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## REDAKSIONEEL EDITORIAL

# Kerswense Christmas wishes



Die verwonderende vreugde op die gesigte van klein kinders wanneer hul hulself inleef in 'n storie tydens 'n storie-uur by die openbare biblioteek, of op die skoot van 'n storieverteller; is 'n besonderse ervaring. Diegene wat dit al beleef het, sal saamstem. Almal, vir wie lees 'n gerekende aktiwiteit is, ken ook daardie heerlike gevoel van terugblik, begrip, ordening van emosie en tevredenheid wanneer 'n goeie boek toegemaak word nadat jy dit klaar gelees het. Hierdie is die groot vreugde van lees en die wêrelde wat dit vir ons oopmaak - kind sowel as volwassene.

Kersfees 2005 het aangebreek. Dit is tyd waarin die meeste van ons asem sal skep in die besige gewoel van ekonomiese, sosiale en persoonlike aktiwiteite. Vir sommige net 'n kort vinnige asemteug en vir ander 'n langer, rustiger een. Kersdag is die simbool van liefde, hoop en vrede vir ons gebore. Dit is die dag waarop sovele mense binne hul eie persoonlike omgewing die gees van Kersfees probeer vasvang en ervaar. My wens is dat ons almal een of meer spesiale boeke, vanuit ons openbare biblioteke of elders, saam met ons in Kerstdag sal inneem, nie net om hierdie gees van liefde, hoop en vrede te versterk nie, maar ook om die vreugde van die Kerstdag verder te klee.

'n Vreugdevolle Kersfees en 'n baie voorspoedige nuwe jaar word almal toegewens en in die besonder, openbare biblioteekpersoneel, lesers en boekliefhebbers.

**S**eeing children's faces light up with awe and wonderment when they lose themselves in a story at a public library during story hour or whilst sitting on the lap of a story-teller, is an amazing experience. Those who have been fortunate enough to be present during such an occasion, will no doubt agree.

Regular readers have also experienced that wonderful feeling of reflection, understanding, emotional restfulness and satisfaction on turning the last page of a good book. These are the immense pleasures of reading and the worlds it opens to adults and children alike.

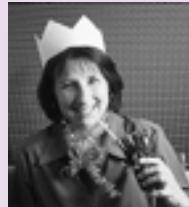
The Christmas season is upon us - a period during which most of us take some time out from the daily grind of economic, social and personal activities. For some it may be only a fleeting break and for the more fortunate, an extended peaceful one.

Christmas day symbolises love, hope and peace. It is the day on which many people strive to capture the spirit of goodwill within their personal environments. It is my wish that you all enter the Christmas journey accompanied by a special book or two, either from our libraries or elsewhere - not only to strengthen our belief in love, hope and peace but also to colour the joy of the Christmas spirit.

A sacred and joyful Christmas and a prosperous new year is extended to all with special good wishes to public librarians, readers and book lovers.



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*Vrede en vreugde aan almal...  
die span*



*Peace and joy to all...  
the team*