

TOY LIBRARY IN A BOOK LIBRARY – A PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

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INTRODUCTION

- A community library is a hub of **hub** for learning, literature, education and various other vital community activities and services that a community needs to access (MC Harmonious)
- Three activities that happen in the library for the kids when they use the library for the first time are:
 - Seeing
 - Touching
 - Reading
 - Learning
 - Acquiring of Knowledge

BACKGROUND OF GAUTENG LIBRARY SERVICES

- In South Africa, community libraries are the mandate of the provincial government
- Gauteng has 3 metros and 6 Local municipalities
- There are 285 libraries in Gauteng
- Funded through Conditional Grant and Voted funds
- Metros are able to supplement their library budget while local municipalities are not able to do that

TOY LIBRARY EXPERIENCE IN JHB FEMALE PRISON

- The department established a toy library in Johannesburg Library in the 2001
- This library is meant for “**Children behind Bars**”(CBS)
- There is no librarian
- The Correctional Services official is responsible for the toy library corner.
- Because these kids have been inside most of the time, they need thorough training on the use of a toy
- Tendencies shown by CBS Children
 - Fear of the unknown
 - Destructions
 - Therapeutic tendencies

TOY LIBRARY THE EXPERIENCE IN RAYTON LIBRARY

- Rural residential area in the far east of Tshwane
- Library is the only recreational facility in the area
- Children section is always full in the afternoon
- The librarian has a lot of activities scheduled for the learners in the afternoon
- Parents bring their children to the library with them
- These children grow to become library users

PARTNERSHIP WITH STANDARD BANK

- Started in 2018/19 financial year
- Classroom Collection. Schools identified by GDE
- Standard Bank refurbish libraries in schools as part of their Corporate Investment Services
- GDE provides us with the list of books in their catalogue for recreational purpose
- GPLIS procure the books
- GPLIS also procure toys.
- 26 schools received toys together with their book collections in 2018/19

THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC- PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

- Funding : Funding for library functions is not sufficient
- Training : Librarians are trained to preserve knowledge and make it available to the users. It is very critical to partner and train
- The use of libraries has changed. Games are part of library services. We need to partner with disadvantaged areas to bring educational toys in libraries
- **Touch Community Network** in Rustenburg is a non-profit organization opened its first Toy Library in the local community
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GPSACR PARTNERSHIP

- GPSACR makes funding available for NPO's that are promoting reading through play to apply for funding
- This funding started in 2017/18.
- Funding is currently open for 2019/20
- R150 000 to R350 000 available for funding

TOY LIBRARY INFORMATION SESSION





TOY LIBRARY TRAINING FOR THE YOUNG ONES



CONCLUSION

- During the State of the Nation Address, the president emphasized the importance of Early Learning Development
- Public and Private Institutes must come work together to promote this.



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