



A warm hello to all our readers from a very windy Cape Town. We start the year off with a spanking new cover design that will feature images of Dewey numbers with reference to specific topics in every issue. We trust that it will inspire you to read on.

We are also introducing a few new series, one of which focusses on second-hand bookshops. Dante Scriba starts the year off with a walkabout visit to Long Street's Select Books. Watch this space for some very interesting future bookshop visits. Also on the programme for the year are interviews with authors and we'd like to hear from our readers who they'd like to know more about. We will definitely try to oblige. In this issue Reviva Schermbrucker talks about her innovative series of e-books with the aim of linking young South African children to their neighbours in other African countries. Yet another newie is the introduction of a series on the newly established research section with a discussion by librarian Helga Fraser on the value of dual-use school/community libraries in South Africa as a possible solution in the relief of the backlog of libraries, especially in the rural parts of the country.

Come and discover a lovely part of the Cape as we explore, together with regional librarian Theuns Botha, the Oudtshoorn Region in our *Library route* series. This region was established in 1989 and is home to libraries like CJ Langenhoven and Uniondale that were established as long ago as in the previous century.

*Man's best friend: the domestic dog* by book selector Eric Buchhaus is sure to attract the attention of many readers. Not only do these furry animals have millions of people in the world as devotees, but scientists are currently undertaking studies to medically verify the suspected physical and emotional benefits of owning a pet. The selected booklist is a treat for dog lovers.

We hope that you will enjoy our first issue of the year.

'n Hartlike welkom aan ons lesers vanuit 'n baie winderige Kaapstad. Ons skop die jaar af met 'n splinternuwe voorbladontwerp wat Deweynommers in beeld voorstel en waar die klem met elke uitgawe op 'n spesifieke onderwerp sal wees. Ons hoop dit inspireer lesers om verder te lees.

Ons begin ook vanjaar met 'n aantal nuwe reekse waarvan een 'n kykie na tweedehandse boekwinkels is. Dante Scriba begin die reeks met 'n staptoer na Select Books in Longstraat. Hou gerus hierdie spasie dop vir besoeke aan talle ander interessante boekwinkels. Ook op die program vir vanjaar is onderhoude met skrywers en ons hoor graag van lesers oor spesiale versoeke. Reviva Schermbrucker open die reeks met haar innoverende e-boeke wat ten doel het om jong Suid-Afrikaanse kinders aan ander in ons buurlande bloot te stel. Nog 'n nuuttjie is 'n reeks wat gaan fokus op die aktiwiteite en navorsing wat in die nuut-geopende Navorsingsafdeling gedoen word. Bibliotekaris Helga Fraser kyk in hierdie uitgawe na die waarde van dubbeldoel skool- en gemeenskapsbiblioteke in Suid-Afrika as 'n moontlike oplossing vir die geweldige agterstand van toegeruste biblioteke in veral die platteland.

Ontdek saam met ons 'n mooi deel van die Kaap terwyl ons vir ons biblioteekroetereeks saam met streekbibliotekaris Theuns Botha die Oudtshoornstreek besoek. Hierdie streek is in 1989 gestig en is die tuiste van biblioteke wat reeds in die vorige eeu gestig is, soos CJ Langenhoven en Uniondale Biblioteke.

Boekkeurder Erich Buchhaus onthaal lesers met sy artikel, *Man's best friend: the domestic dog*. Hierdie knoesige wollerige diertjies het nie net miljoene aanhangers dwarsoor die wêreld nie, maar wetenskaplikes is tans ook besig met navorsing om die moontlike fisiese en emosionele voordele om 'n dier te besit, te bewys.

Ons hoop lesers geniet ons eerste uitgawe van die jaar.

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