



LIASA — SLYSIG School Library & Youth Services Interest Group

SLYSIG comments on the Draft Regulations Norms and Standards for School Infrastructure

SLYSIG’s National Chairperson, Theresa De Young, was recently instrumental in making sure that the voices of School Librarian’s were heard at the DBE level. You can see our comment on the SLYSIG Facebook page.

Theresa drafted a comment on the Draft Regulations, Minimum Norms and Standards for School Infrastructure. It was co-signed by the President of LIASA, Ujala Satgoor and forwarded to the DBE.

In short SLYSIG commented on the disparity and contradictions between the recent National Library Guidelines published October 2012 and the new Draft Regulations, Minimum Norms and Standards document released in, Both documents were compiled by Minister Motsheka. We also commented on the lack of clarity regarding library categorization due to the contradictions. We believe that the DBE was abdicating their responsibility with regard to the provision of School Libraries. We

quoted research supporting the positive role that School Libraries play in facilitating higher achievements for school learners and stated that we believed that indeed School Libraries were “critical and essential educational spaces”.

We questioned both the integrity and the commitment of the DBE with regards to its former promises and statements in the National Library Guidelines.

We asked the Minister to consult with relevant stakeholders, review the regulations and take the lead in ensuring that its own vision, as stated in its introductory chapter of the National Guidelines becomes a reality.

“The vision of the Department of Basic Education (DBE) is that schools will have well resourced and functioning school library and information services, which will contribute towards ensuring that all learners and teachers are information literate and inde-

pendent lifelong readers and learners.”

Read up about this campaign on the Equal Education Website

<http://www.equaleducation.org.za/campaigns/minimum-norms-and-standards>

<http://www.equaleducation.org.za/video/2013-03-20-build-the-future-2-minister-motshekgas-dodgy-plan-for-schools>

See research mentioned here: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/nyla/nycc_school_library_brief.pdf
We are busy compiling our report to the New Draft published on the 12 September 2013.

Watch this space for that report.

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Special points of interest:

- Norms and Standards for School Infrastructure
- ISASA School Library Conference
- SLYSIG Visions and Goals for 2012-2014

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Why Join LIASA? And of course SLYSIG...

Christelle Lubbe says

LIASA does not give you “money or the box” choices, the game continues with or without your input. It will help if all people in the profession participate and bring their unique inputs and viewpoints to the table. The last conference I attended

can sum up the tangible benefits I received as part of the LIASA family. I walked around waiving to people I met at other LIASA events. I hugged my friends and made new ones. I debated issues and found answers. I found new ideas I can apply to my library. I even had the chance to address the delegates with my own

ideas. Standing behind a podium was one of my scariest moments of my life that I can’t wait to repeat.

I joined LIASA, have you?

JULIA PARIS says...

Join LIASA and make it the professional body you want to be proud of!

Why join LIASA? And SLYSIG...

LIASA can only be as professional as the members it has. If there are too few professional librarians belonging to LIASA, then it is difficult to be a professional body. So promote LIASA to your fellow librarians who are not yet members of LIASA and show them what they are missing...!

Denise Nicholson

I joined LIASA in 2007, LIASA has done great things for me and my profession. I'm a teacher librarian who started to establish a school library with the skills I have acquired through attending different trainings, workshops and conferences provided by LIASA. In 2011 I won a DA VINCI grant to attend the IASL conference that was held in Jamaica-Kingston. The grant covered everything including membership for two years, the advert was on LIASA Online. I'm very much grateful to be a LIASA member.

LIASA has done much for me
"WHAT CAN I DO FOR LIASA?"
Colleagues let's continue to recruit members and retain membership in our branches.
Nompumelelo Shongwe

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ISASA School Library Conference 2013

This year the ISASA School Library Conference was held at Bishops' College.

It was a superb conference with challenging topics and speakers . The Conference also had a very interesting "green" thread running through the proceedings and we had 'green' speakers such as Jason Drew and Leonie Joubert.

Excellent workshop sessions were held tackling such subjects as Facebook & Internet Legalities,, iPad Learning, Librarian Assessment, Librarian professional Development,

One of the highlights was having Guest School Librarian Cathy Oxley present to us at 3 different plenary sessions. Her topics ranged from

"It was the Best of Times, it was the worst of times: school libraries at the tipping point" ; "Anytime, anywhere, any device: mobile technology in libraries.";

"Creating a positive professional presence."Cathy's insights and experience into the world of school libraries and the new role they are playing in learning and teaching was insightful and challenging.



Bishop's College, the venue of the ISASA School Library Conference held in April 2013.



Australian Guest Speaker, School Librarian, Cathy Oxley and her husband on the bus to Moyo at Kirstenbosch, for our Gala Dinner.

Learning about Blogs and blogging at one of the breakaway sessions at the ISASA School Library Conference



Her presentations can be found on www.slideshare.net
E.g <http://www.slideshare.net/cathryno/creating-a-positive-professional-presence-ISASA>

Get informed about KIDS LIT QUIZ
<http://www.kidslitquiz.com/>



SLYSIG Gauteng South is wanting to get up and going!
SLYSIG Kwazulu-Natal is wanting to get up and going!
SLYSIG Free State are newly up and running!

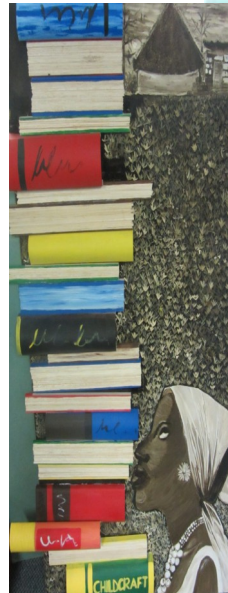
Please can all Free State, Gauteng South & KZN Librarians contact their Representatives below

Zola Vutela at Gauteng South Education Department is heading up a new Gauteng South Branch of SLYSIG.

Zola is calling for all interested Librarians in the 5 districts of Gauteng South to contact her with a view to forming a Gauteng South SLYSIG Professional Development Support Group. Please phone Zola on 827450362

Lianda Coetzer is heading up the new Free State Branch of SLYSIG. She has already launched the branch and is looking for all School Librarians in the Free State to join the LIASA-SLYSIG Free State Branch. Send her an email if you are interested in joining or holding a position on the Committee. Email: lianda@ufs.ac.za

Irene Reid is calling for all interested Librarians in KZN to contact her, with a view to forming the KZN SLYSIG Professional Development Interest Group. If you are interested in serving on the initial launching committee please contact her on 0834101936 or email reid@wghs.co.za



The National Executive Committee of SLYSIG met to plan a way forward for our Association. Watch this space!

Get involved in promoting school libraries by posting your school library activities on our facebook page, tweeting about them on our twitter and send pictures and a report to our PRO Irene Reid

Come on now!
Let's all SHOUT ABOUT School & Youth LIBRARIES across the nation

SLYSIG Conference 2013..



Where you seen @ the Pre-Conference on the 5 October @ The Centre for the Book in Cape Town - Watch this space for the report back!



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SCHOOL LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES INTEREST GROUP

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LIASA is a professional organization, uniting and representing all institutions and people working in libraries and information services in South Africa. It provides dynamic leadership in transforming, developing and sustaining library and information services for all people of South Africa. Its members are engaged in library and information services in the private sector, corporate sector, academic and tertiary sectors and government sectors, viz. public and school library services.

SLYSIG A key responsibility of SLYSIG is to monitor the global developments in school librarianship and to engage with the national dialogue on school libraries.

SLYSIG believes that school libraries:

- support the development of student learning an important skills set, thus improving student achievement.
- encourage students to become lifelong readers and learners.

School Libraries Integrate the essentials of 21st Century learning into all curriculum areas, all grade levels and thus are a critical and essential learning space.



School Libraries and Librarians under threat ... Innovative Library Design and Practice— but now... no Librarian!

A new generation concept school for South Africa. Behind the design was the belief that schools are unused facilities once the students have gone home. Klapmuts community does not rely on other further learning and education facilities and so this school caters for community integration. After two in the afternoon, the library and computer facility opens up and becomes a hub where parents and older students can come and learn, write emails and further their own education.

The Principal Mr. Ronnie Frans says

“says that in order for a vision or dream to be successful, you have to start doing or living your dream - only then will people come together to help. Don't wait, start walking.”



The Librarian Beverly Rhode, is an innovative, creative, dedicated and hard-working librarian. She takes her job seriously and is passionate about creating students and citizens of Klapmuts who are avid readers and lifelong learners.

But recently due to the fact that there is no Librarian Post in the PPN of Schools she has had to go back into the classroom and this beautiful facility is without a dedicated Librarian. This is the plight of so many School Librarians that train and build up a school library that really makes a difference.

