

# Racy Readers in Twilight Run



*Left: Enthusiastic staff representing more than 20 libraries turned up en masse for the run*

*Below left: You couldn't miss the library staff in their bright and cheerful gear*



printed specifically to keep the participants informed about the event. **Libraries voice** also carried a competition whereby participants could vote for their favourite name under which the libraries' teams would enter the run. Racy Readers was the final choice.

Library staff met and socialised at the libraries' hospitality stand in the Artscape Gardens before and after the twilight run.

Banners and T-shirts depicting the message that libraries are at the heart of communities could be seen everywhere. Hundreds of library goodies (bags, stickers, bookmarks) were handed out to an appreciative public.

The event took place in ideal weather, neither too hot nor too cold, and a surprising lack of wind. As the twilight run is largely a social event, one does not need to be fit to participate. Young and old, large and small, enjoyed the 4,5km leisurely stroll through the streets of Cape Town. Colourful characters, in even more colourful costumes, provided much entertainment along the way. The last lap ended up in picturesque Adderley Street, where the Christmas lights added to the festive spirit.

The event brought out a generous spirit in many. Donations by the Friends of Fish Hoek Library, Grassy Park Library, Tokai Library and an anonymous donor helped to cover some of the costs. A raffle also raised some funds. A lucky number was drawn immediately after the race. Ursula Basson (Retreat Library) won a wonderful hamper consisting of foot pamper products and chocolates.

It was heartening to see so many library staff taking part in the event. City of Cape Town Director of Social Development, Gert Bam, was also there to lend his support. Next year, with more time, and hopefully, more resources, we hope to have something even more spectacular with librarians from all over the Western Cape taking part. See you there!

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Librarian, Grassy Park Library

Library staff from all over Cape Town gathered on Tuesday, 29 November at the Artscape Gardens to participate in the Community Chest Twilight team run. This was the first time ever that local libraries took part in an event of this nature, so it was a great achievement that we could enter 15 teams consisting of 90 library staff members representing more than 20 libraries. Staff from the following libraries took part in the action: Grassy Park, Hangberg; Plumstead; Fish Hoek; Lotus River; Muizenberg; Retreat; Tokai; Ottery; Belhar; Southfield; Mables; Pelican Park; Bellville; Huguenot Square; Bothasig; Durbanville; Delft; Hanover Park; Rylands; Central; and Muizenberg - administrative staff from the Western Cape Provincial Library Service (WCPLS) and Centre for the Book also supported the event.

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