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	Jun 11/12 – LISLIG activity 20 – SLYSIG Committee Meeting TBA Call for nominations	July 15 & 16 -- SLYSIG Conference 17 - LISLIG Committee Meeting 31 - BEC Committee Meeting	Aug 13 Joint AGM (To be confirmed) 14 - SLYSIG – AGM 16-22
	Sep 2 - LISLIG Committee Meeting 18 – SLYSIG Committee Meeting PACLIG 22-26 LIASA Conference (Jhb)	Oct Nov TBA – LISLIG activity TBA PACLIG TBC BREAKFAST Dec TBC Bosberaad	 <p>CAPE TOWN IFLA WLIC 2015 SOUTH AFRICA</p>
	International SCECSAL XXI, 28 July –01 August 2014, Malawi - http://www.scecsal.org/conferences/scecsalxxi.html IFLA /WLIC 2014, Lyons, France, 16-22 August 2014 – We will have the opportunity to invite the world to Cape Town and actively promote South Africa during this week. If you are attending the WLIC, please do let us know so that you can also form part of the team.		

Chairs Letter **Ingrid Thomson**

Dear Members

It's hard to believe that we are into the second half of 2014 already. It has been a busy six months for the branch with the networking and training opportunities on offer, from the hosting of the national launch of SA Library Week together with partners at NLSA, COTC and Cape Provincial Libraries, to the branch armchair conversation on "Libraries as agents of social change". Plus all the activities on offer from the interest groups. There is indeed return on your investment as a LIASA member. So if you haven't yet renewed your membership for this year, don't delay.

This will be my last term as Western Cape chair as I hand the reins over to Samantha Bennett, the incoming chair. It is an election year, and the call for nominations for the Branch Executive Committee will shortly go out. Please consider making yourself available either for the Branch or at the branch interest group level. It is hard work (which often doesn't keep to office hours), but very rewarding both professionally and personally. And you get to work with a bunch of great librarians - that winning team.

Kind regards
Ingrid Thomson

2014 Librarian of the Year – the call for nominations will be circulated very soon! I know that this process will continue to attract strong and dynamic librarians who will serve as exciting role models for the profession.

Ministerial Award



And our own 2012 Librarian of the Year, Theresa Denton was given a Ministerial Award for Outstanding Achievement of Women in Cultural Affairs.

Congratulations Theresa!





Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Dr. Nomafrench Mbambo, reading to the kids at the 2014 South African book fair.

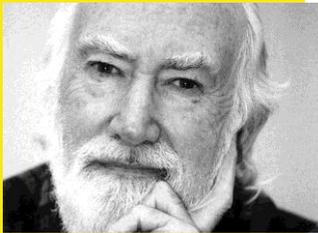
LIASA Conference 2014 – the 16th Annual LIASA Conference will be held on September 22-26 2014 at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Gauteng with the exciting theme "Celebrating libraries in 20 years of Democracy: Continuing the Dialogue..." The Early Bird registration closes on 10 August 2014. Please ensure that you are a paid up LIASA member to benefit from the reduced registration fee. For further details, visit <http://liasaconference.co.za/>

Eric Hill

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Donation Bags

Theresa de Young, our dynamic Librarian of the Year 2013, handed over the Conference bags, which were donated by members at the Year End breakfast 2013.

This was one of five schools that benefited from this initiative, started by the MAIG Interest Group. As you can see, they are very happy with their bags!



Penguin's editor at large, Margaret Frith, recalled meeting the character Spot in London, the week before the Bologna Book Fair in 1979: "It was 'love at first sight,' and the beginning of a long friendship with Eric and that lovable puppy who became every young child's best 'buddy' as Eric liked to call him. Eric had an unerring understanding of Spot and his 2- and 3-year-old audience

5 Things Librarians Do

Rebecca Tischler

1. Librarians are teachers.

Many libraries have computer classes: which can include teaching a room full of people how to use Microsoft Office, how to use the internet safely, how to set up accounts and stay safe on social media, or how to use photo manipulation programs. Some libraries even teach computer programming classes.

2. Librarians are tech savvy.

Whatever librarians are teaching, or when we have to help a patron troubleshoot their own technology, we have to be computer and technologically literate in order to help. We have to know the basics of computer technology, at the very least. Most times, however, we know more.

3. Librarians are advertisers.

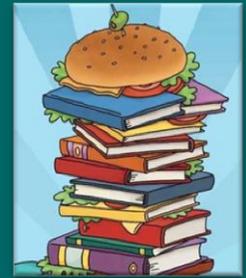
Libraries mostly manage their own public relations and advertise their own services and events. They write the press releases, network and make connections, as well as create their own logos and graphic design.

4. Librarians are event planners.

Libraries have dozens of events every year, and the staff members have to create a budgets and event plans, bring in volunteers or paid presenters. They plan the activities, the topic, the refreshments... everything. Sometimes, the librarian is also the presenter, if the librarian's outside hobbies happen to be of use.

5. Librarians are researchers.

Librarians not only know how to organize and find information. We know how to collate and analyse information. We see the patterns and can extract information from it. For example, have you ever gone to the library looking for the next book that you would love, and asked one of the librarians what they would recommend? If so, you were probably asked about what type of books you liked, if you have favourite authors, of those favourite books or authors, what was it that drew you in (location, characters, humour...), etc. These were all questions that help the librarian gather information about analyse your taste in books to hopefully provide you with your next favourite read.



Year End Breakfast

Be sure to book your place at our very popular Year End Breakfast, the last Wednesday in November.

This is your time to renew your membership, network and socialize with colleagues from around the Peninsula. Author, time and place to be announced.

Watch this space!

AGM coming up at UWC in August – Date to be announced



After our most recent effort to get membership numbers up, a Gobii reader was offered as prize, when you join for the first time. The lucky winner was Nomvalesse Skate. Here is our Branch chair, Ingrid Thomson, handing over the prize to an elated Nomvalesse.



Samantha Bennett, our Chair Elect, arranged a very successful branch seminar at the South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO). The theme was "Librarians as agents for social change, community development and democracy". This seminar will feed into the upcoming Conference in September. The slide show presentation of Ina Smith and Theresa de Young are on the Western Cape Facebook page.

Hooray for a WIN team that organised this in record time!

