

◆ POST-BAG

Apology not 'found art'

Referring to the article pasted on the Cape Gateway web site regarding 'Found Art!' mention is made about a shop called Newly Defined being that of 'found art'!

I would like to change that and set the record straight in that certain pieces in the shop I have sourced, not found - for a particular reason - and the remaining pieces are that of my own design/creation and refurbishment.

Should it be 'found' my shop would then look like the house in Palmer Road that is also referred to as 'found art' (and that it is) and my shop would also not have a name as Newly Defined - I am not a junk shop.

Do you not think it would have been better to have introduced yourself to me and ask questions regarding my work instead of making up names and descriptions for certain objects that give a completely different outlook as to what I do?

Glen Napier

Newly Defined - on Atlantic

We approached the author of the article, Marianne Elliott, Regional Librarian, Southern Region for comment:

On the mentioned tour through Muizenberg we looked at the objects through the Newly Defined shop window while the 'guide' explained what the shop was about. I would like to apologise to Mr Napier for not getting first hand information from him and creating the impression that his shop is a 'junk shop'. That was definitely not my intention.

◆ PEOPLE

Praise for Barrydale

The following comment was published in *The New Barrydale Times*, Spring 2007 (p.12).

'A word of appreciation for Rina, the gentle lady who runs our library neat and precise like a swiss clock. Not only thanks to her, Barrydale's library, far from being rigid

and austere as libraries often are, is an alive and friendly place where it is always pleasant to spend some time. All our thanks.'

Ronel Mouton

Librarian, Swellendam Region

Comments such as these make the slog worthwhile - well done Barrydale. ED

Moving on

Phakama Mlumbi was transferred to a librarian post in the Provincial Archive and Record Service, Roeland Street, during September 2007.

Phakama has a B.Bibl qualification from the University of the Western Cape. She



started in the Library Service's Cataloguing Section as a library assistant in January 1999 and was subsequently appointed to a librarian post in the section in May 2001.

She has always been willing to take on extra tasks

outside of the confines of her post - she has been a Library Service representative on the Departmental HIV/AIDS Committee for nearly four years, as well as a Departmental representative for the Provincial Employee AIDS Programme (PEAP).

We hope she will enjoy her new work at the Archives, and are pleased that she is still going to be part of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, so we are not really saying goodbye to her.

Assistant Director Tessa Caroline, who had a close working relationship with Phakama, had this to say:

'I'm so thrilled that you found a position where you

will be able to learn new aspects of library work. I hope that this job at the Archives will be right up your alley.

'You came into the Departmental HIV & Aids committee as my back-up, but quickly took over and reduced me to a very inefficient backbencher! That showed me that you could be successful at anything. I will still see you around at the committee's monthly meetings and of course at Departmental happenings. Uwonwabele umsebenzi wakho omtsha.'

Estelle Jacobsen

Librarian, Cataloguing

◆ BIBLIOTEKE

Minister besoek biblioteke

Gedurende Julie vanjaar het die minister van Kultuursake en Sport, mnr Whitey Jacobs tydens 'n besoek aan Hessequa Munisipaliteit ook by verskeie ander biblioteke persoonlike besoeke afgelê.

Onder: Mnr Claude Scroeder (adjunk munisipale bestuurder, Hessequa) Burgemeester Chris Taute, Melony Cloete (Riversdal Biblioteek,) Raadslid Nontobeka Stride en Mnr Jacobs by die oorhandiging van Wheelie Wagons vir Vondeling en Vermaaklikheid in die Hessequa Munisipaliteit.



Harry Potter koors in Heidelberg



Heidelberg Biblioteek se bibliotekaris, Suzette Coetzee, met die waglys vir die nuutste **Harry Potter**



Die personeel van Meulstraat Biblioteek in Paarl het in November hulle algemene jaarvergadering gehou en was bevoorreg om plaaslike joernalis en rubriekskrywer van Van alle kante in **Die Burger**, Maureen Joubert, as gasspreker te hê. Hier verskyn (vlnr) Ina Nel, Amarie le Roux, Maureen Joubert en voorsitter van die Vriende, Martie Kruger

Eye on the money

Local Milnerton author, Terry Crawford-Browne, a former banker with Nedbank, dared to question why South Africa needed such massive arms deals. The answer was simple: in any arms deal the commissions are huge. At a very informative meeting held in the Milnerton Library Auditorium on 3 October 2007, he discussed his recently



Vrouedag seëvier in Mosselbaaistreek se biblioteke

Interessante uitstallings met vroue as die tema is in 'n hele paar biblioteke in die streek aangebied. Hier is Hartenbos se uitstalling. (Foto's van uitstallings gehou in Albertinia en Riversdal se biblioteke verskyn op bladsy 7.)



Boekwa lê besoek af

Gedurende Oktober het Streekbibliotekaris Alida Zandberg en van haar personeel vir die eerste keer in dekades met die boekwa besoek by Paarl Biblioteek afgelê. Dit was 'n groot aardigheid en bo verskyn van die personeel (vlnr): Una Engelbrecht, Amarie le Roux, Ina Nel, Adeelah Whatney, Thalia Davids, Rosemary Victor, Desiré Fourie en Kurt Kleynhans - saam met Smittie.

Die boekwa-besoek was ook Alida se laaste amptelike besoek aan dié biblioteek waar daar van haar afskeid geneem is. Hier staan Alida saam met die waarnemende hoof van die Drakensteinse Biblioteekdiens, Amarie le Roux.



published book **Eye on the money: one man's crusade against corruption**, and also spoke about his life and his multi-faceted career as an international banker and peace activist. Crawford-Browne has become a much sought-after speaker since his book has been published, and has also done several radio interviews.

Terry Crawford-Browne resigned from his managerial position in the Nedbank group

to become an advisor to Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the South African Council of Churches on the international banking sanctions campaign against apartheid during the 1980s. He dedicated his book to his wife, Lavinia, who has been Tutu's personal assistant for the past 21 years.

In his book, the author gives an account of his one man struggle to bring a case to expose the excesses of arms dealings. He

tells the harrowing story of his case before the High Court. He has spent R5 million on a battle from which he stands to make no personal gain - his campaign to expose corruption in South Africa's multi-billion rand arms deal. He launched a campaign against an armaments acquisition programme that has locked South Africa into twenty years of debt repayment. He reveals how his unique combination of corporate access and moral commitment have involved him in some key moments of recent South African history. At one stage of his life he said: 'I was feeling increasingly schizophrenic, a banker by day and a revolutionary by night.' Eventually his court challenge was thrown out on technical grounds, leaving him financially ruined but he has finally achieved recognition through his book which became an overnight bestseller.

Shortly after the publication date in August 2007, **Eye on the money** was included on the bestseller list of Exclusive Books and is already in its second print. The author donated an autographed copy of his book to the Milnerton Library with the Afghan proverb as inscription: 'The wise invest in people, fools invest in wars.'

*Mariétha Eysen
Milnerton Public Library*

◆ LITERÊRE TOEKENNINGS

Doris Lessing kry Nobel

Die Britse skrywer Doris Lessing is die wenner van die Nobel Prys vir Letterkunde. Die prys, met 'n kontantwaarde van sowat R10,63 miljoen, is toegeken vir haar oeuvre. Lessing is die elfde vrou wat die prys ontvang. Suid-Afrika het ook 'n vrou-wenner opgelewer in Nadine Gordimer, aan wie dit in 1991 toegeken is. In 'n verklaring beskryf die Sweedse Akademie, wat die prys jaarliks toeken, Lessing as die 'epikus van die vroulike ervaring wat met skeptisisme, vuur en versindheid 'n verdeelde samelewing onderwerp het aan noukeurige ondersoek'. Lessing is die tweede Britse skrywer wat die prys in drie jaar wen. In 2005 was die wenner die dramaturg Harold Pinter.

Die Burger

Book of the Year goes to Nora Roberts

Bestselling author Nora Roberts has won book of the year at the third annual Quill Awards. 'Romance rocks', Roberts told the crowd after accepting her award, which the public voted for online. Her winning novel is

Cape Librarian

40 years ago...

Stefan Wehmeyer Assistant Director: Support Services



- ★ Louise Behrens kla steen en been oor die kwaliteit van Afrikaanse jeug boeke. 'n Resep vir 'n seunsverhaal is soos volg: 'n paar stadskinders gaan na die platteland om vakansie te hou by 'n ouma en 'n oupa, liewe oumense wat so reg uit 'n ou familiefoto met 'n vergulde raam gestap het. Daar is 'n groot berg op die plaas en in die berg is daar 'n grot wat niemand nog regtig verken het nie. In die grot het 'n waansinnige wetenskaplike 'n laboratorium ingerig waarin hy toetse uitvoer om die mensdom te vernietig...
- ★ Alba Bouwer skryf: ongelukkig het ons vandag 'n oorfloed van boeke wat so doelbewus binne die bereik van die kind se verstand geskryf is, dat die lees daarvan vir 'n kind weinig of niks beteken nie. Dit prikkel nie sy verstand of verbeelding nie, dit brei nie sy kennis van iets uit nie, dit dra hoegenaamd niks by tot sy emosionele ontwikkeling nie en dit leer hom lees bloot net om die tyd te verdryf.
- ★ Librarian in focus was Mr JS Andrea. He was in charge of the Elsie River Public Library, that served a population of more than 70 000. Andrea was believed to be the first qualified librarian of colour to be in the employ of a local authority in the Cape. He expressed his concern at the lack of qualified librarians at a time when great strides are made in the provision of library facilities in coloured communities.
- ★ Die Joego-Slawiese skrywer Radijov Momirski het 'n boek geskryf met die titel, **Wat het oorgebly na die Derde Wêreldoorlog?** Die boek bestaan uit 'n paar skoon bladsye.
- ★ Die wit jassies wat die streekpersoneel destyds gedra het, het dikwels verwarring met mediese personeel veroorsaak. Soos die dogtertjie wat vir haar ma gevra het of die tannies haar gaan inspuit. Daar was selfs dokters wat wou weet waar die bloedoortappingsdiens was!
- ★ Die skrywer Mikro se honderdste boek, **Osse van Klei**, verskyn. In 'n humoristiese artikel oor homself skryf hy: 'Onlangs vra ek, baie selfbewus, vir 'n sekere boek van Mikro. Die verkoopsdame vra my toe of ek die skrywer ken, want sy ken hom. Ek vra haar toe uit oor die man en sy antwoord: "'n Bietjie mal soos al die skrywers, maar hy is dierbaar' met die klem op dierbaar.'
- ★ Bellville Biblioteek ontvang 'n vername gas van België, Dr Paul Rock, direkteurgeneraal van die afdeling jeug- en vrytydsbesteding van die ministerie van nasionale opvoeding en kultuur. 'Daar is vooraf in alle ywer ruite gewas, vloere gepolitoer, grasperke gesny, en, ja, selfs die groot visdam met sy goudvissies en vier groot barbers is leeggemaak en silwerskoon geskrop.' Om die vername besoeker verder te beïndruk, is 'n spesiale uitstalling van die werke van die Vlaamse kunstenaar, Hans Memling, (1430-1494) gehou. (Was darem seker net afdrukke...)

the romance/thriller **Angels fall**, published by GP Putnam's Sons.

Former United States vice-president and Nobel Peace Prize winner Al Gore's **The Assault on reason** won the Quill Award for the history/current affairs/politics category - the same award he won last year for his book **An inconvenient truth**.

Other Quill Award winners included Cormac McCarthy, who took the general fiction award with his Pulitzer Prize winning novel, **The Road**, and Walter Isaacson, who won the biography/memoir award for **Einstein: his life and universe**. Laura Lippman

won the mystery/suspense/thriller award for **What the dead know**.

Cape Times

Native commissioner wen Nielsen Prys

Die Nielsen Boekverkoperstoekening vir 2007 is pas toegeken aan **The native commissioner** van Shaun Johnson wat by Penguin uitgegee is.

Op vanjaar se kortlys was ses boeke: **A city imagined** onder redaksie van Stephen Watson (Penguin), **An unpopular war**



deur JHThompson (Zebra Press/Struik), **Assignment selous scouts** deur Jim Parker (Galago), **Geological journeys** deur Nick Norman en Gavin Whitfield (Struik), **God se apteek** (Bambi boeke) deur Herman Uys en **The native commissioner** deur Shaun Johnson (Penguin).

Verlede jaar was die wenner **Spud** (Penguin) deur John van de Ruit.

Die prys gaan aan die boek wat boekverkopers die afgelope jaar geniet het om te lees, te verkoop en te bemark. Dit word net aan Suid-Afrikaanse skrywers toegeken wie se werk in Suid-Afrika gepubliseer word.

Nielsen Book borg soorgelyke toekennings in Brittanje, Australië en Nieu-Seeland.

Die Burger

Man Booker winner

Anne Enright, 45, is one of the freshest voices in Irish literature and her latest book, **The gathering**, has earned her this year's Man Booker Prize.

It is a family epic and a sexual history that traces the line of hurt and redemption through three generations - starting with the grandmother, Ada Merriman - showing how memories warp and family secrets fester.

Enright, who wins R70 000, is the second Irish woman to win the Man Booker, after Irish Murdoch in 1978. The Man Booker celebrates fiction by authors in Britain, Ireland and Commonwealth countries.

The chairman of the Man Booker judges, Howard Davies, said: **The gathering** is an unflinching look at a grieving family. Davies said the judges' decision had been unanimous, but added that when **The gathering** had made the longlist it hadn't been expected to win. 'It is a very intense piece of writing which does repay rereading.'

Enright, who lives in Dublin, has written three previous novels: **The wig my father wore** (1995), **What are you like?** (2000) and **The pleasure of Eliza Lynch** (2002).

Enright beat Ian McEwan (**On Chesil Beach**), Nicola Barker (**Darkmans**), Moshin Hamid (**The reluctant fundamentalist**), Lloyd Jones (**Mister Pip**) and Indra Sinha (**Animal's people**) to win the prize.

Cape Argus

◆ MISCELLANY

What comes next?

Have you ever wondered 'What comes next?' when you are reading a really good

book? The Children's Book Sequels web site helps you discover the right order of any series from **Harry Potter** to **A series of unfortunate events**, from **Alex Rider** to **Vampirates**. The titles range from classic children's series such as **Mary Poppins**, **The famous five**, and **What Katy did** to twenty-first century ones like Chris Ryan's **Alpha Force** and Philip Reeve's **Infernal devices**. There are lots of links to authors' and series' web sites full of information, fun and games. It also lists other series that the author has written.

Children's Book Sequels is an easy-to-use web site for children or adults, with a link to Amazon if you should wish to buy the book. You can also contact them if you discover a series they have left out. Children love reading series of books as it gives them an opportunity to get to know the characters and see how they evolve. Reading the books in the right order helps with this process as some later titles refer to events in previous books. Discover the power of children's books and visit www.childrensbooksequels.co.uk

Friends meet at Indaba

The Indaba of Friends of Libraries (IFOL) held its sixth annual meeting on 18 August. It was attended by representatives from 17 groups of Friends of Libraries in the Cape Town Metropole and Paarl and District Librarian Cheryl Heymann.

Councillor Grant Haskin, mayoral committee member for Sport and Amenities, City of Cape Town, gave an insightful powerpoint presentation on library services in the City. He acknowledged that there were unresolved issues, such as an instruction to pulp written off stock, even when it had been donated by Friends.

In answer to questions from those present about the prospects for funding of staff and materials, Haskin said that the Provincial Administration of the Western Cape (PAWC) to a large extent provided materials for libraries. For the first time PAWC also provided R9.3m for the appointment of contract staff for the next three years. At present there are 727 posts in libraries in the City. A Facilities Development Plan will determine final figures. Future funding will depend on the resolution of the status of libraries as an unfunded mandate, which is a big political issue. He mentioned that other unfunded mandates include health (excluding community health), social development and local economic development. The Chairperson, Anna Louw, reported that the IFOL has, since its inception six years ago,

been concerned most about the gradual reduction in staff that took place in public libraries throughout the country, but particularly in the area covered by the Indaba's membership. Smaller staff have meant curtailment of services, both in the number of hours during which libraries are open and in the level of service the remaining staff are able to deliver.

During the period March to June 2007, 83 librarian and assistant librarian posts and 12 library aide posts were advertised and filled. The new staff commenced duties on 1 July.

In spite of reduced hours and services, the libraries are still being used by learners and students, who use reference material in the libraries for note taking and photocopying. Very few schools have libraries, and the people who need public libraries most, are those who do not have access to school libraries, who cannot afford to buy their own books, and who cannot afford computers or access to the Internet.

The SmartCape computers in most of the libraries are of limited value, because access is slow, and users have to queue to use the computers. The back-up service is almost non-existent, and there are libraries at which only one computer out of five is working. Library staff are unable to set time aside to help SmartCape users with problems. If performing effectively, SmartCape has the potential to increase the resources for library users. However, it has not proved to be the success its initiators promised, due to lack of resources to sustain the project. The Indaba have received so many complaints, that its committee has considered sending a letter to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which funded the rollout of the SmartCape project.

On 10 March a workshop, initiated by the Friends of Bonteheuwel Library was held to discuss matters of interest to associations of Friends of Libraries, such as registration of non-profit organisations, budgeting and fundraising. This occasion was attended by representatives of some 17 libraries, who said they found the discussions and networking extremely useful.

Public libraries who would like to start their own group of Friends, can contact Anna Louw at (021) 855-4417 or e-mail: [<annalouw@mweb.co.za>](mailto:annalouw@mweb.co.za).

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Links en onder: 'n Inkleurkompetisie is in Junie by Goudini Biblioteek gehou. Drie wenners in drie ouderdomsgroepe is aangewys en aan elkeen is 'n geskenkie oorhandig. 'n Kunsonderwyseres van Eureka Jeugsorgsentrum is genader om die beoordeling te doen en die prente is in die biblioteek uitgestal. Onder is een van die wenners, Nicola Viljoen, se poging



Bo: Worcester Biblioteek het 'n pragtige uitstalling in September aangebied om Nasionale Boomplantdag te herdenk



The cover

As part of our trip through the Dewey system on our cover designs, this month's theme is religion. By way of explanation we asked the designer to provide a legend of the various religions depicted in her design



Links en onder: Wêreldbeker Rugby - heel gepas het Worcester Biblioteek baie klem hierdie heuglike gebeurtenis gelê



Regs: Vrouedag is met 'n kleurvolle uitstalling in Riversdal Biblioteek gevier. Let op die gebruik van die Vroue-dagplakkaat van weleer - bewys dat as 'n mens die plakkaat oppas kan dit weer met groot vrug aangewend word

Onder: Albertinia Biblioteek het ook 'n pragtige uitstalling vir Vrouedag aangebied

