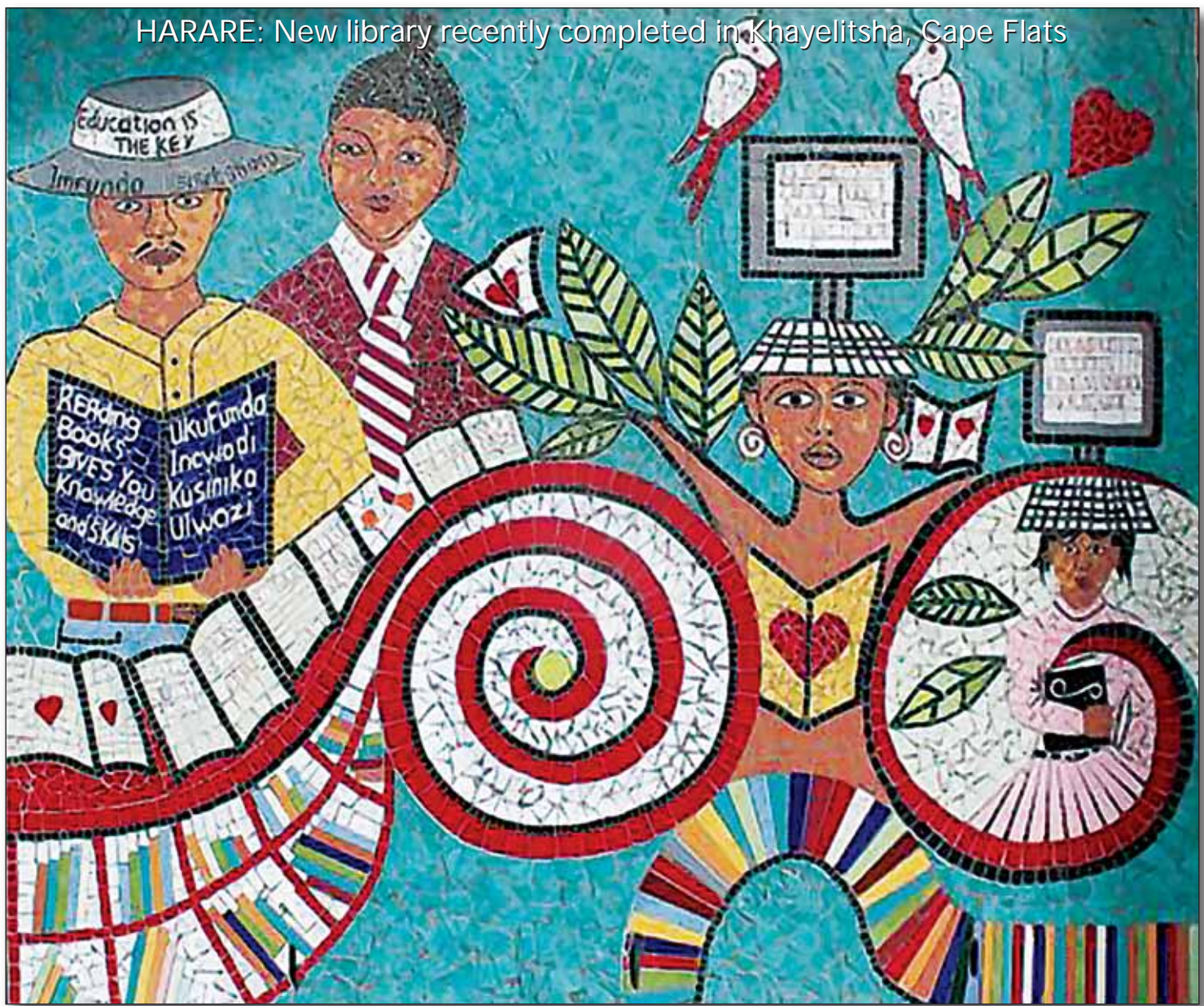


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On 9 June 2011, the long-awaited Membership Campaign was launched in East London. Despite the wet and rainy conditions, more than 70 people attended the meeting which was organised by the Eastern Cape Branch. A report on the launch is available on the LIASA Website <http://www.liasa.org.za/node/566> as well as elsewhere in this issue of *LIASA-in-Touch*.

A warm welcome is extended to the 5 new members from the Eastern Cape who joined during the launch event. Congratulations to Ms Raspy Ramugondo (Chair: Exco Standing Committee for Membership) and her team from Exco and the Eastern Cape Branch for hosting this successful event. The assistance from the National Office in this regard is highly appreciated. The Membership Campaign will now be taken to other branches.

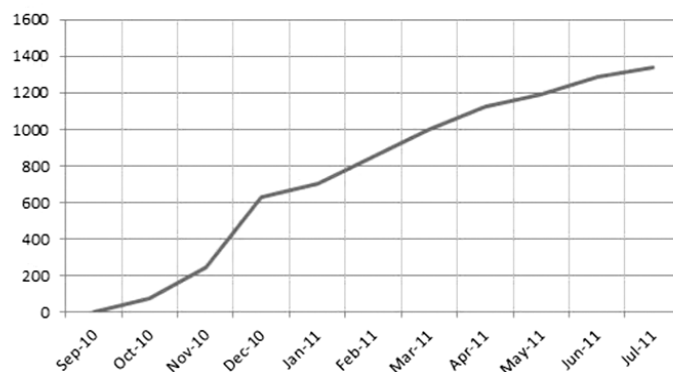
The LIASA National Office is as always committed to assist with all membership enquiries and members are welcome to contact the Office Manager, Ms Hannelie Brink at any time (liasa@liasa.org.za). Unfortunately we have to announce the recent resignation of Ms Louise Coetzee as Membership Administrator.

Members are reminded and encouraged to visit the LIASA Website (<http://www.liasa.org.za>) for all LIASA related matters. The Website is regularly being updated by Ms Annemarie Goosen with national and international news and reports of importance to the LIS community as well as notices of forthcoming conferences and meetings. I would like to congratulate and thank Annemarie for her valuable input and effort to keep the Website updated. A special page has been created for the 13th Annual LIASA Conference (http://www.liasa.org.za/events/liasa_conference_events) and the Executive and Representative Council are looking forward to meeting as many as possible of our members at the Conference on the 3rd of October!

See you in East London!

Martha de Waal, National Secretary

LIASA Paid-Up Members on 31 July 2011



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It gives me great pleasure to announce that LIASA was awarded a grant of approximately R10million (\$1.5million) to develop a Post-graduate Diploma Scholarship programme for

public librarians working in Carnegie Model Libraries. The grant will span four years and is expected to result in the development of a group of 110 qualified professional librarians with improved skills. We see this as an injection into and revitalization of the profession which has been in decline and trust that this will be the beginning of an upward curve for the profession. This project will succeed in addressing a critical training need within the South African Library and Information Services (LIS) Profession and will assist LIASA in delivering on one of its strategic objectives of providing training opportunities for LIS practitioners.

"LIASA MEMBERS ARE LEADERS" is the slogan of the Membership Campaign, running from 1 June to 15 September in

line with Theme 2 of Strategic Directions 2010-2014: Membership and sector engagement. We visited the Mpumalanga Branch on 21 July to present the Strategic Directions, to promote the membership campaign and to meet with the interim Branch committee. The meeting in Middelburg was attended by 62 people from across Mpumalanga. Visit the website for the reports and photographs from both Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape visits. We believe active and direct communication and engagement with members and potential members is essential for growth of the Association. Strong and active branches will lead to a strong LIASA, able to lead the profession. Visits will be scheduled to all branches over the next months. The membership numbers have shown a steady upward curve since January 2011. Check the website to see the latest national and branch statistics.

Remember that you can be in line to win one of 5 Kindles if you recruit 10 or more members during this campaign (by 15 September) and don't forget to include your name as recruiter on the application forms so that we can verify your claim. Branches can also win a nice nest egg by growing their membership by 20% or more.

I hope that by the time you read this you have registered to attend the Annual Conference in East London. There will be many innovations introduced this year, including Presidential Round Table Discussions on "The Future of LIS in SA" and "Burning issues for LIS". The programme is jam-packed with papers and discussions sure to appeal to all sectors of the profession. I would like to invite you to actively participate and engage by blogging and tweeting during conference. Discuss and share your thoughts on the papers and topics presented. Use #liasa2011 on twitter.

Make sure to visit the LIASA website for the latest information and developments. The site is regularly updated. Please comment and participate in our online surveys. *LIASA-in-Touch* has gone e! You can now read back issues of the LIT online. The latest print issues are still only available to paid-up members.

Do diarise 17-24 March 2012 to celebrate South African Library Week 2012 with the theme: "Develop @ your library". More details will be made available soon.

Looking forward to seeing you in East London in October.

Naomi Haasbroek
president@liasa.org.za

Membership News

LIASA members are Leaders



LIASA MEMBERS ARE LEADERS

LIASA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN – 2011

Current LIASA Members

As an individual LIASA Paid-Up member recruit 10 new members by 15 September 2011 and participate in a lucky draw for BIG prizes.

Seize the opportunity!

Recruit!

Recruit!

Recruit!

Loyal members...

If you have 14 years uninterrupted LIASA membership your loyalty will be rewarded.



All prizes will be presented at the Gala Dinner, held on 7 October 2011 during the [LIASA Annual Conference](#) in East London.

LIASA Membership Benefits:

- ✓ Regular communication via the listserv LIASOnline and SMS service
- ✓ Four issues of the *LIASA-in-Touch*, our information-filled magazine for the LIS professional
- ✓ South African Journal for Library and Information Science, the academic and accredited professional journal
- ✓ Discounted rates for meetings, workshops, seminars and the annual conference
- ✓ Discounted rates for training sessions, courses and workshops
- ✓ Eligibility for the various prestigious LIASA awards
- ✓ Eligibility for grants, scholarships or other financial support opportunities
- ✓ Eligibility to attend the IFLA Conference on the IFLA membership rate
- ✓ Eligibility to serve on branch, interest group and other LIASA committees
- ✓ Membership of your local branch and access to all its activities at discounted rates
- ✓ Membership of two Interest Groups of your choice and access to its activities

Library Automation and Management Software for the Future...

Libwin Library Systems CC are the sole owners, developers, marketers and supporters of **Libwin** - a South African library automation and management software system used in over 430 school, college, corporate and specialised libraries world-wide.

Originally developed in 1994 for Roedeian Junior School, after sufficient research was done to conclude that, at the time, there were no commercially available systems which met all three of Roedeian's requirements - that the system made use of current technology (at that stage Microsoft® Windows® 3.1), had all the necessary features, and most importantly, was cost-effective.

Over ten years, and more than 430 implementations later, **Libwin** is the most widely used South African library automation and management software system.

Fairly unique to the library automation and management system industry, **Libwin** and its related products is running successfully across the spectrum of library types - from small pre-school libraries, to large specialised libraries, and most any library in between. Furthermore, Libwin Library Systems is one of very few companies in South Africa whose sole business is that of library automation and management software and related products. This simply means that you have the knowledge that your library system and the support thereof is not a sideline to other products or businesses, nor a part-time hobby.

As a totally integrated library automation system, **Libwin** provides all the facilities to effectively automate (including cataloguing and circulation - loans, returns and renewals) as well as manage (reporting, online stock-taking, orders management and journal subscription management) your library.

All screens in **Libwin** are designed to adhere to a standardized graphical user interface approach, which ensures that the librarian can enjoy an easy-to-use and intuitive system.



ActiveConnect, our web-based online public access catalogue (OPAC) portal product, ensures that the library has an effective means to communicate with its end-users, and most importantly, to allow them to quickly and effectively retrieve the information that they are looking for.

Importantly, the acquisition of a library automation and management system need not be an unaffordable one. With **Libwin**, all schools receive a **50% DISCOUNT**, and college / FET / tertiary institutions receive a **25% DISCOUNT** on the retail price of software and the annual support & enhancement contract fee.

Some of the **over 430** sites who have made the decision to automate using **Libwin** as their solution include -

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- Kingsmead College / Junior
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- Herzlia Schools (x 3)
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- Cement & Concrete Inst
- De Beers - Namibia
- JHB Housing Corporation
- Oranjemund Private School (Namibia)
- Chabad House
- Hatch Africa
- Special Investigating Unit
- National Business Initiative
- SAPPI (x 2)
- Roedeian Senior School
- Roedeian Junior School
- St Annes College
- Michaelhouse
- Cowan House Prep
- Pretoria Girls High
- Glenrand MIB
- Ann Latsky Nursing College
- Oceanographic Research Inst
- S G Lourens Nursing College
- Simba School (Zambia)
- Eskom Info Centre - Pretoria
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“Dynamic Leadership for LIS”

LIASA 13th Annual Conference, 3–7 Oct 2011, East London ICC

	Early Bird	Normal	One day	Late & on site	Late & on site
					One day
	--> 15 Aug	16/8 – 23/9	15/6 – 23/9	24/9 – 07/10	24/9 – 07/10
LIASA Paid-up members	R4 200	R5 500	R1 300	R6 700	R2 700
Non-members	R6 200	R7 900	R1 800	R9 100	R3 100
Students, pensioners, etc	R2 800	R3 100	R1 100	R4 300	R2 200
Attendance of the Gala dinner only			R450 per person		

LIASA receives R10m Carnegie Grant to develop library skills

The Library and Information Association of South Africa has received a four-year grant worth R10-million from Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY).

Carnegie Corporation of New York is a US-based foundation that plays an active role in funding library and related knowledge centres in Sub-Saharan Africa. It was created by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding.

In the last four years, Carnegie Corporation has invested in excess of R140-million in South African libraries.

The grant will enable the Library Association of South Africa to:

- Develop a one-year postgraduate diploma (PGDipLIS) scholarship program that supports the formal qualification of public library employees at Carnegie model libraries in South Africa
- Develop a corps of 110 well trained and qualified public librarians who will be able to contribute professionally to their institutions
- Achieve a high level of measurable improved skills and service delivery amongst public librarians
- Revitalize the profession and produce a cohort of vibrant modern public librarians well versed in information communication and technology (ICT) and information literacy
- Expand its current training programme based in the Centre for Information Career Development (CiCD) which addresses continuing professional development and workplace skills development of librarians

According to the LIASA President, Ms Naomi Haasbroek, Carnegie Corporation,

has through this grant, entrusted the Association with the responsibility of enhancing and expanding the skills of public librarians in South Africa. A formal study of the demand and supply of skills in library and information, archival services and records management by the Department of Arts and Culture (2010) highlighted the need for qualified librarians who are able to deliver efficient and relevant information services. Public libraries are critical for the growth and development of civil society and are expected to support educational transformation in South Africa.

The role and responsibility of public libraries and librarians are even more important in the light of the extremely low literacy and numeracy levels of Grade 3 & 6 learners, as revealed in the 2011 Annual national Assessments report of the Department of Basic Education (DoBE).

“This project will succeed in addressing a critical training need within the South African Library and Information Services (LIS) Profession and will assist the Association in delivering on one of its strategic objectives of providing training opportunities for LIS practitioners. The LIASA CiCD was established in 2009 through a 3-year grant from Carnegie Corporation and has proven to be highly successful in delivering workplace training to librarians.” she said.

“Libraries, like universities, are levers of change within societies. They serve a critical role in improving literacy levels, and act as information hubs -- often providing a community's only access to electronic communication,” said Rookaya Bawa, a Carnegie Corporation Program Officer and a veteran librarian leader with over twenty years of experience in South

Africa. “We’re pleased to be funding an initiative that will help train the women and men who will manage these great institutional treasures.”

Grant funds from Carnegie Corporation are also used by various libraries in South Africa to increase access to the Internet and to purchase library materials, thereby strengthening the collections of these libraries. These purchases include those published by South Africans locally and abroad, thereby building the collection of contemporary indigenous fiction and non-fiction in all 11 official South African languages. The foundation's library work reflects the importance of public libraries in the South African context where they serve as important and powerful levers of societal change.

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‘Develop @ Your Library’

SA LIBRARY WEEK 2012 THEME ANNOUNCED

SA Library Week 2012 to be celebrated 17-24 March 2012

In 2010, the LIASA EXCO and Rep Council decided to start linking our strategies and objectives to Government imperatives and in the process build links with Government Departments and Government Ministers. With the major focus on job creation, the theme for SA Library Week 2012 was once again chosen with this in mind. While libraries cannot create jobs we contribute to developing the nation in the following ways:

- Libraries organize various programmes

that focus on skills development, including helping small business to develop products, strategies and markets

- Libraries provide access to information that allows users to develop themselves,
 - Libraries provide access to computers, including the Internet, online databases and word processing tools, enabling users to develop their IT and information literacy skills,
 - Libraries provide assistance in writing CVs
- The theme is fairly broad this year and provides an opportunity for all sectors in

the LIS community to embrace the theme.

2012 will also be the year South Africa will celebrate 100 years of liberation. This will obviously be celebrated throughout the country and the Library Week theme will allow libraries and librarians the opportunity to showcase the contribution they have made in the development of the country.

We have started working on the SA Library Week poster and hope to showcase this in the next issue of LIT.

Nazeem Hardy
LIASA National PRO

Come get 'Future Ready' in Philadelphia!

2011 SLA Conference, USA

Since I started as an Information Officer at Sanlam Investment Management, there have been so many things that I have found challenging. Everyone has moments when they say to themselves "they never taught me that in library school" and I feel that this is probably even more the case for corporate libraries. Luckily for me, the conference had an abundance of sessions that spoke directly to the information needs and services of the corporate environment and especially the financial sector.

As the birthplace of America's Declaration of Independence and the home of the earliest electronic computer, Philadelphia – the City of Brotherly Love – offers a unique blend of history and progress. But did you know that Philadelphia is also the site of the nation's first public library? What more fitting destination, then, for thousands of information professionals to gather for four days of learning, networking and sharing at the 2011 SLA Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO.

The opening keynote speaker was award-winning *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman and the closing speaker, James Kane, was a leading authority on building and maintaining loyal business relationships. The INFO-EXPO showcased the latest industry products and it was an ideal place to network with top service providers.

The spotlight sessions included several speakers, and the highlight for me was Bruce Rosenstein, the author of *Living in More Than One World: How Peter Drucker's Wisdom Can Inspire and Transform Your Life*. Rosenstein guided



SLA 2011, Philadelphia

conference participants to creating a bright future by actions that can be taken immediately. Topics covered include: Investigating and planning second careers and parallel careers, teaching and lifelong learning, mentoring, exploring opportunities for social entrepreneurship and creating and maintaining your Total Life List. A related theme is staying relevant throughout life. What can you do to remain relevant in the workplace, the profession and the various worlds you live in? A video of Rosenstein's interview with Peter Drucker was also a key highlight of this session.

Mary Ellen Bates and Guy St Claire were a pleasure to watch and listen to. I found their presentation techniques most refreshing as they invited questions from



Sandra Narismulu, Sanlam Investment Management

the audience, rather than deliver a paper. Of course, a presenter with an iPad will get anyone's attention. A live webinar of their sessions was also available to members that were unable to attend.

Taking a break from the office was refreshing and re-energizing. It is simply amazing how much a handful of days focused on your profession yet removed from the daily grind and countless interruptions of the job can encourage and invigorate your calling to the profession. It was also an opportunity to step back and reflect on the job and the bigger picture of the profession.

Sandra Narismulu
Business Intelligence Centre

3rd QQML International Conference, Athens, Greece

The pleasure and exposure of attending and mingling with colleagues at international conferences is always beyond words!

The 3rd Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries conference was held in Athens, Greece from 24-27 May 2011. Qualitative and Quantitative Methods are used all over the world by Librarians to determine whether their users appreciate their services. This approach promotes systematic development of quality management in Libraries that includes enhancement of measurement indicators, self-appraisal tools and operational rules. The title of my presentation was: **Towards enhancing employability skills: Challenges and prospects.**

In line with the title of my paper, the purpose was to investigate whether the current programme of appointing students in our libraries as assistants is beneficial to the students in terms of enhancing their thinking abilities. The following challenges were noted: Other than training them in the routine duties for which they are appointed, the programme is largely unguided; the thinking abilities are minimally tested during the recruitment



The attendees were mostly practicing Academic Librarians, Public Librarians and Professors from Library schools from various European countries. More than 50 Countries were represented at the conference. Only one library school Professor from Makerere University represented the African continent.

From most of the presentations, and what stood out

process. It was then recommended that students should receive structured guidance/training to enhance their thinking abilities.

- The guidance/ training to be conducted in class or a formal setup.
- First level of skill implementation should be in such programmes as introduced by TUT.
- Mentors in the various service departments should be trained
- Guidelines for mentoring should be provided
- Periodic performance-based assessment be conducted.

for me, that can provide a continuous change into excellence for TUT libraries, was the need for generation of the third stream income for the Library. It emerged that no institution, however generous, can sustain excellence regarding systematic development through research and other activities without additional income that can be obtained through donations and grant writing.

Rirhandzu S. Mhinga
TUT Polokwane Campus

Demise of the OPAC? The challenge of findability

In a March 1994 *Wired* magazine article, nearly two years before the start of the research project that would become Google, futurist Paul Saffo made a prediction: "The future belongs to neither the conduit or content players, but those who control the filtering, searching, and sense-making tools we will rely on to navigate through the expanses of cyberspace."

With the much talked about new generation of library automation platforms and discovery systems, are we perhaps looking at the demise of the OPAC? We recognize the need for the library to have greater impact in both physical and digital communities. As trends in libraries impact the way we use technology, how do we expand the library's reach? Using the building block approach, the key technologies allowing this expansion are Search & Discovery Tools, Mobile Applications and Social Networking Applications.

While still fairly new, discovery tools are rapidly gaining content and growing their customer base. Libraries in the past have adopted technologies that transform their services. Discovery tools are the next



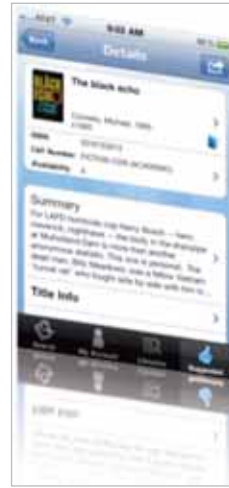
innovation. These discovery tools open the door for users to encounter library-friendly services.

Using *SirsiDynix Enterprise*, Carnegie Mellon Libraries has created dozens of custom "rooms," or discovery spaces, for each specialty. For research assistance, students and faculty alike can browse live subject guides and topic-specific search portals. The search and discovery process for each discipline is

different, and so each virtual room was created by Carnegie Mellon University Libraries to meet those unique needs. Whether it's delving into business law documentation or exploring musical databases for scores, recordings and related multimedia, students can navigate the Libraries.

Mobile applications provide on the go access and a 24 hour service.

BookMyne, the most comprehensive iPhone application available to libraries



today, features mobile access to in-demand library information, holdings and services; Barcode scanning capability, so library users can scan the barcode of a book at a bookstore or friend's home and retrieve availability information on the book at the patron's library of choice; Social recommendation engine powered via Goodreads, enabling iPhone or iPod Touch users to search library holding for friend-recommended reads; *New York Times* best seller list cross-referencing, enabling

users to immediately cross-check the best seller list with library holdings and place holds remotely.

The new *BookMyne 2.0* features have been even more of a crowd pleaser, he added. "I love the camera function where you can be in a bookstore and snap a picture of the barcode [then find it at your library]," Wohlers said. "That has been a longtime dream of mine. Now it's a reality, in your hand, immediately." John Wohlers, *Waubonsee Community College*



The Internet continues to evolve from a place for information to a place where social interaction takes place. With well over half a billion people worldwide already on Facebook, it is a valuable platform through which libraries can serve their users. The native Facebook application will take that one giant step forward by inserting the library into the world's largest online user community. Library users will be able to securely log in to their library via Facebook, just as they do today using the same credentials.

Among other capabilities, the soon-to-be-released *SirsiDynix* Facebook application will also enable library users to:

- Search their local library catalog and place holds on materials of interest right

from the library's Facebook page.

- Access My Account features including favorite's lists, checkouts and payment history.
- Share and 'like' library materials within the social environment where users worldwide currently spend more than 700 billion minutes each month.
- Invite friends to view their virtual bookshelves, allowing users to show off their literary collections and further socialize the library experience.

In conclusion a library is a portal for information, an access point to knowledge. Your library offers more than just physical materials to deliver knowledge to your users. Automation provides access to all information resources available – allowing

your library to incorporate results far beyond just books. The challenge for libraries, caught in the midst of the move from print to electronic resources, is to offer an experience that has the simplicity of Google with the ability to search the digital and print collections in a single search.

Libraries need to adopt technologies that transform their services. Discovery, mobile and social networking tools are the next innovation. The now unified index enables libraries to provide easier access to their resources at a time when mobile devices are beginning to change how we work.

Neesha Ramsumar
Managing Director, UKS

Report back from LIASA Librarian of the Year 2010

I wish to express my sincere thanks once again to those who nominated me and to LIASA and UKS Publishing for awarding me "Librarian of the Year 2010".

It has been a very interesting and busy year for me, having participated in a number of conferences and projects during the past year. I was invited to present at the Unesco/ASSAf/eIFL Open Access Conference in Pretoria in November 2010, and at the Unesco Danish Commission's Open Access Conference in Copenhagen in December 2010. I was also invited by the African Union to attend their important meeting at WIPO in Geneva in November 2010 to discuss their Proposals for a Treaty for Education, Libraries and Persons with Disabilities. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, I was not able to attend, but I asked Dr. Dick Kawooya, a colleague from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to attend on my behalf. I was also invited by the SA National Council for the Blind to attend the IFLA Presidential Meeting and by IFLA to attend the IFLA Committee on Copyright and Other Legal Matters' mid-term meeting, both in The Hague in April 2011, but unfortunately I was not able to attend these meetings. .

My generous Librarian of the Year Award prize of R30 000 was for a conference, an educational tour or for further studies. I decided to use the money to attend the M-Libraries Conference in Brisbane from 11-13 May 2011. I was invited to chair a session on "Emerging Technologies" on 12 May 2011 and presented on "Mobile Technologies: Information on the Move ... or Stuck in a Groove: a South African Perspective" on 13 May 2011. The programme and most of the presentations are now available at the website - <http://www.usq.edu.au/m-libraries/program/confprogram>.

I found the Australian librarians and conference organizers very helpful and friendly. This conference was extremely interesting and there were delegates from various parts of the world. The first day, 11 May, was a pre-conference workshop on various technologies. One of the sessions that I attended was by representatives of Apple. They were demonstrating how to use iPad applications. We always think South Africa has technical problems and bandwidth problems. Well, throughout this session, there were technical problems as their Internet connections were not very stable. The conference programme was then held from 12 - 13 May 2011. I met two South African librarians, Sandra Harzer from Unisa Library, who presented on "Enhancing open distance learning library services with mobile technologies" (paper by Jenny Raubenheimer and Sandra Harzer) and Bettie Greyling from eThekweni Municipal Library, who presented a poster on "The Number in my Pocket: the Power of Mobile Technology for the Exchange of Indigenous Knowledge", which highlighted the ILWAZI Project. I also met three other African librarians from Ghana, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. The librarian from Ghana was very pleased to meet me as he is a recipient of my information service



Denise Nicholson

"Copyright & A2K Issues" and had come to the M-Libraries Conference because he had received the conference alert on my information service.

I was fascinated by how different libraries around the world were engaging in mobile technologies and how advanced the Australian institutions and libraries were in the use of mobile devices in their teaching and library services. Although South African libraries are starting to engage in mobile technologies, they could learn a lot from Australian libraries. Obviously resources are more available in Australia so they are able to use various types of mobile devices. Some institutions provide iPads to their students. Others provide Smartphones to their library staff so that they can learn how to be 'mobile savvy'. Their libraries use mobile technologies to provide as much information as possible about their services, activities, training and other programmes.

Mobile technologies are advancing on a daily basis. New apps (software applications for mobile devices) come out every day. Even the iPad 2 is out already, before most people have mastered the use of the first iPad. The mobile phone is likely to be the medium of tomorrow for African countries, as not many of these countries or their people can afford the wide array of laptops, PALMs, iPads, Kindles and the like. Africa is likely to become the first post-PC continent and will mainly communicate and disseminate information via mobile phones. Already South Africans and other African countries are engaging in various social, economic and political projects and activities via mobile phones. Mobile phones and social networking were key communication media used in the recent uprisings in Libya, Tunisia and Egypt. Librarians in South Africa and other parts

of Africa must be proactive in the mobile revolution and in the process, help their fellow-Africans to use and contribute to global knowledge.

It was the first time I had been to Australia. I stayed with my cousin in Upper Coomera on the Gold Coast and travelled into Brisbane City by train each day to attend the conference which was held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. The weather was great and it was wonderful to watch colourful parrots flying freely in the trees as I waited for the train every morning. Instead of Hadedas waking me in the mornings, I had black crows cawing in the trees! Although I did not have time to see too much of Brisbane and its environs, I really enjoyed my stay in Australia.

After a week in Brisbane, I flew to Auckland to visit my sister and her family. The weather was cooler but quite pleasant. It was my third visit to Auckland, which is such a beautiful city. While I was there, I had the privilege of 'attending' a free virtual or e-Conference on the Holy Spirit at the St. John's Catholic Church in

Orewa, Auckland. My sister works at the Catholic Parish and invited me to participate. The conference was organized by the Catholic Bishop's Council in Australia but people from all over the world were able to link into the e-conference, which was free. In our group in Orewa, there were 10 people. The e-conference was well organized as they had a few speakers, then time for groups around the world to address some questions and discuss, and then more speakers, throughout a period of 5 hours. Anyone participating in the conference could email questions to the conference website and they were answered in a panel session at the end. A programme was distributed beforehand so people could download it. They knew exactly when to sign in and when to break for discussions. This is something libraries in South Africa should investigate for future conferences or workshops, as the e-conference reaches a wide audience and it gives so many people the opportunity of fully participating, especially those who cannot afford to attend regional or overseas conferences.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the whole LIASA Conference but look forward to seeing you all at the Gala Dinner on 6 October 2011. I wish the Librarian of the Year for 2011 a wonderful year, filled with interesting challenges and exciting travel.

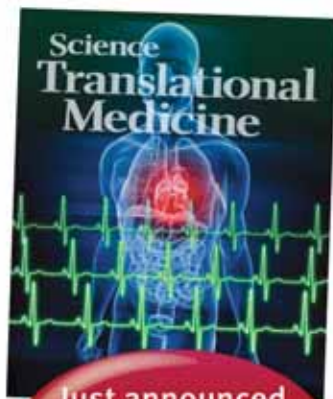
*Denise Nicholson
Wits Copyright Services Librarian*

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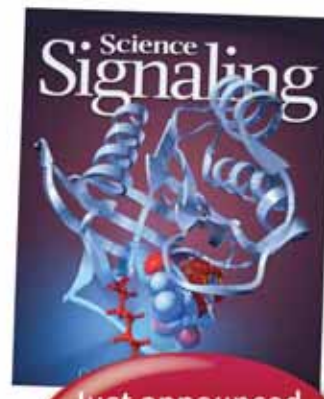


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A mutually beneficial challenge

From 1 November 2010 to 30 April 2011 a group of 5 deaf people did an internship with the Polokwane City Library as part of a programme created by the Deaf Institute of South Africa and MM Consultants. Through this programme deaf people were placed in different work areas or departments of the Polokwane Municipality to experience work culture and a workplace environment. Eventually all five worked at the library for different periods and finished up here as a group. Because of the communication challenges expected, we refrained from utilising the interns to assist with normal front-line services of the library.

The interns possessed different levels of literacy / numeracy competence and other skills, which posed the problem that not all could follow the same programme. However, we did introduce them to a broad spectrum of

library activities. The computer-literate ones maybe gained a little bit more, since they could do data-capturing in addition to other tasks, while those with limited literacy focused on the preparation/ processing and repair of books. In the end we were satisfied that the interns could be utilised in various ways according to their individual capabilities.

Supervisors in the sections where the interns were deployed were adamant that the interns should be regarded as regular employees as far as workplace etiquette

were concerned. This allowed for relatively successful integration with permanent staff.

We deemed it of the utmost importance that a translator/interpreter present to determine individual skills and previous training, especially during the orientation period; also to assist with instructions when further training took place. For most of the time, they were on their own and communicated using sign language or writing.

Library staff directly involved found it an enlightening experience to work with these interns. Some of us can now communicate with the deaf in (very) basic South African Sign Language, whereas the rest can communicate with general hand signals and signs, and hope that it is interpreted correctly. With all the smiles and nodding, a positive atmosphere prevailed.

Annette Pienaar



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The Book of Books exhibition at Cape Town

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, and the NLSA Cape Town Information Services programme partnered with the South African

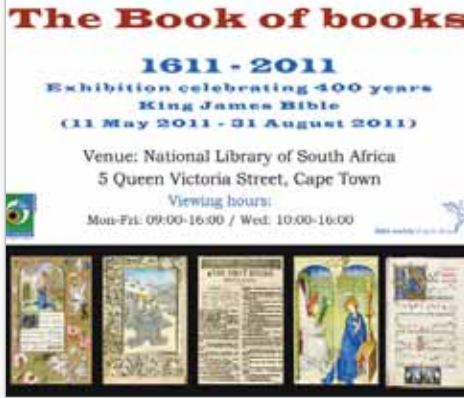
Bible Society to mount an exhibition of the Bibles in the collections at the NLSA Cape Town to commemorate the occasion. The Book of Books: celebrating 400 years of the King James Bible: 1611 – 2011 runs from May 2011 and was due to end in August 2011, but has been extended to December 2011 due to popular demand.

On display are Bibles, medieval manuscripts, and a focus of scriptures in the 11 official languages of South Africa from the Cape Town campus collections. Magnificent banners adorn the exterior of the Cape Town campus building, and the Gallery where the exhibition is located. Generous sponsorship from the Bible Society enabled these banners to be made, and a comprehensive exhibition catalogue with magnificent colour illustrations was produced, along with promotional bookmarks. The exhibition was co-curated by Melanie Geustyn: Principal Librarian, Special Collections, and Hanlie Rousseau of the Bible Society, and as always, all staff in Cape Town worked together to assist.



Banners adorning the entrance of the NLSA

The Bible Society also sponsored a launch event held on 11 May 2011, which was a glittering occasion, and well attended. We were delighted to be honoured by the presence of Tanya Barben, Board member of the NLSA, as well as former Director of the former South African Library, Mr Piet Westra, along with many other guests. Kim Baker welcomed guests to the evening, and introduced the Reverend Gerrit Kritzingler, CEO of the Bible Society of South Africa, who in turn introduced the keynote speaker, Dr Franklin Sonn.



Exhibition poster

Dr Sonn gave an inspiring address, and Mims Turley, Head of Communications at the Bible Society gave her vote of thanks. Following this, guests were free to peruse the exhibition further, and enjoy a variety

of delicious refreshments.

On display for the opening evening only were rare and valuable items including exquisite medieval manuscripts, (including the 9th Century Four Gospels, various Book of Hours as well as office books). These were replaced by facsimiles, and other items of interest, following the launch event. The catalogue comprehensively documents these items, and also all other items on display. It was remarkable to note that the variety of books and manuscripts on display is only a small percentage of all that could have been exhibited. The Cape Town campus is extremely fortunate, and owes a great debt to their forerunners of the South African Library, who had a long tradition of proactive collecting policies that resulted in these magnificent collections. They are truly unique in South Africa, and now form a significant part of the national documentary heritage.

We warmly invite our LIASA colleagues to view the exhibition before it ends in December 2011. The Cape Town campus of the NLSA is at 5 Queen Victoria Street. Viewing hours in the Gallery are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, and Wednesdays from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. For more information, call 021 424 6320.

Kim Baker



Dr Franklin Sonn gives the keynote address



Members of the public viewing the books on display



Dr Franklin Sonn, Kim Baker, Mims Turley and Rev Gerrit Kritzingler



Front from left: Cynthia Molepo, Thembi Khawula, Martha de Waal, Theo Bothma, Abram Maboya, Happy Mphahlele, Sindy Hlabangwane
Back from left: Edwin Maja, Anemarie Strydom, Linda Ntaka, April Mahlangu, Carin Bezuidenhout, Susan Scheepers, Pinkie Mkhwanazi, Mashudu Singo, Rose Phasha, Christel Oosthuizen, Anwa Adriaanse, Zuki Maya, Phindile Bekwa, Tsakane Shiburi, Harry Nkadameng

Report on the Fourth Carnegie Library Leadership Academy

Another successful Carnegie Library Leadership Academy, the fourth in a series of six, was hosted by the Centre for the African Library Leadership at The Villas Conference Centre in Pretoria from 11-25 March 2011.

The twenty participants were selected from 25 applications and consisted of 11 academic librarians, seven public librarians and two candidates from the National Library of South Africa and represented five different provinces, i.e. Gauteng, Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and Western Cape.

The group of strong individuals presented themselves with confidence and a clear vision of what they want to accomplish with the skills and knowledge gained from the Academy and how they want to implement what they have learned. Over the two-week period they were able to build a dynamic team spirit in support of each other.

The programme covered practical and theoretical aspects of topics such as Web 2.0 technologies, organisational leadership and the dynamic organisation, responsible leadership and ethical values, knowledge management and competitive intelligence, marketing and branding and effective communication and also included workshops on two exciting current trends in the Library and Information Services sector, i.e. gaming and mobile technologies. Various learning formats and learning opportunities included lectures, workshops, interactive discussions and individual and group tasks.

Vibrant and knowledgeable speakers, course leaders and facilitators included experts from the Library and Information Services sector (LIS), the academic sector and the corporate environment.

Presenters from the LIS sector included **Mr John Tsebe** (National Librarian), **Ms Naomi Haasbroek** (LIASA President) and **Dr Buhle Mbambo-Thata** (IFLA Governing Board).

Mr Tsebe presented an informative talk on the leadership role of the National Library with regard to nation building and the preservation of the national heritage collection. He also explained the library legislative framework and the strategic role of NCLIS (the National Council for Library and Information Services).

The LIASA President highlighted the leading role that the Association is playing

with regard to leadership as one of the Association's Strategic directions for 2010-2014. She explained the vision and mission, highlighted the achievements of LIASA since its inception, shared the challenges with regard to membership and provided a clear understanding of LIASA's role towards the training and professional development of librarians and library workers.

Dr Mbambo-Thata from gave an inspirational talk on African librarianship as starting point for emerging library leaders to understand the international library environment.

The LIS sector was further represented by speakers from the University of Pretoria Library Services and included Mr Robert Moropa, Ms Ujala Satgoor, Ms Hilda Kriel, Ms Janice de Wee, Ms Antoinette Lourens and Ms Bettie de Kock. Other presenters included experts from the academic sector and different corporate environments.

The participants of the fourth Academy could make a huge difference to the future of librarianship in South Africa. They were the first group to be hosted in a different venue and the success of the Academy is evident from their views and comments on various aspects of their experiences:

The Academy has been a fantastic opportunity, both enriching and enlightening. Back at work I want to become more involved in LIASA and consciously practise responsible leadership – Anwa Adriaanse.

The two weeks within the Academy involved lots of hard work, commitment, dedication and fun. It has changed my life, provoked my thinking style, made me a better leader – Phindile Bekwa.

I expected this prestigious course to be difficult and challenging. Yet it has been a fantastic opportunity for personal and professional growth – Carin Bezuidenhout.

After two weeks I can see myself as an emerging library leader in my own right – Sindy Hlabangwane.

Attending the Academy will open future doors for me and allow me to make a difference in the library of any organisation – Thembi Khawula.

I definitely extended my professional network and learned a lot in terms of my career path – Abram Maboya.

The Academy changed my views on LIASA and my involvement therein – April Mahlangu.

I have learned to in future boldly execute different tasks and responsibilities within my leadership role, with pride – Edwin Maja.

Being a part of the Academy, definitely allowed me to make a difference within the profession through personal growth – Tsakane Shiburi.

I left the Academy with answers and tools to become an effective leader – Zuki Maya.

Principles of self awareness allowed me to identify certain aspects to enhance my growth as emerging library leader – Mashudu Singo.

I discovered a potential and energy in me, inspired by the facilitators and presentations – Pinkie Mkhwanazi.

After attending the Academy, the ball is in my court to implement step-by-step what I have learnt – Cynthia Molepo.

I now have the opportunity to make a difference in my organisation, by being innovative and creative – Happy Mphahlele.

I expected the programme to improve my leadership and management skills. I am a changed person – Harry Nkadameng.

The programme was designed to touch the most important aspects of leadership and personal development – Linda Ntaka.

I was amazed by the most valuable lessons and principles I could learn: communication, advocacy, team building to name but a few. The Academy was an amazing experience. I learned, I enjoyed, I have grown, I am inspired – Christel Oosthuizen.

I have learnt to plan and organise strategically and to lead by example – Rose Phasha.

It has been an honour to be a part of such an informative learning experience. I will apply my toolbox to make a difference. To my fellow participants: let us make the future happen! – Susan Scheepers.

I enjoyed the knowledgeable, energetic and engaging speakers and presenters – Anemarie Strydom.

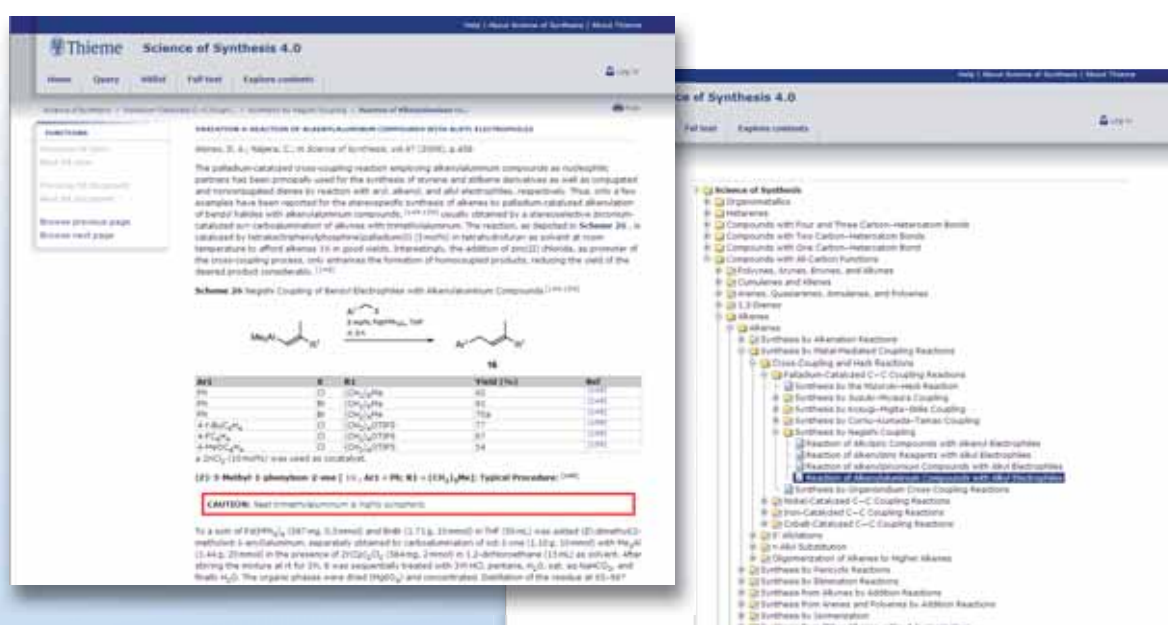
We are looking forward to meet the next group of participants at the fifth Carnegie Library Leadership Academy to be hosted in November 2011 in Pretoria.

All enquiries may be directed to the CALL Project Co-ordinator.

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Science of Synthesis 4.0

New release!



The image shows two overlapping screenshots of the Science of Synthesis 4.0 web interface. The left screenshot displays a search result for a reaction involving alkylaluminum compounds. It includes a chemical reaction scheme for the synthesis of 1,4-diene **16** from an alkene and an aldehyde, catalyzed by a palladium complex. Below the scheme is a table with columns for 'R1', 'R2', 'R3', 'Yield (%)', and 'Ref.'. The right screenshot shows a hierarchical navigation menu for 'Science of Synthesis', listing various reaction classes such as 'Organometallics', 'Heterocycles', and 'Alkenes'.

R1	R2	R3	Yield (%)	Ref.
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Science of Synthesis is an electronic full-text resource that has been designed to address the chemistry information needs of the organic synthetic chemist and to help all those involved in designing organic synthetic routes.

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LIASA's new website

The new LIASA website was launched at the 12th Annual Conference at St George Hotel in 2010. This new and improved website is designed to be interactive and participation from the members is invited.

At the bottom of each page there is a link to [Add a new comment](#) where you can share your views on the content of the page.

Over the next few issues of the *LIASA-in-Touch* we will look at some of the new features of the website.

The LIASA website resides at <http://www.liasa.org.za>



On the Homepage you will find the following, which we will look at and unpack in future issues:

- **The various tabs**
- **The Notice Board**
Quick links to important information that you need to be aware of
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Counting down and linking to LIASA events
- **In the News**
News from external sources of importance to the sector
- **The Opinion Poll**
- **The LIASA blog**
Links to the latest LIASA blog posts



At the bottom of the LIASA Home page you will find the banner above. On this banner you will find:

- Information on the LIASA mailing list, LIASAOnline

Quick links to the LIASA Events Calendar

Click on any of the dates in the calendar to display the events for that day.



Contact information for the LIASA National Office (see also the Contact Us Tab at the top of the page)



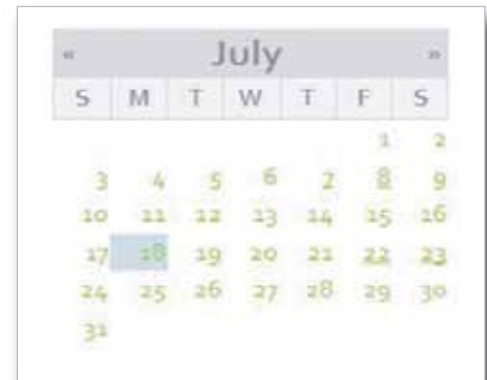
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- The LIASA Blog



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Library Week in Coligny

The Library in Coligny in Northwest had a very interesting Library Week. A programme which included the community was held in the Municipality's Boardroom. As part of the celebrations of the week, the Library held a competition with the question: "Why do you think it is important to have Libraries?" The reaction was very good. Children of grade 10 and 11 could respond in Afrikaans, English and Tswana. Book prizes were handed to the winners and Transnet also provided some prizes. The focus was all on Libraries and the users!

Henriët van Loggerenberg



Fortune Molefe (winner), ms Connie Lemao (teacher) and Monye Kaelo (winner) from Reboneilwe Secondary School). Henriët van Loggerenberg (Librarian), Pertunia Mosefi (Senior Admin from Transnet), David Mahlonoko (Love Live) and Wycliff Mosala (Assistant Librarian). (Not in the photo, Ronnie Baker from Coligny High won the prize for the Afrikaans version).



Hanna Bartlett, Nothisile Nkabinde, Julia Paris, Neil Sahadeo, Nondumiso Sinyenyeko-Sayo, Freeman Zulu, Priscilla Mothapo, Phindile Bekwa and Pat Tsotetsi

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Re-launch of HELIG in the LIASA Gauteng South Branch Region

The LIASA Gauteng South Branch HELIG held its first business meeting on 14 June 2011. The meeting was organized by Ms Julia Paris, LIASA GSB HELIG Convenor and was hosted by the University of Johannesburg Doornfontein Library Campus. The event was attended by 22 people. Representatives in attendance were from University of Johannesburg, University of the Witwatersrand, Monash University, the Independent Educational Institutions, as well as teachers from the Gauteng HE schools. The print and Electronic Supply Chain in the person of Mr Chris Fouche from Van Schaik and Ann McLuckie from Sabinet, as well as teachers from the Higher Education sector were also present, as well as two colleagues from the LIASA Gauteng North Branch.

The agenda of this first meeting focused on Knowledge sharing, Networking and LIASA business. The questions pondered were:

How can Higher Education Libraries remain relevant as place in the face of mobile technologies, mobile learning, and challenges

posed by the social media.

The meeting was opened by our Chair Ms Rebecca Senyolo who welcomed all present. She also took the opportunity to market LIASA and highlighted some opportunities available to LIASA members. This was followed by brief presentations by Chris Fouche (Van Schaik), Our LIASA Librarian of the Year, Ms Denise Nicholson shared her Copyright electronic mailing service information with all present. Then followed Ms Nomoya Mahlangu with a very interesting presentation on the Independent Education Institutions and their libraries, followed by our very own Ms Nthabiseng Kotsokoane (HELIG National Convenor) and a colleague on the activities in Monash university; Ms Rebecca Senyolo enlightened the meeting on the interesting activities at Wits University and lastly, Ms Julia Paris talked about the exciting things happening at the University of Johannesburg.

Attendees were encouraged to share their experiences in how their institutions create viable experiences to remain a valuable asset to their institutional clients;

or how they repositioned their services using Skype, blogging, Twitter, portals, Facebook and relevant mobile technology to accommodate new generation clients' learning and still remain relevant to other 'generational' clients and their information needs. Lively discussions ensued after the different presentations and individual sharing. The atmosphere in the workshop was exciting, and vibrant. Chris Fouche, on behalf of the Management of Van Schaik donated lanyards and a clock. The lanyards were given to attendees as a token of appreciation and the clock was used as a prize draw.

A small committee was selected at the meeting to form a working committee under Ms Paris' leadership, to drive the LIASA GSB HELIG activities with the South Branch region. Plans are underway for future meetings.

The day was filled with excitement and promise for future meetings. The meeting ended with networking and light refreshments.

*Julia Paris
LIASA Gauteng South Branch HELIG Convenor*

Sebokeng Zone 13 Library holds a Careers Day event

This year in April, Sebokeng Zone 13 Public Library under the leadership of the Librarian Ezekiel Radebe celebrated its 9th Careers Day.

Normally this is held in Evaton Public Library but since it is currently undergoing renovations, the event relocated to Sebokeng. More than 300 learners from

grade 9 and 10 benefited.

Practitioners in various health related fields spoke about careers such as physiotherapy, orthopedic, pharmacist, and X-ray specialists.

Thank you to Sebokeng Hospital who allowed staff from various units to present in this event, as well as the local Dept. of

Health and Social Development.

Despite the challenge of the local District office (Department of Education) being reluctant to release learners during school time citing high failure rate last year, the event was a success.

Freeman Zulu



David Mahlangu (Chair of ILLIG), Rachel More and Segametsi Molawa



Gerda Visser, Anna Brown, David Mahlangu and Leone Tiemensma



Modisa Khosie



David Silman

Meeting with School Librarians

The LIASA Gauteng North Branch celebrated Youth month by hosting the quarterly branch meeting in the afternoon and dedicating it to School Librarians. The meeting was held at the National Library of South Africa on the 23rd June 2011. It was attended by 95 delegates of whom 73 were teacher-librarians while 22 were LIASA members from other types of libraries.

The meeting was also about extending the horizons of service. The branch committee agreed that they are able to render service beyond information and knowledge and went into an exciting mode of preparing soup, breads, coffee and tea to serve the delegates on arrival. Mr Modisa Khosie, the branch deputy chair, drove the meeting with excellence, giving it the courtesy it deserved.

Ms Rachel More, the former LIASA President and the current Deputy National Librarian of the National Library of South Africa (NLSA) graced the meeting with her presence and welcomed all the delegates. She saluted all school librarians present and laid emphasis on the critical role they are playing in building a foundation for learning which is vital for libraries. The importance of reading from an early age was also highlighted because a reading child will eventually become a reading adult and increase the chances of a better life. She made an open invitation to delegates for a tour of the library after the meeting or at a later convenient time for them.

In addressing the delegates, Ms Segametsi Molawa, the Chairperson of the Gauteng North Branch thanked Ms More for her unflinching support to LIASA and the sector at large. All the distinguished guests and delegates were appreciated for making time to attend the meeting. She indicated that the meeting was special and that the opportunity should be grabbed, to discuss challenging issues such as lack of resources and the sharing of available ones, funding and to celebrate achievements, with special reference to the school libraries sector. She called on members to utilise the CIDC and to contribute to the growth of the Library and Information services (LIS) sector. Non-members were invited to join and make the voice of LIASA even bigger so that the government and other relevant stakeholders can "stop and listen".

Mr Patrick Sekhabi, the membership coordinator of the branch, launched the Membership campaign which is aimed at recruiting new members and retaining existing membership. The theme of the



Masingita Masiya



Collins Beta



Cate Makola

campaign is "LIASA members are leaders." Branches that Adds 20% more members (as it was on 1 June 2011) by 15th September 2011 will receive a

certificate of acknowledgement and a R3 000 cash prize. As of 1st June 2011 Gauteng North branch has 210 members, to reach the target 40 new members still need to be recruited. The delegates were encouraged to take up the challenge. The cheering and a positive response was given to the membership campaign announcement. Gauteng North is in for the challenge!

Ms Mona Niemand, the Chairperson of SLYSIG, explained what SLYSIG stands for, its background and the purpose of Interest groups within the LIASA structure. She discussed the three objectives of SLYSIG being Communication & Networking, Professional development and membership growth. She also announced the GDE/ SLYSIG workshop for teacher librarians which will be held on 10 September in Soweto.

Mr David Silman from the Rotary Club Project invited delegates to visit the Rotary International in Bedfordview to obtain free books. The books are donated by international book companies and shipped to South Africa. All that is required when applying for a donation is a letter with a clause that says "We have no intention to sell the donated books", indicating how they are going to put the books to maximum use and bring the letter with when collecting the books.

To crown the celebration of Youth month, a young author Masingita Masiya was invited to review his book: "The right to mourn". The poems give a background of grieving in the black community and the general void of losing one's loved one, testifying to the pain he went through when he lost his father. He emphasises the right to mourn versus the notion of "men don't cry". His poems articulate the process that goes behind a man in pain

and how, just like women, they need to mourn as a form of expression, and healing. He beautifully read one of his poems for the delegates.

Ms Anna Brown, School Librarian Coordinator, Gauteng Dept. of Education delivered a presentation entitled: Invest in your library staff. She advised managers to take care of their subordinates, to nurture their skills, groom them and give them support. She encouraged them to support the infected and the affected, to invest time, attention and money if need be in order to keep skilled people from leaving.

School libraries in the limelight: Librarians share their excellence

Mr Collins Beta, a teacher at Ivory Park School, spoke about the importance of publishing newsletters to keep parents updated, for marketing and for grooming future journalists or researchers. The important tools that he indicated as important in the process were: learners, computer, scanner, printer, USB, Camera and Monitor. He encouraged teachers to use the learners as journalists and editors, they have to bring the news under various areas they are allocated like sports, achievements, socials, "mogozi" meaning gossips in a controlled manner, etc. and involve them when deciding on what to include in the newsletter and the design, but the chief editor should remain the teacher. His library forms the hub of all these activities and he is the chief editor of Ivory Park School newsletter.

Mmakgoshi Reetseng, the PRO thanked Anna-Marie Goosen, CIDC coordinator, for her assistance with the publishing of the electronic newsletter and invited members to email articles to her so she can forward them for *LIASA-In-Touch* or use them for the branch's newsletter to share information. She challenged members to join the branch's facebook and announced the 13th Annual LIASA Conference. The branch will meet again on the 1st September to celebrate Spring day in style and raise funds.

All delegates went home with a free book donated by Leone Tiemensma, a Gauteng North BEC member.

The event wouldn't have been a success without the commitment of Gauteng North BEC, support from NLSA, the LIASA Office, SABINET, Mona Niemand, the Principals of all the schools represented and the loyal members of Gauteng North Branch. The Gauteng North Branch BEC applauds you all.

Together we can achieve more!

Mmakgoshi Reetseng
PRO - Gauteng North Branch

LIASA EXCO visits Eastern Cape branch

On the 9th of June 2011, the Executive Committee from the National Office visited the EC Branch in East London to launch the 2011 membership. We were fortunate because the launch was held in Eastern Cape.

Our President Naomi Haasbroek visited the BEC with DSRAC managers preparing for the up-coming conference for 2011 in East London.



LiSLIG EC meeting April 2011

The Eastern Star illuminates modern and old technologies



On 14 April 2011 Special librarians from different corners of the Eastern Cape converged on the Eastern Star Museum for an interesting meeting of their province's Special Libraries Interest Group (LiSLIG EC).

Once they had located NELM's fascinating satellite museum situated in Anglo-African Street (a little one-way street running between Grahamstown's High Street and New Street), the fascinating contrast between new and old began, as, over tea,

they viewed the museum's impressive exhibition of photographs of Grahamstown landmarks, photographed over a century ago and again a few years ago.

The guest speaker, Wynand van der Walt (Head: Technical Services Rhodes University Library), then began the contrast between modern and old methods of making information available, with his extremely informative power point presentation on Discovery Tools. This ultra-modern look at speedily finding digital

scans of articles via the internet, was followed by a look at examples of the much slower technologies which provided information in earlier times, when Basil Mills led tour of the Eastern Star Museum, showing the 1870 Wharfedale flat-bed Cylinder Press and other proof presses.

The meeting concluded with informative reports by members about events at their institutions and meetings and courses they had attended.

Ann Torlesse, Chair LiSLIG- EC

Holiday programme, City of Tshwane Region 5

The Gauteng Provincial Government has introduced the school holiday programme under the leadership of Gauteng Department of Education with the objectives of providing safe space for the learners during the school holiday and promoting life and reading skills to them.

There were different stakeholders who were offering activities to the learners like Correctional Services, Libraries, Social Development, Love Life and HUBS. Learners were also provided with daily meals.

The Library section offered DVD shows and the spelling Bee Competition to improve reading and listening skills amongst the learners.

The competition started at the sites with 20 candidates where the best top five good Spellers from each side were selected. They got bags and pens with "I LOVE MY LIBRARY" branding as gifts. The second leg of the competition took place at Sedibeng Site on the 7th June 2011 where the top 5's from the four sides contested against each other. A few parents attended and mostly the audience were the learners from grade 4 and upwards.



Advocacy in Refilwe by Sedibeng Site



Thabo Mashego, from Chipa Tabane school, the Champion of Spelling Bee school holiday programme that was organized by Mokoena Nthabiseng Alina (the programme librarian)

Twenty learners participated. The competition was so interesting and the learners got challenged from the fourth round. It was not easy to get the best five from the candidates. The two boys from Sedibeng and Onverwacht side tied the knot until Thabo Mashego proved himself as the champion of Gauteng North School Holiday Programme. The runner

up was Maako Gerald.

Candidates walked out with the following prizes: certificates of participation, library memberships, bookmarks and dictionaries.

Mokoena Nthabiseng Alina

WCHELIG workshop

THINKING ABOUT TEACHING AND LEARNING AT UWC LIBRARY

On 03 June 2011 Prof Jeff Jawitz from the Higher & Adult Education Studies and Development Unit (HAESDU) and Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED) at UCT presented a Workshop on Thinking about Teaching and Learning. The workshop was organised by WCHELIG for librarians in the Western Cape and was well attended. There were thirty-six attendees from academic libraries. Bulelwa Mandubu opened the day by welcoming everyone present and introduced Prof Jeff Jawitz to the attendees.

It was a very informative Workshop and the Librarians found it very interesting as the role of Librarians most definitely involves a lot of teaching either to a group of students or staff or one-on-one consultation. The workshop approach made us think out of the box as it was not so much about how to teach or present but covered more in-depth knowledge about ways to explore the issues of teacher identity within the Library by defining the ways and the places in which teaching occurs in your work in the Library. Attendees had to take part in an exercise to explain what needs to be learnt during



Bulelwa Mandubu opening the WCHELIG workshop



Professor Jeff Jawitz of HAESDU, University of Cape Town

library teaching within the different Libraries; what kind of knowledge is this for example, procedural / factual, etc. and also to identify what you want students to be able to do with it. All of this contributes to developing ways of talking about teaching as an activity.

Furthermore the differences between student-centred and teacher-centred approaches to teaching were explained; the different concepts of learning were explored as well as what it takes to be an

effective teacher.

All of this made us realise that we should step back and think if what we are teaching is what the student really needs and that we apply different approaches to teaching to choose what is best for the student to get the required benefits out of any teaching intervention.

Theresa Schoemann
UWC Library



2011 Early Learning EXPO

As the Nelson Mandela Bay public library service, we participate in an Annual Early Learning Expo which is normally held in the first week of June for a period of a week. This year it was held from the 6th to the 10th of June 2011 at the Kwanobuhle library Hall in Uitenhage, Port Elizabeth. At this expo, several departments offer a free informative service to school children from the surrounding communities. These informative activities range from health awareness, disaster management, general hygiene, storytelling, animal information, and so much more.

We as the library service usually offer colouring-in and storytelling as our main activities; however this year we only did storytelling. Inside the hall full of children was our library stall which was big enough to allow us to conduct two stories at the same time. The children often asked for more stories, demonstrating the impact of the stories.

The nail-biting chills of the cold wet weather were rendered ineffective in deterring children from attending as scores of excited children from the surrounding schools attended in large numbers. Our team of dedicated Children's Library Assistants, proving to be equal to the task, told multiple stories that often had the children asking for more. The physical demonstrations done during most of the stories often got the children sweating and warmed up while they were at our stalls. With a total of 1497 children coming to our library stall, the 2011 early learning expo was a great success and proved to be an educational experience.

Attached are some pictures that will hopefully paint a visual picture of what was happening at the expo.

We also participated in the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University open day. On this day, the university opens up to aspiring students to show case the various programmes, faculties, and all types of

studies it offers. This event is widely recognised and well attended by various communities of the public.

At this event external organisations are invited to exhibit their services. We as the Nelson Mandela Bay public library services were amongst the few regulars showcasing to the visiting student population. Again our dedicated team of staff would proudly inform the students what the public library service is all about, where to find the libraries, how to join, and why public libraries are important. Their outstanding efforts at the NMMU open day over the weeklong period were highly recognised and won them the best external exhibitors award.

The Nelson Mandela Bay library service is striving hard to fulfill its mandate of informing, educating, equip, and entertain the public.

Nkosinathi Sikhosana
Children's Librarian

World Book Day

Lichtenburg Library celebrated World Book Day on the 14th April 2011 under the theme Books are the pathways to the future. The event was held at Boikhutso Community Hall with ninety learners and fifteen educators from Gaetsho Abet Centre.

Godfrey Samore (Library Assistant) at Lichtenburg Library addressing learners



Helderberg College at 31st Annual Conference of the Association of Seventh Day Adventist Librarian

Helderberg College is one of the 93 institutions operated by the Seventh Day Adventist Church world. All librarians are members of the Association of Seventh Day Adventist Librarians. I decided to attend the 31st Annual conference at the Pacific Union College, Angwin, California from the 19th to 23th June 2011.

Helderberg College carried the cost of my trip but I had to present a paper. I took up the challenge and worked on a paper

entitled "The impact of SDA values and heritage on book collection and services, the Helderberg College experience". In my paper I looked at users with disabilities as well as Librarians with disabilities and looked at how the SDA values impact on them. I also discussed the book collection and disability as subheadings.

It was a thought-provoking conference and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me because it was my first trip overseas and the first time to present a paper. The

delegates found my paper thought-provoking because they realised that the needs of people with disabilities in our libraries are not adequately addressed.

My next goal is to present a paper at a LIASA conference.

Barenise Pepper

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Estelle Kriger, Amanda Cooke, Mbali Zulu



Mufeedah Roubain and with students from Cedar High School



Cedar students searching through and selecting books

CPUT Libraries E-Resources but not excluding hardcopy

The challenge arises when you have to imagine being a high school learner.

Well, the reality is, technology is what interests school learners of the 21st century. With cell phones; e-books; play stations; iPads; facebook... the list goes on.

CPUT Libraries, Marketing and Promotions department approached the oracle who advised us as to what direction to take.

3D posters and images, that would be the key to grab their attention and raise the level of interest of what is available "beyond Google".

It was about showcasing CPUT Libraries e-resources as well as hardcopy!

In the end the images created a great interest amongst the learners, who then found it easier to ask about the Library!

CPUT hosted their annual Open Day which took place over the course of three days, from 12-14 May 2011. CPUT Libraries participated in the event by arranging their own stall which aimed at creating awareness to future students of the Library and all its resources. The Marketing and Promotions department were responsible for all preparations of the Library stall at the Open Day.



Top view of Library stall at Open day exhibition

Goodie bags were made by the Marketing and Promotions Department to hand out to students who visited the Libraries' stall, items in the goodie bags included; hand wash, notepads, pens, bottles and door hangers all items were branded. There was lots of student participation over the course of the three days, in total 485 students visited the Library stall.

Radio Good Hope FM held their show at the Open Day on Thursday and Friday, Nigel Pierce the radio DJ was the MC at the Open Day. He created a fresh; fun atmosphere for the students on the days.

Not only was the Open Day a great success for the CPUT Libraries, in terms of student participation. It was also a huge success for the CPUT Marketing team as the attendance record revealed that an estimated 9006 students and individuals attended the Open Day exhibition this year.

Youth Day: "Lest we forget..."

When we enjoy any public holiday, do we reflect on the occurrence and truly celebrate the meaning thereof. Youth Day is one of those days which specifically honour those courages learners of 1976 who rose up against the apartheid government in voicing their disapproval of the Afrikaans language as the medium of teaching.

We honour the youth who defied their oppressors before 1976 and those who continued the struggle for basic human rights after 1976.

We honour the youth who supported their fellow learners in the different



Attendees at Sarafina youth day screening



PR interns handing over spot prize to student

provinces, who were also "shot in their backs" or "disappeared without a trace", etc.

We honour the likes of Steve Biko, Ashley Kriel & the Guguletu 5 who are but a few, who sacrificed their lives in the struggle for freedom.

CPUT Libraries attempted to embrace the meaning of Youth Day, by screening SARAFINA, the acclaimed musical written by Mbogeni Ngema, produced by Anant Singh and directed by Darrell Roodt.

Posters as well as a power point advertising the event were created by Nazreen Carlsen and Judy Ruiters, [Pr Interns] and

advertising was in full swing.

The screening was held at four branch libraries, viz. Bellville, Cape Town, Thomas Pattullo and Wellington and had an overwhelming response and interest from the present day students.

It was admirable to see the students react with emotion and hear their gasps and comments as the different events unfolded in the film. What was noticeably sad for me from the Cape Town Campus point of view, that the audience was only made up of African students!

Well, those who did not attend missed out on the delicious popcorn and lollipops handed to students as they signed the register on entering the venue.

To be able to understand why we turned around to look back I leave you with this quote:

"In spite of the recent triumphs of science, men haven't changed much in the last 2,000 years, and in consequence, we must still try to learn from history. History is ourselves."

Kenneth Clark

Estelle Kriger

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PASCAP participates in CPUT Library outreach

Africa day is celebrated every year on 25 May. It is a celebration of Africa; its people and unity. This year CPUT Libraries commemorated Africa Day by hosting outreach activities. The Library donated tertiary level books to organizations in need. CPUT Libraries Cape Town involved three organizations in the outreach activities; namely PASCAP; Cafda and Cedar High School.

PASCAP is an after school program which is situated in the Hout Bay area, they arrived with 10 students who were accompanied by Samira David's, the PASCAP representative. On their arrival tea; coffee and scones were served. The



Nazreen Carlsen with Samira Davids and learners from PASCAP Non-Profit Organisation

students and Ms. David's were taken down to the 2nd floor of the Library where they sourced for books of their choice.

All activities done on the day was planned and implemented by the Marketing and Promotions Department of

CPUT Libraries, with help of Esther Carney a Librarian at the Cape Town Campus.

David's and the 10 students were extremely excited and enthusiastic to receive the books, and build up a relationship with CPUT Libraries. The two Public Relations interns, Nazreen Carlsen and Judy Ruiters, working at the Marketing and Promotions Department of CPUT Library were able to

complete their social responsibility module with this initiative.

Ruiters said, "It was a great success and we had lots of fun with the different organization and the students."

Nazreen Carlsen

Cedar High School visits CPUT Libraries

Ten matriculants, prefect learners, accompanied by Mufeedah Roubain the Administration Clerk and an educator from Cedar High School visited Cape Peninsula University of Technology Libraries Cape Town campus on Africa day, 25 May 2011.

As part of the organisation's social responsibility initiative the Outreach Task Team planned an exciting programme for the learners. Consisting of orientations conducted by library staff members and myself.

However due to unfortunate circumstances, the programme wasn't followed to detail. Nevertheless the group was able to source through tertiary level, withdrawn books for their newly established library.

Cedar High School is a dual medium school with an enrollment of 1370 learners, situated in Mitchell's Plain. Roubain has been with the school for 13 years and saw a need for a library for the senior students.



PASCAP students searching through and selecting books

She decided to convert a disused room into a library. April 2011 she started the conversion and approached CPUT Libraries for donations of materials.

The Outreach Task Team agreed to assist by donating books and also incorporated Africa day into the initiative. Roubain, along with ten learners was invited to a light lunch. Learners were very

energetic whilst sourcing through books and delighted with the "goodie bags" that was handed to them. A lucky draw also took place, where two learners won prizes, consisting of a branded pencil, notepad, Africa shaped key ring, car shaped stress ball and a mouse pad.

Positive feedback was received after the event took place. Roubain expressed that the learners really enjoyed the Outreach activities at CPUT Libraries and that they couldn't stop talking about it. She warmly thanked Outreach Task Team for affording Cedar learners the opportunity to experience Africa day 2011.

We, CPUT Libraries would like to thank all the branches who donated withdrawn books as well as the following vendors: ICE Virtual Library, SABINET, Springer link and Proquest for the branded gifts.

Judy Ruiters



Judy Ruiters and Nazreen Carlsen (PR interns) with Reinhardt Avenant

May being Tobacco Control Awareness month and the 31 May being World No Tobacco Day, Cape Peninsula University of Technology Libraries hosted a presentation about Tobacco Control at the Cape Town campus. Reinhardt Avenant from the City of Cape Town conducted a thirty minute power-point presentation.


Avenant spoke about the origin of tobacco, the dangers it serves to one's health and lastly he discussed the Tobacco Control Act of South Africa and its penalties and fines for smokers. The presentation was very informative, as attendees interacted with Reinhardt and engaged in conversations after the presentation. Tobacco Control materials, such as pamphlets, supplied

World No Tobacco Day 2011

by the Health promotions Directorate was also distributed to attendees in order to create awareness.

Judy Ruiters

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Harare Library in Khayelitsha



The new library was built through partnership between COCT LIS, Carnegie Corporation of New York, the NDPG (Neighbourhood development partnership grant), German development bank, VPUU (Violence Prevention through urban upgrading), and Provincial grant funding.

The architects were Charlotte Chamberlain and Nicola Irving. The three-level building is environmentally sustainable, making use of maximum daylight and natural ventilation through innovative ideas that include a heat pump system, light sensors, and recycling of rain water. This makes this library an easy refuge for the users who seek warmth during winter months. The children's library on the ground floor is 1326.2 square metres, the adult library on first floor is

917.9 square metres and a quiet dedicated study hall is spacious and hosts about 150 learners.

Harare Library opened to the public on 03/06/2011 at 14h00. It has many distinct features which single it out as a first modern community library in the entire province if not in SA.

The unique features are:

1. Gaming room that has educational computer games and Nintendo Wii.
2. Funda Udlale, an early childhood development that caters for the 0 – 6 years age group. The space provides essential reading skills and relevant psychological developmental skills for toddlers.

Collection includes: DVDs, CDs, and videos. The library also has an adequate ICT infrastructure, currently hosting 18

public access computers. Very soon the library will be installing listening posts for music. The library has more than 50 periodicals (local and international), and ten newspapers – also local and international.

Recreational special features are:

- Outside chess area.
- Big blackboard used by children as an expression board.
- The library features original murals on the library's exterior walls and the circulation desk. The works of art were created by community members.

Level of acceptance and buzz of excitement is proven by the number of people who have gone through our gates.

Lulama Langeni



Activities in the Western Cape Branch

The Western Cape Branch has had an exciting and busy year thus far, with the branch and the active interest groups offering opportunities for ongoing professional education and development. (Some of these activities are reported on separately elsewhere in *LIASA-in-Touch*.)

- As winners of the President's Award, the Branch Executive Committee took the decision to plough the prize money back into subsidising ongoing professional training for current paid-up members. The first of these opportunities was a series on Research Workshops, "Turning LIS ideas into Research Papers" facilitated by Dr Reggie Raju and Dr Jaya Raju. Through their mentoring and support, attendees were taken through the research process, turning their ideas into research papers - papers which have been accepted for the LIASA Annual Conference! Our thanks go to CPUT Library for their additional support and making their venue available.
- The Branch hosted the national launch of SA Library Week in March this year, inviting our new members to attend as special honoured guests. They were especially welcomed by our President, Naomi Haasbroek.
- A two-day workshop on Collection Development presented by Carol van Zijl, in conjunction with CICD, was run in



Brenda Kyle, Collection Development Officer of Cape Town City Libraries, with Carol van Zijl

June, and very well received. Western Cape speakers included Digby Sales, Collection Manager at UCT Libraries and Brenda Kyle, Collection Development Officer of the City of Cape Town Libraries.

- Are you a hero or zero when it comes to spending time on social media on a daily basis? This was one of the questions posed by Dave Duarte who was the guest speaker at a LiSLIG programme on the latest Trends in Social Media.
- PACLIG held a very practical session on Compiling Rosters in May. The mini workshop was conducted by Christelle Lubbe of the Bellville Public Library. There was a very good turnout and PACLIG is planning on taking this workshop to the Platteland!

- WCHELIG organised a workshop on "Thinking about Teaching and Learning" which was presented by Prof Jeff Jawitz from the Higher & Adult Education Studies and Development Unit (HAESDU) and Centre for Higher Education Development (CHED) at UCT. The workshop was fully booked within hours of the notification going out to members.
- ICTLIG organised a "tech petting zoo" so members could play with the latest electronic equipment and gadgets and show off their latest favourite technology. Again, there was a very good turnout and a request for a repeat session.
- Jean Williams of Biblionef was the guest speaker at the SLYSIG AGM, talking about the challenges that NGOs experience with schools regarding book donations, and issues around the schools reporting back to the NGOs. Another good turnout which augurs well for the revival of the interest group.
- SSIG organised a Customer Care Workshop presented by Nuroo Davids. This was very well received and well attended. Because of the demand, SSIG plan on taking this workshop to the Platteland as well.

Ingrid Thomson

VAAL University of Technology Renovations

The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) re-opened the newly renovated Library building at a ceremony which was held on Thursday, 24 March 2011 (during SA Library Week), at the Vanderbijlpark Campus.

Prof Louw, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic and Research, explained why it was necessary for VUT to engage in such a project. He alluded to the fact that Higher Education Sector focuses more on providing solution to access without taking into consideration the related services needed for the learning environment. This in turn has impact on the ability of an institution to create a conducive learning environment for students to acquire knowledge and do research. These are mainly the forces that compelled VUT to consider improving the library as a primary point of service. The university approved and allocated amounts of R13m for operational budget; R3,6m for the acquisition of books and R2m for access to databases and periodicals.

Prof Moutlana, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, expressed appreciation for the generosity of Goldfields Limited for being such a loyal patron of the VUT library at the Vanderbijlpark Campus. She also thanked the library staff for putting up with the inconvenience of working in a dusty



At the official opening of the VUT renovated library: Norma Roberts (Executive Director: Library), Prof A. Louw (DVC: Academic and Research), Prof Irene Moutlana (Vice Principal of VUT), Prof G. Zide (DVC: Student Life and Governance), and Mr Freeman Zulu (HOD: Library- Client Services)

and noisy environment during the renovations. "I am relieved that it is all over and that we have an occasion to celebrate our almost brand-new facility" said Prof Moutlana.

The renovated library boasts the followed facilities: new lifts for users and staff, dedicated venues for research by Diploma students, learning commons for B-Tech students, improved Knowledge commons room for postgraduates and other researchers, offices for subject librarians and other library staff, sound proof discussion rooms, bookable individual study rooms, individual and

group viewing facilities, more library training rooms, additional ablution facilities for males, females, and disabled, etc.

Prof Moutlana made reference to the special milestones the university has had with the Goldfields Foundation over the years of funding the building. "The last point that I would like to make is that "Libraries are about intellectual freedom". They are the antithesis of censorship. Their role is to make the recorded knowledge and information of humankind freely available to everyone, regardless of faith or lack of it, ethnicity, gender, age or any other of the categories that divide us one from another. Libraries stand above all, for the enlightened and rational notion

that human beings are improved by the acquisition of knowledge and information and that no bar should be placed in their way. Libraries are the bastions that provide the materials, instruction and assistance that enable individuals - me and you - and societies throughout the world to grow and thrive intellectually. Without such capacity, how can we build a better world?" remarked Prof Moutlana.

Freeman Zulu

HOD: Client Services

Vaal University of Technology Library



Information Literacy marks Africa Day 2011 in the Free State

Africa Day, which falls on 25 May annually, is the official day of the African Union and marks African unity. It is an opportunity to celebrate African diversity and success, and join Africans around the world in highlighting the cultural and social energy of the continent. This day is celebrated by hosting formal gatherings with panel discussions, street marches, and speeches by political and social leaders as well as rallies featuring cultural entertainment, poetry and speakers.

This year the Development Services of the Library & Archive Services in the Free State put the emphasis on the African continent, by testing children and adults' comprehension of information literacy – how spot-on is their knowledge of atlases, encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc. All libraries were provided with the following promotional packages:

- A poster promoting Africa Day event
- An Africa Day Test – used to test the Information Literacy of the library users
- Adult Competition entry forms – 19yrs +
- Children's Competition forms – 6 – 18 years
- A list of recommended resources.



A poster to invite communities to partake in Africa Day activities was distributed to the libraries

About 878 children and 578 adults in 51 libraries were reached.

Library workers decided on a time on 25 May during which (s)he tested the communities' ability to find information in the library. Participants had to complete the Information Literacy Test by

finding the meaning of the word "xenophobia" in a dictionary, the meaning of the name "Rolihlahla" in an encyclopedia and the capitals of six countries on the map of Africa in an atlas.

Library workers "marked" the Information Literacy tests and sent in their 100% scorers in both categories. These entries in an adult and children's category were all entered in a lucky draw competition. A total of 182 adult entries

and 208 children's entries were received.

The Africa Day 2011 100% Scorers Lucky Draw took place on 13 July 2011 at 12:00 in the Bloem Plaza at the Public Service Week 2011 celebration of the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation, Bloemfontein. The Deputy Director: Professional Support Services, Ms N D Ramnugondo conducted the draw on behalf of Mrs Schimper (Director of Library Services). The following prizes were presented:

ADULTS:

- 1st prize: R 500.00 – Pinki Mofokeng of Phomolong (Hennenman)
- 2nd Prize: R 300.00 – Sebolelo Khotlele of Schonkenville
- 3rd Prize: R 200.00 – Dikano Jenos of Phahameng (Bultfontein)

These prizes were sponsored by the company Tower City Trading.

CHILDREN:

An educational toy sponsored by Edunation Bloemfontein went to the following children's winners:

- 13 year old Judy Steenbok of Jacobsdal
- 16 year old Moleli Khauhelo of Hobhouse
- 14 year old Mpho Motshepe of Phomolong (Hennenman)



Maria Matsie with the ABET learners



Matshediso Secondary School learners were given knowledge that no one can take away



Ellen Goodman (community) and Wongalethu High School learners

FEZILE DABI DISTRICT

Sasolburg Public Library

The librarian Maria Matsie visited the ABET centre in Sasolburg and assisted 16 adults with completing the Africa day questionnaires. The adults enjoyed the session very much, and appreciated that the services were brought to them. Ms Matsie made use of the opportunity to teach them how to use information sources like books, atlases and encyclopedias.

LEJWELEPUTSWA DISTRICT

Majwemasweu Public Library, Brandfort

Africa Day was celebrated on 25 May 2011. Brandfort and Majwemasweu Public Libraries worked together to pursue their aim and vision of Africa Day. Information literacy and the ability to use library resources, eg Internet, dictionaries, encyclopedias etc were demonstrated and

discussed during an Africa Day programme. The purpose of this programme was to encourage and promote the knowledge of the community, in terms of availability of library facilities.

MOTHEO DISTRICT

BP Leinaeng Public Library

On this day, many countries celebrated the



Dumisani Makhaye and the learners of Ihobe Intermediate School next to the display that was made in celebration of the day

hard-fought achievement of their freedom from European colonial powers. This year's Africa Day theme was "Africa and the Diaspora". The library celebrated the day by inviting the learners of different schools namely: Ihobe and Nozala Intermediate Schools, and also the Vulamasango Secondary School. The purpose was to test their knowledge about their continent.

XHARIEP DISTRICT

Bethulie Public Library

Apart from the community, the library workers also invited the Wongalethu High School learners as well as prisoners of the Bethulie Prison. The prisoners were taken to the library for an activity and brought back to their cells. This was very informative to both the learners and the prisoners. A striking display was put in the middle of the library with Africa Day books, encyclopedias, atlases, etc.

Freedom Day celebrations in Namahadi, Frankfort

Freedom Day commemorated the first democratic elections held in South Africa on 27 April 1994. During Freedom Day the country celebrates the achievements that have been made in entrenching democracy and creating a better life for all.

The Free State Provincial Government, together with the Mafube Local Municipality hosted Freedom Day Celebrations at Frankfort on 27 April 2011. The theme of this year's celebrations was "Working Together to Unite the Nation, Promote Democracy and Protect Freedom".

The Department of Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation worked together to educate the public and schools within the Mafube Local Municipality about National Symbols in general and singing of the National Anthem in particular.

As part of the Pre-Event Programme, staff from the Fezile Dabi District Library together with librarians of Namahadi and Frankfort public libraries visited the Poelanong Primary School in Namahadi on 20 April 2011. An introduction was done to a group of about 500 learners, focusing on the national symbols and the Anthem. Afterwards the learners were divided into groups in classes to colour in pictures of the flag.

On 27 April 2011 Freedom Day was further celebrated at Kgatholoha Park in Namahadi. The Directorate of Library & Archive Services and Museum & Heritage Services were responsible for an exhibition on the upcoming Centenary celebrations in 2012. Interesting books and posters were displayed as part of the exhibition. Children flocked to the exhibition where their faces were painted with the national flag or another design of their choice. Children could also participate in the colouring-in of the national flag. Brochures on the national symbols were issued to them.

The children had a ball of a time – hopefully remembering Freedom Day 2011 for years to come!



Learners of Poelanong Primary School



Ms Jacomien Schimper (Director of Library & Archive Services) and Mr D Motaung (Namahadi Library) doing face-painting



The Fezile Dabi District staff working at the exhibition

World Book Day celebrations – Free State Department of Education

In celebration of the 2011 World Book Day, Free State Department of Education (FSDoE), held an annual Spelling Bee competition in Bloemfontein.

Twenty four high school learners drawn from all the five Free State districts converged at the chilly Motheo ERC (Education Resource Centre) to showcase their spelling skills. After gruelling rounds which had "casualties" dropping by the wayside, there was finally "one man standing" to be crowned the 2011 FSDoE Spelling Bee Champion.

Marius Roos, a learner at Welkom's Gymnasium High School, was left in awe after beating all the fellow entrants to grab the coveted title. Gracing this important event in the FSDoE calendar were MEC for Education in the Free State, Mr Tate Makgoe; the HOD Mr RS Malope; district directors; teachers and learners including special guests like LIASA National



The 2011 spelling Bee winner, Marius Roos; MEC FSDoE Mr. Tate Makgoe, 2010 winner Molefi Mohlomi and LIASA President Ms Naomi Haasbroek.



The winner and his teacher flanked by FSDoE Chief Director: Curriculum Management Ms Maboya and MEC FSDoE

President Ms Naomi Haasbroek who delivered an inspiring speech. The winner thanked his school and teachers for the opportunity which he proudly attributed to hard work and dedication. For winning this year's edition, he received a Laptop, a

Kindle (an electronic book reader), a medal, certificate and two trophies (one for himself and a floating trophy to be kept at his school).

Monde Madiba

LiSLIG Free State visit the National Museum

On Wednesday 20 July 2011 LiSLIG members visited the National Museum in Bloemfontein to learn more about its library and restoration of resources.

The National Museum is a natural, cultural and art museum. It was established in 1877 with the mission to "provide heritage resources and an enjoyable experience to all people through quality research, conservation, education and exhibitions" (Culna, no 65, November 2010).

There are 9 different Natural Sciences research departments and 6 Human Sciences research departments. They have a Technical Services Division which consists of a Design section and a Workshop section. The Information Services Division has two legs, i.e.



LiSLIG members at the National Museum
(photographer: Craig Barlow of National Museum)

Education and the Library.

The librarian, Ms Ina Marais, showed the LiSLIG members around in her library which serves the museum staff members and the public. The library has more than 9000 books and an extensive collection of journals. They exchange the museum's

journal 'Navorsing van die Nasionale Museum' with 350 national and international information centres.

As part of the day's agenda, Ms Marais also told the members about the resource restoration process. They have to restore valuable Africana, books and periodicals. The process sounded so interesting that the members asked for a more comprehensive workshop as a follow-up!

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Mme Haasbroek & Kekana, Dr Henning, the Parow library and mobile library team

UNISA Western Cape mobile library launch

Unisa Western Cape mobile library launch was held on the 23rd June 2011 at Unisa Western Cape campus, Parow. The launch started at 14h00 and ended at 16h00.

The mobile library launch event was opened by Dr Johan Jacobs, the Acting Regional Director at Unisa Western Cape. Dr Jacobs opened the event and welcomed guests and invitees. Ms Naomi Haasbroek, the President of LIASA was the guest speaker and spoke words of support and encouragement to the region about the introduction of the mobile library service. Dr Judy Henning the Deputy Executive Director at Unisa library gave a keynote address. Ms Kgaladi Kekana gave introductory remarks on the mobile library and indicated that the purpose of the mobile library is to 'break the isolation' of Unisa students located in rural and outlying areas of Cape Town. Western Cape Public Librarians as well as LIASA WCHELIG attended the event.

The Unisa mobile library is a bus that carries library material and offers a range of library services. The purpose of the mobile library is to promote equity of



From the back: Dr Jacobs, Naomi Haasbroek, Kgaladi Kekana, Geraldine Cele and Dr Judy Henning

service provision by increasing the opportunity of access to library service. The mobile library is a pilot project that will run for a period of three years. Unisa Western Cape and Unisa Polokwane are the only two regions which offer mobile library bus service.

The mobile library is flexible in the sense that it is not restricted to a particular place. Unisa library is the first academic library in sub-Saharan Africa to offer the mobile library service. The mobile library



Naomi Haasbroek, Alvina Mathee, Geraldine Cele and Lyn Kleinveldt

service delivery started on the 6th June 2011. It is a pilot project that will run for a period of three years. The mobile library visits stopping points in 31 towns in the Western Cape once a month to render library service to Unisa students. It is staffed by the Mobile Librarian, Mr Alfred Q Nqotole and the Mobile Library Bus Driver and Assistant, Mr Johan E Pretorius.

Geraldine Cele
Head Branch Librarian, UNISA Western Cape

U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama visits the Rosa Parks Library, Soweto

The First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama, inspired 25 young women at Rosa Parks Library in Soweto on 22 June 2011.

The women were busy deliberating on the role of women entrepreneurs in Africa as part of a break-away session of the Young African Women Leaders (YAWL) Forum, when she joined them in their discussions. She had given her keynote address to the 76-strong YAWL Forum and 2,000 invited guests at the nearby Regina Mundi Church earlier that morning as part of an official trip to South Africa and Botswana focused on youth leadership, education, health and wellness.

The young women, captivated by her natural charm and easygoing manner, hung on her every word as she reminded them that, as leaders in their communities, they play a vital role in creating jobs, promoting democracy and development, and in confronting climate change, extremism, poverty and disease. She told



First Lady Michelle Obama taking part in a break-away session of the Young African Women Leaders Forum at Rosa Parks Library in Soweto. (Photo by Chris Du Plessis, U.S. Consulate Johannesburg)

them that their generation could be the one that makes the discoveries and builds the industries that will transform Africa's economy and bring opportunity and prosperity to the continent.

Rosa Parks Library was the ideal setting for sharing this message. Operated by the United States Diplomatic Mission to South Africa, it is well known in the area and often visited by high profile delegations,

most notably in 2006, by the First Lady's husband and then U.S. Senator, Barack Obama. Since first opening its doors in 1976 the library has gone through many changes, but it has always played an important role in offering information services and resources to the Soweto community.

Over the years, it has shifted from its original public library mission to a more specialized emphasis on youth development, business skills and career development, and on providing information on educational opportunities. A

business, entrepreneurial and career collection forms the core of its holdings and the programmes presented at the library are designed to provide opportunities for development in these areas. The staff at the library were thrilled and honoured to have had such an important visitor strengthen their vision of economic prosperity for Soweto.

Karin Kitching



Teacher-librarians at the Equal Education Summit in Cape Town

Seventeen teacher-librarians accompanied by three district officials from Johannesburg Central District (Gauteng Department of Education) attended the Education Summit in Cape Town.

The summit was organized and hosted by an NGO called Equal Education (EE) at University of Cape Town from 25 – 27 June 2011. Parents, learners, principals, SGB members, professors, lecturers, education specialists and activists attended the summit. The aim of the summit was to get inputs from the wider community concerning the drafting of the Education Charter which will conscientise the Department of Basic Education amongst others to speed up the adoption and implementation of the Minimum Norms and Standards for school infrastructure. A memorandum outlining education

demands was handed over to Minister of Basic Education, Angie Motsekga at OR Tambo Hall in Khayelitsha on the 25 July 2011. Prominent figures at the Summit included Prof Mary Metcalfe, Prof Graeme Bloch, Brad Brockman, Yoliswa Dwane, Jon Hodgson, Zackie Achmat, Mark Heywood and others.

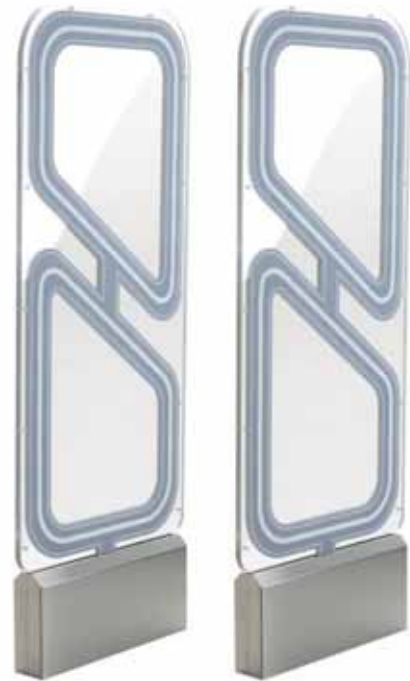
EE is a community-based and membership-based organization. Although it is based in Western Cape, it has members in various provinces such as Eastern Cape, Limpopo, kwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Gauteng to cite a few. It is concerned about lack of or insufficient resources especially in former rural and township schools to improve and enhance the quality of education in South Africa. EE is known for campaigning one school, one library and one teacher-librarian as only

8% of South African public schools have a functional library. Most of these schools are in former White, Coloured and Indian communities while in disadvantaged township and rural schools, school libraries are virtually non-existent. The NGO organized marches this year demanding the drafting and eventual implementation of the national school library policy. On the 21 March 2011, about 20 000 learners, teachers, parents, community members and activists marched to Parliament to demand the delivery of Minimum Norms and Standards for school infrastructure by 1 April 2011. Another large march took place on the 31 March 2011 to Union Buildings in Pretoria.

Samuel Mojapelo

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ON THE MOVE



North West Province's Department of Sport, Arts and Culture have appointed a number of community librarians. **Lorna Modiba** has been appointed at the Lehurutshi Community Library. **Manamela Deborah Disaneng** and

Nwabaswa Nxoko Madibogo are librarians at the Ratlou Community Library, while **Kgaugelo Ntsoane Danville** and **Ntombikaisi Lidziya Mmabatho** take up posts at the Mahikeng Community Library. **Bulelwa Nkubesi Ottosdal** is librarian at the Tswaing Community Library.

Francis Fourie has been appointed as evening librarian at the Wellington campus of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

Zenkosi Majola has joined Tshwane University of Technology (Nelspruit Campus) as an Information/Training Librarian. She was previously Subject Librarian at Durban University of Technology.



Raspy Ramugondo, previously with the Department of Education, Free State (FSDoE), ELITS Sub-directorate, has joined the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation as a Deputy Director: Professional Services

Khomotso Marumo, previously with the Central University of Technology (CUT) Library Department has joined the University of the Free State Library as a Deputy Director.



Mandla Ntombela has joined the eThekweni Municipality as District Manager.



The University of Cape Town has announced the appointment of **Gwenda Thomas** as Executive Director: University Libraries with effect 1 November 2011. She will be taking over from **Joan Rapp**, who retires in October 2011.

Mary Lister has been appointed Librarian at UCT's Graduate School of Business. She was previously school librarian at Micklefield School, and formerly was a librarian with UCT Libraries.

News from Cape Town City Libraries is that **Sandy Forsyth** has been appointed Senior Librarian: Operations, based at Central Library.



Christelle Lubbe was promoted to Chief Librarian at Bellville Library. **June Swartz** has been named District Manager for District 3 Libraries. **Lormarcia Zwaan** has moved from Mamre to Vredehoek Library in Cape Town.

Akeela Gaibie has been appointed Senior Librarian at Mowbray Library while **Nom-bongo Nkwenkwezi** has been appointed Senior Librarian at Suider-Strand Library (Strand).

Samantha Bennett joined the staff of the Stellenbosch University Library and Information Service as E-Resources Librarian from July 2011. Samantha worked previously at the South African Wine and Information Systems (SAWIS) where she managed their library. She has also, during her career, conducted library management consultancy work for various organisations. Samantha currently serves as Membership Secretary for LIASA Western Cape.



Prof Peter Lor has returned to South Africa after two-and-a-half years as a Visiting Professor in the School of Information Studies (SOIS) at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The appointment at SOIS followed his stint

as Secretary General of IFLA in The Hague, The Netherlands, during 2006-2008. At SOIS he developed and taught a new course in International and Comparative Librarianship. He also taught courses in Foundations of LIS, LIS Management, and Research Methods for LIS. Peter and his wife Monika (also a librarian) are happy to be back in South Africa and plan to settle in Sedgefield, on the Garden Route. Peter hopes to do more birdwatching and take art lessons, but full retirement is not yet on the cards. He will continue his academic work as an Extraordinary Professor in the Department of Information Science at the University of Pretoria and plans also to continue doing some online teaching for SOIS. He will concentrate on his main area of interest, international and comparative librarianship, about which he is currently writing a book.

HONOURS AND CITATIONS

Felix Ubogu, University Librarian at the University of the Witwatersrand has been awarded the ETD Leadership Award from the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations. This is an international honorary recognition for his efforts to promote electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) on a global scale. The award is due to be presented at the ETD 2011 Symposium, to be held September 13 - 17, 2011 at the Pavilion Conference Centre in Cape Town.



Robert Moropa, UP's Department of Library Services, was the only African to be elected as an alternate delegate representing the Online Computer Library Centre (OCLC) Europe Middle East and Africa (EMEA) Regional Council

which is one of three sub-regions comprising the Global Council of the OCLC for the period 2011 - 2014.

Amos Mkam from Central University of Technology (CUT) library department, Bloemfontein, has obtained an Honours degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

An article about **Pavlinka Kovatcheva**, based on the paper she delivered at the 4th African Conference for Digital Scholarship & Curation, 16-17 May and specifically on the session about new technologies, was published in ITWeb newspaper: "The Risky librarian" (UJ Library on the spotlight; presentations on web 2.0 and mobile technologies at the African Conference, 16-17 May).

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE



Denise Nicholson, Copyright Services Librarian (WITS) and LIASA Librarian of the Year for 2010, attended the following conferences since the LIASA 2010 Conference:

- UNESCO/eIFL Regional Workshop on "Benefits of Open Access for Research Dissemination, Usage, Visibility and Impact" (22-23 Nov. 2010) held at ASSAF Head Office, Pretoria. On 22 Nov., presented on "The African Copyright & Access to Knowledge (ACA2K) Project: an overview of national copyright environments and access to learning materials in 8 African countries."
- Danish National Commission for UNESCO's Conference on "Open Access - Global and Danish Challenges" held on 6 Dec. 2010, at the Ministry of Education, Copenhagen, Denmark. Presented on "Open Access from an African Perspective."
- Wits Media Studies' Sub-Saharan Expert Meeting on Freedom of Speech and the Internet (15-17 Feb 2011) in Johannesburg
- Third International M-Libraries Conference in Brisbane in May 2011 - Chaired a session on 'Emerging Technologies' on 12 May and on 13 May, presented on "Mobile Technologies: Information on the Move ... or Stuck in a Groove - a South African Perspective."

Ingrid Thomson, Subject Librarian (UCT) and 3rd runner up in the



LIASA Librarian of the Year (2010), attended the 18th International Learning Conference which was held at the University of Mauritius (5 – 8 July 2011).



Sandra Narismulu, Information Officer at Sanlam Investment Management, attended the 2011 SLA Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO in Philadelphia, USA.

Janine Lockhart, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, attended the 32nd Annual IATUL Conference in Warsaw, Poland 29 May - 2 June 2011 and presented a paper "The before and after of an Information Literacy Policy at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology". Janine says that the opportunity to meet and network with people with similar interests from across the world was of great value. "Attending this conference provided me with ample learning opportunities and therefore allowing me to share and apply that new knowledge at my workplace. It developed and enhanced my professional growth and gave

me the opportunity to share my experiences and research with others. My paper was well received and the conference as a whole was a very positive experience."

IN MEMORIAM

Elise Roberts, Deputy Director: Bibliographic and Distribution Services City of Johannesburg: Library and Information Services. She died on Thursday, 26 May 2011 after cancer-related surgery. See article below.

Elise Roberts

City of Johannesburg – Deputy Director: Bibliographic and Distribution Services

Elise died on 26 May 2011 after having been diagnosed with cancer on 12 May 2011. In a period of two weeks we had to bid our goodbyes to her. It was unreal and many of us, like myself are still trying to make peace with her death and our loss. She was my friend, my mentor and sounding board, always enthusiastic, ready for new challenges and prepared to overcome any obstacle if the cause was worth it. And any cause that would benefit public library services in general and Johannesburg in particular, was worthy of her time, attention and perseverance. We enjoyed her keen sense of humour and intensity as well as admiring her exceptional general knowledge and appreciation of the arts. Elise will be remembered for her integrity, professionalism, strategic capabilities, her absolute dedication to public libraries and their potential, and in particular her belief in the value of people and her staff. She never gave up on any person and would go out of her way and beyond the call of duty to protect and guide them. Her mentorship was an experience par excellence and anyone who had the privilege of being on the receiving end will remember the high standards and ethics that she set for herself and others. She was an unconventional person in many ways, one of her unusual traits being her love for cataloguing. On Saturday mornings she was at the library headquarters to do what she loved most - organizing knowledge and making sure the principles are kept and followed.

In the words of a colleague who worked with her on the Johannesburg City Library – Centre of Excellence Project – Linking of the specialized collections (Carnegie Corporation of New York Grant):

"She was the 'carrier of the keys' for the great tradition of service to the public, intimate knowledge of the library resources, and insistence on correct library practices. Elise's knowledge of the Johannesburg Public Library and in particular the special collections within the City Library will be sorely missed. All of us who worked with her will have gained much from her focus on attention to detail and perfectionism. Her mentorship moulded so many of us, and I am particularly grateful for having had the



opportunity to work with her and had her unstinting support and that of Bibliographic Services when working on the Carnegie Project" (Ann Antrobus).

Elise started her working career as a production assistant for radio programmes at the SABC (Johannesburg) from 1970. In 1974 she joined the Johannesburg Library Services and worked at various libraries in the City, including the Catalogue Section for a short spell. Her stint in cataloguing made a lasting impression on her. She resigned in 1982 and moved with her husband to Port Elizabeth where she worked as a Music Librarian at the SABC. When they returned to Johannesburg in 1984, she worked at the specialized Photographic Library and was put in charge of the Music Library. She was happy to re-join the Cataloguing Section in 1985. In August 1994 she became second-in-charge in the Department and in 2002 became the Head: Bibliographic Services for the new Johannesburg Metropolitan City. Her immediate task was to complete the integration of Library Systems Project for the City of Johannesburg. The project involved the unification of three library systems of the former councils (Johannesburg, Randburg, Sandton, Roodepoort) and the manual capturing of stock at the non-computerised libraries (Soweto, Ennerdale) in order to fully implement automated circulations at all eighty-one libraries at the time. As always she could be depended on to establish a new team and lead them to complete the

task within the allocated timeframe. Elise was known for her ability to tackle mammoth projects and for completing them successfully.

Other professional activities that she was involved with include:

In 2009 she was invited by the National Library of South Africa (NLSA) to serve as an expert on the "Listening Team" at the Resource Description and Access (RDA) Lecture Series to explore the implementation of the proposed international standard relating to information resources description and retrieval;

Elise represented South Africa in 2007 as a specialist and a Working Group Leader at the 5th IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code;

She attended the Annual Conference of the Metropolitan Libraries Section (METLIB) of the Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in 2007 in Seattle, Washington, U.S. sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York as well as several local Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) conferences;

She provided a contribution on the City of Johannesburg Library and Information Services for inclusion in the publication *The use of ICTs in African Public Library Services*, edited by Justin Chisenga (Oxford : INASP, 2004);

Elise served from 2003-2006 as Secretary for the Executive Committee of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) Interest Group for Bibliographic Standards (IGBS) and maintained current membership of this professional library organisation since 2006.

She presented and co-presented lectures on: *The Management of a Cataloguing Department* (at University of Pretoria – April 1993); *MARC coding in Music Cataloguing* (at UNISA, June 1993); and, *The Classification of African Languages in the Johannesburg Public Library* (at Pretoria Public Library – 1995)

She leaves her husband, two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.

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