



Gauteng Community Libraries Information Literacy

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LIBRARY MOTTO

◆ “The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you’ll go”

-Dr Seuss

Gauteng Library Priorities – Macro environment

- ◆ Developmental – social cohesion
- ◆ Increase access to services
- ◆ Poorest of the poor is the priority
- ◆ Contribution to job creation and reducing unemployment
- ◆ Creating decent jobs
- ◆ Better education

Gauteng Libraries Micro environment

- ◆ 233 libraries | library for 43,000 people
- ◆ 75% situated in metropolitan areas
- ◆ More than 1,300 staff members
- ◆ More than 8 million books
- ◆ 100% public access to computers
- ◆ 50% provide internet access to public.
- ◆ R449 million spent on libraries annually
- ◆ 2,155,356 reference queries answered
- ◆ 2,798,373 students/learners

Information Literacy challenges

- ◆ Users not knowledgeable about use of a library and books.
- ◆ Users not knowledgeable about use of catalogue
- ◆ OPAC in libraries poorly developed
- ◆ Many users not computer literate
- ◆ Some libraries not computerized yet.
- ◆ Unrealistic expectations from users

Challenges continue

- ◆ Language challenges
- ◆ Insufficient staff to render services
- ◆ Funding challenges
- ◆ Internet considered to be alpha and omega
- ◆ Conflicting priorities
- ◆ Reluctance of library staff to embrace electronic databases and services in collections

Ways to address information literacy

- ◆ Partnerships
- ◆ Training provided by universities in central library locations
- ◆ Simplified manuals for use by users and staff
- ◆ Joint project by Departments SACR and Education

Collaboration

- ◆ With universities on training, simple manuals, interactive software programmes
- ◆ Talks in libraries
- ◆ Provision of resources for community libraries
- ◆ Training of librarians in use of electronic information and electronic subscriptions.

Virtual library services



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SERVICES

- Provision of information
- Education support
- Reference
- Internet
- Study facilities
- Newspapers and Magazines
- Programs
- Books and audio visual media for loan
- Library reading
- Photocopying (non-commercial)
- Training and mentoring

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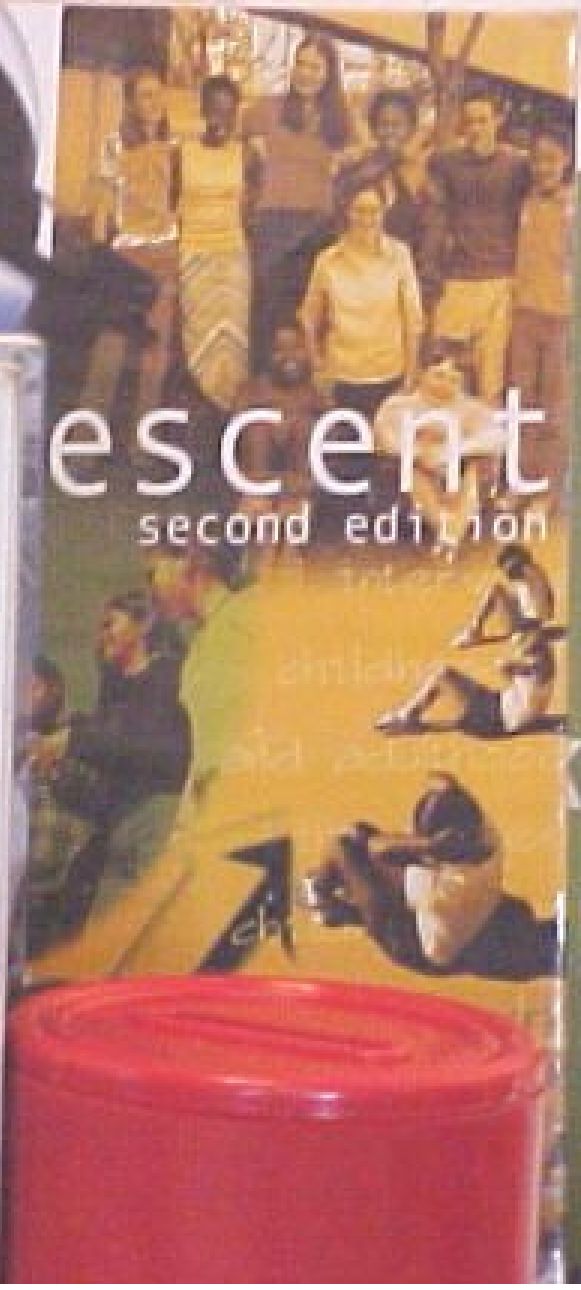
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