

News Flash

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Knowledge is Power, Visit Your Library

Libraries have always played a role in education, be it a school, academic, public or special library. In the current environment in which we operate, the public library has, for example, largely fulfilled a school library role to fill the gap left by the lack of school libraries. Apart from the “formal” role that libraries play in this arena, they have also always played an informal role in the education of our communities. The concept of lifelong learning is one embodied in all libraries especially public and community libraries. The fact that any person, young or old, rich or poor, employed or unemployed, can walk into a library and find information (in both electronic and traditional formats) to educate and enrich themselves, is one of the major plusses in the favour of libraries.

Therefore colleagues are encouraged to use the in-house library services to educate themselves. Among other information sources available in the library are audio visuals, books, newspapers, e-journals etc.

As part of the South African Library Week(16 – 23 March 2013) under the theme, **Educate Yourself @ your library**, the unit Knowledge and Innovation Management recently held a workshop to educate staff about the usage of library and in particular the usage of the Southern African Bibliographic Network (SABINET). The purpose of the workshop was to raise awareness about SABINET database and assist staff in searching and how to use the system correctly and effectively. Following are the step to follow when using SABINET:

Visit home page: www.dpw.limpopo.gov.za

- Click intranet link
- Key in your user name (surname and initials) and persal number
- Click login
- Click Links
- Select and click Library
- Library home page
- Select and click DATABASE(SABINET)
- Click on SA e publications as the portal of your choice
- Search collection using key words linked by Boolean logic operators (AND,OR,NOT)
- Click submit
- Click on Full Text icon to view the article

Mr. Dikotla Maoka of KIM unit explained during the workshop that in line with international trends, the Library subscribes to Electronic Full Text Database called SABINET. “This database provides access to a considerable number of academic, peer-reviewed journals via the Internet. This allows clients to have access to the information 24/7 without having to physically visit the library”, Maoka explained.

The departmental library strives to provide the right information at the right time in the right format! One on-one-training sessions are also provided please contact your Librarians to book for your training.

Remember the past and celebrate the future on Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day (21 March) was officially declared as a public holiday in 1994, following the inauguration of former President Nelson Mandela, on this day we are called upon to remember where we have been and where would never want to be again. This day is a stark reminder of the tragic Sharpeville massacre and the celebration of South African's unique constitutions which gives equal right to all.

Today, the South African constitution protects individuals rights like:

- The right to move freely without a pass book
- Citizens are entitled to basic human dignity
- Everyone has the right to life.
- No one may be subjected to slavery, servitude or forced labour

Everyone has the right to privacy, which includes the right not to have -

- their person or home searched;
- their property searched;
- their possessions seized; or
- The privacy of their communications infringed.
- Everyone has the right to freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief and opinion

Freedom of expression

- Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, which includes -
- freedom of the press and other media;
- freedom to receive or impart information or ideas;
- freedom of artistic creativity; and
- academic freedom and freedom of scientific research

Freedom of association

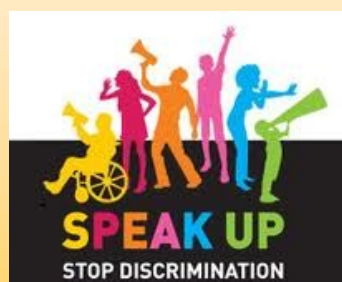
- Everyone has the right to freedom of association.

Freedom of movement and residence

- Everyone has the right to freedom of movement.
- Everyone has the right to leave the Republic.
- Every citizen has the right to enter, to remain in and to reside anywhere in, the Republic.

• Every citizen has the right to a passport
And more in the country's democracy and just as the constitution is our supreme law, and no laws may be passed that go against it, the bill of rights is the corner stone of democracy enduring affirmation of the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom in our country. There's basically more to this day than just celebrating freedom, we are also celebrating the lives of the hero's that fell down before us, for us to be where we are today. Let us celebrate our history in a happy way, by cherishing the memories of where we come from as will never go back
Human Rights Day one of the representation of SA's achievements

Additional Source: Internet



KNOW YOUR HEALTH STATUS... MANAGE IT...



Mr Phatudi motivating the officials

Employee Wellness Unit hosted yet another informative and awareness day for the Head Office staff on 18 March 2013, Works Tower. Maybe we should use this platform to thank the unit for arranging these events. To be honest, majority if not all of us, hardly find an opportunity to go to the clinic or doctor for medical screening or visit a financial advisor or even find a minute in our busy schedule to listen to a motivational speaker. Whereas when unit such as Employee Wellness bring the same services to us, FREE of charge we make excuses. Just to update you all, the activities for the day included:

- Motivational Speaker: Mr. Reece Phatudi
- Free eye screening by an optometric
- Financial Management by Ms. Christine Jacobs of Discovery
- Wellness screening e.g. HCT, BP, cholesterol, body Mass Index etc. by GEMS
- Physical fitness by Virgin Active
- Demonstration on how female condoms are used by Departmental Peer Educators
- Neck massage

Motivational Speaker: Mr. Reece Phatudi

Mr. Phatudi is the Founding Pastor of Home of Love Ministry. He encouraged staff to live to the departmental value of Happy People. He indicated



Tendani Ligege doing a BP test

ed that by being happy staff can be able to achieve their goals.

Financial Management by Ms. Christine Jacobs of Discovery

Ms. Jacobs made a presentation that was mostly about the benefits of Discovery. With her were Discovery partners Virgin Active and Clicks. From the presentation she highlighted benefits which their medical aid, life covers, investments, retirement plans and rewards members receives such as money back guarantee when buying from Discovery partners.

Demonstration on how female condoms are used by Departmental Peer Educators Ms. Mosima Masenya and Ms. Mahlodi Molema

The main idea of this kind of demonstration was to encourage the use of female condom as a method of preventing both pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. Another factor was to encourage women to encourage their male counterparts to use condoms. Many governments and non-governmental organizations provide condoms (both male and female) for free as part of their HIV prevention and family planning programmes.



Vho-Alinah doing an eye test.



Fitness instructor demonstrating fitness activity to Ms. Belinda Chabalala



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Happy people

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