



Editor's comment

One branch member said during our recent workshop that “library displays can never go out of fashioned” and this was indeed very true, however librarians in various libraries are now using the latest social media platform **Instagram**, it allows librarians to take pictures on their smart phones, apply exciting filters and add hashtags and then share these images online with their users; these images among others can be latest books available, snaps of students attending library training or librarians at work behind the scenes for example Metadata specialist (Cataloguers) at work!!!.

Is your library on Instagram? #Limpopo Branch Newsletter.

Madichakga Malahlela

PRO

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON'S DESK



Greetings

It gives me great pleasure to be able to interact with you through the Chairperson's column. The Branch still encourages members to contribute to the newsletter by sending our PRO stories, achievements, new developments, new appointments etc. to feature in our 2014 newsletters.

LIASA is celebrating Libraries in 20 years of democracy this year and it is an opportunity to show people how our libraries are continuing to be the centre of people's development in our country and abroad. We encourage people to join LIASA and renew membership so that they can be eligible to vote. 2014 is LIASA election year; new National Executive Committee together with Branch Executive Committee will serve in office as from October 2014. LIASA members are encouraged to avail themselves for nomination and to vote.

Branch Executive Committee (BEC) met at the end of January 2014 at the University of Limpopo Library to draw the Branch Operational Plan 2014. The plan is now available at LIASA website for viewing: <http://www.liasa.org.za/node/1209>

LIASA Limpopo Branch is a moving train, we are an unstoppable machine. BEC met with members at the general meeting held at Polokwane Public Library Auditorium on Friday 21 February 2014. We thank all attendees and encourage more members and non-members to attend branch meetings.

Heavy rains and floods in Limpopo Province, especially Lephalale could not stop the branch from embarking on a 300km plus trip from Polokwane to Lephalale to celebrate South African Library Week 2014; Waterberg District. The crew consisted of BEC, Branch members, LIS Students from University of Limpopo. We are planning to visit members in all the districts in the province, SALW 2015 Mopani District here we come!!!!!!!!!!

The Branch Chair and Chair-Elect attended LIASA Leadership Weekend and LIASA Representative Council Meeting in Pretoria from 25-27 April 2014. Research, Education and Training Interest Group (RETIG) Limpopo Branch hosted a Research Writing Workshop on Friday 09 May 2014 at Nirvana Public Library in Polokwane. The purpose of the workshop was to assist Library staff members who are planning or busy with their studies to write good proposals for their Honours, Masters and PHD researches. The workshop also targeted Librarians who want to present papers at conferences and article publishing.

We also hosted a seminar with the theme: Librarians as agents for social change, community development and democracy on Friday 30 May 2014 at Polokwane Public Library Auditorium. This was another opportunity for our members to come share their success stories and also to network with other colleagues in the province.

A planned PACLIG workshop will be held in July. An AGM is also coming and new BEC in September 2014. We should all be proud of being LIASA members and serve the Association with pride to make it a success. Don't be left behind by LIASA Limpopo Branch moving train, join now. For more information, please visit our Branch Blog and Facebook page and LIASA Website at <http://limpopolibrariesforliasa.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LiasaLimpopoBranchPage>

Happy reading

Maropene Ramabina

Chairperson

2014 SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY WEEK THEME LINKED WITH DEMOCRACY



Gift Hlongoane, first entering students top reader .



Executive Director of Libraries, Ms M.M Chuene presenting the gift.

Prof Mashudu Sibara, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and Research at the University of Limpopo opened the first day of Library Week in a democratic style, held at the Turfloop Campus library board room. Staff members of University of Limpopo, students from different faculties attended this significant event.

Gift Hlongoane, First year LLB student was honored with a gift, Kindle E-reader which will enable him to access information and data 24/7. He is regarded as the 2014 first entering top student reader at the campus - he checked out more than 38 books in less than three months while other first year students checked out less than two books.

"I feel very much delighted and honoured to be a library top reader amongst my peers. I would like to encourage other students to visit the library as a way of gaining knowledge." Gift said.

The celebration consisted of planned database trainings, suppliers such as Science Direct and SABINET showcased their resource. "I have learnt that you are able to access different types of materials, such as E-BOOKS and journals through the database training , it also helps you to receive information faster than printed materials. "Lerato Seutloadi third year student of Information studies said.

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LIASA LIMPOPO BRANCH HOSTED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR



Branch members came in numbers



Mr Nemutanzhela one of the seminar presenters

LIASA Limpopo Branch has successfully hosted the second seminar to pull together experts, support staff and academics in the library and information sector to discuss social development and the importance of an informed society. Under the banner; Librarians as agents for social change, community development and democracy.

The 2013 Limpopo Librarian of the year Ms Ntsala Morongoenyana; guest speaker set the tone for the seminar. She raised the importance of libraries to facilitate effective community developments by informing communities regarding government programmes and pronouncements of service delivery initiatives, youth development programmes etc. She said librarians should be ready to provide quality information to the community.

She thanked NGOs' religious groups who are involved in ensuring that there is development in our communities together with the government and encourage librarian to be well involved in their communities and provide information and education to eradicate social issues such as racial intolerance, human trafficking, abuse, unemployment etc.

Seven (7) papers were presented. In his closing address, Branch Chairperson, Maropene Ramabina, thanked all BEC Members for organising the seminar and extended the thank you message to supervisors, managers for supporting their employees to participate in LIASA activities.

DOES YOUR T-SHIRT PROMOTE LIASA?



Branch Member Lorna, Abigail, Lisbeth, Madichakga, Winnie and Catherine

T-shirts may be considered as an old-school type of garment, but Limpopo branch has realised they can offer many benefits when it comes to promoting LIASA. Whether you've realised it or not, clothing makes a statement, and a t-shirt worn in a crowded environment such as a workshops, University campus, conferences or any event can add personality to an organisation.

The branch encourages members to join hands and be part of this wonderful fundraising initiative for raising awareness for LIASA by placing an order for a

Custom-brand t-shirts that are available in both men's and women size cuts.

With a price tag of a mere R200.00 there is no way that you can't have one. An email order size should be made through to our Branch Treasurer's office Mr Lekau Thosago; lekau.thosago@ul.ac.za. A deposit fee ranging from R50.00 – R100.00 is required. Deposit fee is also payable via EFT;

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ON THE MOVE



Mr Lucas Seabi



Ms Fikile Ndhlamini



Ms Lorna Modiba



Ms Gloria Ramaboea

LIASA Limpopo Branch takes this opportunity to join University of Limpopo Library in extending a warm congratulatory message to Mr Lucas Seabi and Ms Fikile Ndlhamini; both of them have been appointed as Librarians and also to welcome new staff members; Ms Lorna Modiba and Ms Gloria Ramaboea who are appointed as Assistant Librarians.

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