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### **Knysna celebrates South African Library Week**

Knysna Municipality proudly joins in observing South African Library Week during 14 – 21 March. This year's theme is *libraries for life-long learning*.

Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans, explained that the theme reflected the important role that libraries play in ensuring that all citizens have access to information. "The theme offers guidance on the role of libraries in the country and also fits into the objectives of ensuring that everyone has access to quality information. In addition, the theme emphasises the important and supportive contribution of libraries to educational, cultural and recreational needs."

Ms Wolmarans encouraged residents to visit their local libraries. "I encourage all residents to join and visit the library regularly. Make use of all of the resources on offer, or simply browse through the incredibly large selection to find your next literary escape. We should not only visit our libraries during Library Week, but on a regular basis. Membership in all our libraries is for free. As it is custom, library week is fine free week, library patrons are encouraged to return overdue library material. Let's encourage our children to read and understand the value of reading."

South African 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 20<sup>th</sup> of March and on this day in 1818 the South African Public Library was established in Cape Town and now it is currently known as the National Library of South Africa. Moreover, this particular week was chosen as Human Rights Day is commemorated on 21 March – and freedom of access to information is embedded in our Bill of Rights.

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