
TO: NEWS EDITORS

FROM: MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 2015 INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

The Mpumalanga Department of Education in collaboration with the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Banking Association South Africa, Mpumalanga Writers Association and Publishers will be joining the whole international community in celebrating the **2015 International Literacy Day**.

The objective of the event is to showcase, reinforce as well as to inspire our communities by creating awareness on the importance of literacy to those who cannot read or write.

The event will be held as follows:

Date : 08 September 2015 (Tuesday)

Time : 06H00 to 10H00

Venue : Kamhlushwa Primary School, Nkomazi Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

The event will be graced by the Honourable MEC for Education in Mpumalanga, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule and the leadership of the organisations mentioned above who will be in promoting literary inspiring activities such as Readathon, Writing Competitions, Story Telling, Reading, Book Reviews, Book exchanges and Multi-Age Tutoring Opportunities.

The MEC for Education will use the opportunity to indicate progress made to date following the launch of the MEC Book Club whose objectives is to:

- Rekindle the culture of reading for leisure,
- Make reading an everyday experience,
- Inculcate the love for reading amongst citizens of Mpumalanga,

- Encourage communities to visit community libraries and learners to value school libraries,
- Demystify the myth that “if you want to hide information from a person, put it in writing”
- Encourage communities to donate books to community and school libraries and
- Promote the reading of books that are written in our indigenous languages.

Membership to the MEC Book Club

Membership and participation to the MEC Book Club shall be voluntary and any member of the community may be a member. No membership fee is expected from members.

Expectations from Members of the Club

Each member should buy one or both prescribed books to read for the duration of the prescribed period. Each member should after reading the book submit his/her objective review of the book. The reviews will be shared to all members.

Members are encouraged to donate the book to a community or school library after reading it.

All Media is invited

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