



Make our heritage **mobile**

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South Africa boasts a legacy of a diverse collection of cultures which is flourishing in our new democracy. We need to acknowledge and learn about the various cultural and religious groups that make up our nation and there is no better place to achieve this than in your library.

As Heritage Day is on 24 September we have created a display of mobiles which will afford librarians the opportunity to 'advertise' items that feature various cultures. Mobiles constantly move in the air currents, and this action tends to draw people to them.

Firstly we selected the logos of five major

religious groups and made a mobile of them. These were particularly suitable for a circular format. The colours were chosen to give each one the traditional colours associated with that religion:

- Red represents African Traditional religion
- Purple represents Christianity
- Yellow represents Hinduism
- Blue represents Judaism
- Green represents Islam.

In order to create contrast we also made a square mobile using the wording of the National Anthem.

The four verses appear in this order:

1. isiXhosa, 2. seSotho, 3. Afrikaans, 4. English.

Using the colours of our National Flag, we gave each verse a square of colour and on the reverse placed the musical score.

To assemble the mobiles you can use a needle and thread to join them in the centre at the top and bottom of each segment. Leave a centimetre between them so that they hang freely to catch the breeze.

Combine the two contrasting mobiles with various coloured boxes and as much information you can gather together and create a bumper display for this special Heritage Day on 24 September 2004. Have fun celebrating the diverse cultural heritage of South Africa in this 10th year of democracy.

Source

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