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EDITORIAL

Welcome to our 2017 first edition of the SMU Library newsletter. The Library Marketing Team is excited about this initiative which is aimed at improved communication with our clients. We hope you will find it interesting and informative. Feel free to suggest items which you would like us to cover in the newsletter via our Chief Editor, Ms Mmakgoshi Reetseng @ X4527 / Mmakgoshi.reetseng@smu.ac.za. Enjoy reading!

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Meet the Director

The Library and Information Service announces with great pleasure the appointment of Ms Sarah Kibirige to the position of Director, Library and Information Services. Her main area of responsibility is to provide leadership in all library matters with the goal of ensuring quality academic information services in support of teaching and research at SMU.

She is a graduate of Makerere University in Uganda where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts, a Diploma in Education and a Postgraduate Diploma in Librarianship. She also holds an Honours Degree in Library Science from UNISA and a Masters Degree in Library Studies from the University of Pretoria.

Her experience in academic libraries stretches over more than two decades, the most recent being the Manager of Technical services at the Vaal University of Technology and Acting Executive Director at the same institution.

Prior to that Ms Kibirige worked through the ranks as a Librarian, Senior Librarian and Acting University Librarian at the former University of Bophuthatswana (UNIBO), now known as Northwest University. In 2001, she moved to Monash South Africa as the founding Campus Librarian and, later on, the University of Stellenbosch as the Director of Technical Services and Electronic resources. She also worked at the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) as a Content Manager. Her considerable knowledge and experience in the academic libraries sector will contribute significantly towards the development of Library and Information Services at SMU.



Ms Sarah Kibirige

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Academic Achievement

Congratulations to Ms Mmkgoshi Reetseng on completing her Masters in Information Technology (MIT) degree with the University of Pretoria (UP), Department of Information Science. The MIT programme was an initiative of the University of Pretoria and the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The programme was aimed at empowering Library and Information Services (LIS) professionals across the continent with knowledge and skills to apply Modern Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to support the next generation of academics and researchers.



The Comrades Marathon

Congratulations to Mr Patrick Motiang, Librarian: Information Desk upon the successful completion of the Comrades Marathon.

This memorable achievement took place on Sunday, the 4th of June 2017. Together we can “celebrate mankind's spirit over adversity” with Patrick and encourage him to keep up.

Mr Motiang covered the gruelling 86.73 Kilometres in 11:56!!!!!!



World Read Aloud Day @ Lesolang Primary School



SMU Library and V.T. Sefora Community Library staff members celebrated World Read Aloud Day on the 16th February 2017 at Lesolang Primary School in Garakuwa. The event targeted grade 1 and 2 learners. The Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA)'s Adopt a School Campaign saw to the rise of a great partnership between SMU Library, V.T. Sefora Community Library and Lesolang primary school.

The team read a story entitled “The best sound in the world = Modumo o o gaisang mo lefatsheng lotlhe” in Setswana which is the school's medium of instruction. Learners were excited to interact with new faces reading them a story. SMU Van Schaik's Bookshop and SMU Marketing Department provided gifts for the event.

16 February 2017

Read Aloud. | Change the World.



South African Library Week Activities



National Launch

SMU Library staff members attended the launch of the National South African Library Week (SALW) at Sunrise View Primary and High Schools in Rustenburg on the 17 March 2017.

The event was launched by the Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture, Ms Rejoice Mabhudhahfasi. It was a kick start to dialogues and more SALW celebrations on branch and institutional level.

SMU library also embraced the theme "My Library, Your Library".

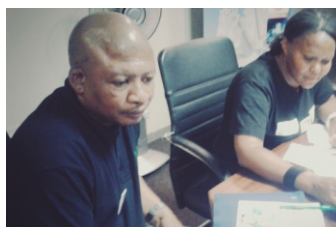


SMU has got talent !!!!

Ms Kholofelo Khwinana a 2nd year Bachelor of Occupational Therapy student at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University's poem entitled "Who are you" which she performed at the launch of the SMU library Week was recorded and played at the launch of the LIASA Gauteng North Branch's SALW.



Gauteng North Branch Launch



Ms Mmakgoshi Reetseng (current Public Relations Officer) and Mr Modisa Khosie (Former Chairperson) of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) Gauteng North Branch attended the launch of the Branch's Library Week that was held at TUT on the 24th

March 2017. The speakers of the day were Mr Harry Matolong, Project Manager for MZANSI Libraries On-line, Ms Corlett Letlojane CEO: Human Rights Institution of South Africa and the key note speaker was Ms Mpho Masienyane a member of the LIASA Marketing and Advocacy Interest Group (MAIG) Executive Committee and Executive Director of Lintle Community Awakening.

Mr Matolong spoke about Advocacy and Marketing. He mentioned that the South African Library and Information Sector is currently going through transformation. Library and information services are currently under marketed and not enough advocacy is carried out. He said Libraries have a critical role to play in the achievement of development goals of the country and must be marketed as such. Ms Letlojane emphasised respect for the constitution. Citizens have the right to learn and to use the opportunity to erase the effect of the past where they were banned from accessing information.

Ms Masienyane shared the story of how a library changed her life. As a youngster she had read an article from a UNICEF publication that kept her in her school library. It was the information that she read which led to a few critical events that landed her a University education when she could have ended her education at Grade 10. It was also in the library that she learned reading for pleasure, research and reporting; an art which her teacher-librarian called "self-directed learning". She said that librarians should keep the candles burning in libraries because they bring light into to the future of youngsters. "You librarians are in the life changing career and should regard yourselves as such", Ms Masienyane emphasised. She urged participants to embrace the theme "My Library, Your Library".

Tshwane Municipality Region 3

Ms Mmakgoshi Reetseng and Mr Khosie Senior Librarians at SMU Library attended the City of Tshwane Community Libraries which was held at Region 3's Ga-Rankuwa Community Hall on the 29 March 2017. The event was attended by learners from different schools in Ga-Rankuwa. It targeted 300 learners and 200 citizens. Ms Reetseng motivated participants in her capacity as the Public Relations Officer for LIASA Gauteng North Branch. She urged the councillor and the MMC to protect libraries by ensuring that they have resources needed for them to offer a superb service. She encouraged librarians to remain relevant and visible to their clients, parents to make good use of freely available library resources and teachers to partner with libraries and start reading and assignment programmes. She also pleaded with the community to stop burning libraries when they go on strike. She concluded by telling a story to the children. The City of Tshwane's MMC for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Cllr Ntsiki Mokhotho was the key note speaker. Other motivational speakers were Ms Tuminglee Mogashoa and Mr Otsile Mphela.



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Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University Library

The Launch of the Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) SALW was held on the 22nd March 2017.

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

The event was graced by the presence of the Interim Vice Councillor, Prof. De Beer. Prof De Beer mentioned that the library needs to be protected from amongst others, University management. He pledged his support and that of the university management for the Library and Information Services.

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

A representative from V.T. Sefora Community Library, Ms Johanah Moalusi spoke about the partnership they have with SMU Library and their willingness to continue supporting one another with library related community outreach projects. Ms Mokonyane, a teacher at Lesolang Primary School mentioned that Lesolang Primary School learners' reading skills have improved as a result of the SMU Library involvement.

LIASA Gauteng North Branch was represented by Ms Mpho Masienyane who spoke about the importance of using libraries to enhance the careers and future of their communities. Most of the information that made her life easy was found in the library. The library became her favourite corner and her leisure space.

A follow-up radio interview was conducted between SMU Radio, Ms Kibirige and Ms Masienyane later on that day, it focused on the essence of SALW.

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Featured Databases



UpToDate

UpToDate is an evidence-based, physician-authored clinical decision support resource which clinicians use to make the right point-of-care decisions. More than 6,500 world-renowned physician authors, editors, and peer reviews synthesize the most recent medical information into trusted, evidence-based recommendations that are proven to improve *patient care*. <https://www.uptodate.com>

Clinical key

Clinical key is a search engine and database of peer-reviewed and evidence-based clinical information covering 52 specialities, with content from Elsevier's online medical portfolio. It helps doctors, nurses and other health professionals make better decisions anywhere, anytime and in any patient scenario. <https://www.clinicalkey.com>

Visit the Library webpage or Contact Duduzile Ntombela: Senior Librarian, Information Services for access details and training, duduzile.ntombela@smu.ac.za; Ext.: 4642.

Learning Spaces

Students feeling at home in the library's Computer Laboratory. This facility is mainly for individual work. It operates on a first come first served basis.

The Discussion spaces are geared at facilitating group learning and collaboration. Bookings are done through the Circulation desk.



Upcoming Events

- Mandela Day, 18 July 2017
- International Literacy Day, 08 September 2017
- Open Access Week, 23-29 October 2017
- AIDS Day, 01 December 2017

Watch the space, until the next edition !!!!