cater for specific needs.

Ms Corlett Letlojane, Chief Executive Officer of Human Rights Institute of South Africa (HURISA), said she is honoured that the NSG invited their company to the SALW event which is celebrated during the Human Rights Month. Human Rights Month is commemorated with the theme "OR Tambo



Ms Corlett Letlojane and Dr Eddy Maepa

Unity in Action in Advancing Human Rights". Ms Letlojane gave a brief overview of the HURISA mandate, work and achievements. She further said the SALW should promote libraries and influence the culture of reading. *Communities should use fora and platforms that are provided by an organisation, such as LIASA, to be developed.* She also suggested that schools need to be adopted and reading books donated to the adopted school to encourage reading and sharing of information. She made a strong point for South Africa telling its own stories and sees LIASA playing a major role in encouraging school children through libraries in telling their own stories, this will include testimonials of how libraries plays/played a role in their active life of learning and building their intellectual capacity. Libraries in

communities must form part of the society in ensuring access to information, open spaces for discussion and build social cohesion.

Mr Sibu Zondi, Regional Manager: Sub-Saharan Africa, made a presentation on the NSG Library Emerald database subscriptions and Emerald's aim in helping researchers make an impact. Emerald has published over 300 journals, more than 2,500 books and over 1,500 case studies. By so doing, they build a long term relationship with a global community of authors, teachers and librarians who want to share and apply research. Mr Zondi further highlighted that through a variety of services Emerald is able to convert peer-reviewed papers into professional publications. He took pride in telling the audience the integral role Emerald plays in supporting journals. Without Emerald, the *Journal of Tourism Futures* wouldn't exist. To encourage staff to publish in Emerald journals, it was mentioned that Emerald journals appear in the DHET list of accredited journals. Emerald supports book and case study publishing and gives royalties to authors of such publications. Ms Talita Opperman, also from Emerald, demonstrated to staff how to do basic and advance searches from

the Emerald platform.

Dr Eddy Maepa, Deputy National Librarian, of the NLSA spoke on "Access and Opportunity for All: How Libraries contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda". He urged librarians to act and make sure that libraries are included in our Country's National Development Plans for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Libraries are key institutions to help achieve these goals. Public access to information enables people to make informed decisions that can improve their lives, Access to information has been recognised in the SDGs as a target under goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. He emphasised that the SDGs are universal goals, each country will be responsible for developing and implementing national strategies to achieve them. All the seventeen (17) SDGs were explained to staff members who attended the celebration of NSG SALW and it was interesting to realise how libraries will contribute to meeting the global development goals.

**Mmaditshi Seageng**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LIBRARY MANAGER

## Schools and Libraries during South African Library Week: 19 - 26 March, 2017



Children at the Letsitele Library holding a Library Week poster. On the left is Librarian Johanna Zitha and on the right Librarian Ouma Kheswa



Shiwe Ngobeni (Letsitele Library) reading a story at Arise Pre-school



Haenertsburg Librarian, Victoria Nkuna, with Haenertsburg Primary School showing what they made



Mulati Librarian, Michael Rameetse, with children showing off the 'Kommando Worm' chains they made after a talk about the insect



Grade 2 reader at Glenshiel Primary School

# Launch of SMU South African Library Week



Ms Kibirige and Ms Masienyane on SMU Radio



Speakers at the launch

The Launch of the Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) Library's South African Library Week (SALW) was held on the 22nd March 2017. The event was attended by the Interim Vice Chancellor, Professor De Beer.

SMU's Drum Majorettes ushered the guests in, which included representatives from LIASA Gauteng North Branch, V.T. Sefora Community Library, Lesolang Primary School, SMU Radio, SMU Head of Departments and the SMU Community.

Ms Sarah Kibirige, the newly appointed Director for the Library and Information Services welcomed all the participants. Professor De Beer mentioned that the library needs to be protected from amongst others, University Management. He pledged his support and that of the University Management for the Library and Information Services and also promised to support the Library, with



SMU's Drum Majorettes



Professor De Beer

resources such as budget and staffing. He firmly emphasised that the support will not be for free and in return the library should be prepared to offer a unique and specialised service.

Representatives from V.T. Sefora Community Library, Ms Johannah Moalusi and Lesolang Primary School, Ms Mokonyane,

spoke about the partnership they have with SMU Library and their willingness to continue supporting one another with library related activities.

LIASA Gauteng North Branch was represented by Ms Mpho Masienyane who spoke about the importance of using libraries to better citizens' future and career.

Promotional materials for the event were provided by SMU Van Schaik Bookshop and SABINET. SMU Marketing Department provided coverage of the event. A follow-up radio interview was conducted between SMU Radio, Ms Kibirige and Ms Masienyane later on that day, it focused on the essence of SALW.



Dimakatso primary school learners with librarians



Ms Masienyane with participants

## Soshanguve Block X Library Week Event

Ms Johanna Tsela of Block X Community library in Soshanguve hosted Dimakatso Primary School learners. A tour of the library was conducted

and the importance of library was discussed. The learners and their educators received LIASA book markers, South African Library week posters, caps from

the library as well as some books on environment. They were encouraged to become card holding members of the library. The processes and requirements

were explained. The outreach was coordinated by Lintle Community Awakening, an NGO headed by Mpho Masienyane who is part of the LIASA family.



# LIASA MAIG SA LIBRARY WEEK COMPETITION

City of Johannesburg Public Libraries is the 1st place winner!

In celebration of SA Library Week 2017, the City of Johannesburg Public Libraries held a programme called the 'Library Reading Tree' to create awareness of the importance of libraries and a reading community and to encourage children to experience libraries as their home away from home.

Across the City, primary schools, especially from disadvantaged areas, were targeted for organised participation to ensure that as many as possible children, many of whom have never been inside a library, will visit a library. The target group was Grade 5-7.

The programme took place in 47 libraries across the City. The City of Johannesburg public libraries are thrilled to have reached 1977 children through the programme and firmly believe that the programme will have a lasting effect on them.

The Library Reading Tree activity entailed the following:  
Preparation:

- Identified libraries that will be participating
- Identified schools and invited
- Feedback on number of participation expected
- Organised transport for those children that were not walking distance from the libraries
- Organised 2600 x non-perishable food packs and distributed to participating libraries
- Procured white Correx boards (1.8m x 1m) with the outline of a leafless tree printed in black on each board. Procured transport company to deliver Correx boards to participating libraries
- Procured double-sided cellotape and coloured paperboard
- Drew 7cmx5cm leaves on a A3 white sheet of paper (8 leaves per sheet)
- Made copies of leaves on 280 sheets of paperboard, stuck double-sided cellotape on the back of 2240 leaves, and distributed to participating libraries. Librarians had to cut out

the leaves before the activities. Implementation of the City of Johannesburg Library Reading Tree in celebration of SA Library Week 2017:

Before the activity the librarians pre-selected suitable and fun books for children aged 10-13 years old. On the day of the activity, each child received a book to read for 5 minutes after which the books were swapped and reading took place for another 5 minutes. This was followed by the librarians encouraging children to share what they have read (5 minutes). Following the sharing session, the librarian read to the children for 5 minutes (librarians were encouraged to read something extra exciting that will get the non-readers interested in reading). Now for the fun part! Each child received a brightly coloured paperboard leaf to write their name on; pulled off the top layer of the double sided cellotape, and stuck his/her leaf on the 'tree'. It was wonderfully satisfying to see the children keenly participating in sticking their leaves on the 'tree'. This was followed by the librarian explaining to the children that they are now all part of the 'orchard' of 'Library Reading Trees' and reiterated the importance of reading and libraries. As a final treat the children received non-perishable snack packs that consisted of chips, juice, peanuts and raisons, savoury biscuits, and a dried-fruit stick. Children received membership forms to take home

to their parents.

Special guest performances added extra impact to six Library Reading Tree activities. Multiple award-winning Stacey Fru, 14 year old author of "Smelly Cats", facilitated motivational speaking at four libraries. Children were in awe of Stacey - this Grade 5 learner is truly an inspiration to many children. At Sandton Library a puppet show by Puppets and More was an additional treat to the Library Reading Tree activity, and the magic show at H. A. Jack Primary School by professional Mr Dilly Dally blew the children away with his magic tricks.

Facebook  
(#libraryreadingtree)

The LIS Facebook page was integral to the implementation of the City of Johannesburg SA Library Week activities, in particular the Library Reading Tree activity. 11 posts were uploaded to the CoJ Facebook page of which one was a video and an album with ongoing activities. Exposure to these posts was recorded as 424 people reached and 25 interactions.

The City of Johannesburg Public Libraries would like to thank LIASA MAIG for this initiative and believe that it will motivate and encourage librarians to keep on promoting our profession and instilling a love for libraries in our communities.

**Maryna Moolman**

OPS MANAGER: SERVICE EXTENSION AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
COJLIS



## @ Mamre Library

**Mamre Library celebrated SA Library Week with events aimed at creating awareness of the library**, encouraging reading and promoting the library as not only a space for learning, but a social space where community members can interact and engage with each other.

Refreshments were served inside the library to facilitate this process.

The Library teamed up with other organisations such as Working on Fire and hosted a fire awareness workshop for 35 children.

Marina Jenkins from Koeberg enlightened a group of men regarding the power station, Eskom and other energy related issues and a lively discussion ensued after her presentation.

Mr Oswald Johannes, a local singer/songwriter/actor from Mamre delighted the men with "stoepstories" and songs about the local area.

Library Week ended off with a bang when we hosted the "Made in Mamre Market" where the community could come and



sell their handmade/homemade products – we partnered with the Child Welfare and Lief and Leed organisation for persons with disabilities. We had a marketing initiative as well in which more

than 40 applications for library cards were captured.

The Week was a huge success with many people signing up at the library and at the service point at the Paradise Lane Hall

and many new and old faces coming back to the library after a lengthy stay away due to fines and books being late.

**Nizam Bray**

SENIOR LIBRARIAN: MAMRE LIBRARY

## City of Cape Town Library & Information Services (CCTLiS)

In celebration of Library Week, which began on Saturday 18 March and ran until Saturday 25 March, librarians across the City took part in a fun march to create awareness and welcome people to libraries.

'Phendulani' is a Zulu word meaning 'The march'. This was led by the Groote Schuur Primary School's drummers and a branded bus which set the atmosphere with music, starting from the Central Library on Friday, 17 March in preparation for Library Week. During the Week, City Libraries hosted various special programmes for all ages including storytelling, arts and crafts, membership drives and poetry sessions.

"This year's theme, 'My Library Your Library', seeks to reinforce libraries as being the heart of the community and encourages residents to take ownership of these vital facilities," said the City's Mayco member for Safety and Security, and Social Services, JP Smith.

Speaking to the *Cape Towner*, Mr Smith said he had been inspired by the start of construction of Dunoon Library the previous week when he attended the ground-breaking



Alderman JP Smith marching with librarians through the streets of the city

ceremony. "It reminded me that I am a geek at heart," he said.

The senior librarian at Central Library, Anita Shaw, said the march was a chance to make the public aware of the services the library offers. "We want to draw people to the library and promote our services. We go out into communities and take the libraries to them." She reminded people that Library Week is also fine-free week, and urged people to bring their overdue materials

as they will not be fined.

The Central Library also started a book club last year ("Book Club Launch", *Cape Towner*, October 6, 2016), where a group of people meet monthly to announce a theme for the books they will read and to review the previous month's books.

Ms Shaw said the book club has taken some time to get off the ground, as people come and go, but there is a dedicated group.



Library Area Managers, Flippie Van Der Walt, Carmen Holtzman, Dairmaid Wessels and June Swartz with Alderman JP Smith (centre)

"We are looking forward to more people joining the book club this year," she said.

Tania Blignaut, who also works at Central Library, said South African Library Week was a big welcome back for people who "are scared to come to the library".

"Libraries are a hub of information. Despite everything moving to the Internet, there are many people who appreciate having hard copies. However, we are also adjusting and moving online. We have free Internet access at some libraries and online registries. Even so, people will always need libraries."

Glorine Hannah of the Central Children's Library said to her, SA Library Week means promoting and supporting children and the youth.

"The drummers who are leading us today are an inspiration." Matthew Higgs, who heads up the drummers and is a teacher at Groote Schuur Primary School, said the squad has been taking part in Library Week celebrations for the past two years. Pupils in the band range from Grade 1 - 7.

"We are doing it to give back to the community. Library week is important to us because academics is important to us as a school. Some of our girls in the band are top of their classes."

**Fezile Hlangana**

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

## @ Central Library

**SALW 2017 kicked off with a bang at Central Library.** In the run-up to the Week, the Central Library Media Team produced a promotional video in all three official languages of the Western Cape to publicise SALW. This video was posted on Central Library's Facebook page. It proved to be an instant hit, with 3.6K views and 149 shares to date.

The video can be viewed on Central Library's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/centrallibrarycapetown/> or: <http://bit.ly/2qA3snj>

The media team plans to release a number of promotional videos during the next few weeks to promote Central Library's various departments, starting with a video of the Performing Arts and Music Department, to coincide with the Cape Town Jazz Festival. This video can be viewed on Central Library's Facebook page.

Another attraction is a photo-booth that staff set up in the library. Here library patrons can have photographs taken (or take selfies) in front of a library-themed background. A variety of props, including relevant hashtags, are available for patrons to use. They are encouraged to share their photographs on social media, with the added request that they tag Central Library, Cape Town.

On Friday 17 March, Central Library staff participated in the department-organised library march. The march took place through the CBD with start and end points at Central Library. The staff joined their colleagues from all over Cape Town with messages related to libraries, reading, Library Week and Fine-Free Week.

A first for Central Library, was a Membership Drive that they conducted at the Cape Town Station on Monday, 20 March.



Membership Drive at Cape Town Railway Station

The aim was to promote libraries, inform people about SALW, encourage them to join libraries and hand out promotional materials. We received excellent cooperation from the Metrorail Marketing and Communication Department. This is a starting point for working together in future, e.g. the Edutrain will bring children to the library. As the station is used by many people from all over Cape Town, we reached a wide audience and we can say with confidence that the Membership Drive benefitted libraries all over Cape Town. It was a good publicity event for libraries, and being able to put up our posters at the station beforehand and leaving them there afterwards, increased our visibility.

On Wednesday 22 March, Central Library participated in an integrated departmental event held in Woodstock Park. This was mainly directed at crèche children. Due to a lack of foot



Photo-booth that staff set up

traffic in the park, we decided to do our drive on the pavement outside the park. Many of the people that we reached lived in Woodstock, so Woodstock Library should benefit from the Drive; but the aim was to promote libraries in general.

On Thursday 23 March we hosted Philippa Namutebi Kabali-Kagwa, who launched her memoir, *"Flame and Song"*. She was in conversation with historian, Yusuf Mohammed. Philippa spoke with passion about her life journey which took her from Uganda, to Kenya, Ethiopia and now, South Africa.

We hosted our second book launch, Zubeida Jaffer's *"Beauty of the Heart"* on Friday 24 March. This book is the biography of Charlotte Manny Maxeke, the first black woman graduate in South Africa. Zubeida's talk shed some light on Charlotte's world. This talk was also facilitated by Yusuf Mohamed.

To conclude our SALW



Yusuf Mohamed in conversation with Philippa Kabali-Kagwa...



... and with Zubeida Jaffer

programme, Central Library was invited to the College Of Cape Town's Read Aloud Day at their Gardens Campus on 30 March. This was a day of reading-oriented activities organised by the College. We manned an information desk, spoke to the students and lecturers about the library, handed out promotional materials, assisted non-members with filling in membership forms, and attended to their queries. We also did a presentation about the library and showed our video clips. The Children's Librarian spoke about the Professional Collection in our Children's Library, with useful resources to the students during their academic journey. We also provided them with information leaflets about the range of study resources available to them at Central Library. The Friends of Central Library had a book sale at this event.

**Anita Shaw**

SENIOR LIBRARIAN: SERVICES

## @ Eastern Cape

On the 23 March 2017 Ms Nozuko Matiwane, Eastern Cape Librarian of the year 2016, decided to spend and celebrate the day at a local school, Upper Cegcuwana Junior Secondary School in Nqamakwe. She read two short stories in the mother tongue of the Grade 3 learners. As a dedicated, passionate librarian and recipient of this prestigious award, her visit was to encourage learners to develop love of reading books, make awareness about the role played by libraries and librarians

in nation-building and lastly to forge community engagement with the school.

The afore mentioned school received educational reading material in 23 September 2016 from the Rally READ Educational Trust. The mission of Rally to READ is to help people throughout Southern Africa develop reading, writing, learning, information and communication skills so that they become independent, life-long learners. This mission is similar to that of libraries.

She mentioned that reading is a brain booster and helps



Ms Nozuko Matiwane, Eastern Cape Librarian of the Year 2016

develop a good vocabulary and critical thinking.

She emphasized that libraries and books have therapeutic

and healing powers. By reading books members of society are healed from social ills that we are faced with on a daily basis.

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## @ Parklands College, Cape Town

**This has been another very exciting week for Grade 7 learners within the English Department and Learning Resources Centre.**

As part of their language content this week, learners were required to understand the intricacies of advertising. In celebration of the Library Week, there was the opportunity for the Grade 7s to collaborate and create their own advertisements based on books they have read and liked the most. Book displays were available in the Resource Centre for them to choose. A great deal of research, planning, imagination and collaboration was required by all in order to create some truly spectacular pieces.

In order to determine which advertisements were the most successful at appealing to the target audience (Grade 7 - 12 learners and educators), they were all projected on the televisions around the school for a week. Both educators and students alike were invited to watch them and to vote for their favorites via email. The top three book advertisements are as follows: The Hunger Games, 5th Wave and Harry Potter (Gangster Style!).

Herewith link to the top three book adverts:  
<https://goo.gl/od5iqX>

**Colin Zinyeredzi**  
RESOURCE CENTRE MANAGER





Author Philippa Kabali-Kagwa @ Bellville Library



Bellville Library staff Abby Marthinus and Ketty Tshisikhule

## @ Bellville Library

Our National Library week kicked off with the Friends of the Library's Africana book sale and our own Beauty & Wellness Day. Some of the other highlights of our week were the games in the park that was attended by more than 100 kids. The activities included face painting,

giant snakes and ladders, chess and a jumping castle. Author and known storyteller, Philippa Kabali-Kagwa, also entertained the children with a few stories and songs in the park one afternoon. We launched a very successful mannequin video clip on Facebook that highlighted

our library stock in a fun way. Our Movie Madness teen event was thoroughly enjoyed and the week was ended with a successful senior market.

**Christelle Connor**  
SENIOR LIBRARIAN: SERVICES  
BELLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Activities in the nearby park

## @ Woodstock Library

Woodstock Library held one of its South African Library Week (SALW) celebrations at the Woodstock Town Hall Park. Four crèches in the area were invited to a morning full of fun activities at the Park. Little Ones, Little Oaks, Palm Tree and Silver Tree learners participated. They enjoyed the storytelling which was presented by Katherine Moon from Sea Point Library. They also enjoyed presentations about Trees and Water Conservation by Pauline McConney (Head Area 4: Recreation & Parks) and Dairmaid Wessels (Area Manager: Library and Information Services) respectively. The Come and Play team did face painting and



Anita, Pauline, Dairmaid and Katherine at the Woodstock Town Hall Park

the children also played on the jumping castle. There was an opportunity for other library staff

members, under the leadership of Anita Shaw, to recruit new library members.

**Ntombegugu Mpofu**  
SENIOR LIBRARIAN: WOODSTOCK LIBRARY



## Cornerstone Primary School

Lintle Community Awakening's Executive Director, Ms Mpho Masienyane, was made aware that the Grade 1 learners of the school were going to be given readers to take home and expected to read during the Easter holiday. She took advantage of the South African Library Week and addressed the grade educator together with the few learners that were still around

the school. The topic was "The Care of Books". Learners were encouraged to cherish information and take care of books. Book markers were presented to each learner so that they would not fold pages as place-markers. Learners were also encouraged to ask their parents to take them to a public library during the holidays. Here too, Library week posters were distributed.



## Gauteng North Branch in Rustenburg

It was difficult not to spot the Gauteng North Branch members within the crowd that gathered at the Sunrise View Primary and High Schools in Rustenburg on the 17 March 2017 to launch the national South African Library Week (SALW).

With the launch taking place in their backyard they just had to join the masses and witness the launch. The branch entered with a song "Rena re a tsena, re tswa ko Gauteng North Branch" which means "We are entering, we are

from Gauteng North Branch". Ululation could be heard in the hall.

The event launched by the Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture, Ms Rejoice Mabhudhaphasi, was a kick-start to the dialogues and the many more celebrations on branch and institutional level. The Gauteng North Branch really embraced the theme "My Library, Your Library" by actively promoting and attending other launches throughout the branch.



Ms Mmakgoshi Reetseng with Cllr Ntsiki Mokhoto

## Tshwane Municipality Region 3 launch

The South African Library Week (SALW) celebration for City of Tshwane Community Libraries was celebrated in Region 3's Ga-Rankuwa Community Hall on the 29 March 2017. The event was attended by learners from different schools in Ga-Rankuwa. It targeted 300 learners and 200 residents. The learners took part in storytelling, arts, crafts and poetry sessions. The City of Tshwane's MMC for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Councillor Ntsiki Mokhoto said that the 2017 SALW theme, My library, Your library, seeks to reinforce libraries as the heart of the community and encourages residents to take ownership of vital facilities.

Motivational speakers were Ms Tuminglee Mogashoa,

Mr Otsile Mphela and Ms Mmakgoshi Reetseng. Ms Reetseng spoke in her capacity as the Public Relations Officer for the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) Gauteng North Branch. She urged the councillor and the MMC to protect libraries by ensuring that they have resources needed for them to offer an excellent service. She encouraged librarians to remain relevant and visible to their users, parents to make good use of available library resources, and teachers to partner with libraries and start reading and assignment programmes. She also pleaded with the community to stop burning libraries when protesting. She concluded by reading a children's story.

## LIASA Gauteng North Branch's Launch

The LIASA Gauteng North Branch Executive Committee is humbled by the manner in which members are opening their doors and allowing the Committee to host events at their institutions. Its members were welcomed with open arms at the Tshwane University of Technology Library on the 24th of March 2017. Forty eight members attended the launch of the branch's library week. Ms Vivian Agyei, Library Director and 'staunch LIASA member', welcomed members.

The speakers of the day were Mr Harry Matolong, Project Manager for MZANSI Libraries On-line; Ms Corlett Letlojane CEO: Human Rights Institution of South Africa; and the key note speech was given by Ms Mpho Masienyane, a member of the LIASA Marketing and Advocacy Interest Group (MAIG) Executive Committee, and Executive Director of Lintle Community Awakening.

Mr Matolong spoke about Advocacy and Marketing. He mentioned that the South African Library and Information Sector is currently going through a transformation. Library and information services are currently under-marketed. He said Libraries have a critical role to play in the achievement of development goals of the country and must be marketed as such.

Ms Letlojane emphasised

respect for the constitution. Citizens have the right to learn and to make use of the opportunity of access to erase effects of the past where access to information was unequally distributed.

Ms Masienyane shared the story of how a library changed her life. As a youngster she had read an article from a UNICEF publication kept in her school library. It was the information that she read which led to a few critical events landing her a university education instead of her concluding her education at Grade 10. It was also in the library that she learned reading for pleasure, research and reporting; an art which her teacher-librarian called "self-directed learning". It was this art that got her through many academic challenges and put her where she is in life today. She said that librarians should keep the candle burning in libraries because they bring light into the future of the youth. "You librarians are in the life-changing career and should regard yourselves as such", Ms Masienyane emphasised.

An audio of Ms Khwinana's poem, a student at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University titled "Who are you" was played for the audience.

**Mmakgoshi Reetseng**

PRO: LIASA GAUTENG NORTH BRANCH

SALW 2017 @ Porterville Library



SALW 2017 @ Coligny

During SALW, one of the projects was Mosaic Bottles. Each participant had 2 bottles to mosaic. Here are some of them busy. Concentrating, but enjoying every moment of it. This was a way of promoting creativity

in gift-making (and even producing products for selling at local shops and markets). The aim of this event was to raise awareness of the important and critical role that Libraries play in educating and developing communities!



These are residents from the Kosmos Old age home that participated in the "Adult colouring"; making different cards. This was day 1 of the Library Week Program of Coligny Community Library with the theme "Your Library - My Library". Cards being expensive, the residents commented that this was not only a way to keep

busy, but also to save money. The Librarian, Henriët van Loggerenberg and her assistants Mandie Rademeyer and Lourens Mahlonoko helped the elderly people. There was a variety of colouring materials for them to use. After all the fun, everybody enjoyed a cup of tea and refreshments.



University of Pretoria

1. Library staff members in the golf cart enticing students to attend the exhibition
2. Students sharing what the library means to them
3. The reading statues generated a lot of interest from the students
4. Students loving their UP library

# Celebrating a love of printed books this World Book Day

To mark World Book Day 2017, Nal'ibali, the national reading-for-enjoyment campaign, gifted books to the value of R250 000. A specially curated list of titles by different South African authors and in different languages, these books were gifted to the campaign's literacy development partners - including nine libraries - reaching 20 000 children across South Africa.

Nal'ibali called on the support of the public to help increase the number of books per child by donating new or gently used books at special readings events that took place on Friday, 21 April at various locations around the country.

Nal'ibali has been supporting a growing movement of South African children and caregivers who enjoy reading and sharing stories, since 2012. This is done by providing free access to good quality stories in English and South African home languages through its web- and mobisites; its bilingual reading-for-enjoyment supplement; and the broadcast of stories on more than 11 different radio stations each week. Nal'ibali also values libraries as an important resource and has been working with them to develop children's literacy by:

- Setting up library-based Nal'ibali reading clubs



Children at Siyazakha Primary School enjoyed reading aloud session

- Working with libraries to share and promote the bilingual Nal'ibali reading-for-enjoyment newspaper supplement
- Providing library staff with training and support in reading-for-enjoyment good practice
- Co-hosting literacy events such as World Book Day and other literacy events.

Handling and paging through printed storybooks, especially for children, feeds emotions and intellectual wellbeing. From an early age, children are able to fall in love with books and enjoy the sensory experience of handling them. Evidence shows that children who regularly read and hear engaging stories in languages they understand, are well equipped and motivated to learn to read and write and the World Book Day donation aims to further promote the joy and value of reading storybooks.

"The most inspiring part of promoting a reading culture in South Africa is that many parents, caregivers and community-

based organisations are already reading and telling stories to their children! Now, through this generous donation by the DG Murray Trust - an initiating and funding partner of the Nal'ibali campaign - we are able to gift the children supported by our partners with hard copies of books," said Jade Jacobsohn, Nal'ibali Managing Director.

Special handover events with more than 100 partners took place in the week of 17 April. These included public read-aloud sessions at libraries with authors from the selected titles; offering parents and children an opportunity to experience the fun of a Nal'ibali reading club and see how to get children hooked on books and reading in a relaxed and engaging way.

At one of the events in Soweto, children's author, Bandile Sikwane, interacted with the children after reading from one of his books *Malome Lerata goes to the Library*. The children were able to engage with the author and ask questions around

his writing process, gaining inspiration to one day write their own stories. "There was a joyful atmosphere having a published author read his book to our children. It's important to have children exposed to opportunities like this one and for them to know that it is possible to write books," said Portia Daniso, the Nal'ibali Literacy Mentor who hosted the event.

"Nal'ibali is built on the simple logic that a well-established culture of reading can be a real game-changer for education in South Africa and celebrating World Book Day is one of the many ways we can establish that culture of reading," concluded Jacobsohn.

For more information about the Nal'ibali campaign, or to access children's stories in a range of SA languages, visit [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org) and [www.nalibali.mobi](http://www.nalibali.mobi) or Facebook and Twitter: [nalibaliSA](https://www.facebook.com/nalibaliSA)

**Petunia Thulo**

PR & EVENTS COORDINATOR



Children's author Christopher Gregorowski at Durbanville Public Library



**UWC Library celebrates In Love With Reading**



Published author, Mr King, on the importance of reading and books



When further probed on the difference between physical books and e-books, he made it clear that, "Both books carry content - you engage with, you reflect on, you gain from both. But e-books have no substance, no existence outside of the device you're using. Physical books have a substance; they become a part of your circle of existence. They survive as artefacts which carry emotional or intellectual significance. They remind you of the time and place and the people you were with when you engaged with the book".

Finally, our Grade 7 learners and book club members dressed-up as their favourite literary characters. These could include any character which has been published in a book or comic.

**Colin Zinyeredzi**

LIBRARIAN AT PARKLANDS COLLEGE

## "Make a change, read" @ Parklands College

This year, World Book Day is celebrated under the theme: "Make a change, read". Mindful of the fact that change is difficult, this year's theme implores everyone to embrace books and, by all means, inculcate a culture of reading. Books are like doors, you can open them and step into another place....or time...or world.

In celebration of World Book Day, our published author, Mr King, was probed on the

importance of reading and books in general. Mr King highlighted that books are important today on the basis that:

- Reading books makes us feel good; they refresh us by drawing us into a world other than our own.
- They upgrade our mental operating system; they challenge us to arrive at understanding ideas or skills or paradigms different from our own.
- They help us practice sitting

in a room alone in meditative, strategic isolation.

- Books inspire direct action. After reading, you feel that you must go out and achieve something. You have to be an active reader, whereas you can be a passive television viewer.
- Books are a strong vehicle for truth. Books carry truth from one context to another, from one language and culture to another; from one time to another.



## World Book Day @ HA Jack Primary School

The City of Johannesburg Public Libraries celebrated World Book Day at the HA Jack Primary School on Monday, 24 April 2017.

Professional entertainers, Machteld van Nieuwerkerk (puppeteer) and Majesty Mnyandu (storyteller), each delivered performances to educate children about World Book Day and the importance of books and reading. After the programme each learner received a marshmallow chocolate Easter egg and a ruler-book-mark. The ruler-book-mark was branded 'World Book

Day - 23 April'. A total of eight hundred and seventy nine (879) learners were hugely 'edu-tained' by the programme. Visuals and videos on the programme were posted on the CoJ Library and Information Services Facebook page.

Apart from the programme at the school, all 87 libraries in the City of Johannesburg received ruler-book-marks branded 'World Book Day' to hand out in the week following World Book Day.

**Maryna Moolman**

OPS MANAGER: SERVICE EXTENSION AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
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## LIASA Eastern Cape SALW Launch event



EC LIASA Chairperson planting a tree



EC LIASA Exco planting vegetables at Sabalele Public library

The Eastern Cape Branch of the LIASA launched South African Library Week at Cofimvaba, hosted by the Intsikayethu Local Municipality. In collaboration with Sebalele Public Library colleagues, Department of Education, community leaders, primary schools in the area and the general community, the event was a success.

The programme involved planting a tree by LIASA members in commemoration of the 20 years' establishment of the organisation.

In accordance with the SALW theme, "My Library, Your Library", LIASA members assisted the community to plant a patch garden of vegetables. This is to encourage the whole community to take ownership of their community library and so that they may make use of it other than the use of information services.

The Chair of the LIASA EC Branch delivered a speech about the purpose of the SALW to the learners, teachers and the community.

The schools gathered in the community hall for a programme that included a competition in storytelling, book reviews, reciting poems and reading.

During the programme, the master of ceremony, Ms Linda Ntaka, gave prizes to the learners who answered questions after each speaker.



Learners planted garden seeds during the EC Branch SALW launch

**Sidima Mnengi**

LIASA EC BRANCH PRO (2016-2018)

# Spreading the joy of reading on World Read Aloud Day

English author, Neil Gaiman expresses that *'We have an obligation to read aloud to our children. To read them things they enjoy. To read to them stories we are already tired of. To do the voices, to make it interesting, and not to stop reading to them just because they learn to read to themselves.'*

Staff from the Department of Library Services at the University of Pretoria (UP) walked to Pretoria East Primary School on Thursday, 16 February 2017 in celebration of World Read Aloud Day. While at the school, they read to 107 children, donated a few new books and Easter eggs, and handed out pretty pictures for the children to colour.

Ms Elsabe Olivier, Assistant Director of Marketing, Quality Assurance and Fundraising at the Department and current LIASA MAIG (Marketing and Advocacy Interest Group) Chair, said: "The mention of reading aloud evokes many happy memories of bedtime with a parent, grandparent or a favourite



*teacher in a classroom - keeping us spellbound until the end. World Read Aloud Day gave us as librarians the opportunity to share in the joy of reading aloud to children, to create awareness of the importance of books and reading in our lives and to add our voice to this global movement. Research has long indicated the value of storybook exposure as it also influences reading fluency through the effects of vocabulary on phonological awareness."*



Staff from the Department of Library Services at the University of Pretoria

UP's gesture was well received at Pretoria East Primary School. "Just like the heroes in TV series, the UP librarians were the heroes of the day - armed with books and reading glasses they invigorated the Pretoria East children's Reading Aloud Day," says Karin Louw, Head of the Nursery School at Pretoria East Primary School.

Ms Olivier concluded by saying: "As members of the Dept of Library Services and representatives of our library organisation LIASA we are proud that we could play a small part in raising awareness for this global movement - showing that literacy belongs to all."

This initiative is aligned with one of the core strategies of the University of Pretoria as an involved university, namely embedding community engagement and civic commitment in its academic mission.

**Mikateko Mbambo**

DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS,  
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

## SMU Library World Read Aloud Day @ Lesolang Primary School

Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) Library celebrated its World Read Aloud Day on the 16th February 2017 at Lesolang Primary School in Garakuwa, Pretoria. The programme targeted Grade 1 and 2 learners. LIASA's Adopt-a-School Campaign saw the rise of a great partnership between SMU Library, V.T. Sefora Community Library and Lesolang Primary School.

The SMU Library partnered with V.T. Sefora Community Library and SMU Van Schaik's Bookshop. SMU Marketing Department covered the event proceedings.



The Team with Mr Moloto, the principal of Lesolang Primary School

The team read a story entitled *"The best sound in the world - Modumo o o gaisang mo*

*lefatsheng lotlhe"* in Setswana, the school's medium of instruction. Learners were excited



Ruddy Maseko in action

to interact and listen to new faces reading them a story.

## SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY WEEK 2017 @ GAUTENG SOUTH



@ Parkview Library



@ Bosmont Library

# World Read Aloud Day @ Tsholohelo Primary School

Barriers to learning and development at school level that are found to be highly common are reading and writing. Most of the time, learners in support classes are labelled as those who cannot read, mentally challenged or who are eligible for severely intellectually disabled schools only. These negative comments affect them emotionally, and they develop a negative attitude towards literature, specifically reading.

To ensure that love for reading is developed, the Inclusive Education Sub-Directorate of the Free State Department of Education aligned its support for reading with (inter)national reading days.

As a way to improve in this regard, Support Class Learners at Tsholohelo Primary School in Kagisanong (Bloemfontein) were supported through engagement in a reading activity, which they performed excellently on World Read Aloud Day on 16 February 2017.

Learners read a story "The lost baby" by Lyn Breytenbach from the book "Discovery English Grade 2". The story was about a baby ostrich which could not find its mother. Baby Ostrich had to consult with different animals asking "Are you my mother?" so everyone would first say its sound and then respond to say "No" and describe the ostrich features e.g. "Are you my mother?... Moo! Moo!... How can I be your mother, I do not have a long neck?"

The activity allowed more than 10 learners to participate in reading while dramatizing or



playing the story according to different characters. Learners were so motivated and tried their level best to perform their part. Teachers were also thrilled to realise the potential displayed by special class learners and have acquired an understanding and insight in providing support to

learners who are struggling.

The act of learners with special educational needs reading for their 1321 peers and teachers at Tsholohelo Primary School was a way of encouraging inclusive schools that would:

- Appreciate and support learners with reading and



writing challenges;

- Prove to other leaners and teachers in main stream classes the fact that all learners can learn as long as they receive necessary support;
- Respect diversity and the various learning pace of individual learners.

To assist in the success of the event the Inclusive Education Sub-Directorate engaged with:

- PACOFS local theatre to assist with the relevant costumes that will make the day a very special one;
- The Education Library of the Department of Education to assist with other literature and (inter)national days to ensure massive participation of leaners in Special Education and Remedial Education Classes in the province.

**Erna Mostert**  
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## City of Cape Town Librarians Clash in Amaboekies Reading Competition

There was great excitement in the build-up to World Book Day\* in the City of Cape Town as more than a hundred librarians from the City gathered together at the Bellville South Community Centre on 21 April 2017. They had come out in numbers, sporting their team colours, to support their teams. Amaboekies is the annual quiz in which four LIS teams, each representing an Area in the City, compete for the coveted Reading Team of the Year title. Attendees were welcomed at the door by the vibrant energy of the youth marimba band i-Themba Labantu.

The formal programme started with a brief address by Alderman JP Smith, who immediately established rapport with the

roomful of librarians when he shared his passion for books and underlined the importance of promoting and enabling a reading culture. He said he truly loved the idea of the Amaboekies event, "... where librarians themselves demonstrate the delight of reading," and, "... custodians of the book are giving us all a bit of insight into why they do what they do."

The Centre was kitted out with a set of book installations, while tables were adorned with pretty piles of books and inspiring quotes declaring the value and joy of books and reading. Spoken word artists regaled the audience with their captivating performances in English, isiXhosa and Spanish. Though

not everybody understood all of the words spoken, the emotions conveyed by the poets moved many who admitted that they never read poetry.

Mervyn Sloman, organiser of the Open Book Festival, interviewed local author Qarnita Loxton on her debut novel *Finding Kari* released in May 2017. This was the first time the author was interviewed about the book set in Cape Town, and the audience was rapt as more than a handful of librarians were already plotting to buy copies to make this local and highly relatable title available in their libraries.

The main event on the programme was a quiz based on 25 books read by the participating librarians in the

months leading up to the event. The strident support from the floor did not abate at any point, as librarians supported their teams in a sometimes nail-biting affair managed adeptly by Senior Librarian turned Quiz Master for the day, Nizam Bray. There was sporadic singing and chirping from the floor in support of the teams as the competition heated up and the teams from Area A and Area B made it into the final round. After a wrangling final, Area A deservedly walked off with the trophy.

**Akeela Gaibie**  
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CITY OF CAPE TOWN: LIS DEPARTMENT

\* World Book Day is a yearly event on 23 April organised UNESCO to promote reading, publishing and copyright.

# The sinking of the SS Mendi re-lived (1917-2017)

It was on the 21th of February 1917, during the First World War when SS Mendi was struck by a merchant ship, the Darro and sank within 20 minutes.

Fast forward to 2017, and a century later, we are commemorating and celebrating the lives and times of the 600 plus gallant fighters who paid the ultimate price in a foreign land, in the middle of nowhere and deep in the oceans of the Western world. Samuel Krune Edward (S. E.K.) Mqhayi, an intellectual,



educationist and poet, in his poem titled: **Ukutshona Kuka Mendi** (the sinking of Mendi) argues that the price that they paid was never tainted by bribes but propelled by love and a call to serve. (See poem below.)

In conclusion, one hopes that one-day SS Mendi will be brought to the surface and allow the families of the deceased and the world at large to close this painful chapter in the South African history. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

## Ukutshona Kuka Mendi

A poem by Samuel Krune Edward Mqhayi

Asinithenganga ngazo izicengo  
Asinithenganga ngayo imibengo  
Bekungenganzuzo zimakhwezikhwezi  
Bengungenganzuzo zingangee-nkwenkwezi

*You were never bought by pleas/appeals to participate in the war  
You were never bought through material things  
It was not because of you were promised fortunes  
Or promised heavenly riches*

Mhla nashiya'ikhaya sithethile nani,  
Mhla nashiya'iintsapho salathile kuni  
Mhla sabamba izandla mhla kwamanz'amehlo  
Mhla balili'oonyoko bangqurulek'ooyhlo  
Asitshongo na kuni, midak'owethu  
Ukuthi kweloozwe nilidini lethu?

*On the day of your departure, we talked to you  
As you left your families, we promised to look after them  
We held hands and eyes became wet  
Your mothers wailed and your fathers sobbed  
Didn't we say to you... YOU, our African pride  
That, in that foreign land you were our sacrificial lambs?*

Lenqanaw'uMendi, namhla yendisile  
Nal'igazi lethu lisikhonzisile

*SS Mendi, figuratively, took you on a journey to marriage life  
Your blood has served all of us with distinction*

Kufomnye kakade zekuphil'abanye!  
Ngala mazwi sithi thuthuzelekani  
Ngokwenjenje sithi yakhekani  
Lithatheni elabadala elihlalo labadala  
Kuba bathi: 'akuhlanga lungehlanga  
Ndinga ndingema nawo ngomhla wovuko  
Ndigqame njengomny' osebenzileyo  
Ndikhanye njengomso oqaqambileyo!

*When one person dies, another one is born!  
With these few words we say be comforted  
Through this message we this we say be strong  
Draw strength from the old saying which goes  
Tragedies happen and are likely to happen again (law of nature)  
I wish I could stand with them on the day of resurrection  
And shine bright like those who excelled  
And glow like the morning star!*

## Aubrey Monde MADIBA

Mqhayi relays the somber atmosphere just before they departed, as if they knew they were seeing each other for last time.

Mqhayi likens their journey to that undertaken by women who are getting married. A married woman in some Nguni languages is called Umendi (coincidentally the ship's name is Mendi).

Mqhayi's timeless piece has transcended generations; teaching us to not only commemorate, but also not to forget the men whose remains lie buried in the bowels of the seas in the English Channel. He concludes by bringing to the fore his Christian upbringing and teachings which bring hope to the grieving families.

## To the victims of domestic violence

### I Got Flowers Today

I got flowers today.  
It wasn't my birthday or any other special day.  
We had our first argument last night.  
He said a lot of cruel things that really hurt me.  
I know he was sorry and didn't mean the things he said.  
Because I got flowers today.

I got flowers today.  
It wasn't our anniversary or any other special day.  
Last night, he threw me into a wall and started to choke me.  
It seemed like a nightmare. I couldn't believe it was real.  
I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over.  
I know he must be sorry because he sent me flowers today.

I got flowers today.  
It wasn't Mother's Day or any other special day.  
Last night, he beat me up again.  
And it was much worse than all other times.  
If I leave him, what will I do? How will I take care of my kids?  
What about money?  
I'm afraid of him and scared to leave.  
But I know he must be sorry because he sent me flowers today.

I got flowers today.  
Today was a very special day. It was the day of my funeral.  
Last night he finally killed me. He beat me to death.  
If only I had gathered enough courage and strength to leave him,  
I would not have gotten flowers today. (Author: unknown)

You ask, why didn't she leave?  
I ask, why did he hit?

SUBMITTED BY AUBREY MADIBA  
DEP-DIRECTOR: LIS, UFS

## My Library, Your library @ UWC Library

**UWC Library celebrated South African Library Week (SALW) during 18-25 March 2017. LIASA celebrates and honours the role and value of Libraries in society.**

The theme for SALW 2017 was "My Library, Your library" the sub-themes: "My Library, My Home", "Mind your Library" and "Tell me about your Library". In alignment to the theme, UWC Library implemented an exciting programme.

UWC students participated in the My Library, Your Library video clip which was streamed live in the Library big screens. Footage can be viewed on the UWC library webpage and on the YouTube channel. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4X-1jqWZ\\_fnA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4X-1jqWZ_fnA)

An online survey on How library spaces could be re-purposed? was conducted during this period. Students had the opportunity to participate and give Library Management feedback on what they needed to enhance their "Library Home".

Participants were asked to describe, in order of priority, the top 3 improvements they would like to see developed as part of the project to re-purpose the library. This project constitutes a bigger vision to re-design the Library as student centred learning environment.

Library staff were requested to embed the LIASA SALW logo with email signatures that also carried the link to the online survey.

UWC Library Atrium was used to exhibit Women and Gender Studies student projects on safe/unsafe spaces on campus. It was pleasing to note that the UWC Library was viewed as a safe space on campus.

A second exhibition constituted a vibrant display of books and book chapters, wherein UWC academics were contributors. The objective of these exhibitions was to showcase library as a communal space.

Librarians celebrated the



## Opening of Motati Public Library in the Free State Province

**M**otati Community Library was officially opened by the Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (SACR) Mme Leeto in Tshepong Verkeerdevlei on 5 April 2017.

This library was built at a cost of approximately R12 million, and the project was funded from the Community Library Conditional Grant which is made available by the Department of



Arts and Culture to provincial departments to transform and upgrade public libraries in the country. The Motati Public Library will serve the community of Tshepong with the latest form of technology and boasts state-of-the-art facilities and equipment such as reading section, reference section, activity hall, study hall, toy library and a computer room.

"We need to encourage libraries as spaces where information conveyed through technologies can help to revolutionise and transform our people's lives." MEC Leeto said.



HOD for SACR encouraging learners



Computer room: Refihletse Combined School



Toy Library: Children from Iketseng Day Care

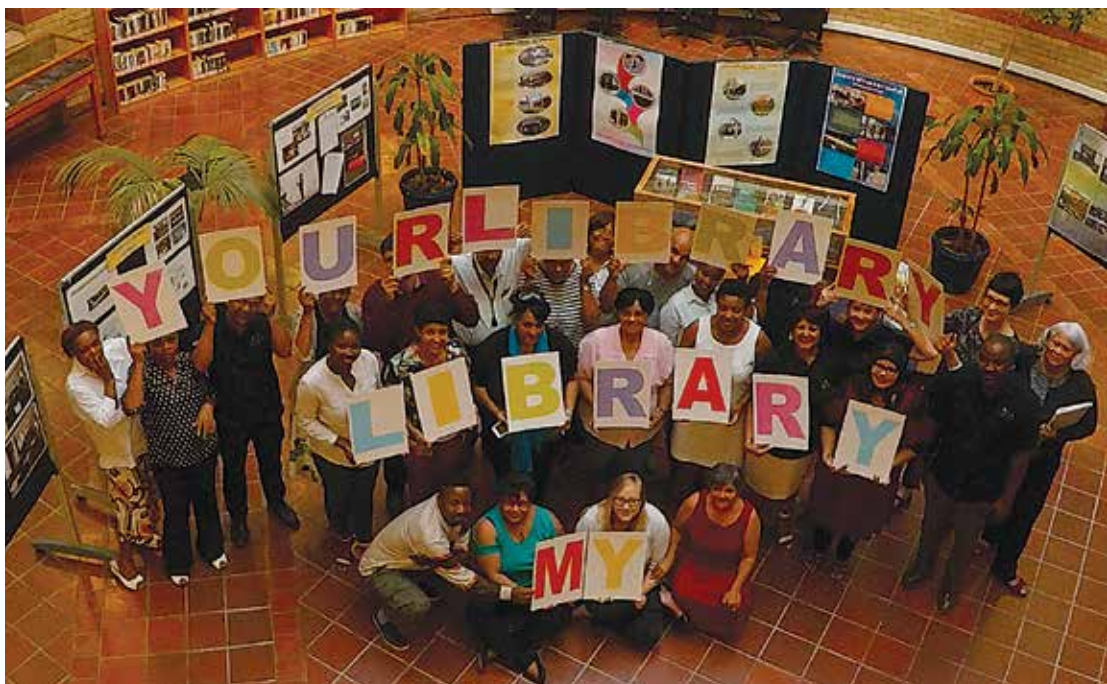
week with a team photograph displaying the LIASA theme to showcase "My Library, Your Library".

UWC Library participated in the competition hosted for all libraries in South Africa and won a place in the LIASA National Library Week activities at the LIASA MAIG under Special Mention category. The Library Marketing team and UWC staff are proud to receive the accolade for their efforts in making the Library a place of higher level learning.

Acknowledgements to UWC staff and students for participating and making this initiative a success.

**Alfred Nqotole**

LIBRARY SERVICES: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
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## My Journey as a LIASA Librarian of the Year for 2016

Once read somewhere that awards do not only acknowledge success; they also recognise many other qualities, such as ability, struggle, effort, but above all – excellence. I am proud to have been awarded the LIASA Librarian of the Year for 2016, and for sharing the award with Laila Vahed. A huge thank you to the LIASA Gauteng North Branch for putting in so much effort, and for doing all the paper work in preparation of all. The whole process was an incredible experience, and it was and still is a huge honour to represent the GN Branch and LIASA on national level.

There was huge excitement among my colleagues at the Academy of Science of South Africa when they learned that I was one of the final contestants. What an incredible team to work with, and to learn from! From the start I wanted to have a poster that will be somewhat different from ordinary posters. All my colleagues gave valuable input, and the result was an “interactive” poster, demonstrating my passion for all to engage with the online environment in an innovative and creative way when conducting research. Research should be part of the lives of



Dr Simon Hodson (CODATA), Mustapha Mokrane (World Data Systems), Ina Smith (ASSAf), Susan Veldsman (ASSAf), and Prof Sandy Harrison (Centre for Past Climate Change at the University of Reading, United Kingdom and Macquarie University, Australia) during the WDS Scientific Committee Meeting and Workshop on Data Initiatives in Africa – Opportunities and Challenges for Research and Sustainable Development, in Grenoble, France, 11-13 April 2017

all of us, and we should remain lifelong self-learners, constantly trying to respond to challenges we face as citizens of this world and the environment we live in.

I am extremely thankful to SAPnet for sponsoring the award. The award money has been used to establish a private business, called In the Cloud, which is in the process of being MICT SETA accredited with the help of a company specializing in SETA accreditations. As part of giving back, In the Cloud – with the help and support of SAPnet – will be presenting training in digital citizenship in the Delft

community in the Western Cape. The training is scheduled for the June 2017 school holidays. A second community project involves training librarians from Mbazwana in KwaZulu-Natal. I am looking forward sharing the outcomes of these projects with all once completed. A warm thank you to SAPnet for the incredible support they have given so far, and for the trust they have put in me!

Lastly – thank you to LIASA for creating the platform from where we as librarians can work and grow. My LIASA term as Chair HELIG and Convener

ICT Development on EXCO (2014-2016) opened up a whole new world to me, filled with new opportunities. I would like to encourage each and every librarian to become and remain active LIASA members, strengthening the association through contributing to solving challenges faced and highlighted by the LIS Transformation Charter and National Development Plan.

The few months since being elected were filled with highlights – from visiting Spain in my capacity as Ambassador for the Directory of Open Access Journals, to visiting France as project manager for the African Open Science Platform project, and to being interviewed by eNCA during South African Library Week 2017. The highlights of my term as Librarian of the Year are posted to the blog I created for this purpose. You are most welcome to follow my journey on this blog, and to comment! Visit <https://loy2016blog.wordpress.com/>

### Ina Smith

PLANNING MANAGER, ACADEMY OF SCIENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA (ASSAf)

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LIASA LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR 2016

## What do we have in common? IR versus SNS for research

So I found myself attending a compulsory PhD research workshop in the final semester of my PhD programme at the University of Bologna, and the one thing that struck me during the session, was a statement by the digital librarian presenting on library support for research. She said that it is important that students upload their publications in the Institutional Repository (IR) and NOT on Social Networking Sites (SNS) such as ResearchGate. This was thought provoking for me and I wondered whether libraries or librarians worldwide encouraged this. A section of my research interviews focused on the opinions of researchers, PhD students and librarians about their visibility on the web, in particular research profiles on social media, which I will discuss in my thesis. However, so many questions have now entered my mind about this one statement, some of them are:

- Why have SNS taken over the visibility of research, or has it actually achieved this?
- If SNS achieved this, why the

battle between IR vs SNS?

- Taking into consideration library staff capacity challenges, heavy workloads among other things, if researchers are independently building and maintaining their research profiles via SNS, why are we (the library) insisting that they repeat the task in IRs?
- Should we rather explore a solution for linking existing research profiles on SNS to the IRs?
- What role does ORCID ID play in this?

A blog by Evans (2013) who supports research at the University of Exeter in the UK, discussed some of these aspects, and to some extent confirms what the librarian was encouraging PhD students to do, that it should work the other way around, upload the full-text into the IR, “and then link to that on SNS such as ResearchGate”. The IR is indeed a safer space for research output, with the librarian playing a vital role in ensuring compliance with policies and procedures. IRs are now more established than

ever before, but should we still be leaving the choice up to the researcher? Should we be focusing our attention on linking those research profiles on SNS to our IR, or insist on working the other way around, as suggested? The latest webometrics report indeed confirms that IRs play an important role in increasing a university's visibility in terms of research output and its position on the research landscape. For Africa in particular, it has opened up a world of new research possibilities. However, we still face challenges, negotiating with publishers for one, regarding which version of the publication (pre/post-print) to upload into IRs. This also leads to another question about the version in the IR, if not the published one, for the purposes of citing in new research. On the other hand, what is the situation with regards to researchers uploading their work on SNS, do they comply with policies and procedures? Currently the trend is that researchers now request full-text publications directly from the author, never mind the traditional

ILL requests or worrying about pre/post-print versions, just ask the author! So what does all of this mean for our libraries and our communities? Of course IRs are open access to information and research without the need to ‘follow’, ‘like’ or send a ‘friend/contact’ request, or request a paper. If there is no embargo on a paper in the IR, it is accessible and downloadable to the world, and I think that this is the point. Why then, are researchers choosing the SNS route, and some even disregarding the IR route? Perhaps it is open for further debate.

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### Lynn Kleinveldt

LIBRARIAN: CAPE PENINSULA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (CPUT) LIBRARIES.

PHD STUDENT: UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, ITALY.

## Librarian of the Year 2013

My term as LIASA Librarian of the Year (LOY) 2013 was a busy one. My calendar was filled with many activities: presentations, travels and writing of articles. Having had a very demanding job at the Western Cape Education Department as Coordinator: School Library Services, I sometimes wonder how I managed.

My term kicked off with the excitement of receiving the award at the LOY Gala Dinner hosted by comedian, Mark Lottering, in October 2013. I remember committing myself to an invitation from Associate Professor Jaya Raju from the University of Cape Town (UCT), right in the lobby of the CTICC immediately after the dinner, to address the UCT Library and Information Studies students on the attributes of being a LOY - my very first invitation to speak as LOY 2013. Within two weeks I had already spoken at two events; a radio interview with Nancy Richards on SA FM and a talk at the UKS Clients Lunch in Zimbali, KZN.

By the end of my term, I had participated in numerous activities, a few highlights being:

- motivating students and learners to read every day at schools and False Bay College during the SA Library Week 2014 and as part of World Read Aloud Day Celebrations;
- handing over donations of conference bags by LIASA members to a school on the West Coast;
- talking at various school library launches alongside celebrities such as Kieno Kammies, Danny K, Desmond Tutu and Trevor Manuel;
- interacting with librarians across the sector during the LIASA Leadership Weekend;
- participating in an open mic session at the South African Book Sellers Association Soapbox at the SA Book Fair;
- discussing libraries as agents of social change as a panel member during the Western Cape May Seminar; and,
- presenting the significance of the LIS Transformation Charter for school libraries at the LIASA SLYSIG School Librarian's Conference in Durban.

I also wrote a number of articles on libraries and librarians for publications such as *Education Southern Africa*, *WCED@work*, *Education Update*, *Bookmark*, *LIASA-in-Touch* and *The Cape Times*.



World Read Aloud Day @ False Bay College



Pumla Kamulu Radio Interview



UKS Clients Lunch



Gala dinner with Elmarie and Mark Lottering



Launch of School Library with Kieno Kammies

In between, I used my prize money (sponsored by UKS) to attend two major international school librarian events: the IFLA Satellite Conference organised by the Libraries for Children and Young Adults Section & School Libraries Section in Paris, and the International Association for School Librarians (IASL) annual conference in Moscow, Russia.

Since the end of my term I've changed jobs and library sectors, moving from school librarianship to the NRF research environment of the South African Astronomical Observatory. I am currently doing research for my MPhil through UCT, looking at LIS in Astronomy over the past 200 years leading up to the bicentenary of astronomy in South Africa in 2020.

I am still very involved in campaigning for libraries and librarians and the importance of libraries in South Africa. I am currently on board of trustees of The Bookery, an educational NPO and I am also serving as a member of the National Council for Library and Information Services (NCLIS) until 2018.

LIASA has and always will be a part of my career. Since becoming a member of LIASA in 2007 I have had many opportunities to engage across the library sector locally, nationally and internationally. I am still involved on LIASA structures in different capacities such as the Western Cape Branch Treasurer and the LIASA National School Libraries and Youth Services Interest Group Treasurer.

I believe that having a professional association like LIASA is crucial for LIS professionals in the future. LIASA has a role to play in sculpting the new librarian, encouraging a professional image that is respected. LIASA can and will take LIS forward and keep it on par with other international library associations.

I thoroughly enjoyed my term as LIASA LOY. I became the face of LIASA during that time. I was honoured to work with other enthusiastic library workers on various projects and events. I was given the opportunity to speak passionately about our profession, to remind others and ourselves that we are not 'just librarians' but that we contribute to a dynamic and critical profession playing an active role in educating our people to be active citizens and to work together for the future of this country.

Theresa de Young

# 6<sup>th</sup> Hope-Mandeville Careers Expo 19 - 20 April 2017

Towards the end of 2016, OSALL (Organisation of South African Law Libraries) was approached to participate in the Hope-Mandeville Disability Careers Expo from 19-20 April 2017.

This Careers Expo focuses on learners with physical disabilities - the deaf; the visually impaired and pupils with learning challenges. As OSALL represents a specific field of expertise, we approached Elsabé Olivier, Assistant Director: Marketing & Quality Assurance from the Department Library Services, University of Pretoria and the current LIASA MAIG (Marketing and Advocacy Interest Group) Chair, 2018), to ascertain if she would be interested in a joint expo. She was! This snowballed into a UP Library and Disability Unit, University of Pretoria Department of Library Services, University of Pretoria Department of Information Science, Sensory Solutions, (a South African company with considerable experience in the field of accommodating persons who are visually impaired), National Library of South Africa, LIASA, LIASA MAIG, OSALL joint effort. It was a pleasure being involved with such passionate and enthusiastic people.

On the day of the Expo, the "Library" exhibit was manned by teams of representatives from all the different organisations - a happy mix of cross - but related branding!



Tebogo Mogakane and Naailah Parbhoo (University of Pretoria)



Marina Rubidge and Elsabé Olivier, main organizers of the Library exhibit

Exhibitors included Wits University, University of Johannesburg, Edcon, SABC and the SA Police Force, to mention

just a few. The inspirational talks included, "IT set me free" presented by Erik Anderson, "Never say Impossible" by Robert

Matthews, Edcon, Zain Bulbulia from the Office of the Gauteng Premier and Mr Nick Serra, a teacher from St Stithians that were truly inspirational.

About 500 inquisitive learners, from 8 different schools attended the expo over the two-day period. Many had never even considered the possibilities that were available to them as library or information professionals. They asked questions about being able to be in the profession if you were hearing impaired, whilst the magnification machines from Sensory Solutions, dispelled any doubts as to whether someone with poor vision could do the job.

There were plenty of lighthearted moments from the colourful University of Pretoria team, who encouraged the learners to write down why they wanted to become librarians...

It is my sincere hope that some of these learners are encouraged to pursue a career in Library and Information Science as they have now seen that this is a truly interesting and rewarding career that they can consider pursuing during these challenging economic times. I do not doubt for one second that all those that participated in the Expo felt that the reward by far outweighed the effort. My thanks to them all!

**Marina Rubidge**

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## LIASA Gauteng North participating at the City of Tshwane Careers Expo

The LIASA Gauteng North Branch Executive Committee was pleased to honour an invitation from the office of the ward Councillor (Ward 81) to participate in Job and Career Fair held at Jubilee Park in Sunnyside, Pretoria on 28 April 2017. In collaboration with City of Tshwane Libraries, and Tshwane Leadership and Management Academy, we used this opportunity to market our libraries and services as well advocate for the profession.

Present at the LIASA and City of Tshwane Library and Information Services' exhibition tent were Ms Mmaditshipi Seageng (Branch Chair), Ms Suzy Nyakale (Branch Chair-elect), Ms Mmakgoshi Reetseng (Branch PRO), Ms Mahlodi Moroamodishi (Branch Additional Member and PACLIG Convener), Ms Safira Maseko from Tshwane Leadership



Ms Nyakale, Ms Reetseng, Ms Seageng, Ms Moroamodishi and Ms Masemene

and Management Academy, and Ms Catherine Masemene from Gauteng Provincial Libraries and archives.

With a focus on marketing the libraries and services offered to the community in general (particularly within the City of Tshwane Municipality), the representatives at the stall interacted with users, potential users and also parents who came

to enquire on their children's behavies. We also used this opportunity to get from users their perceptions of the libraries and our services as well as some challenges experienced in some of our community libraries.

Ms Maseko took time to explain to visitors at the stall librarianship as a career; opportunities for internships, experiential training,



Ms Maseko and Ms Moroamodishi

apprenticeship and skills development. Ms Masemene provided information to parents about how Toy Libraries work and showed toddlers how to use educational toys aimed at stimulating cognitive thinking and improving literacy skills.

**Mmakgoshi Reetseng**

PRO : LIASA GN BRANCH

ON THE MOVE



News from University of Pretoria, Department of Library Services, is that **Kabelo Nzima** has been

appointed as the Faculty Library Manager to the Health Sciences Libraries. She previously worked as the Coordinator for the Basic Medical Sciences Library and prior to that she also served at the Faculty Library for Natural & Agricultural Sciences as an information specialist. She obtained her Bachelor of Information Science degree from the University of Pretoria in 2008, Honours degree in Information Science from UNISA in 2015 and she is currently studying towards Masters in Information Science at UNISA.



**Sean Kruger** has recently been appointed as the MakerSpace Coordinator within the Dept of

Library Services as of April 1st. Working for the University of Pretoria since 2008, he started as a Student Technician. After several years he was appointed as a full-time IT Lab Administrator for 5 years. Whilst working he attained his Honours and Master's degree in Financial Management.

UCT Libraries welcomes **Rosemary Ononaiwu** (Junior Librarian: Science and Engineering Faculty Liaison Team); **Zera Day** (Senior Library Assistant: Research Commons) and **Bonga Siyothula** (Senior Library Assistant: Hiddingh Hall Branch Library).

GRADUATIONS



**Elisca Coetsee** (Ampath Library) obtained her Honours Bachelor of Information Science, Cum

Laude, Unisa. She also received the certificate for best Honours in Information Science (Hons Blnf) student of 2016 during a special Alumni session at the ProLISSA Conference.



**Sibusiso Mtshali** (Bessie Head Library) obtained his Masters in Information Studies from

the University of KwaZulu-Natal **Mantapela Thosago** has obtained her PGDIP LIS from the University of Limpopo.

RETIREMENTS



**Antoinette Lourens**, information specialist at the Jotello F Soga Library (Veterinary Science) at the University of Pretoria (UP) has retired after more than 24 years of service to the Dept of Library Services.



**Magriet Lee**, Faculty Library Manager of the Health Sciences Libraries at the UP has retired after 40 years of service to the Department of Library Services.

Devoted Librarian Retires After 43 Years of Service

It's the end of a chapter for the City of Cape Town's principal librarian, Rosa Folscher, who retired after 43 years of devoting herself to library services. She retired from Goodwood Library at the end of April 2017, leaving behind an admirable track record. After more than four decades of dedicated service, Rosa has several adventures planned.

Rosa Folscher took up the post at Goodwood Library in 1999. While she has many fond fun memories of her time at Goodwood, she Rosa didn't start her career in Cape Town.

"I completed my studies at the University of the Orange Free State in the 1970s and shortly thereafter, I wrote my final exams, I married a theological student. As he was studying at the University of Stellenbosch, I



Rosa Folscher in the blue striped top supporting the District 5 Amaboekies team in 2016. On the left is her District Manager at the time, Cheryl Heymann, also now retired. Pictured with them are other colleagues from the district.

moved to the Cape."

In 1974 she was the first librarian at the newly established Elsenburg College of Agriculture in Stellenbosch. Five years later she became an assistant librarian at the University's Theological Seminary.

As the wife of a church minister she had to move often. During the 1980s she worked at Newcastle Public Library, at Boksburg Library and even as a senior administrative clerk at the Magistrate's Court in Rouxville.

After two years at Welkom Library, Rosa became senior librarian and later acting chief librarian at Parow Library. Since 1999, she is the principal librarian at Goodwood and has since become the 'big sister' to many other librarians in the service.

"I am always open to suggestions and new ideas if it is for the benefit of the library. I am the eternal optimist and the first one to dress up at any possible opportunity," Rosa laughs.

She recounts one of the more

memorable events during her time as principal librarian.

"A few years back we really struggled with budgets and had to put all kind of austerity measures in place. The staff had to bring their own toilet paper but then it happened time and again that I walked all the way from my office to the toilet just to remember that I forgot my paper in the office. We needed a plan and I suggested we make utility belts and wear the toilet paper on our bodies. I promptly demonstrated it to huge amusement from the rest of the staff," explains Rosa.

Although she will miss her colleagues and patrons, Rosa's retirement naturally includes loads of books, shows, festivals, boat trips and spending more time with loved ones.

The City of Cape Town is grateful to Rosa for her dedicated work and the great spirit that she brought and shared with others in the service; she is wished many joyful and rewarding adventures on the new path she is treading.

IN MEMORIAM

Principal Librarian, **Wilheminah Lekganyane** of Dr Ruth District Library; Head Librarian, **Ms Moloko Bopape** of Ganyesa Main Library; library assistant, **Lekakaba Moirwagale** (Tlakgameng); and **Phindolia Maleka** (Tosca) were tragically killed in a car accident on 16

March 2017. Three learners from Huhudi and Setswakgosing High Schools respectively as well as Tosca Primary School and one Ganyesa community member also lost their lives in the same accident.

**Oranje van Rooyen** (Huygen) passed away on 31

December 2016. She was head of the Gauteng Department of Education Library in Pretoria. She was previously attached to the South African College for Teacher Education (SACTE) where she was Head of Department for Media Studies. A memorial service was held on 17 January

2017 at the Education Library. **Phonie Mahlasela** who was a staff member at the NWU Library services passed away on 12th of March 2017. She was the immediate past Secretary of LIASA North-West branch.

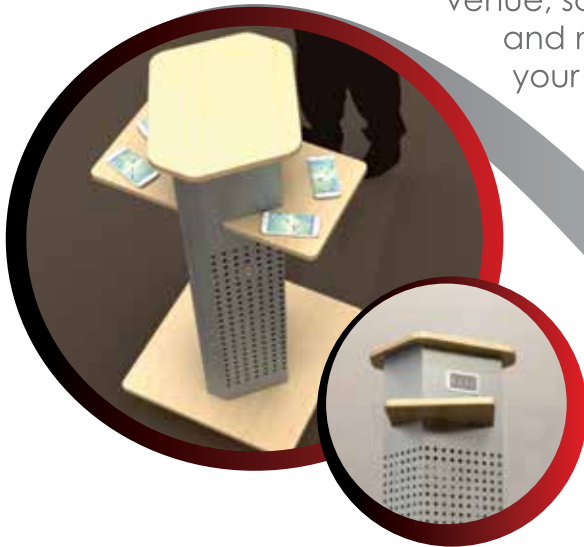
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