

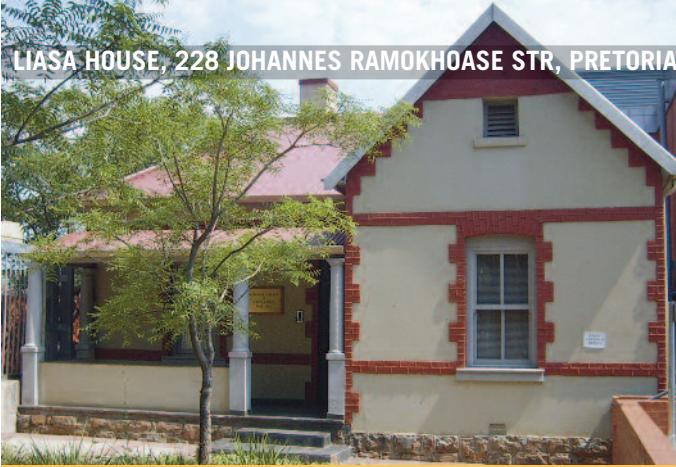


Alinah Nkuna from Greater Tzaneen Libraries at the Kiddy Day Care Centre on Mandela Day



Maquassi Hills Municipal Libraries on World Play Day

*South African Libraries use every opportunity
to keep in-touch with communities*



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National Office News

Members are once again reminded about the elections taking place this year at the Conference to be held in Durban. LIASA needs your competencies in driving the Association during the **2016 – 2018 term** of office. This year, elections will be conducted online only for all the portfolios at National, Branch and Interest Groups.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the following members have been appointed to serve as the **LIASA Professional Body Advisory Board:**

- **Ms Ninnie Steyn** representing the Public Libraries Sub-sector;
- **Dr Shireen Neerputh** representing the Academic Libraries Sub-sector; and
- **Ms Lynn Johnson** representing the Special Libraries Sub-sector.

A few heads-up:

- We regrettably would like to inform members that **Mr Anele Moko**, the Convener for Membership has resigned from EXCO and Representative Council due to a job offer he received and accepted, at the South African Library for the Blind (SALB) in Grahamstown with effect from 1 June 2016. He indicated that this was a difficult decision he had to take, stating that as per the Constitution of LIASA, he would have to resign from the LIASA North West Branch as a Chair-Elect and from the National EXCO. This has had a serious negative effect on the membership objectives that EXCO had set to finalize before conference.
- Plans for the **LIASA 2016 Conference** are underway. As at 30 June 2016 a total of 127 members had registered for the conference.
- There were **1,139 paid-up members** by the end of March, 139 more than the planned target of 1,000 by that time. There are also 1,400 names on the voters' roll that closed on 31 May 2016. Members can still join or renew their membership for 2016 up until the LIASA Annual Conference.
- The **School Libraries and Youth Interest Group (SLYSIG)** successfully held their biennial conference on 28 and 29 June 2016 at the University of the Free State. The theme of the conference was **"Librarians of the future: Connecting, Creating, Transforming"**

Betsy Eister, LIASA Secretary

Keeping in-Touch with communities during SALW

How libraries did it during South African Library Week 2016:

- Libraries *in-touch* in the malls
- Libraries *in-touch* on the streets
- Libraries *in-touch* via social media
- Libraries *in-touch* through workshops
- Libraries *in-touch* through book festivals
- Libraries *in-touch* by hosting book launches
- Libraries *in-touch* through poetry festivals
- Libraries *in-touch* by visiting schools
- Libraries *in-touch* through inviting schools to educational demonstrations at libraries
- Libraries *in-touch* through lots more...

Mowbray Library, Cape Town - South African Library Week 2016



We asked
"What have you
learnt at your
library?"

"I've learnt that I
love coming to the
library. After the
noisy crowded malls
& shops, it's like
walking into
another world. I
really enjoy all the
events you have for
us Seniors. Also, the
library is the only
place that has
Westerns - I love
reading Westerns.
And it's free!"
- Francis
100 years old
(Library patron)

#libraries4lifelonglearning



Segametsi Molawa

Time flies! This is my last column to you before I hand over the LIASA Presidency to my successor Mr Mandla Ntombela. Since last writing, it has been quite hectic. As the time for handover approaches, evaluation is underway to ensure that all the goals set for the term

2014-2016 have been achieved. New issues are still cropping up and indeed, there is no dull moment in the LIASA leadership.

Capacity development & ICT support

The profile of Continued Professional Development in the Library and Information Services (LIS) has increased since the launch of Webinar software (BigBlueButton) in LIASA. A series of training events have been offered via webinar by experts within LIASA.

Furthermore, the webinar software has enabled LIASA committees – Branch and the National Executive - to hold meetings virtually thus reducing the impact of geographical challenges usually encountered when arranging face-to-face meetings. Members are encouraged to use this tool optimally to derive from it cost-savings benefits alongside the opportunities for ongoing professional interaction while reducing the need for in-person meetings.

LIASA Elections 2016

It is the year of elections for LIASA leadership. This phase is thought-provoking as we move from a period when people used to contest for portfolios in order to share their competence and skills through serving in the LIASA leadership to the current era where more eligible people are not availing themselves, citing their busy schedule of work. This might be a sign that LIASA is due for a new model of leadership – I leave you with this “food for thought.”

I would like to thank Ms Laila Vahed for accepting the task of Electoral Officer (EO); her appointment lines up with the requirement of the LIASA constitution to have this portfolio in place at least four (4) months prior to the AGM in an electoral year. She has engaged the EXCO in an analysis of the quality of the LIASA elections. In 2014, a system of e-mail

ballots was used to mitigate the deterioration over the years of the national postal services. The elections were successful despite some e-mail challenges. Now, LIASA has invested in the balloting software called “Election Runner” to be used in all tiers of the 2016 elections.

Interest Groups

The LIASA Schools Library and Youth Services Interest Group (SLYSIG) hosted a highly praised second biennial National School Library & TVET Colleges Conference on the 28-29 June 2016 at the University of Free State, Bloemfontein. The theme of the conference was: “Librarians: Shaping the future – connecting, creating & transforming”. See <https://liasaslysig-wordpress.com/2016/07/11/liasa-slysig-conference-2016/> for more details. We congratulate SLYSIG under the chairmanship of Mr Teboho Morajane for the excellence and professionalism demonstrated at this event. The high standard of this conference prompted LIASA to reflect on related matters:

- The cost of conference attendance is becoming an issue for several organisations due to decreasing budgets.
- The debate about a new model that will support the performance of interest groups has been on the LIASA EXCO table for few years now, because of either Branch or National-level challenges: in some cases, interest groups are seriously challenged at Branch levels but operate well at the National level or conversely, interest groups are struggling at National level thus impacting the growth of the sub-sector within LIASA negatively.

The LIASA Higher Education Library Interest Group (HELIB) under the leadership of Ms Ina Smith has set a shining example of what is possible by mounting innovative programmes using all available LIASA communication platforms. Their visibility allows no one to ignore them. I encourage all interest groups to explore and take up these LIASA communication applications to increase your reach to more members of your Interest groups.

I would also like to congratulate and express appreciation to all other Branch and National interest groups for all their efforts and especially those who remain active against all odds.

LIASA Conference 10-14 October 2016

Preparation for the LIASA 2016 Conference is intense. The seasoned Professional

Conference Organiser, Scatterlings, is hard at work to deliver an excellent 17th Annual LIASA Conference. The Conference Programme Committee are also working hard to ensure that the conference affords delegates an opportunity to present papers, share knowledge, network and benchmark with best practice. See <http://www.liasa.org.za/liasa-annual-conference-2016/> for the latest developments.

Regional participation

LIASA continues to be an active member of the **Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Library and Information Associations (SCECSAL)**. From 25 to 29 April 2016, I represented LIASA at the SCECSAL XXII conference that was held in Ezulwini, Swaziland under the theme: Digital transformation and the changing role of libraries and information centres in the sustainable development of Africa. For more information including resolutions adopted, visit: www.scecsal.org.

International participation

By the time you read this column, IFLA delegates from LIASA would have participated in the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 82nd IFLA General Conference and Assembly to be held from 13 to 19 August in Columbus, Ohio, United States of America, under the theme: “Connections. Collaboration. Community.”

Going forward and farewell

I am encouraging all LIASA members to make an effort to attend the LIASA conference 2016 not only to benefit from the dynamic programme but also to welcome incoming LIASA President Mr Mandla Ntombela and his team. I wish the new team making up the LIASA **Representative Committee (RepCo)** and the Executive Committee (EXCO) all the best in the term 2016-2018. I like to thank the RepCo and EXCO that served with me in the 2014-2016 term as well as the staff of the National LIASA Office for their dedication to LIASA and their support during my term of office; the personal sacrifices are acknowledged and received with respect and appreciation. To all LIASA members: thank you for your confidence in me and your contributions to LIASA – your participation in the Association has contributed to the growth of the SA LIS sector and thereby the country. Continue to make an impact and until next time, farewell.

In Memoriam

Yoli Soul, the Director of the Fort Hare Library. Yoli had been with **University of Fort Hare** library for 36 years. She had gone through all the ranks in the library. At her untimely death she was the University Librarian. She joined Fort Hare after being a teacher for a number of years in the Alice community. She mentored a lot of librarians in Fort Hare and around the Eastern Cape. When Yoli was nominated as the Eastern Cape Librarian of the Year 2011, this is what she said: “LIASA plays a pivotal role in the LIS environment. The future of LIASA depends solely on the shoulders of Librarians. LIASA needs to embrace the

younger generation of librarians and support training and development across all spheres of the LIS sector. LIASA has to work tirelessly in making sure that we ultimately get the professional status, this will give us a better standing in the workplace. There are a number of Library Schools that are closing/have closed in the country, this is due to the low subsidy Institutions received from DHET for these programmes. LIASA has to form strong lobby groups to change and challenge this”

Yoli was a passionate and committed member of LIASA, ever willing to share ideas in the development of the LIS sector.

Even if the professional body status has been achieved, the work is still a lot, LIASA members, let us soldier on. May her soul rest in peace. She will be deeply missed by LIASA, the LIS community at large and partners who cherished her unfailing contribution in the LIS sector.

Segametsi Molawa
LIASA President

Kate Hunter, long standing LIASA member, and Manager of the Graduate School of Business (GSB) Library at the **University of Cape Town**, died Tuesday 11 July 2016 of complications from myelofibrosis.

How WITS libraries celebrated South African Library Week 2016

Wits University Libraries celebrated the Week from 11-18 March 2016 in support of the SA Library Week held nationwide, adopting the LIASA theme #libraries4lifelonglearning".

Since Wits Library plays a crucial role in the lifelong learning of individuals, it was decided to showcase our various collections and services on campus during this period. The Main Library, Wartenweiler Library, and the Branch Libraries were challenged to set up displays to showcase the various collections and services relating to the #libraries4lifelonglearning theme. Libraries were provided with the judging rubric to guide them when setting up their displays. A team of library staff was appointed as judges who assessed, critiqued and allocated points to each library based on predetermined criteria. Displays were judged on evidence of teamwork, subject and visual appeal and relevance to the theme, and use of different media and exhibition techniques. Some Libraries involved students as well in the setting up of their displays.

The Health Sciences Library celebrated even further. Each day the staff dressed in a particular theme and took photographs which were placed on the library wall. The staff showcased their major electronic resources such as PubMed, Scopus, UpToDate, CINAHL, eBooks, newly subscribed interactive online resources, Visible Body, Bate's Physical Examination and Acland's Color Atlas of Anatomy. The electronic smartboard ran a continuous presentation showing slides in relation to lifelong learning and selected electronic resources such as databases and e-books available to users. Staff conducted lunch time demonstrations on searching on the various subscribed databases and electronic books. An "Amazing Race" competition was held and the participants had fun searching the catalogue, finding the print resource on

the shelves, identifying artwork within the library, locating staff members and checking for an electronic book which all had supplied clues to the ultimate print resources that allowed them to claim the winner's prize of a "goodie bag" containing an 8GB external flash-drive, pens, book, a travelling coffee mug with cappuccino vouchers. All participants received cappuccino vouchers sponsored by Olives & Plates. They also sponsored packets of jelly tots which were handed out to users, together with various sponsored vendor pens, as a reminder of the numerous resources the Library houses - "What a lot we've got!!!!"

During the Week, the Library Education and Training Team hosted lunch time events for staff and students in the Electronic Classroom in Wartenweiler Library. The first event was a presentation by Sibu Zondi from the Emerald Publishing Group on "*Exploring Emerald advanced platforms functionalities and features*". The second event was a presentation by Prof Grace Khunou, a Wits Alumna, currently working at the University of Johannesburg. She spoke on "*Decolonising the Book: Why Libraries Matter*". Prof Khunou's presentation was extremely captivating. She also brought along some of her personal favourite reads which she shared with the audience. She is a true library ambassador as she spoke from the heart as to what libraries meant to her, and how they have helped her to become the person she is today. She encouraged students to follow in her footsteps and treat libraries and books with respect as they are the stepping stones to personal development and future destiny. She reminded students that they had to put time and effort into reading if they wanted to achieve greatness for themselves.

On 16 March 2016, Wits hosted a seminar for stakeholders on the Draft Copyright Amendment Bill as an

educational event on intellectual property issues. The Library's Scholarly Communications Librarian, Denise Nicholson, facilitated and co-organised this well attended seminar with the Mandela Institute at the Wits School of Law and the Department of Trade and Industry. This event was appropriate for SA Library Week as it highlighted the importance of access to information and lifelong learning, and the role that Libraries play in providing information resources and services. The need for appropriate limitations and exceptions for education, research, libraries and archives and persons with disabilities was stressed. We trust the revised Copyright Bill will include many of the legal flexibilities that the library and educational sectors recommended in the Joint Academic Submission sent to the Department of Trade and Industry in September 2015. The revised Bill will be going through the legislative channels of Parliament from May 2016 onwards and hopefully will be passed and enacted sometime in 2017.

All these events were truly inspiring and it was wonderful to see staff and students celebrating SA Library Week together. The highlight of the week, though, was the presentation of a collection of photographic books by Santu Mofokeng, award winning South African artist and photographer extraordinaire. The books valued in excess of R15 000, were sponsored by his foundation. The collection will be housed in our Reference Collection in the William Cullen Library (home to our special collections, historical archives and maps, Africana and Reference collections and state of the art Digitisation Centre) and in the Wartenweiler Library in our Photographic Collection.

Denise Nicholson, Devind Peter and Janet Zambri

South African Library Week 2016 @ Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT)



Suppliers showcase online tools to our students

We all need to keep on adapting to the new realities. The widespread disruption in work and social life that is taking place today makes it difficult for many people to advance themselves. The old rules that used to guarantee status and power can no longer hold, now the

older generation is trapped in bygone comfort zones. The youth itself is finding it hard to land jobs due to the changes in the economy and technology.

It is also clear that interventions are required to support individuals to achieve personal growth, gain employment and participate in democratic processes. Adopting new ways of thinking and doing is a good starting point. It is necessary therefore to pursue knowledge for the sake of knowing. This is called lifelong learning.

Reliable access to credible information sources is an essential catalyst to improve the impact of formal and informal learning activities. The theme for SA Library Week this year, #libraries4lifelonglearning, was a fitting celebration to underscore the contribution of libraries towards lifelong learning.



E-readers to access our e-book collections
And this raises the important question – how do libraries help people stay in the know?

While information technologies facilitate easier access to scholarly materials and opportunities for lifelong learning today, ongoing conversations and actions about how to increase access are still necessary. Libraries have a huge role to play in removing various types of barriers that perpetuate ignorance.

The theme gave us here at the Mangosuthu University of Technology Library a chance to look at how to encourage our students to embrace the notion of lifelong and continue learning beyond completing their ►►



“Librarians of the future: Connecting, Creating, Transforming”

2ND Biennial SLYSIG Conference 28-29 June 2016, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein

We have had two full days of...
Connecting... Creating...
Transforming...

In keeping with the theme of conference we have had challenging and fun presentations, great food and socialising and awesome connecting with colleagues. Our sponsors and exhibitors had loads of great resources displayed for us to look at, ask about, and to purchase for our libraries and schools.

Did we connect? Yes!

We connected with our friends, new colleagues who over two days became friends, with all the exhibitors and the presenters. We connected mentally and emotionally with the new content that we were exposed to. It challenged our current practice, enriched our present concepts, ideas and knowledge base and now we leave SLYSIG 2016, ready to take the risk and try the new ideas, concepts and knowledge out in our own classrooms and school libraries.

Did we create? Yes!

We created new friends and colleagues that

we will seek out in the days, weeks and months to come as we explore the new knowledge we acquired. We created new pathways in our brain as we acquired and grappled with new ideas, concepts, knowledge and information. As we use and work with these new ideas, concepts, information and knowledge our brains will re-use those new pathways making the new ideas, concepts and formation secure in our memories and able to be used, adapted and reused. As we apply this to our school libraries they too will be re-created ... our relationships with our school students and colleagues will be re-created in the light of this new knowledge...

Did we transform? Yes!

As our brains work through the new ideas, concepts, knowledge and information they will become transformed and in turn we will become transformed in our thinking – eventually as we work with applying these ideas etc. putting them into practice, applying them in various library situations, our behaviour and our thinking as librarians will be transformed, and ultimately the ways in which we interact with our students, our

spaces and our teacher colleagues will be transformed... As librarians, we and our school libraries will never be the same again.

Dr Craig Blewett talks of consumers of digital technology being the lowest level of activity in the classroom and the library, and how as we move through his @ctivated classroom model of teaching with technology, we move to curation, conversation, correction and creation and ultimately we reach chaos – where we have so much information and so many skills at our fingertips.

We can finally make sense of the information overload and we can use the perfect technology and apply it meaningfully to our situation and our lives transforming our learning, our teaching and our lives...

The conference committee hopes that what you have learned at SLYSIG 2016 will transform you, your library space and your teaching and learning and we hope to see you at the pre-conference in Durban around the LIASA 2016 Conference.

We thank you for your attendance and participation.

Irene Reid, SLYSIG National PRO



My SLYSIG Conference experience

I had the pleasure, and honour, of attending and presenting at School Library and Youth Services Interest Group's (an interest group of the Library and Information Association of South Africa) biennial conference in Bloemfontein on 28-29th June 2016.

I found the experience of speaking at a conference abroad to be a really rewarding experience. The chance to reflect on how my experience in my own context and how this might be pertinent for others, encouraged me to think about the challenges we might face in this sector that are relevant to all, and the ways in which we might go about addressing them locally.

I attended some of the other keynotes and workshops while I was at the conference too. The opening talk by Jonathan Jansen was an inspirational, motivational talk about the politics of reading for education and pleasure. He reflected on the idea that reading dampens our views and anger by forcing us to engage with the ideas of others, and understand the relevance of history and context on both our own and others. The way in which he discussed the sort of reading that facilitates a more deep understanding of divisive issues should serve to question, challenge, destabilise and then dampen the reactionary antagonism towards views that might be different or opposing to our own was a fantastic way of highlighting the value of books and reading, and the importance that they hold in modern societies.

The panel discussion, as well as informal discussions with delegates, about the challenges faced by school Librarians

certainly had a parallel with those currently experienced in the UK. The variation of value placed in the role of Librarian and Library, depending on the individual school, really seems to be the key factor that will determine the presence and importance placed on them both, and this can usually be traced back to leadership and Head Teachers within the schools themselves. Without any national guidelines, stipulations or requirements on schools to provide either, the national picture in South Africa, as well as England, will potentially always be one of disparity for pupils and professional insecurity for Librarians.

Overall, I found the experience hugely rewarding, on both a professional and personal level, and I am hugely grateful for being given the opportunity.

John Iona, Taken from his blog
<https://jionallibrarian.wordpress.com/2016/07/11/liasa-slysig-conference-2016/>

► academic qualifications. Our Library Week aimed to empower our students to develop multiple ways of acquiring knowledge. We focused on how to integrate e-resources in teaching for lifelong learning.

Our growing collection of e-resources is complementing our print materials and makes it easier for our students and staff to access reliable information sources. E-resources help us deliver information services that match the learning needs,

information-seeking habits and lifestyles of our young clients. We take the library into classrooms, residences and everywhere!

The effective use of e-resources and online tools also support e-learning and give students autonomy to learn in their own pace. Lecturers are become freed to pursue further studies or scholarly research.

The important outcome of our Library Week was to raise awareness about the changing position of our academic library.

Mobile devices and e-resources provide 'cool' reading experiences and generate impressions of sophistication among our young clients. We are beginning to see our students enjoying leisure reading and increasing the diversity of reading materials that they select. There is an atmosphere of enthusiasm in our Library.

Zolile Machi
Projects Librarian – Library Services



Maquassi Hills Municipal Libraries celebrate World Play Day 2016

World Play Day was initiated by the International Toy Libraries Association in 1987 and is celebrated globally on 28 May. It is a day set aside to highlight the importance of play in a child's development and to promote every child's right to play.

Maquassi Hills Local Municipality Libraries celebrated World Play Day in style on 26 May 2016 with the theme: **Play for all ages.**

The purpose of World Play Day is to encourage the children and their parents to

use our libraries in order to reduce the level of illiteracy in our communities. Children should know the importance of the library from an early age and enjoy being in the library on a daily basis. Reading is not a difficult thing, we can make it fun by playing with educational toys.

The other important factor is to encourage parents to register their children by applying for membership cards and the ECD's to open institutional memberships.

Lastly the public or library users can also use our suggestion box to communicate

with the institution and give ideas that will enable our libraries to become more beneficial to the community and a better place for learning and development for our children and the public at large.

On behalf of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Office and Maquassi Hills Local Municipality, we would like to thank everyone that participated and contributed towards the success of this prestigious occasion.

Senyatsi Sylvia Seroka

Head Librarian, Maquassi Hills Municipal Libraries

Greater Tzaneen Libraries



Shiluvane Library holiday programme 5 July 2016 Eshell Malabel showing children how to make masks



Letsitele Librarians visited Arise Primary School and children made masks to celebrate Library Week 2016



Library user Kenny Lyle helping out at the Mulati Library holiday programme on 8 July 2016



Letsitele Library World Book Day dress up visit at Masungulo Primary



Desk organisers made for Father's Day 2016 at the Letsitele Library



Tzaneen Library: Mapula Nkwana, Mmapitsi Senyatsi and Noriah Bopape



Mpumi Mhalanga amongst children at Glenshiel Primary



Registration Desk



Ms Morongwa Modiba, NLSA



Presenter - Ms Duduzile Ntombela

News from LIASA ILLIG (Interlending Interest Group) Workshop

The Interlending Interest Group once again hosted a very successful workshop on 27 May 2016, at the National Library of South Africa. Eighty five people attended the workshop.

Ms Morongwa Modiba, Chief Librarian, Information Access Services (NLSA) gave the delegates a very warm welcome from the National Library of South Africa.

Ms Jenny Raubenheimer, a former employee of UNISA, presented a paper on **"The increasing demands for Immediacy on Interlending service"**. Her presentation emphasized the importance of efficient document delivery in the shortest space of time, immediately and without delay.

We were very delighted to have Ms Duduzile Ntombela from Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (formerly Medunsa), talk about **"The impact of shelving on the Library's strategic objectives: from shelving books to professional librarian"**. Ms Ntombela gave a motivational and inspirational talk about personal development within the Library and Information Sector and how it is possible to build and improve your career from a shelver to a professional librarian. She also focussed on the impact of shelving

in the interest of providing quality Interlending services.

Ms Zanele Magoba from SABINET presented a paper on **"IFM matters & the impact of cataloguing on ILL"**. She graciously handed over a few SABINET gift bags to the lucky attendees who answered her questions correctly.

Ms Denise Nicholson from University of Witwatersrand talked about **"The Copyright Bill"**, its new amendments as included in the Copyright Amendment Bill 2015 and how it affects Interlending and LIS. She gave background on 18 years of lobbying for the reform of the Copyright Act. She informed the audience of the proposals in the Bill for Interlending and LIS in general. The revised Bill was due to go to Cabinet before the end of May 2016, and hopefully we will have a new Copyright Act in 2017.

There were lively group discussions on challenges faced by Interlending practitioners and tricks of the ILL trade.

As part of the ILLIG membership drive we had a lucky draw for a LIASA Membership 2017.

Corinne Ryan

Librarian, National Library of South Africa
ILLIG PRO



Attendees



One of four discussion groups



Mogale City Libraries rock even in Correctional Services

Legislation requires that government entities such as the Department of Correctional Services (DCS) maintain and promote safe societies by correcting offending behaviour in a secure and humane environment, thus facilitating optimal rehabilitation in order to reduce reoffending.

It is for this reason that Mogale City Local Municipality through its Library Services Section partnered with Krugersdorp Correctional Centre and Gauteng Department of Sports, Arts and Culture to coordinate a Book Club Competition. The final was held at Krugersdorp Correctional Centre. The competition was between the two correctional centres, Krugersdorp and Baviaanspoort, each consisting of three

groups.

Mogale City's Outreach Librarian, Nthabiseng Alina Raduvha mentioned that the outreach programme is used to instil a culture of reading through the establishment of book clubs. "The aim of the programme is to promote a culture of reading and improve reading skills for offenders. We want to encourage our offenders to improve their literacy, vocation and education levels while in these facilities."

This Competition is in line with DCS' Reading for Redemption programme which was launched by former DCS Minister Sibusiso Ndebele in 2012 to build a new culture of reading and learning among offenders at all correctional centres. The

competition was divided into three language categories, that is, Setswana, Afrikaans and English. The following titles were read: Botshelo Mareledi, *Noem my Kat* and *Love is a challenge*. Participants were scored based on general group presentation, reading skills and knowledge.

Krugersdorp Correctional Centre was awarded the best team for Afrikaans and Setswana while Baviaanspoort excelled in English. The winning team received a floating trophy, medals and gifts comprising of bags, book markers and pens. The runner-ups also received gifts for their efforts

Nthabiseng Alina Raduvha

Outreach Librarian, Mogale City Local Municipality



Dipelaneng Public Library



Bolokanang Public Library

New libraries open in the Free State Province Opening of Oranjeville, Bolokanang and Hobhouse public libraries

The Free State Library and Archive Services Directorate opened three libraries in the various Free State districts between December 2015 and July 2016. Oranjeville Public Library in Fezile Dabi District was officially opened by the MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Mrs N. S. Leeto, and the Free State Premier Mr Ace Magashule, on 17 December 2015. The newly built Bolokanang Community Library was officially opened by Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi, the Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture, on 31 March 2016. The opening included the launch of the Mzansi Libraries Online project in Petrusburg in the Xhariep District. Lastly, on 7 July 2016, Dipelaneng Public Library in Hobhouse was officially opened by the Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Mrs N. S. Leeto.

These state-of-the-art modern libraries provide information services and cater for the reading needs of the community free of charge. All three libraries are well-furnished, and each boast children and

adult lending sections, a reading area, reference section, activity hall, computer room and toy library. The toy library service will not only support early childhood development, but also cater for the needs of older children and adults through the provision of games such as chess, Scrabble, Monopoly and others. Computer games will also enhance this service.

The computer rooms are equipped with 25 computers in each library, providing free Internet access, e-mail and word-processing facilities. Ten tablet computers are available for downloading and reading e-books and e-periodicals (including newspapers). There are also information kiosks, and school materials such as past examination papers will be freely available.

The libraries provide the following services:

- A book-lending service with approximately 10 000 titles;
- A reference service with a hard-copy reference collection of encyclopaedias;
- Dictionaries, atlases, yearbooks, etc.;

- E-publications and access to Internet reference resources;
- Newspapers and periodicals in hard-copy and digital formats;
- A Community and Business Information Service;
- A Government Information Service;
- An educational Toy Library Service; and
- Storytelling, reading clubs and community based literary activities, which will be hosted in the Activity Hall.

Oranjeville and Bolokanang Public Libraries were funded from the budget of the Community Library Conditional Grant, which was made available by the Department of Arts and Culture to provincial departments in order to transform and upgrade public library services in the country. Dipelaneng Public Library in Hobhouse was funded from the budget of the Dept of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation.

Ms N Nodada, Principal Librarian: Research Free State Provincial Library Services



Bolokanang public library opening

Oranjeville public library opening

Oranjeville public library

Toy library @Dipelaneng



The Global Knowledge Management Congress in association with the World Education Congress is governed by Global Advisory Council which conferred eight Knowledge Management Leadership Awards to peers from Canada, USA, Singapore, Malaysia, India and South



Daisy Selematsela



Mangi Mulaudzi

2016 Knowledge Management Leadership Award

Africa.

The aim of the awards is to recognize the Best of the Best, organized for a professional cause. The criteria is for those who can make a difference to the lives of others are chosen. For the quality of their work rural reach and outlook and ability to

contribute value of social change.

Daisy Selematsela and Mangi Mulaudzi were amongst the recipients of the 2016 Knowledge Management Leadership Award. The event was held on 23 – 24 June 2016 at the Taj Lands End, MUMBAI. www.worldeducationcongress.com



Reading Team of the Year semi-finalists

The annual Amaboekies Reading Team of the Year semi-finals took place at the Elsies River Hall on Thursday, 25 May. The Amaboekies Award is one of 5 categories forming part of the LIS Service Recognition Awards. A booklist is drafted with books in all 3 official languages

represented. Each District chooses a team who then has to read the titles. The Library Management Team reads the books and sets the questions and these are used to test the knowledge of the team members.

The representatives from the various Districts as well as their supporters were

raring to go and competition was fierce. Ultimately the teams from District 1 and District 4 proved triumphant and will battle it out in the finals taking place at the Service Awards in August.



Athlone Public Library



Athlone Public Library Teen Zone

Cape Town libraries continue to meet community needs

Libraries in the City of Cape Town has over the past few years been revamping their spaces to meet new community needs, improve the flow of existing spaces and ultimately to create a better user experience.

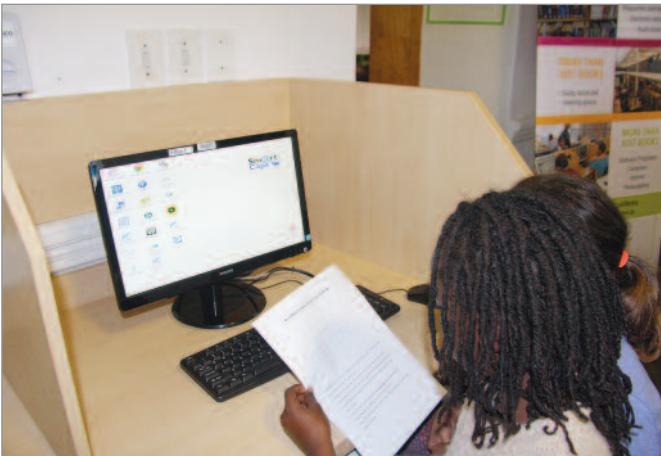
Many libraries have started incorporating Teen Zones and the most recent of these was that of Athlone Library. The library now has a dedicated Teen Zone, complete with X-Box console and comfortable and funky furniture. The new additions were made possible through Ward Council funding allocated to the library for this purpose.

One other addition to many libraries is the extension of public access computers. There is a constant demand for more computers from the public and where

possible, extra computers are added, especially ones dedicated to the needs of children.

Rondebosch Library recently added 5 additional computers to the children's library, which was once again made possible through the allocation of Ward Councillor funding.

Rondebosch Library



Eastern Cape Librarian Workshops 26 – 27 May 2016

The LIASA Eastern Cape Branch in collaboration with LIASA HELIG hosted two workshops. The first one was an **ICT Capacity Building workshop** on the 26th May, which covered web page and blog development using WordPress, webinars using BigBlue-Button, online forms using Google Forms, mailing lists using Google Groups, and more.

The second workshop was on the 27th May organized by the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), in collaboration with higher education and research

institutions in the Eastern Cape (LIASA Eastern Cape Branch/SEALS). This workshop was attended by editors, journal managers, librarians and other role players in the online scholarly publishing environment. Topics that were addressed using Open Journal Systems included the following: workflow, unique identifiers, metadata, roles and responsibilities and criteria for a high quality open access journal, in line with the Department of Higher Education and Training policy for research output and criteria for

accreditation.

Participants indicated that both workshops were applicable to their jobs and that the facilitators were knowledgeable in the field. This was done in the spirit of #libraries4lifelonglearning .

Thank you to Annamarie Goosen (LIASA Manager) and Ina Smith (SCIELO Planning Manager, ASSAf) who were the facilitators of the workshops.

Linda Ntaka
LIASAECA BRANCH PRO

City of Johannesburg Public Libraries Science Scuffle Quiz Finals

The *Science Scuffle Quiz* delivered by the City of Johannesburg Public Libraries teaches children to use print information resources and find the needed information. This is an invaluable skill that can be used for life.

The competition is an inter-school knock out quiz for learners in Grades 6 and 7 using special library collections on science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The programme aims to enhance skills in searching for information and to create an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. For the 2016 programme 242 schools in the City of Johannesburg registered to participate in the quiz and 1452 learners benefitted from the programme.

Registration to take part in the programme took place in January/February

2016 for schools to compete on a library level in February 2016. The winning teams advance to the Zonal and Regional rounds, and the winners compete against each other in the Metropolitan Final where one team triumphs.

The top four schools across the City competed against each other at the final round that took place on 22 June 2016. The Metropolitan Finals is one of the highlights of the City of Johannesburg Public Libraries' calendar of events. To enhance the atmosphere for the four teams to compete for first place, the theme for the venue décor was space. Sci-Bono's science games added an extra special touch to the event.

The Metropolitan Winner was Shree Bharat Sharda Mandir Primary School (Lenasia) who received the *Science Scuffle*

Quiz floating trophy. The winning team members each received a tablet sponsored by Think Ahead and a R400 PicknPay gift voucher. The team of Buccleuch Primary School (Sandton) was the first runner-up. Each learner in the team received a R350 PicknPay gift voucher. The second runner-up was the team from Ridgevale Primary School (Roodepoort) and each learner received a R300 PicknPay gift voucher. E. P. Baumann Primary School (Mayfair North) was the third runner-up and each learner in the team received a R250 PicknPay gift voucher. The PicknPay gift vouchers were sponsored by the Friends of the Greater Johannesburg Public Libraries.

Maryna Moolman
Ops Manager
City of Johannesburg Public Libraries



Mandela Day @ Coligny Library

The handover of “**67 Blankets for Mandela**” took place at the end of June 2016. This is the second year that the Library has participated in this event. We hope that through this project, people will be united. “This is an incredible journey. Stitch by stitch, we will be keeping thousands of people around the country warm this winter in the name of our beloved Nelson Mandela” It is a worthwhile and relevant project; to help create blankets

for those less fortunate than ourselves! This will also ignite the spark that will change a person's life and stimulate their creativity, and give them a sense of belonging.

The project was opened with a prayer. Then the Librarian welcomed everybody from Coligny and also people that were there from Klerksdorp. Everybody was thanked for their participation and hard work. Ladies brought their blankets to the

library. Each blanket was numbered and labelled. A beneficiary organization was invited to receive the blankets. The message of the day was “to always use your time wisely, doing good for others! Always be thankful for what you have! THEN a new project was launched - “The Bosom Buddy Project” specific for October “Breast cancer” month.



EML District manager Ms Jabu Sithole and friend



Thekewini Writers Festival

Time of the Writer Literature Festival

The "Time of the Writer" festival took place from 14 to 19 March 2016 and was launched at UKZN's Elizabeth Sneddon Theatre on 14 March. Minister of Arts and Culture, Miss Rejoice Mabudafhasi, welcomed all authors and guests invited under the theme "Decolonizing the Book". The Minister acknowledged the importance of libraries,

reading and an informed society.

A few EML libraries, namely Kwa-Mashu, Umkhumbane and Umlazi W, were among venues visited by authors and writers to discuss literature issues and social and political factors affecting communities. Among the themes of discussions were "Conversations that Matter: The Book and Knowledge dialogue", "The Book and

Readership" and "The Book and Language".

The Council saw the need to increase funding to the UKZN Centre for Creative Arts to engage on a larger scale in the creative dialogues to encourage literature and nation building as the festival not only attracts local authors and audiences but also international experts.

Phumi Myeza



KZN ICT Interest Group Seminar

A range of online resources and tools now makes it easier to find and share information. Users also enjoy the ability to access library materials from anywhere and at any time.

Many librarians are trying to develop innovative ways to adapt and position themselves to meet the new expectations and demands from users. Rapid changes in

the ICT environment place librarians under pressure to keep up-to-date.

The KZN ICT Interest Group hopes to create platforms for librarians to learn from each other about how to use the power of ICTs to change the delivery of library services. A seminar took place on 21 April this year at Msunduzi Public Library. Participants came from various public,

academic and special libraries.

The team of the KZN ICT Interest Group, Ms Golly Odendaal (Chair) from DAC Library Services and Ms Charlotte Mdlalose from MUT, plans to organise similar knowledge sharing activities in the future.

Charlotte Mdlalose
ICTLIG KZN Treasurer



Winnie-Fredah Thusi, Thandeka Mavaneni and Lethiwe Bhengu

Africa Day @ Durban Central Library

Ethekwini Municipal Library celebrated Africa Day on 25 May with a host of activities. The Durban Central Library put up an eye catching display and staff dressed in traditional wear.



EML staff: Jaysee Moodley, Frances Callanan and Yvonne Goba



Chandra Naidoo and Sibo Doncabe with a friend from Ohlange HS Library

Knowledge Resources Library Breakfast for Durban Libraries

Held on 15 June at the Hilton Hotel. Ethekwini Municipal Library staff attended the informative presentation by Abri Vosloo, the director of Business Development and Digital Initiatives at KR.

Shireen Deoraj, Senior Librarian, Central Library, Smith Street, Durban



Attendees doing practical exercises



Ms Mostert being thanked by Ms Grimsley

Six steps to self-improvement – LiSLIG FS workshop

On 8 June 2016 LiSLIG Free State held a successful workshop where fifteen members participated in order to gain a fresh approach to motivation and accountability.

The workshop was based on a book and DVD by Ross Shafer, i.e. *"Nobody moved your cheese!"* and was presented Ms Erna Mostert from the FS Education Library.

The "cheese" that nourishes you and inspires you each day to get going, cannot be moved unless you do it yourself. This "cheese" is your passion, ambitions and dreams, and that belongs to only you.

Through **six steps** the attendees changed their thinking about how they do their jobs and how they should conduct their life:

1. Find your enthusiasm:

Thinking specifically about why you do what you do, what can you get enthused about at work?

2. Exploit your talents

Get you to realize what other hidden talents (passions) you may have that would be useful to you at work.

3. Focus on details

Look at the neglected details in your life that are holding you back from greatness.

4. Stun your customers

Think about what you could do to make such a "stunning impression" on your users and management.

5. Relationships build loyalty

Show the difference between "regular customer [user] service" and "building loyal relationships".

6. Motivate by example

Remind you of the immense power you have to influence others by your behaviour, examples and actions.

Erna Mostert

Chair-Elect, LiSLIG FS

LiSLIG Free State visits Archives Repository

Many people are unaware of the importance of archives. National Archives Week, which is annually held in May, aims to educate and involve the public in archival issues. This year's theme is **"Archives for the protection of human rights, transparency and good governance"**. LiSLIG members visited the Free State Archives Repository in Bloemfontein on 20 April 2016.



Our visit started in the lecture room, where the head of Free State Archives, **Mr Tshitso Challal**, gave an introductory overview and answered questions.

Mr Challal is

nationally recognised for his archival research work, having presented academic papers at various conferences in the archival sector – e.g. at the South African Society of Archivists (SASA), the Historical Association of South Africa (HASA), and Oral History Association of South Africa

(OHASA). Many government officials interact with the Archives through records management of government documents. This is an important way to promote government efficiency and accountability. Members of the public generally use the Archives for genealogical information (family history). Oral history has become an important part of archival records, and an effort is made to be more inclusive and to give a voice to the history of previously neglected communities.



Mr Donald van Wyk and Ms Refilwe Ntono took us on a tour of the Reading Room and various "strong rooms" (where most of the archival records are housed).

There is always an archival official on duty in the Reading Room, to assist and supervise visitors with accessing the records. An electronic finding aid, called the **National Automated Archival Information Retrieval System (NAAIRS)**, is also available on the Internet (see www.national.archives.gov.za). It must however be used in conjunction with manual finding aids, because it covers only a part of the available archival stock.

There are various collections available, including the Bram Fischer Collection and

records relating to the Anglo Boer War (also called the South African War), with registers of all persons interned in the concentration camps (incl. details of those who died in the camps). The very large collection of estate files contains valuable genealogical and historical data. Interestingly, the Mormon Church in the USA has funded the digitization of many of these estate records, because genealogical research is very important to them.

The strong rooms are custom-built and access-controlled to ensure the safety and optimal preservation of records. Temperature, humidity and lighting are regulated and special storage containers are used. Most strong rooms are already full, but fortunately the site of

the Archives Repository has enough space for future expansion – additional rooms will be added in future.

Historical records, whether it is text, audio or other formats, help us to better understand the present. Our public archives (national and provincial) are managers and guardians of much of our country's valuable "memory resources". Our visit reminded us of the important work that our archivists are doing.

Author

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Dear William Shakespeare (400 years later)

It was 400 years ago on that awful day in 1616 when you took your last breath leaving behind a wealth of knowledge that would benefit generations across the world. Even though I personally never met you, your works make me part of your global family.

The many faces of love

You timeless *Romeo and Juliet*, which portrays love in its multiple forms, is used as a reference to show how elusive this concept still is. The undying love that these two lovebirds had for each other and the tragic consequences that led to them dying in each others' arms is still common today as it was in your times.

How was the issue of race relations handled during your times? Have you heard of Penny Sparrow or Andre Slade? When you wrote *Othello* were you aware how love between races would still be viewed more with suspicion than with joy? Jealousy still reigns supreme and in many cases has fatal consequences. We still have in our midst people like Iago who are hell-bent on destroying other people's relationships.

Economic meltdown precipitated by greed

Tell me about socio-economic conditions during your life time. We are living in a world where a handful of people have wealth which equals that of all the inhabitants of this world put together. Was Capitalism in your time as rife as we are witnessing today?



It still amazes me how a shrewd businessman like Shylock, as shown in the *Merchant of Venice*, could have wanted to see Antonio die through "a pound of flesh" agreement. Are the loan sharks and "Wall Street investors" our present day Shylock? What do you think about the Panama papers or MMM?

Conspiracy theories aplenty

Hamlet is but one piece where you not only highlight the plight of many children who are usually caught in the crossfire but also develop resentment and hard-hearted attitudes towards both or one of the parents. To be or not be? is the question is a case in point where you clearly paint a picture of a frustrated Hamlet who went through what many can still relate to in today's world.

The famous quote "et tu Brute" in *Julius Caesar* tells us of how men continue to die

by the hands of people who are not only familiar to them but also close associates. Nowadays we still hear calls from leaders who, when seeking attention, say, "Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears". Can you guess who will win between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump? Revolutions that we have recently witnessed in the Middle East, dubbed 'the Arab Spring', is a case in point. What about the #Feesmustfall movement?

Dictators still run amock

Lady Macbeth's influence on Macbeth which saw him committing murder in order to ascend the throne is a daily practice in our societies. Dictatorship is not only a blinding act by those committing it, it also makes them feel omnipotent. Coming closer to home, Africa has a fair share of dictators who live in islands of opulence whilst surrounded by seas of poverty. Their individual fortunes are far better than other poor countries' GDP. In most cases the First Ladies are running the show.

Before I raise a glass in honour of your untainted legacy, I was wondering if it would be acceptable to blow 400 candles in your honour. I hope you won't mind!

Lastly, I want to thank you for the timeless and invaluable legacy you left us and many generations to come. Adieu.

Monde Madiba

Assistant Director: Acquisitions
University of the Free State

The Marrakesh Treaty:

Opening the doors of learning and culture for blind people

The Marrakesh Treaty may sound foreign to some of us and of remote interest for most of us in the Library profession. As library professionals, we have to know the impact of the Treaty because it has a direct impact on how we render services to blind and visually impaired people. The Treaty was accepted by more than 50 country members of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) in June 2013. This momentous occasion was the culmination of more than 30 years of lobbying and negotiations between WIPO, rights holders, i.e. organisations in the publishing industry and the World Blind Union in association with organisations serving the reading needs of blind and visually impaired people. It is an internationally accepted fact that less than 7% of what is published today is available in accessible formats to blind people, i.e. in audio and braille formats. In developing countries, this percentage is as low as 3%. Blind and visually impaired people form part of any society. The Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities

recognises access to information as one of the many rights of people with disabilities. This right is also recognised by the South African Constitution in Article 16 as well as the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that was accepted by Cabinet in December 2015.

The treaty defines an 'Authorised Entity' as a non-profit organisation recognised by Government to render services to blind and visually impaired people as its main function or as one of its functions. The Treaty is, therefore, important for libraries since all libraries serve their communities of which blind and visually impaired people are part. The two most significant provisions of the Treaty are firstly, that an Authorised Entity may produce accessible reading material without having to ask permission from the rights holder and secondly, it makes it possible to import and export accessible reading material from and to a country without the consent of a rights holder. This last provision eliminates the unnecessary duplication of production time and cost for organisations rendering library

and information services to blind people.

According to International requirements, a treaty only comes into force once ratified by 20 member countries. Canada became the 20th country at the end of June 2016 to ratify the treaty and it will come into force by the end of September 2016. Although this is a huge achievement, the effort to improve service delivery to blind and visually impaired people in South African is not yet over. The South African Government, i.e. the Department of Trade and Industry, should be lobbied to recommend the South Africa Government's ratification of the Treaty. If South Africa is not ratifying the Treaty the implication is that we are not allowed to import or export accessible reading material from our International counterparts. The opportunity to improve library services to Blind and visually impaired people is with us as library professionals. Let the doors of learning and culture be opened for all.

F. Hendrikz

Director

South African Library for the Blind.

Give Mbeki his due regarding Libraries

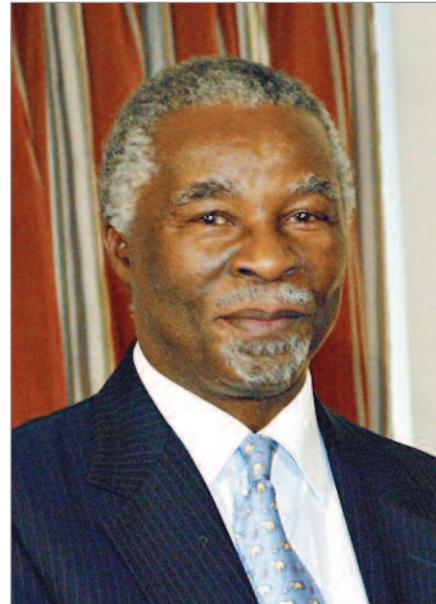
Former president Thabo Mbeki deserves credit for dedicating his life to promoting knowledge, peace, prosperity, and freedom in Africa. He also gave huge support to libraries across the continent. Although it is easy to criticise his views on AIDS, he was a great leader in other respects and did much to defend Africa's culture and intellectual heritage.

As deputy president, Mbeki delivered the keynote address at the Unification of Library and Information Stakeholders Constituent Conference in July 1996. After his presentation, Mbeki stayed on to learn more, offer advice, and urge the unification of the separate library associations. This hands-on encouragement from a senior government figure facilitated the rise of South Africa's new, inclusive library association. At this conference, former National Librarian, Professor Peter Lor, was enthusiastically elected to chair the new association, which was launched in 1997 and named the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA).

LIASA observes South African Librarians' Day annually on 10 July: the date of its 1997 launch. This year the aim was to shed light on librarianship as a career. The career path is not well known, and is thus often misunderstood. The profession needs to attract young, dynamic people to contribute to this vibrant, evolving field of work.

As president of South Africa, between 1999 and 2008, Mbeki called for the creation of an inclusive information society to support citizens from developing countries confronted with the challenge of exclusion from the global economy. He was determined to do everything possible to achieve the renewal and development of South Africa and Africa to defeat the twin scourges of poverty and underdevelopment.

Mbeki's vision was for the renewal of the African continent and the freedom of Africans to determine their own destiny. The



Former president Thabo Mbeki

Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library at the University of South Africa strives to continue Mbeki's intellectual journey by preserving this important repository of history. The Presidential Library is an exciting development on the African continent and the first of its kind in South Africa. Other former presidents who built their own libraries in Africa include Nigeria's Olusegun Obasanjo and Senegal's Leopold Senghor. Due to a lack of local storage facilities, the documents of African leaders are often archived abroad. This practice denies Africans access to their own heritage, unless they are able to travel outside the continent to conduct research.

News reports about the 2013 rebel occupation of the Malian city of Timbuktu provided a worrying picture of the situation for Africa's cultural heritage. Timbuktu is famous for the large number of historically

important manuscripts that demonstrated evidence of a thriving book trade. These manuscripts have been preserved in private households since the 13th century. The ancient scholars did research and published books on topics such as art, medicine, philosophy, science, mathematics, astronomy, and the Qur'an.

In 2001, during a visit to Mali, Mbeki viewed some of these important manuscripts at the Ahmed Baba Research Institute. He was struck by the Institute's lack of suitable preservation facilities, resulting in the launch of South Africa's Timbuktu Trust Fund, to which the private sector donated R32-million and the government R30-million. Through this fund, South Africa supported the preservation of these priceless documents and artefacts. This resulted in the training of Malians in restoration techniques and a suitable facility with the required temperature and humidity controls being built. Unfortunately, Mali's conflict did much damage to this rich heritage.

Currently, the South African government prefers to focus on the country's public libraries as centres that offer local communities information to move their lives forward. The government aims to build new libraries in close proximity to schools, while upgrading existing libraries to provide better facilities and services to their users. Although the government has made commendable progress towards transforming public libraries, there is still a long way to go.

Martha de Jager

Librarian, Centre for Conflict Resolution's Peace Library, Cape Town

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This article has been published in *Weekend Argus* on 10 July 2016, under the headline "Mbeki's Legacy Bookmarked by Libraries across Africa".



Robert Pearce wishes to share his story to inspire other Librarians

He never went to full-time University. He started working at the Eersterust Public Library in Pretoria as a Library Assistant with only a Matric Certificate in 1975. He studied part-time at Unisa's Department of Information Science, and obtained the following qualifications: Lower Diploma Library Science (S.A. Institute for Librarianship and Information Science-1983), Bachelor of Library Science (1986), Honours Bachelor of Library Science (1988) and Master of Library Science (1996). His Master's dissertation is entitled: **"An assessment of the library and information needs and expectations of University of Venda academic staff"**.

In January 2004 he obtained the Certificate in Client Service Excellence from Unisa's Industrial Psychology Department. Presently he is registered for his PHD in Library and Information Science at the University of the Western Cape.

Positions held, past and present

Previously he was employed as Library Assistant at Eersterust Public Library in Pretoria, Faculty Librarian at Unisa Library, Senior Librarian at the University of Venda Library, Campus Librarian at Vista University Library in Mamelodi, University Library Director at the Vaal University of Technology, Director Client Services at Unisa Library and presently he is the University Library Director at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Library in Port Elizabeth.

Unisa's Information Search Librarians: A Band of Nation(al) Librarians!

The creation, maintenance and administration of an Information Search and Delivery service, specifically in a Distance Education environment, is a multi-faceted and challenging exercise. Juxtaposed with the notion that Unisa librarians provide such a service as a team that represents South African Librarianship in a global space, the assumption that such librarians fulfil a very important and globally visible library and information service is not far-fetched. In an

Steiltes amper verby vir dié student



Mnr. Robert Pearce, senior biblioteek-assistent, wat vanjaar sy laaste vak vir sy B.Bibl.-graad afskryf.

Over the years he has assisted and is still assisting aspirant Librarians to obtain their Library and Information Science qualifications from under-graduate up to Masters' level. Aspirant librarians studying for their

MENEER Robert Pearce, senior biblioteek assistent by Eersterusbiblioteek in Pretoria is vanjaar besig met sy laaste vak, Sielkunde III, vir sy B.Bibl.-graad. Hy het vir die eerste keer in 1979 by Unisa ingeskryf en het sedertdien 13 kursusse suksesvol afgehandel.

Hy vertel dat hy na skoolverlatiging 'n onderwyser wou geword het, maar daar was nie geld daarvoor nie. Hy het by die biblioteek werk gekry en besluit om in hierdie rigting te studeer.

"As 'n mens deeltyds studeer, ly jou familie- en sosiale lewe daaronder, maar dit is die moeite wert. Wat ek in die teorie in my studies geleer het, kon ek beslis in die praktyk toepas in my werk," het hy gesê. Hy is van plan om volgende jaar met sy honoursgraad te begin en dit is sy begeerte om eendag in 'n groot biblioteek soos Unisa s'n te werk.

qualifications should not feel isolated; they should form study groups in their areas. Heads of Departments and other qualified librarians should start mentoring programmes for these aspirant librarians.

Robert makes the point that it was and still is very challenging and lonely to obtain these qualifications part-time, but it pays dividends. Without the support of family, mentors and friends, it will be almost impossible to achieve success. A last word: *hard-work never killed anyone, and have fun while studying - do not become impossible to live with.*

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eLEARNING - Promoting lifelong learning through traditional library and 'e'lectronic library services

The CoJ is immensely proud to have established eLearning Classrooms, called **Massive Open Online Varsitys (MOOVs)**. A first for public libraries in South Africa, these state-of-the-art eClassrooms provide free online courses from global **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)** partner institutions. A blended eLearning approach, courses providing market related skills are identified by the MOOV education specialists and learners are assisted and guided by the MOOV staff throughout their coursework. MOOVs breaks down barriers to learning – opening the doors to learning and enabling young people with no prospect to conventional tertiary education to access knowledge and acquire a qualification.

After the successful pilot project at the Sandton Library in 2015, the City's Executive Mayor, Cllr. Parks Mpho Tau, committed to developing eleven (11) more classrooms through the CoJ Vulindlel'eJozu Youth Empowerment Programme, a multi-million rand initiative that provides opportunities for youth to access skills training. MOOVs are closely linked with the Vulindlel'eJozu programme - a partnership between the CoJ and Harambee Youth Accelerator. This is an initiative to link job opportunities in the private sector with the available skills of young people in the CoJ. MOOV-participants are placed on the Vulindlel'eJozu database. Seven classrooms

are already operational at Alexandra 8th Avenue, Emndeni, Sandton, Jabavu, Johannesburg City Library, and Orange Farm. Five (5) more eClassrooms will be implemented by the end of 2016.

More than 5000 learners have registered with MOOV since October 2016. Two hundred MOOV learners have received internationally recognized certificates in Basic Computer Coding, Web-design and Marketing. The impact of this programme is already evident as many learners have, after completing their first course, found employment and others have become entrepreneurs, partnering with other MOOV learners to create small web-design businesses.

Under the umbrella of eLearning is CoJ "eWorld" computers. eWorld refers to the application used to register library users who want to use the Internet for free. In addition to normal search engines the eWorld landing page assist users to quickly find useful links to Internet sites that have been preselected. Library users can also use these computers to create and save documents. Printing of documents is the only service that has to be paid for by the user. During 2014/15 Internet-linked computers were installed in thirty five libraries across the CoJ. In 2015/16, nine thousand nine hundred and fifty eight (9958) people made use of eWorld computers, with more than 70% using the computers at least once a



week. In June 2016, seventy six (76) eWorld computers were installed at the Johannesburg City Library alone. Facility preparations were completed at sixteen libraries this year, in readiness for the network upgrades and implementation of eWorld computers in 2016/17.

CoJ Public Library users have also benefitted from free Internet access via the City's Wi-Fi hotspot projects which currently enjoys 300MB free per day. By June 2016 all 87 of the City's libraries had public Wi-Fi hotspots installed.

Visit the CoJ Public Libraries stand at LIASA Conference 2016 for more on CoJ eLearning programs.

Jeff Nyoka
CoJ Public LIS

City of Johannesburg Public Libraries commemorate 16 June 1976

2016 marks the 40th anniversary of the student protests which began on 16 June 1976. The City of Johannesburg Public Libraries (CoJLIS) hosted and coordinated a series of activities to celebrate this National Month and to promote social cohesion.

To launch Youth Month, CoJLIS in collaboration with the National Youth Development Agency, CoJ Social Development and CoJ Arts and Culture, hosted a special programme on International Children's Day at the Hector Pieterson Museum in Soweto. One of the highlights was the groups of traditional dance performances by learners of primary schools as part of the main programme in front of an adult audience. Children from Early Childhood Centres and primary school learners further enjoyed the story telling session facilitated by CoJLIS librarian Thembi Mkhizwane, face painting, thematic colouring activity, and a tour of the Hector Pieterson Museum, and receiving non-perishable food packs.

The second activity was a series of six screenings of **Remembering Dr. Melville Edelstein: The Life & Times of a Good Man** by Kevin Harris. Film is a powerful medium and therefore it was decided to invite secondary school learners to the screenings. The film is about racial stereotyping that resulted in the killing of Dr Edelstein. He was a social worker and academic who devoted his efforts to the welfare projects in Soweto, and was one of two white officials who lost their lives on 16 June 1976. The aim of the film was to open the eyes of the viewers to not only South Africa in 1976, but also the present; to be touched and inspired to combat prejudices which lead to racial discrimination, and to promote understanding and tolerance amongst different cultural groups.

The third activity was a series of seven



@ the LIS stand reading June 16th articles

talks facilitated by the class of '76 veterans: Dan Montsitsi, Sandile Memela, Phillip Mpho Tobias, Motsamai Joseph Magalike, and Letepe Maisela. The content of the talks included the veterans' recollection of and perspective on 16 June 1976; how it influenced their and other people's lives, and South Africa as a whole. The concluding message was always positive and motivational for learners to take forward to build a better South Africa.

The fourth activity was a creative essay writing competition for Gr 10 – 12 learners. The objectives of the essay writing competition was to instil awareness of the ultimate sacrifice of the students of '76 which resulted in the birth of democracy in South Africa, and to encourage learners to visit a public library nearest to them to make use of library resources for their topic research. The theme of the essay was derived from the quotation *"The broad sweep of the unfolding South African story has many violent turning points. It is only with pain that we learn and move forward. Of all of these moments in*

history June 16th 1976 has a special place in the hearts of those who were there. But as the years roll by and new challenges face our fragile democracy, what does the turmoil on that winter day in Soweto signal to the new generation?" The Journalist.

Learners had to write an essay based on their interpretation of the quote and had to include the history of the uprising and the people involved. The prize giving ceremony took place at the NASREC Youth Expo on 19 June 2016. The City of Johannesburg Executive Mayor, Cllr. Parks Mpho Tau and Ms Antoinette Sithole, sister of the late Hector Pieterson, graced the prize giving ceremony by handing out the prizes to the winners. Afterwards the winners said that they were honoured to have met Ms Sithole. The winner of the competition, Nomawethu Radebe received a Samsung Tablet. The 1st runner-up, Kamohelo Otukile received an Asus laptop. Celimuswa Hlekane Shivambo was the 2nd runner-up and received a 32 Gig USB Stick. Twenty sets of power banks and selfie sticks were given as consolation prizes. Prizes were sponsored by the Gauteng Department of Education Fund Raising Committee.

The fifth activity was CoJLIS participating in the June 16th Youth Expo held at NASREC in Johannesburg from 10 – 19 June 2016. One of the objectives of the CoJLIS stand was to promote the extensive collection of 16 June 1976 articles that is housed in the Johannesburg City Library. Two Vario stands with prints of selected articles drew much interest and created an ideal platform to engage with interested visitors. The second aim was to promote books about June 16th that are available at various libraries in the City of Johannesburg, and to encourage the public to borrow these books from libraries.

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Mamre Library Holiday Programme

Mamre Library, situated 12 kms outside Atlantis hosted a June/July 2016 Holiday program from the 28 June – 15 July 2016. The children were kept busy with fun activities such as colouring in, chess, checkers, snakes & ladders and various ball games. The children were also taught the value of recycling and made treasure boxes out of old VHS cases. The library had volunteers who assisted with the programme. The children were given a daily meal in the last week of the holiday programme which the staff funded.

Nizamudien Bray

Librarian: Mamre Library



THE MAMRE LIBRARY HELD A MANDELA DAY EVENT ON MONDAY 18 JULY 2016 AT THE LIBRARY AND THE CLINIC WHERE SOUP AND BREAD WERE HANDED OUT TO THE COMMUNITY



James Davidson, the first librarian of Observatory Library. The photo hangs in the library



Sr Librarian, Nadia Ismail with Nicola Anderson, great, great niece of James Davidson

Observatory Library celebrates 110 years

The City of Cape Town's Observatory Library celebrated its 110 year milestone with a special event for patrons who have been members for more than two decades.

Observatory Library opened on the 1st November 1898 in temporary premises, in Station Road, when James Davidson was appointed librarian. The library moved to its current premises in 1906 which was purpose built. This was thanks to the gift of land by Stephen Trills, government and municipal subsidies and donations.

In 1952 a free municipal library service was started by the City of Cape Town and Observatory library joined the service on 24 March 1954. The current building enjoys heritage status and contains a plaque, a war memorial dedicated to the men of Observatory who served in the Second World War.

The library is used by a social worker for a support group meeting; basic computer lessons take place on Tuesday mornings on alternate months for members who want to enhance their skills. Other programmes include a "beanies for babies" project, where ladies get together with their wool and knitting needles to make

beanies for needy babies. These go to Mowbray Maternity Hospital and all the way to Victoria West. Another patron runs a jewellery workshop every Tuesday. The library offers library orientation to interested groups while a permanent book sale in aid of the Friends of the Library is situated in the foyer.

Just before it opened in its current premises in 110 years ago, the library had 3 359 books, a circulation of 8 541 and 197 subscribers. Now five members of staff, excluding the security guard and a contract cleaner, keep more than 1 800 patrons happy and 25 328 items in circulation. This includes an extensive crime fiction stock of books as well as a near 500 strong DVD collection.



Cleolaine Delmore, Nadia Ismail, Carmen Holtzman (District Manager), Lauren Lengeveldt, Merle Lubinsky and Mary Jane Magano



Storytelling @ Cape Town Central Library

World Book Day: City of Cape Town Libraries celebrate

Libraries in the City of Cape Town celebrated World Book Day with special programmes and events to mark this day. Storytelling sessions was the order of the day in most libraries and involved various schools and crèche's as part of the celebrations.

Central Library's annual Storytelling in the Gardens event had to move indoors this year due to the rainy weather. The event was moved to the City Hall where the library staff were joined by other storytellers including special guest, Len Keating, who enthralled learners with his popular isiXhosa and English puppet show.

LIS, in partnership with the Book Lounge and Open Book Cape Town also hosted author Niq Mhlongo at Kuyasa Library and Elsies River Library. Launching his latest book of short stories, *Affluenza*, Niq spent Friday, 22 April at Kuyasa Library entertaining the audience with the story of his writing journey. The audience included



Mowbray Library's Book Tower

local writers and renowned author Sindiwe Magona among others. The event also hosted an open mic poetry session and a writer's workshop. Cape Talk hosted the Pippa Hudson show from the library as part of the event, interviewing the authors, the librarian in charge at Kuyasa and other interesting bookish people.

Niq also visited Elsies River Library as part of the official World Book Day celebrations on 23 April where the community could engage him on his work and he got to interact with members of the library's book club, known as the First Tuesday Book Club.

World Book Day in Cape Town also provided users of the library service with free books. A donation received from NB Publishers was utilised for this purpose. The books formed part of the Sapphire series of romances and each library provided their users with free copies of these titles.

Nazeem Hardy



Publicist Helene Prinsloo, Niq Mhlongo and Kuyasa Principal Librarian, Thandiwe Mtshengu



Staff engaging patrons at Melton Rose Library



Brackenfell patrons getting free books on WBD

Sea Point Library renamed the Colin Eglin Sea Point Library

The Sea Point Library was officially renamed the Colin Eglin Sea Point Library at an unveiling by Cape Town Mayor, Alderman Patricia de Lille on 21 April 2016.

The library, situated on the corner of Three Anchor Bay and Main Roads, is a draw card for many members of the Sea Point community and serves as a bustling centre for those looking for a good read or to enjoy special activities. It also hosts Pram Jam sessions, where caregivers and their charges visit the library for a morning of stories, singing and other fun activities.

The Cape Town City Council officially adopted the name, Colin Eglin Sea Point Library, in May 2015 after a renaming proposal and public consultation process.

Nazeem Hardy



Continued from page 9: Cape Town Libraries continue to meet community needs. Rondebosch Library adds 5 more computers to Children's Library: Children from the local Montessori school attended the event together with the Ward Councillor and Cllr. Ian Iversen library staff and Friends of the Library.



Pumeza Tube has joined **Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University** as a Librarian Serials Cataloguer. She was previously in the Periodicals Department at CPUT.

News from the **City of Johannesburg Public Libraries** is that **Ben Ramela**, Assistant Director of the Johannesburg City Library from 2012, has been appointed Deputy Director: Regional Services and **Bongani Tshabalala** has been appointed as Assistant Director: ELearning.

Moxey Naidoo have been appointed as Librarian at the **S G Lourens Nursing**



Soekie Swanepoel, Assistant Director of Library Technical Services, Department of Library Services at the **University of Pretoria** retired as of August 2016 after 22 years of service at the Department of Library Services.



Ernest Cabangani Mdletshe, veteran LIASA member [31], after serving the library fraternity for 45 years, retired at the end of 2007. He started his library career as a messenger in the library of the **University of Zululand** in 1962. He obtained his Library Science qualifications by studying part-time while working. Ernest moved through the ranks and by the time he retired, he was holding a position of Deputy Director in the same library where he started as a messenger. After retirement he again registered for a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology at the University of Zululand and graduated in 2014. He was ordained as minister by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, on 26th June 2011. He is presently serving his Church as a priest under the Self-Supporting Ministry. This serves to encourage everyone that it is never too late to follow your passion. *You can use retirement to 're-tire' yourself.* He can be contacted at emdlets@gmail.com

City of Cape Town Libraries:

Malene van Zyl who was the Senior Professional Officer: Education, Training & Development. Malene was previously Chief Librarian in the old Cape Town Libraries where she was responsible for Human Resources as well. She had been with the City for 38 years and in that time had also been in charge of Claremont Library and the Central Library Music Library.

Cheryl Heymann who was one of the District Managers for the City. She had also previously held the post of Chief Librarian: Technical Services in the old Cape Town Libraries. Cheryl was also instrumental in the implementation of the BookPlus library management system. Cheryl is retiring after 36 years in the library service.

Luke Townsend who was the Principal Librarian at Wynberg Library. Luke was well known for his extensive music knowledge and was instrumental in the building of the collection at Wynberg Library.

Submissions to Ingrid Thomson:

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College in Pretoria. She was previously employed at the Winne Mandela Library as a library assistant 2013-2016. She writes "One of the requirements for the post was one had to be a LIASA member. Thank You LIASA."

News from **Rhodes University Library** of the following appointments: **Anelise Mente** as Faculty Liaison Librarian (Humanities); **Mbuleli Mpokela** is Faculty Liaison Librarian (Commerce); **Debbie Martindale** has been appointed Librarian: Scholarly Communication while **Khawulile Radebe** is now Librarian: Repository Administration and Metadata.

RETIREMENTS

Free State Provincial Library Services:



Elra de Wet started her career as librarian in Gauteng (Old Transvaal) in December 1972 where she was employed at the Transvaal Provincial Library Service and the National Library. She joined the Free State Provincial Library Service in 1979 where she started in the Bloemfontein Regional Library and was then transferred to the Documentation Unit where she developed into a specialist cataloguer. Ms De Wet managed the Prolib Library Management System and was the project manager for four upgrades of the system. She led Library Services when we migrated to World Cat for international online cataloguing of our library materials. Her most recent achievement was to take the lead in migrating to the new international cataloguing code for libraries, namely RDA. The Free State Province was the first of the Provincial Library Services to successfully migrate to this system. Ms De Wet is a specialist in this field of library and information work and is respected by libraries nationally for her knowledge of the cataloguing field. At the time of her retirement she served as Documentation Manager, was the chairperson of the Prolib User Committee and Library Service's liaison officer for SABINET Online and OCLC. Mrs De Wet has a B. degree and Honours degree in Librarianship. It will be very difficult to replace her knowledge and skills in the Directorate.



Charlotte Maartens joined the Department in 1983 as librarian. She also has an Honours degree in Librarianship. Ms Maartens developed through the ranks of senior and principal librarian until she was appointed as Assistant Director Specialized Information Services. She also served as Acting Deputy Director: Professional Support Services. In 2011 she was appointed as the Library Services Systems Manager to manage our IT programmes. She was Library Service's link with the IT Unit of the Department and SITA. Ms Maarten's field of specialization was bibliographic and specialized information services, especially digital information and electronic information searches. As systems manager, she also took the lead in the RFID project and education information kiosks for libraries. She was also the Free State Coordinator of the national Mzansi Libraries Online Project. We will miss Charlotte's knowledge of IT and her ability

GRADUATION

Rhodes University Library: **Mbuleli Mpokela** obtained his Bachelor of Information Science, Unisa, and **Nicolene Mkhathali** obtained her Master of Information Technology, U.P.



Nasaret Public Library, Steve Tshwete MLS, Mpumalanga: **Gizelle Kirkman**, Snr Library Assistant, obtained her Bachelor of Information Science, Unisa.

to apply ICT effectively in libraries. Her organizational abilities and skills as project manager will be remembered for a long time.



Annamarie Myburgh joined Library Services in 1979 as librarian in the then Bloemfontein Regional Library and was later transferred to the Collection Management Unit where she not only became a specialist book selector but was also responsible for the management and administration of book procurement. She also has an Honours degree in Librarianship. Ms Myburgh has a vast knowledge of the publishing and book trade and also assisted many young book sellers in developing in the book trade. She also has an extensive knowledge of authors and books and coupled with her knowledge of user needs she could always link books to the needs of communities, making her an excellent collection manager. She also became a specialist in e-book procurement and at her retirement was responsible for developing the Library Service's e-book collection.



Alrina le Roux was appointed as librarian in 1988, also in the Collection Management Unit. Her degree in librarianship and Honours degree in English literature prepared her to soon become a specialist book reviewer and selector. She also had an extensive knowledge of French literature. She probably is one of the best read persons in the country and definitely the best read in Library Services. With her language and literature background she assisted many young writers with editing their manuscripts and helping them to prepare their books for publication. She always gave sound and instructive advice to young authors. She was the language editor of the journal Free State libraries and assisted many a colleague in translating and editing letters and reports. Alrina is a lover of books and words in the true sense of the word and will be missed for many years to come.

With the retirement of these four officials Library Services not only lost almost 140 years of specialized knowledge and skills but very special human beings who will be missed as colleagues and friends. Fortunately for us, they never hesitated to share their knowledge and we will tap from and build on their worthy contributions.

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