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Greater Knysna celebrates South African Library Week

The Knysna Municipality invited the public to participate in a number of programmes and activities at all Greater Knysna libraries in celebration of National Library Week, 19 – 25 March. These programmes and activities, aptly themed “Libraries Heart of the Community”, are for every member of the family aimed to educate, inspire and to reaffirm the role of libraries in an increasingly digital environment.

Mayoral Committee member and Community Services Chairperson, Councillor Shakespeare Arends, said “Libraries today are more than for books or research. Libraries are many things to many people; our municipal libraries work with many stakeholders such as students, small business owners, associations and the general public. Our libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of our community with access to its Media Centre's public computers and internet, Business corners, the Cape Access centre, just to name a few. Whatever your need or interest Greater Knysna libraries are at the heart of it all.”

National Library week celebrates the contributions of our countries libraries and library staff and to promote the wealth of resources and support the library offers. The library remains a great place to finding answers to questions, exploring the world and accessing information in the digital arena.

Residents of Greater Knysna are encouraged to participate in the several activities organised by Knysna Municipal Library Services as part of the National Library Week Celebrations. Activities include, Bookmark Drawing contest, tea and talk with author, Joan Frielick, live illustrations by Stanley Grootboom, Riverwood Library visit, story hour, story art day, plastic waste repurpose competition, colour game day etc.

For more information, (19 – 27 March, 09:00 – 17:30) visit your nearest library or Knysna Municipal website www.knysna.gov.za or follow our social media pages.

National Library Week is celebrated by libraries nationally each year as part of promoting library services as well as literacy and the benefits of reading. The week falls within the 20th of March and on this day in 1818 the South African Public Library was established in Cape Town which is now known as the National Library of South Africa. This particular week coincides with Human Rights Day on 21 March; and freedom of access to information is embedded in our Bill of Rights.

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