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The elections scheduled to take place on 14 April 2004 present a valuable opportunity to inform library users about the persons involved in the formation of democracy in South Africa. We have produced an A3-size poster of the South African flag which will reach all libraries soon, if not already. This should help you to create an inexpensive, easy display for this event.

In the example featured, the poster forms the focal point of the display and by using the colours of the flag as emphasis, you can achieve a colourful display with a strong democratic appearance.

We were able to find good, clear pictures from books in stock on our chosen personalities, which were enlarged on a photocopier.

## A celebration of democracy

These were then stuck onto boxes of varying proportions which were covered with paper in the colours of the flag. The boxes can be used again in other displays, therefore, you must stick the pictures on with Prestik and remember to place sellotape on the back to avoid a greasy mark.

The headline lettering has been kept simple but bold, which is ideal for librarians with minimal time. Again the use of the colours carries through the flag theme. For those who wish to add more text, it is advisable to

use a contrasting colour, for example, if your background is black, try white or yellow lettering. The use of a black background creates a strong contrast to the flag colours and adds a dramatic effect. Add suitable books and videos to the display.

### How to display the flag

When the flag is displayed vertically against a wall, the red band should be to the left of the viewer with the hoist on the cord seam at the top; when it is displayed horizontally, the hoist should be to the left of the viewer and the red band at the top. When the flag is displayed next to or behind the speaker at a meeting, it must be placed to the speaker's right. When it is placed elsewhere in the meeting place, it should be to the right of the audience.

Source: *South African Yearbook 2001/2*