

Feast of books as publishers gather

BoekJol, the University of Pretoria's book fest opens on Wednesday and runs until next Saturday.

BoekJol will, among others, showcase:

- Current trends and developments in academic publishing;

- A hundred years of publishing at the university, and

- South African writers and authors (some of whom are alumni of Tuks).

A number of high-profile writers will participate in the festival. There will be an exhibition and book sale by publishers, and the university will also be the venue of the first South African eBook Fair. Wrapping up the programme are concerts by the Tuks choirs and orchestra, street musicians and art exhibitions.

The museums and libraries on campus will be open to the public.

BoekJol also forms part of the university's centenary celebration. To find out more call 012 4202811 or visit www.up.ac.za, e-

mail bookfest@up.ac.za.

- Exclusive Children's Books Festival, Saturday March 8: Would-be supersleuths (aged 10 and older) are invited on a special mission with Carina Diedericks-Hugo, author of *Thomas@series* 10am at Centurion Mall. Call 012 663 3204 or centurion@exclusive-books.co.za. Jaco Jacobs will present stories, rhymes and fun with clay, from 10am at Irene Mall, suitable for 6 to 12-year-olds in Afrikaans. Call 012 662 1776. Fanie Viljoen will present story-telling (Afrikaans) and drawing from 10am at Woodlands Boulevard. Call 012 997 3323.

March 15 at 10am at Centurion Mall – *Moeder Gans se Rympies en Stories* (Afrikaans) call 012 663 3204.

Walks

- Guided bird walk followed by breakfast at Smuts House Museum, Irene, Centurion.

Tomorrow at 6 for 6.30am. Cost: R49 members and R45 non-members, including breakfast and bird list. Contact Sue on 012 667 2917 or Cheryl on 011 316 1426.

- Grassland walk with Professor Braam van Wyk, botany department, University of Pretoria. Sunday at 8 for 8.30am at Smuts House Museum, Irene, Centurion. Cost: R20 members and R25 non-members, including plant list. Contact Sue on 012 667 2917 or Cheryl on 011 316 1426.

- Bird walk at Sammy Marks Museum, Sunday, 6.30am for 7am. Guided by Rihann Geysler, followed by breakfast on the croquet court, R60pp. Book on 012 802 1150.

- Spider walk with John and Astri Leroy (author of *Spiders of Southern Africa*), March 8 at Pretoria National Botanical Garden, 9.30am to 1pm. Cost: R30 adults, R15 scholars. Call Linette on 012 843 5172/3/4 or e-mail Ferreira@sanbi.org.