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Draft Calendar of Events / Meetings

Jan 2014 (20 Years of Democracy) 14 - WCHELIG committee meeting 21 - LISLIG Committee Meeting 23 - SLYSIG - Handover of conference bags to school 30 – BEC Committee Meeting	Feb 13 - SLYSIG - Welcome function for new SLYSIG members PACLIG TBA Local leadership weekend	Mar 7 – SLYSIG Committee Meeting 12/13 – LISLIG activity 15 – National launch of SA Library Week - Cape Town 27 – WCHELIG Research Data Management Workshop
Apr 3 - SLYSIG - iPad for education workshop 8 - LISLIG Committee Meeting 23 World Book Day 24 - BEC Committee Meeting	May PACLIG TBA BEC – Libraries & Social Responsibilities: Libraries as agencies of social change for community development & democracy TBA ICTLIG - update on GIS	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 14 - SLYSIG - AGM	Sep 2 - LISLIG Committee Meeting 18 – SLYSIG Committee Meeting PACLIG 23-26 LIASA Conference (Jhb)
Oct	Nov TBA – LISLIG activity TBA PACLIG TBA BREAKFAST	Dec TBA Bosberaad

THIS IS A MUST SEE. Librarians do add value to many people's lives.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=VteDp3IK-60

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Chairs Letter

Ingrid Thomson

Dear Colleagues

“Celebrating libraries in 20 years of democracy”. In the past year, we’ve had a very busy time with the branch and the active interest groups offering opportunities for ongoing professional education and development. A strategic planning meeting for 2014 was held in December which was attended by the Branch Executive Committee members as well as branch Interest Group Committee members. We were honoured to have the President of LIASA, Ujala Satgoor, and Annamarie Goosen, from the LIASA National Office at this meeting. Using the theme “Celebrating libraries in 20 years of democracy”, there are some exciting opportunities for development and networking planned for the year, so watch out for the announcements and take the opportunities that are on offer.

Some of the activities/events coming up include:

The national launch of South African Library Week (17-22 March) on Saturday 15 March in Cape Town
 We are holding a regional seminar addressing the topic “Librarians as agents for social change, community development and democracy” in May.

IT IS **LIASA VALENTINE'S PROMOTION TIME.....**



[Register online](#) or [download a form](#) and make full payment between 7 and 14 February 2014 and stand a chance to win. Everybody who joins or renews and make full payment during this campaign will receive a complimentary LIASA notepad. The first 50 people to pay their membership fees in full during this **Valentine's** promotion will receive a R50.00 voucher to spend on **Valentine's** goodies.

Western Cape Branch AGM

Elmarie Waltman

The Western Cape AGM, together with the various Interest Groups, had their AGM's on Friday, 30 Aug'13, at UWC. Our Chair's report was most interesting, as the Interest Groups were really busy this year, hosting exciting workshops addressing current trends. The most popular was the workshop with regards to "the cloud". The Guest-Speaker was Prof. Jaya Raju; Head of the Library and Information Studies Centre (LISC) at UCT Libraries and Editor-in-Chief of SAJLIS. She spoke about LIS qualifications and the Higher Education Qualifications Framework, highlighting access, mobility and progression within the framework and the implications for this in the LIS workplace. All the attendees received a bag from Van Schaiks. Our Branch Librarian of the Year were also announced, Oscar style mode, with a HUGE envelope opened by Dairmaid Wessels. And he winner is ... Theresa De Young! Our second Theresa in a row! And our National Librarian of the Year, announced at the 2013 Conference in Cape Town.

Western Cape Branch Year-end Breakfast



It has now become a tradition for the LIASA Western Cape Branch to have their annual Year-end Breakfast on the last Wednesday in November. At Groenvlei, colleagues could network, update their membership, enjoy a relaxing morning out in the country and celebrate the end of another busy year.

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Bosberaad

Elmarie Waltman

The LIASA Western Cape Branch held their annual Bosberaad (Strategic planning meeting) on Tuesday, 3 December 2013 at UCT. Members of the BEC and Interest Groups shared their plans and programs for the year to come and finalise the diary for workshops and events in 2014. We were honoured to have our President, Ujala Satgoor, and Annamarie Goosen, Programme Co-ordinator at our LIASA Head Office present. The President gave much needed input, and clarity on a few issues, which made this a most productive meeting. We have a great team in the Western Cape, the WIN team as we like to call ourselves, and are all looking forward to a bumper year ahead. We will be privileged to host the launch of Library Week as well, and excitement is building for this as we will be celebrating 20 years of democracy.



The Guest speaker was author Alex d'Angelo. Instead of speaking, he read from his new book, *Goblin diaries: apprenticed to the Red Witch* and two short stories he contributed to the book, *Madiba Magic*.

It was most appropriate, as we were all saddened by the loss of our dear Tata Madiba a little bit more than a week later. We look forward to a new venue every year and welcoming more and new members to this dynamic branch. We had a visitor all the way from Vredendal. She was one the privileged ones to get a gift from the lucky draw, which everyone enjoys at the Breakfast. A big thank you to our generous sponsors, Van Schaiks, for the thermal mugs, Ebsco for the notebooks and Sapnet for the various prizes handed out during the lucky draw.

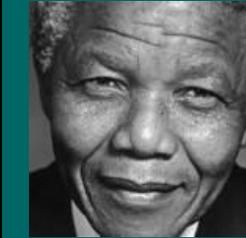
Be sure to book your place for this year's Breakfast, places gets taken up fast, as the Breakfast has become most popular and a highlight on our calendar.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world ~Nelson Mandela

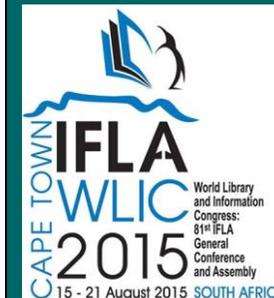
PACLIG Chair Letter

Rika Odendaal

As the new appointed Chair for WC PACLIG I have the opportunity to report on all our fun workshops for 2013. PACLIG supports the public librarians in our profession and after our successful workshop regarding 'How to blow your own trumpet' we offered a career workshop. This toolkit for career development we could learn about compiling CVs, covering letters and what to expect in an interview. For moving forward in your career this was a highly recommended and informative session. The pre-conference 'Create a fairyland' was our highlight of the year with one of our children librarians Christine who demonstrate on how to create a display with polystyrene and at the same time enjoy it. We said farewell to our Chair, Linda Ntaka at the end of the year and wish her all the best for her future. The current committee stand as follows, Rika Odendaal (Chair), Anwa Adriaanse (Chair-elect), Lormarcia Zwaan (Treasurer), Jacinta Avontuur (Secretary), Christelle Lubbe (Pro), Glorine Hannah (Additional member), and Nadia Ismail (Additional member). For 2014 the committee will meet once a quarter and we hope to broaden our borders from City of Cape Town to reach out to the public librarians in these areas. We would also like to visit libraries to assist managers advocating for LIASA and PACLIG (How to be a proud public librarian). It is important that all librarians should know the value of their profession and what the future holds, so please contact us if you are interested. Keep an eye on your emails for our workshops for 2014. This will be announced during the 1st quarter of the year. Any comments, suggestions are welcome! We hope this will be the best year ever for public librarians so don't miss out and join us this year!



We want to thank and honour Tata Madiba for the generous donations (R600,000) to further education at various institutions. What an awesome legacy.



LIASA 15t Annual Conference

Sokhana Ndzuzo

I had one of the greatest pleasures of 2013, I had the opportunity to attend as a volunteer, the LIASA conference which was held in the CTICC in Cape Town. The venue and the environment was just outstanding and the people at the conference were magnificent. I had the benefit of meeting and hearing some of the most highly educated people in the library services across South Africa and people from other parts of the world as they shared their knowledge about the problems, issues, solutions and innovations within the library environment from a global point of view. It has truly been an eye opener of the importance of libraries in our society and how much work there still needs to be done to improve library services for the benefit of our communities. I wish everyone in the future could attend the LIASA conference and experience a broader and more open minded attitude towards the importance of libraries in society.