

Organisational overview

National Library of South Africa

We identified the National Library of South Africa as the organisation we will work with in order to achieve and fulfil the Work Integrated Learning Module outcome for 2015 at Rosebank College Sunny Side Campus

The ICT Department just facilitates the Academia and serves as a backbone for the entire library functionalities and supports its day to day business processes. We have been given the opportunity to work under the Supervision of the ICT Software and Application Coordinator Mr SD Segalabutla

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The state of the art NLSA building was opened on 1 August 2008 by the former President Mr Thabo Mbeki, the former Arts and Culture Minister Dr Pallo Jordan and the former Public Works Minister Ms Thoko Didiza.

Vision

The National Library of South Africa is the leading national library and information centre of excellence in Africa and the world.

Mission

The National Library of South Africa, as the primary resource and custodian of South African documentary heritage, promotes creative, effective and efficient universal access to information.

Knowledge for the nation

The National Library of South Africa is a custodian and provider of the nation's key knowledge resources. We are mandated by the National Library of South Africa Act to collect and preserve published documents and make them accessible. We ensure that knowledge is not lost to posterity and that information is available for research.

The National Library's collections contain a wealth of information, and include rare manuscripts, books published in South Africa, periodicals, government publications, official foreign publications, maps, technical reports, Africana and newspapers. Many of these are available on CD or microfilm, in digital format or accessible online.

Governance

In terms of Section 6 of the National Library of South Africa Act, the National Library is controlled by a Board. The Minister of Arts and Culture appoints Board members from a short list drawn up by an advisory panel after a public call for nominations. The Chief Executive Officer of the National Library, known as the National Librarian, is an ex officio member.

The Board has a large degree of autonomy; it can formulate the policies of the National Library (in consultation with the Minister); approve its budget; appoint the chief executive officer, management team and other employees, and determine the remuneration and benefits of its employees. In this respect the governance of the National Library resembles

that of other South African statutory institutions such as the universities, national research institutions and museums.

Clients of the National library.

They could include:

- Pupils at primary and secondary school.
- The general public (people with needs for non-specialist reading and information).
- Students at tertiary education institutions.
- Professional users (public servants, journalists, trade unionists, NGO workers, business-persons, Lawyers and others who require information for (professional use).
- Specialist users (scholars, researchers, advanced postgraduate students)

Core functions

The National Library of South Africa's core functions are described in Section 4 subsection 1 of the National Library Act, No 92 of 1998, and cover the following broad areas:

- to build up a complete collection of published documents emanating from or relating to South Africa;
- to maintain and extend any other collections of published and unpublished documents with the emphasis on documents emanating from or relating to Southern Africa;
- to promote the optimal management of collections of published documents held in South African libraries as a national resource; and
- to render a national bibliographic service and to act as the national bibliographic agency;
- to promote optimal access to published documents, nationally and internationally;
- to provide reference and information services, nationally and internationally;
- to act as the national preservation library and to provide conservation services on a national basis;
- to promote awareness and appreciation of the national published documentary heritage; and
- To promote information awareness and information literacy.

History: before amalgamation 1999

Until 1 November 1999, for historical reasons, South Africa had two national libraries, the South African Library, founded in 1818, in Cape Town, and the State Library, founded in 1887, in Pretoria.

In terms of South African legal deposit legislation, each of the national libraries was a legal deposit library, entitled to receive from the publishers a gratis copy of every book, serial, newspaper, government publication or other printed item published in South Africa. In South Africa legal deposit, in some form or another, dates back to 1842. As a result, extensive collections of material of great scholarly value have been built up in the former national libraries.

During the 1990s the Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology began a review of all legislation under its jurisdiction, including the National Libraries Act, No 56 of 1985. The Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology in 1996 appointed a Working Group on the National Libraries of South Africa to advise him on the future of the two national libraries. The most important recommendation of the Working Group was that the two national libraries be amalgamated to form a dual-site (Cape Town and Pretoria) national library, to be known as the National Library of South Africa.

The creation of the new National Library looks ahead to a revitalising and transformation that will align the new institution with the goals of the new democracy. The new institution was constituted on 1 November 1999. On that day the South African Library and the State Library ceased to exist as separate entities and became the Cape Town and Pretoria campuses respectively of the National Library of South Africa.

The South African Library

The South African Library, until it became part of the National Library, was the oldest library in the country. Its origins date back to 1818 when Lord Charles Somerset, Governor of the Cape Colony, issued a proclamation launching the South African Public Library. Somerset stipulated that a wine tax would be levied "to place the means of knowledge within the reach of the youth of this remote corner of the Globe, and bring within their reach what the most eloquent of ancient writers has considered to be one of the first blessings of life, 'Home Education'."

The Library's first significant acquisition was the collection of Joachim Nicolaus von Dessin, who bequeathed his books to the Dutch Reformed Church in 1761 to serve as the foundation of a public library. In 1820 the board of trustees decided to donate the Dessinian Collection to the new library. Other notable donations followed over the years, among others Sir George Grey who when he left South Africa in 1861 presented the Library with his remarkable personal collection of medieval and Renaissance manuscripts and rare books.

In 1873 the South African Public Library became a legal deposit library for the Cape Colony, and from 1916 it received all printed items published throughout the country. The Library continued as a legal deposit library until 1954, when this function was taken over by the City of Cape Town. From then on it began to develop its unique character as a national reference library devoted to research based on its extensive stock, with a concurrent name change in 1967 to the South African Library.

The State Library

The "Staats-Bibliotheek der Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek" (State Library of the South African Republic) came into being thanks to a donation of books from the Maatschappij der Nederlandsche Letterkunde. These books consisted of a complete library of Dutch works, mainly Dutch literature and language, to the Transvaal Republic's government. The first consignment of eight chests of books arrived in 1883, including a chest from the Dutch Bible Society. On 21 September 1887 the Transvaal government approved the constitution of the Staats-Bibliotheek.

As Pretoria began to grow in size, there arose a need for a public library. The first Pretoria Public Library had opened its doors in 1878, but because of ongoing financial problems was closed down in 1890. In 1893 strong public support and a collection of 700 saw another public library arise, this time under the wing of the Staats-Bibliotheek and with the book stock of the former Public Library. From that time onward until 1964, the State Library performed a dual role as public library and national library.

The first national librarian, the Afrikaans poet Jan Celliers, saw exchange agreements as a means of enriching the State Library's collections. The first exchange agreement was entered into in 1898 with the Smithsonian Institution of Washington in the United States. In terms of the agreement the State Library would receive all American official publications in exchange for two copies of each official publication of the South African republic.



From the early thirties under the guidance of the visionary national librarian Matthew Stirling, the State Library began to develop the character of a central library for South Africa, taking on functions such as striving for a national library lending system and a centre for bibliographical information.

Board of Directors of the National Library of South Africa



Ms E R Tise
(Chairperson)

- Ms Tise is currently the Senior Director of the Library and Information Services at the University of Stellenbosch.
- She was the President-Elect of IFLA (2007-2009) and then President from 2009-2011. She was also the first elected President of the Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) from 1998-2002.
- Ms Tise previously served as Director of SABINET Board from 2001-2007 and is on the SABINET Online Board from 2003 to date, Deputy Chair of the South African Library Leadership Programme Governing Committee 2001-2004, OCLC Member Council Delegate from October 2005-May 2008, and a member of the Access to Learning Award Advisory Committee 2007 – Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- She has served in the Governing Board and Executive Committee of IFLA between 2001 and 2005, the IFLA Free Access to information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Advisory Board 2003-2005 and the IFLA Africa Section Standing Committee 2001-2007. She has been Director of some of the largest academic libraries in the country for many years.

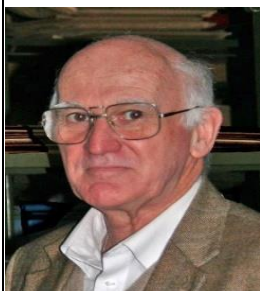
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ms Tise is an international figure and an embodiment of library excellence, and has made an immense contribution to the library and information sector (LIS) . |
|  <p>Mr L A O (Charles) Ebrahim</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mr Ebrahim is a businessman and currently self employed. He is an expert in finance and accounting and served as chair of the Finance Sub-committee of the past NLSA Board. Mr Ebrahim has previously served on SABINET Board, as well as NCLIS. Mr Ebrahim currently serves as the Steve Biko Academic Hospital Board member since 2002, Rhodes University Foundation Governor since 2000, ML Sultan Foundation Trustee since 2000 and was the Chairman of the SA Library & Information Trust in 2006. |
|  <p>Ms R Kalidass</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ms Kalidass is A qualified Chartered Accountant since 2005 and is currently the Managing Director of a firm of Chartered Accountants and Business Consultants, R Kalidass and Associates. •She is the former Chairperson of the Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA) Board. She is currently the Audit Committee Chairperson of the Mpumalanga Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation which is responsible for the provincial management of libraries. She is currently Board Member of the Mpumalanga Gambling Board (MGB) as well as Audit Committee Chairperson and member of various public sector organisations. •Ms Kalidass also serves as the Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the Mpumalanga Shared-Services Cluster comprising Office of the Premier, Department of Safety and Security, Department of Co-operative Governance and Department of Human Settlement •Previously Audit Committee positions she held include the Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Education, Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Health, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), Mpumalanga Gambling Board, In Komati, Catchment Management Agency (ICMA), Mpumalanga Economic |

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| | Growth Agency (MEGA), NEHAWU Investment Agency as well as the Ehlanzeni District Municipality. |
|  <p>Mr K D Madumo</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mr Madumo is currently the Strategic Executive Director at City of Tshwane. •Mr Madumo has over 15 years as senior executive in the sector. He served in the number of committees both at national and provincial government and has previously served as a council member for the Library and Information Association of South Africa. •Mr Madumo field of expertise include Human Resource Management, Strategic Management and General Management and Administration, PFMA, Legislation and ICT knowledge pertaining to LIS. |
|  <p>Mr J Morakile</p> | <p>Mr Jimmy Morakile is currently the Group Manager: Transformation at Business Connexion in Midrand. He is the Vice President: Information Technology Association (ITA) of South Africa, a member of the ITA Management Committee (MANCO), a member of the ITA Executive Committee, a member of the Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) Transformation Committee and Chairperson of the BUSA Sub-Committee: Skills Development and Employment Equity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mr Morakile previously served as a member of the Presidential BEE Advisory Council Sub-Committee: Skills Development and Employment Equity, the Divisional Manager: HR Transformation, Business Connexion, CSI Manager, Comparex Africa, and Programme Manager: ITBLP: PQ Africa. |
|  <p>Dr W P Rowland</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dr Rowland is currently the Honorary President for the SA National Council for the Blind. •Dr Rowland is the previous Chairperson of the SA Library for the Blind. He served on several public boards including SABC, .ZA Domain Name Authority and the University of Johannesburg. He also contributed to the drafting of the SA Library for the Blind Act. •Dr Rowland is also a Member of Council on Higher Education, Member of Council of National English Literary Museums (NELM), Member of the Advisory Panel of the National Film and Video Foundation and Trustee of South African Breweries Foundation. |
|  <p>Dr D S Selematsela</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dr Selematsela is currently Executive Director for Knowledge Management & Evaluation at the National Research Foundation. She previously championed the Electronic Thesis and Dissertations projects nationally. •She is also championing the National Digitisation Project funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. •Vice Chair of the UN Global Alliance for Enhancing Access to and Application of Scientific Data in Developing Countries (UNGAID e-SDDC) from 2008-2010 |



Prof L J Teffo

- Prof Teffo is a distinguished, highly respected and well published scholar and social scientist whose public commentary on political, legal and educational issues is insightful.
- He is currently the Head of Institute for African Renaissance Studies, UNISA. Prof Teffo has previously served on Library Committees in universities, now serving in 5 editorial boards and has presented several papers at the LIASA Conferences.
- He is a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee (DST) on IKS. He is also a member of North West Province Economic Advisory Committee and serving on two University Council and one FET college.
- Prof Teffo is also a member of the technical team drafting the Library Transformation Charter.



Mr P Coates

- Peter Coates is a retired librarian. He had a 36 year career on the staff of the National Library and its predecessor, the South African Library in Cape Town. He was previously employed on the rural library service of the Cape Provincial Library Service.
- After his retirement he continued his association with the National Library as editor of the Quarterly Bulletin and secretary to the Friends of the National Library until 2007.
- From 1996 to 1999 he was closely involved in the amalgamation process which led to the formation of the National Library of South Africa.
- He obtained a Master of Information Science degree on the subject of parliamentary publishing, and is currently preparing a PhD dissertation on the relationship between the South African Library and the Departments of Education, 1954-1994.
- The Library's vast collection of bound newspaper volumes fascinated him from the start of his career at the South African Library, and he has spent many years compiling detailed indexes in an ongoing project.
- Other interests include public transport, electricity and gas utilities, and pipe organs (of which he has two vintage instruments in his home at present).

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