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Art Development Programme for Greater Knysna

The Knysna Municipal Library Services hosted their Arts Development Programme Workshop, The Artists as a Story Teller from February 13 until 24 at the Rheenendal Library.

The workshop included basic 3D modelling and animation, creative arts and story book production training. The main aim of this initiative as to equip creative unemployed youth with the necessary skills that would assist them to become creative beyond the bound of our physical works, also known as The Real World

The training further aimed to empower the attendees to create an employment opportunity for themselves and others by empowering them to tell their own stories.

Mayoral Committee member: Community Services, Cllr Cathy Weideman said, “The artists, especially from poorer / disadvantaged communities are often faced with many difficulties, most importantly limited resources. I am delighted that youths from this community are afforded such opportunities that empower and provide them with necessary basic art skills.’

During the Basic 3D Modelling and Animation session, trainees were introduced to three facets of the 3D Software Suite. Firstly, the types of software and the software interface were covered. Secondly, workflow within the software was done. Lastly, the focus was on gender specific character modelling and animation.

The Creative Arts and Story Book Production training focused on the production of, two fully illustrated and coloured story books. All participants contributed to the production of the books, with each individual receiving set tasks to complete with a set deadline. Within one week, two stories were developed, written, illustrated, digitally coloured and completed.

“In Greater Knysna we have so many talented young people and ambitious artists who show a tremendous interest. The Art Development Programme continues for the next two months and will also take place in Hornlee, White Location and Smutsville”, Weideman concluded.

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