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UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA DISPLAYS ITS PUBLICATION COLLECTION DURING BOOKJOL

Approximately 1000 of the University of Pretoria's publications will be exhibited during a book festival that takes place from this Wednesday to Saturday (5-8 March 2008).

The "**BookJol**" is aimed at celebrating reading and writing of books as a way of life in the academic environment. It is also aimed at fostering a culture of reading and wishes to illustrate the slogan, "**Leading minds read**".

The publications that will be on display in the Villa Museum represent a century of academic endeavour, printing styles and layouts, cover designs, publishing trends and fluctuations in tertiary education.

The University's Publication Collection includes publications by and about several people that have been involved with the University, as well as publications dealing with the University as an institution.

Thanks to a decision by the Senate, the collection was started quite recently in 1979 and is constantly expanding. We are on the lookout for publications from before 1980, which are added to the collection as soon as they have been found.

To complement the TUKSbooks exhibition, a series of informal talks by UP staff members who are experts in their fields will take place daily around lunchtime in the Villa Museum. Topics include: Leonardo's da Vinci and the telescope, children's rights, identifying plants, on death and dying. The programme of the UniverCity series is available at <http://www.bookjol.up.ac.za/TUKS.htm>.

Among the authors expected to meet visitors at the Villa Museum for talks like these is Judith Bishop – one of South Africa's top National Research Foundation (NRF) -rated computer scientists.

A website has been created for the BookJol: www.bookjol.up.ac.za

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