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EDITORIAL • INQAKU LOMHLELI

For the first time ever South Africa and more particularly, Cape Town played host to a book fair of international proportions. A momentous occasion it was for sure and judging by the extensive press coverage it received as well as from personal reports, Cape Town can hold its head high. Our roving correspondent Rheina Epstein undertook to cover the event for the Cape Librarian. Enjoy her discussion on page 10 which I can assure readers captures the essence of what was truly a memorable affair.

This year also sees the commemoration of the lives of two great artists. NP van Wyk Louw, a literary genius whose 100th year celebration is this year (page 18) and the famed Dutch master painter, Rembrandt, for whom it is 400 years since his birth (page 42). Much more can be said than is allowed by our space. We trust, however, that you are inspired to share with your patrons the related information of these two extremely talented people.

Although the annual Library Week celebrations seem like a distant memory, a reminder that it takes a while for the contributions of participating libraries to reach us - hence our report back that always only appears in our July/August issue. Our photographic 'report' of activities on page 13 barely touches on the tremendous efforts and thoughtful planning that preceded activities during this week by dedicated library staff across the board. It was a wonderful occasion and the many happy faces seem to be an appropriate response to this year's Faces theme.

Don't miss out on our display ideas for the forthcoming religious celebrations, viz Ramadhan and Deepavali (pages 38 and 41) and we trust that you all made the most of the striking Women's Day poster sent to all in celebration of Women's Day this year.

Finally, you will have noticed that we are introducing a third language, Xhosa. At first it will be a gradual process and is at this stage limited to headings but we soon hope to receive Xhosa contributions as well as bringing you our own Xhosa articles. In the next issue you will be introduced to the team of translators, our colleagues from the Western Cape Language Committee.

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Vir die eerste keer in die geskiedenis het Suid-Afrika en meer in die besonder, Kaapstad, vanjaar as gasheer vir 'n grootskaalse boekfees met internasionale insette opgetree. Te oordeel aan die uitgebreide en positiewe persdekking asook van wat verneem word uit persoonlike gesprekke was dit voorwaar 'n wonderlike gebeurtenis en kan Kaapstad sy kop met trots omhoog hou. Ons geredel korrespondent, Rheina Epstein het onderneem om ons waarnemer by die fees te wees en ons kan u verseker dat haar verslag op bladsy 10 lesers 'n persoonlike smakie gee van wat werklik 'n noemenswaardige gebeurtenis was.

Vanjaar is ook die jaar van verering van twee groot geeste in die kunswêreld. Die literêre reus NP van Wyk Louw (bladsy 18) se honderdste asook die Hollandse ou meester, Rembrandt (bladsy 42) wie se 400ste verjaardagherdenking dit is. Baie meer kan oor hierdie twee uiters talentvolle mense geskryf word as waarvoor ons ruimte het, maar ons hoop dat dit wat ons u bied genoeg inspirasie sal wees om met u gebruikers te deel.

Biblioteekweekvieringe voel omrent soos iets ver in die verlede, maar in werklikheid neem dit 'n rukkie om al die bydraes van deelnemende biblioteke bymekaar te kry – daarom dat ons altyd eers terugvoering in ons Julie/Augustus uitgawe doen. Ons fotografiese 'verslag' van aktiwiteite op bladsy 13 is maar 'n druppel in die emmer van die intense voorbereiding en inspirende aktiwiteite wat gedurende hierdie week deur toegewye personeel oraloor aangebied is. Te oordeel aan die talle glimlaggende gesigte het die Gesigte tema skynbaar groot byval gevind / was die tema 'n wenner

Moet ook nie die uitslafwense ter viering van die komende godsdiestige herdenkings van Ramadhan en Deepavali misloop nie (bladsy 38). En ons vertrou dat u die Vrouedagplakkaat wat vroeër aan almal versend is met vrug kon benut tydens die herdenking van Vrouedag.

Ten slotte is ons besig met die infasering van 'n derde taal, Xhosa. Ons begin op klein skaal met slegs opskrifte maar hoop om binnekort bydraes in Xhosa te ontvang en om artikels te publiseer. In die volgende uitgawe stel ons u bekend aan ons kollegas, die vertalingspan van die Wes-Kaapse Taalkomitee.

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