



## MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday 10 March 2015  
EMBARGO: Immediate

---

### **Knysna joins South African Library Week celebrations**

Knysna Municipality proudly joins in observing South African Library Week during 14 – 21 March. This year's theme is 'Connect @ your library'.

Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans explained that the theme reflected the fact that libraries connect people to each other. "More than that, libraries also connect people to knowledge and information as well as print and electronic resources. And it introduces people to technology through its public computers."

"Our libraries are places where students and researches can connect with not only all the published material they may require for their studies or to complete a project, but they have the information superhighway at their fingertips with access to public computers and the Internet," she continued. "Learners have access to a quiet space where they can complete homework assignments after school. And, of course, libraries connect all book lovers with a means of escaping the mundane with countless hours of free reading material and entertainment."

"But libraries would not be able to connect us to all of these things without the support of our professional librarians," said Wolmarans. "I'd like to thank them all for their dedication, but I would also like to join the Library and Information Association of South Africa in encouraging them to connect with each other across all sectors. Share your skills with one another and discuss and compare best practices, global trends and national priorities. You will soon see the emergence of a strong band of professionals who share the aim of developing an informed nation of library patrons."

"Of course we have to remember that libraries are of little use when they are not used," Wolmarans concluded. "And so 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. Not only during South African Library Week, but every week thereafter."

**ENDS**

**Knysna Municipality Communications Department**  
P O Box 21. Knysna. 6570. Western Cape. South Africa  
Tel +27 (0)44 302 6300 (switchboard) or 302 6471 (direct)  
Fax +27 (0)86 215 4818 e-mail [communications@knysna.gov.za](mailto:communications@knysna.gov.za)