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Aangesien ons tydskrif slegs twee-maandeliks verskyn, klink dit dalk afgesaag om iets oor die FIFA Sokkervêrdebeker te skryf omdat dit lankal iets van die verlede is. Maar dan loop ek die gevaar dat lesers moontlik die verkeerde boodskap kry, byvoorbeeld, dat ek geen belang gehad het nie by hierdie wonderlike geleentheid wat ons land met so'n warm-om-die-hart-gevoel verenig het, of dat ek dalk landuit was. Wel, nie een van die twee is waar nie. Inteendeel, ek was hart en siel deel daarvan - ampelik en nie-ampelik - en dit was deur en deur 'n ongelooflike ervaring. (Ek het inderdaad reeds in 'n vorige rubriek die onderwerp aangeraak.) Ons Biblioteekweektema, *Lees die spel... wen @ jou biblioteek*, was op sokker gebaseer asook alle relevante promosiemateriaal - ons kantoor was dus heeltemel in pas met wat daar buite gebeur het. Die atmosfeer in die Moederstad, die pasgerestoureerde stasie, die 'fan parks' en opwindende 'fan walks', ons pragtige stadion - ek het dit alles gesien en ervaar; dinees bygewoon waarvan die tema van die spyskaarte sowel as die dékor; sokker was - om op te som, alles rondom die geleentheid was besonders. En natuurlik, ons bibliotekaris - gee hulle 'n spesiale geleentheid - en jy's verseker dat hulle met iets innoverend voordag sal kom. Elders in die tydskrif (bladsy 17) verskyn foto's van uitstallings en aktiwiteite met 'n sokkertema wat voor en tydens Biblioteekweek plaasgevind het. Net 'n laaste woord oor die onderwerp - ek kan nie anders as om met die stelling van Premier Helen Zille in 'n voorbladartikel van 'n plaslike koerant saam te stem dat ons agterna met 'n sokkerbabaas gaan sit nie - dit is wel so. Maar, soos sy terg ook gesê het, baie positiewe dinge sal daaruit voortspruit en dit is ook waar!

Nog 'n positiewe gebeurtenis is die beplande nuwe stelsel, Brocade, waarna biblioteke aan die einde van die jaar gaan oorskakel. Alhoewel die oorskakeling sekerlik ietwat van 'n nagmerrie-ervaring vir baie sal wees, sal die voordele die nadele beslis oorskadu. Op bladsy 12 bespreek Assistantdirekteur: Tegniese Dienste, Bradley Meyer, etlike vrae oor die stelsel en die implementering daarvan.

Die tweede bydrae van Boekkeurder Stanley Jonck oor die Dienst se uitgebreide aankope van Afrikaanse romans en kortprosa verskyn op bladsy 26. Dit sorg vir heerlike leesstof en laat mens weereens met 'n lang lys van 'boeke wat ek moet lees voordat ek doodgaan'.

Vir ons flikentoesiate is daar op bladsy 47 'n indiepte bespreking deur Alexander van der Poll, ('n korrespondent wat ons dikwels vermaak met sy interessante bydraes oor die filmwêreld), oor die A-Z van hoe om te werk te gaan om 'n eie volledige videobiblioteek op die been te bring.

Diabetes! Baie meer mense as wat die man-op-straat dink ly aan hierdie siekte. Op bladsy 51 bied Olivia Forshaw, ons grafiese kunstenaar, 'n uitstalling aan om hierdie onderwerp aan te spreek. Dit, tesame met die promosiemateriaal wat onlangs aan biblioteke versend is, behoort gebruikers meer bewus van hierdie siekte te maak.

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