

Toys bring joy



Children in Khayelitsha celebrated International Children's Day 2005 with a library of new educational toys donated by the City of Cape Town.

The Toy Library opened in the Moses Mabhida Library in Site C and will allow parents and teachers to borrow educational toys, such as puzzles and CDs, free of charge.

The project is designed to meet the needs of early childhood development centres in Khayelitsha that struggle to provide material for their children.

Gert Bam, the city's director of social development, said toys were crucial in the holistic development of a child. 'We are aiming this service at early childhood centres to ensure that more children have access to these resources. At the same time, more people will be exposed to the wide range of library services offered by the city,' Bam said. The centre is the 10th city facility to offer a Toy Library. '(We) have committed R100 000 towards the purchase of equipment to be rotated among the libraries,' Bam said.

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