Exploring Saldanha Bay Region

Saldanha Bay Municipality

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The Saldanha Bay Municipality covers the towns of Vredenburg, Saldanha, Hopefield, Langebaan, St Helena Bay and Paternoster. The Library Services Department forms part of the Directorate: Community Services. There are ten libraries in this department: Diazville, Harold Krumm, Hopefield, Laingville, Langebaan, Louwville, Paternoster, Saldanha, St Helena Bay and Vredenburg. During the 2011/2012 financial year a new central library for Vredenburg will be completed and Vredenburg and Louwville libraries will amalgamate.

Diazville Library

Diazville Library is located in Diazville in Saldanha. There are four staff members: Bettie van Kolver, librarian; Louise Vraagom, assistant librarian; S Nongadlela, library assistant (Conditional Grant); and Rita Yon, library aid.

Since the beginning of 2011 the library also forms part of the Information and Communication (ICT) project. The staff have regular story hours and put on the most beautiful displays. The library is open every weekday from 10:00-17:00, except on Tuesdays when the hours are 14:00-17:00.

Membership: 2010: 4,560
Circulation: (2009/2010): 84,199

Harold Krumm Library

Harold Krumm is located in Langebaan North. It is a small library with only one full-time staff member, assistant librarian Cathy Samuels and an aid, J Stringer, who assists once a week.

Story hours are held on Friday afternoons. The users are also part of the book group of Langebaan. The library is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 14:00-17:30.

Membership: 2010: 480
Circulation: 2010: 6,999

Paternoster Library

Located in Paternoster the library is small with only two staff members: Luanca Engelbrecht, assistant librarian and Z Pharo, library aid (Conditional Grant).

Since the beginning of 2011 Paternoster is also part of the ICT project.

The library is open every weekday from 14:00-17:00, except on Wednesdays, and regular story hours are held.

Membership: 2010: 853
Circulation: 2010: 8,333

Hopefield Library

Hopefield Library serves the Hopefield community. They have a total of five staff members: Charmaine Wyngaard, librarian; Gaynore Stevens, assistant librarian; Anel Maarman, assistant librarian; Matty du Plessis, acting library assistant (Conditional Grant); and Marshia Louw, library aid (Conditional Grant).

They have regular story hours and do very creative displays. Open hours are every weekday from 9:30-17:30, except on Tuesdays when the hours are 14:00-17:30.

Membership: 2010: 3,835
Circulation: 2010: 99,145

Laingville Library

Laingville Library is located in Laingville in St Helena Bay. It is a small library with only two staff members: Nadia Afrika, assistant librarian and Jackie Griffiths, library aid.

They have regular activity programmes and entertain users with interesting video shows. Open hours are:

Mondays	10:00-13:00	14:00-17:30
Tuesdays		14:00-17:30
Wednesdays	9:00-13:00	14:00-17:30
Thursdays		14:00-17:30
Fridays	9:30-13:00	14:00-17:30.

Membership: 2010: 2,782
Circulation: 2010: 22,256

Langebaan Library

This library is located in Langebaan and has three staff members: Lize Sadie, librarian; Celien Valentyn, assistant librarian; and J Stringer, library aid.

The staff have regular story hours and support a very lively book group. They are open from Mondays to Fridays from 9:30-16:30 and every Saturday from 9:00-12:00

except for the first Saturday of each month.

Membership: 2010: 3,681
Circulation: 2010: 58,040

Saldanha Library

This library is located in Saldanha and has five staff members: Nolu Cebisa, librarian; Sally Vigo, assistant librarian; E Oor, assistant librarian; Joan de Koker, acting library assistant (Conditional Grant); and Yoliswa Ndlela, library aid.

Regular story hours are held and their displays always attract attention. They are open every weekday from 10:00-18:00 except for Tuesdays when they are open from 14:00-18:00. They are also open every Saturday from 9:00-12:00.

Membership: 2010: 3,004
Circulation: 2010: 81,231

Louwville Library

Louwville Library is located in Louwville in Vredenburg. Four staff members see to the needs of the community: Ella Kordom, librarian; Nathalie Love, assistant librarian; Evelyn Floris, library assistant (Conditional Grant); and S Miggel, library aid.

Every Wednesday afternoon is story hour and a chess club meeting is held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. They also have a knitting programme combined with a book group meeting during the winter. One of their outreach programmes is the donation of products to local charity organisations. Opening hours are weekdays from 10:00-17:00, except on Tuesdays when the hours are from 14:00-17:00.

Membership: 2010: 3,448
Circulation: 2010: 65,742

Vredenburg Library

Vredenburg is the largest library in the area with a staff of seven: Joan Maart, librarian; Sandra Cleophas, assistant librarian; J Bester, assistant librarian; Zikhona Madinga, assistant librarian; Lindelwa Kubashe, library assistant (Conditional Grant); M Thurling, acting library assistant (Conditional Grant); and Yandiswa Daweti, library aid.

They have regular story hours and also provide a weekly service to the local old-age home. There is also usually more than

one display in the library. They are open every weekday from 10:00-18:00, except on Tuesdays when they are open from 14:00-18:00. They are also open on Saturdays from 9:30-12:30.

Membership: 2010: 11,250
Circulation: 2010: 116,593

St Helena Bay Library

This small library with its two staff members is located in St Helena Bay. Theresa Theart, the assistant librarian and Janey Pietersen, the library aid, have regular activity programmes and displays. They also support a growing book group. Open hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 14:00-17:30 and Wednesdays: 9:00-12:00 and 14:00-17:30.

Membership: 2010: 940
Circulation: 2010: 17,827

▲ Colourful bookshelves with ample space for displays make the children's section in Paternoster Library a delight to visit

▼ The Paternoster Library is housed in a typical West Coast-style building

▼ Striking displays are a regular feature in Diazville Library

▲ Comfortable chairs entice visitors to enjoy the tranquil cool blue atmosphere in Diazville Library

▲ Bhuki inspired many a library to reproduce and display their own. Here such an example is on show in the children's section of Diazville Library

◀ *Youth Day celebrations at Hopefield Library featured our national icon, Nelson Mandela*

▶ *A colourful Youth Day display - just one of the many displays often seen in Saldanha Library*

▲ *Saldanha Library's planners thought of everything - access for wheel chairs is one of the examples*

▲ *Interesting displays greet visitors to Hopefield Library*

▼ *Happy and cheerful is the message users get when they enter Louwville Library*

▲ *Young users make extensive use of the facilities at Saldanha Library*

▼ *Well-organised and neat is Laingville Library's motto. Soft blue carpets lend an air of tranquility to the library*

▲ *A comfortable area for studying and other activities at Louwville Library*

▲ *Top and above: Vredenburg Library has the largest staff complement in the area. Services to old-age homes and regular displays are just a few aspects of their many activities*

▲ *Seen on the right is the children's area where many a child vies to sit on the cute blue and pink chairs at Langebaan Library. The large counter area ensures a comfortable flow for borrowers*

◄ *At St Helena Library chess players can pit their skills against each other*

▼ *Countless children's books attract young users to St Helena's children's section*

▲ *Piketberg Biblioteek se pragtige vooraansig maak 'n mens sommer lus om die gebou binne te gaan*

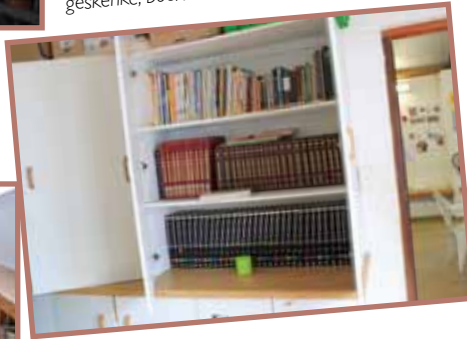▼ *LB Wernich Biblioteek spog met gereelde programme vir die jongspan*

▲ *Eendekuil Biblioteek bedien tans 729 lede en tydens vakansietye gons dit in hierdie biblioteek*

▼ *Goedgedacht Biblioteek wat oorspronklik met geskenke, boeke en ou skoolboeke begin is*

▲ *Gebruikers geniet dit om LB Wernich Biblioteek te besoek*

▲ *Heelbo: Redelinghuys Biblioteek waar hondjies ook welkom is. Onder: Redelinghuys Biblioteek van buite gesien*

▶ *Velddrif Biblioteek voorsien die gemeenskap in hierdie lieflike vissersdorpie van leesstof en ander ontspanningsmateriaal. Vir ander is daar ook 'n rekenaar-afdeling om van gebruik te maak*

◄ *Aurora Biblioteek in die rustige Sandveld. Gebruikers kan heerlik ontspan in hierdie klein, maar populêre biblioteek*