Be Grounded in Your Own Self - UJ Women’s Day Event 2017

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Johannesburg, Professor Ihron Rensburg, together with the Nelson Mandela Foundation hosted UJ’s annual Women’s Day event on Thursday 03 August at the Johannesburg Country Club, Auckland Park. The discussion and theme for the day was, Be Grounded in Your Own Self! Our UJ ladies were treated to a three-course luncheon event with a special music performance by Yvonne Chaka Chaka and Marah Louw.

From left: Sam Cowen, Bonang Matheba, Yvonne Chaka Chaka, Marah Louw, Maya Makanjee and Muzi Mthabela
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UJ was honoured to have hosted the following prominent South African women who graced our Programme with lots of flare and flavour:

**Yvonne Chaka Chaka**, aka Princess of Africa, who is an internationally renowned singer, songwriter, entrepreneur, humanitarian and teacher.

**Sam Cowen**, the longest running female morning show host in the country, having worked for Joburg’s biggest breakfast show on 94.7 for over 18 years. She has recently published a memoir, *From Whiskey to Water*.


**Maya Makanjee**, an independent non-executive director, who currently sits on the boards of Tiger Brands Limited, Mpact Limited, AIG South Limited, AIG Life South Africa Limited and the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and who is also a South African media personality.

**Bonang Matheba**, who spoke about her latest release, *From A to B: Invest In Your Sparkle!*

EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL – “MOUTH-WATERING BOOKS”

Once again, the Library hosted a very successful Edible Book Festival on the 6th of September. An Edible Book Festival is a fun way to celebrate books and food together. Participants create an “edible book,” which can be inspired by a favourite story, involve a pun on a famous book title, or simply be in the shape of a book (or scroll, or tablet, etc.).

We received 14 very creative and exciting entries which attracted a lot of attention from the Library visitors. The entrants included external stakeholders, staff and students. Seven of those who participated in the competition went home with good awards which included most creative, funniest, most elaborate and best student entry.

The edited article below, written by a UJ Journalism student – Gaby Ndongo, reflects the mood of the occasion.

“It began with the contesters displaying their creative pieces. Many of those who made their way into the venue were enthralled by what they saw, from the ‘Lacey the Little Mermaid Fairy’ piece – created by one of the only four students competing – to the UJ APK Library’s staff melange of ideas to create an extravagant piece of chocolate, ‘Death by Chocolate’.

The winner of the ‘Most creative’ piece, Ester de Broize, said that her originality comes from a play on words with edible items rather than “just making a picture of Madiba [Nelson Mandela]”.

After the announcement, everyone present could taste the edible artworks.

The Library is looking forward to more exciting entries in 2018.
UJ Library promotes leisure reading

UJ Reads is the Library’s popular reading project aimed at motivating students and staff to read for fun and relaxation as well as to expand their horizons on various important life topics. On 16 and 17 August the Library had the UJ Reads event with Kopano Matlwa on her book Period Pain. It was a huge success in all four campus libraries and more than 300 students attended the book discussions with the author.

Kopano is one of South Africa’s most vibrant young writers and winner of the European Union Literary Award 2007. A medical graduate, Kopano is the author of the critically acclaimed novel Coconut and Spilt Milk which won the Wole Soyinka Prize for Literature in 2010. She has recently returned to South Africa after completing an MSc in Global Health Science and is currently reading for a DPhil in Population Health at the University of Oxford.

UPDATES

31 July – 14 August 2017

Ebook

UJ Library’s Online Expo

Browse through the latest e-books and e-book collections from the comfort of your office and select relevant titles to enhance our library collections.

Latest titles and collections available.

Make use of this opportunity to ensure that your Faculty’s information budget is spent.

31 July – 14 August 2017

The online expo was held over a two-week period, from 31 July to 14 August 2017. Six suppliers participated: EBSCO, Elsevier, RegExpress, ScienceNature, Wiley and Cambridge. The expo generated some income for the library as participating suppliers had to pay a participation fee.

A total of 1 785 individual e-book orders and 75 e-book collections were placed. In total R13.4 million was spent during this expo. This is an increase of R10 million (333%) in expenditure when compared with the expo in 2015. Therefore, the 2017 expo was a great success and the library appreciates the effort from everyone involved.
Online Information Literacy module

The online Information Literacy module has drawn the attention of various academic faculties. The Fundamental Research Practice Department (FRP), made this module compulsory for their first-year students. The students had six weeks to complete the assessments. A total of 1 200 FRP students completed the module with an average score of 65%. So far, almost 8 000 students completed the Blackboard Online Information Literacy module in 2017.


JUST A CLICK AWAY

The UJ community benefits from the National License for the Cochrane Library

Recently the South African Medical Research Council in partnership with Wiley (the publisher of the Cochrane Library) has secured a national license for the Cochrane Library giving all South African residents free, one-click access to the Library. Cochrane Library is a collection of six databases that contain different types of high-quality, independent evidence to inform healthcare decision-making. Libraries, institutions and service providers are exploring new ways of using available limited funds in a way that ensures that the quality of research support, teaching and learning is not compromised. This is part of the process to roll out the national license. Available online: http://www.mrc.ac.za/cochrane/additional.htm

INTERACTIVE VIDEOS TO SUPPORT ONLINE LEARNING AND RESEARCH

To assist students in mastering key features of the library services and collections, the library created some demonstration videos. These videos enable distant learning and leave a powerful impact on the brain. They can be accessed via the Information Literacy for First-Year Students’ libGuide at http://uj.ac.za.libguides.com/c.php?g=581225. It is recommended that these videos be viewed in the Google Chrome browser.

Students offered extra credits for attending training sessions!

As always, the Plagiarism and Copyright theme is very popular with first-year students. APK Library had a full-house attendance. The first-year Journalism students were the ones who attended the sessions the most. Mr Stefan Kriek (Film Television and Journalism) offered his students extra credits for attending this popular module.

DID YOU KNOW?

CELEBRATE HERITAGE MONTH WITH BOOKS WRITTEN IN INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

This year, the library’s focus is to build a strong African collection as requested by the students. As part of the Heritage month celebrations, the Library put up displays of books written in indigenous languages to showcase what it has in store.

Safety and awareness drive at the Library

The UJ Library, in partnership with IOHA and Protection Services, embarked on a Safety Awareness Drive for all campuses in response to the spate of women abductions and violence taking place in South Africa. The drive started at Kingsway Campus on 17 August, followed by DFC on 24 August 17 and lastly was Soweto on 31 August. It was facilitated by Zinhle Phakathi, CEO for Bantu Urban Fitness Fanatics (BUFF), and UJ Protection Services. Attendance was good on all occasions. All genders, both staff and students, were represented. Both speakers were dynamic and engaging. The attendees were receptive and participating. They were even contributing to safety tips based on their own experiences. In a nutshell, the drive was a great success.

First picture: Zinhle Phakathi: CEO Bantu Fitness Fanatics
Second picture: Mr Chikara Thobakgale: Protection Services Shift Manager at SWC
Third picture: Zinhle Phakathi demonstrating self-defence to the students

MARIKANA REMEMBERED AT THE UJ LIBRARY ARCHIVE AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

On 15 and 17 August, the Library Archive and Special Collections showed two documentaries to commemorate the Marikana Massacre (16 August 2012). Miners Shot Down by Rehad Desai is a moving, uncompromising account of the events leading up to and including the Marikana Massacre. In 2015, it won the Emmy award for the best documentary. In Black Lives Matter, Joseph Oesi, using the Marikana Massacre as its springboard, examines the politics around mining and the local communities.

Joseph Oesi, left with visitors at the event
Rehad Desai giving a talk at DFC Campus Library
UJ Library on a benchmarking drive

The Library has embarked on a benchmarking initiative to position itself for the fourth industrial revolution. The exercise started with a stop at the University of Pretoria Library and will cover Wits and UNISA. The demands of the fourth industrial revolution will be best addressed by the Library working together with other academic libraries on issues of common interest.

From left to right in the front row: Ms Moipone Qhomane-Goliath (UJ Library Acting, Executive Director), Ms Johannie Steyn (Team Leader - Acquisitions), Ms Happy Mphahlele (Manager: Client Services), Ms Lizette van Zyl (Faculty Librarian - Law). Back row: Ms Sunette Steynberg (Coordinator Research Commons UP), Ms Ivy Segeo (Faculty Librarian - Research), Mr Barrie Swanepoel (System Administrator), Mr Robert Moropa (UP Library Director), Ms Hettie Wentzel (Manager: Operations and Quality), Mr Tyson Mabunda (Specialist, E-Research), Ms Nomza Mudau (Team Leader Circulation), Ms Alrina De Bruyn (Director: Campus Libraries), Ms Nomoya Mahlangu (Director: Campus Libraries), Ms Esther De Broize (Faculty Librarian - Management) and Ms Santha Geduld (Campus Librarian APK).

Quenching thirst after a day’s work

Students requested the availability of drinking water at the libraries as they spend most of their time in these facilities. The Library responded and arranged for the installation of water fountains at all the campus libraries.

Below is Eddie Khumalo, UJ Staff member, and student Lebogang Mxumalo who are very impressed with the new fresh water fountain outside the Library.
Prof Tshilidzi Marwala, UJ Vice-Chancellor-elect, addressed UJ Library staff members on 4 August on his vision for the University of Johannesburg. Staff members had the opportunity to engage him in key issues of the Library. We thank him for taking the opportunity to engage with the division and ensuring that we understand the University vision.

WELLNESS THROUGH MOVEMENT AND DANCE: THE LIBRARY STYLE

The Library Wellness day took place on 15 September 2017 at the AW Muller Stadium. This year the theme focused on “Wellness through Movement and Dance”. Dancing has obvious health benefits – improving the condition of your heart and lungs, weight management and improved general and psychological wellbeing amongst others. Staff were taught the African tradition of gumboot dancing paired with the musicality of pipes and thereafter various styles of dancing by seasoned choreographers and a freestyle in an explosion of colour. Itumeleng Seku shared her inspirational story with staff encouraging them not to let their personal situations become disabilities but instead to work through them and succeed. The smiles on the faces, as well as the laughter which echoed throughout the venue, were infectious and proved that dancing could make any team stronger and healthier.

UJ Library staff getting it on with gumboot dance and enjoying paint powder games
CONFERENCES

• Mr Tyson Mabunda will be presenting a paper at the upcoming LIASA (Library and Information Association of South Africa) conference.
• Ms Ivy Segoe will be presenting a paper at the IUG-SA 2017 conference to be held in November under the theme “Library Technology trends: Time for Innovation?”
• Ms Janina Van der Westhuizen has been invited to represent the University of Johannesburg at Elsevier’s eBooks Forum that will be held at the University of Mauritius in Moka, Mauritius in November 2017.
• Ms Hettie Wentzel and Ms Marilldene Guercio attended the fourth Annual Safety, Health and Environment Campus Association of South Africa (SHECASA) Conference that took place on 7 to 8 September, hosted by the Vaal University of Technology (VUT).
• Ms Elize du Toit’s article, “Factors influencing undergraduate art students’ information behaviour: a case study of the art students of The Open Window School of Visual Communication” has been accepted for publication in the Library and Information Science peer-reviewed academic journal, Mousaion.
• Ms Pavlinka Kovatcheva and Ms Elize du Toit presented papers at a Blended Learning Conference on 14 August.

APB LIBRARY HVAC PROJECT - PHASE TWO:

The APB Campus Library HVAC project that commenced in July is now complete. A well-ventilated Library 24-hour study area is now available for students to use.

SEMINARS

As part of its tradition, the Library in partnership with the faculties and other stakeholders, presented workshops and seminars. Below are some of the highlights for the quarter. More information on events is available on the library Webpage under News and Events: https://www.uj.ac.za/library/Pages/News-and-Events.aspx

Book discussion: As by Fire: The End of the South African University by Prof Jonathan Jansen

The Library in partnership with South African Research Initiative (SARChI) Chair: African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy, hosted a book discussion with Professor Jonathan Jansen, author of As by Fire: The End of the South African University. The book gives us an insider view of the crisis in Higher Education, why the conflict will not go away, and what it means for the future of our universities. Prof Jansen was in conversation with Malcolm Ray, author of the book Free Fall: Why South African Universities are in a Race against Time. The discussion was facilitated by Prof Chris Landsberg, Director of the NRF Chair of African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy at UJ.

From left: Prof Chris Landsberg (Facilitator), Prof Jonathan Jansen and Malcolm Ray
Public lecture: (Re)Imagining the State and Society: A Conversation with Dr Mamphela Ramphele

The Library in partnership with the Nelson Mandela Foundation and UJ SARChI Chair: African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy held a public lecture with Dr Mamphela Ramphele on the topic, (Re)Imagining the State and Society: A Conversation. The public lecture was followed by a panel discussion with Bomikazi Njova, a university student who is working towards becoming a human rights lawyer. Prof Mzukisi Qobo, Deputy Director of the NRF Chair of African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy at UJ, facilitated the discussion.

Book launch: In Search of the Elusive Zimbabwean Dream - An Autobiography of Thought Leadership by Prof Arthur Mutambara

The UJ Library in partnership with the Institute of Pan African Thought and Conversation hosted a book launch: In Search of the Elusive Zimbabwean Dream - An Autobiography of Thought Leadership by Professor Arthur Mutambara (former Deputy Prime Minister - Zimbabwe). The book is "the first of three volumes in a series that traces the leadership thoughts and philosophical disposition of Professor Arthur G.O. Mutambara over a period of 35 years, as his generation sought to become the transformation it wished to see in Zimbabwe".

Book discussion: My Own Liberator: A Memoir by Justice Dikgang Moseneke

UJ Library, in partnership with Pan Macmillan Publishers, played host to Judge Dikgang Moseneke, retired Deputy Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court. Judge Moseneke spoke about his book, My Own Liberator: A Memoir, in which he pays homage to the many people and places that have helped to define and shape him.

Book Discussion: Advanced Manufacturing Techniques Using Laser Material Processing by Prof Esther Akinlabi

Also hosted at the library this quarter:

Public dialogue: The Role of the African Union (AU) and China in Africa’s Security Architecture. Assoc. Prof, Lt Col (ret) Martin R. Rupiya - (Executive Director of the African Public Policy & Research Institute (APPRI) and Visiting Fellow of the Institute for African Renaissance Studies (IARS), University of South Africa) and Professor Gilbert Khadiagala (Jan Smuts Professor of International Relations and Head of Department, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg) formed part of the panel to debate the issue. The event was in partnership with the Confucius Institute.

Public lecture: Women Struggles in South Africa. Professor Shahana Rasool (Associate Professor, Head: Department of Social Work, UJ) facilitated the discussion. Panellists were: Ms Colleen Lowe-Morna (Executive Director, Gender Links, and Johannesburg) and Ms Shamillah Wilson (Independent Consultant). The event was in partnership with the UJ Institute of Pan-African Thought and Conversation.

Book launch: Negotiating Pharmaceutical Uncertainty by Eirik Saethre and Jonathan Stadler. Prof Jonathan Stadler launched his book, which provides a unique and nuanced perspective of the reality of a clinical trial that is often hidden from view. The event was in partnership with the Department of Anthropology and the Library

Book discussion: The Unspoken Experiences – Thesis vs Personal Wellbeing. The UJ Library, IOHA, the Postgraduate School and the Postgraduate Association hosted an interactive discussion for postgraduate students and research supervisors around the abovementioned title.

Public lecture: Sharing and Learning from a Transformative Study on Empowerment Outcomes among Caregivers of Children with Disabilities. The talk was held at APB Campus Library and it was facilitated by Jacqueline Moodley, researcher at the CSDA.

Public lecture: Gender violence discussion held at APB Campus. Ms Bhekisisa Moyo and Thelma Maphanga from POWA led the talk.

UJ TALKS SERIES:
The Library began a new initiative this year, called UJ Talks. This series is very similar to the TED TALKS series, where the presenter has 20 minutes to present and 15 minutes for questions and answers. The Library hosts these talks during culture hour on a Friday afternoon between 12:00 and 13:00 at the APK Library in the Gcina Mhlophe amphitheatre.

Thus far, the Library hosted seven UJ Talks this year.

• Dr Ylva Rodny-Gumede – Fake News
• Prof Nyasha Mboti – Why are there no Apartheid Studies?
• Mpho Tshukudu – Sugar Tax
• Prof Harmut Winkler – Why is South Africa’s proposed new nuclear deal so controversial?
• Dalien Benecke, Nickey Janse van Rensburg, Joyce Sibeko and Christa van Zyl - Multidisciplinary Projects: Overcoming the Challenges and Realising the Opportunities for Students and Academics.
• Boniswa Madikizela – Personal Financial Literacy of University Students
• Prof Mary Galvin – How to Quench South Africans’ Thirst.

UJ TALKS at the Gcina Mhlophe Amphitheatre with Mpho Tshukudu on Sugar Tax
Welcome

VISITORS AT THE UJ LIBRARY

New York University and Rutgers Graduate School of Education

Our guest speaker, Dr Adekeye Adebajo, together with staff and students from New York University and Rutgers Graduate School of Education, visited the Library on 17 July. As part of the programme, Dr Adekeye Adebajo, Director for Pan African thought and Conversation was invited to be the guest speaker for the morning. The title of his talk was, “South Africa in Africa: Messiah or Mercantilist?” His talk was followed by a panel discussion on Kindness, with Collins Uriesi and Maipato Caroline Mmako (University of Johannesburg) Dr Darcella Sessomes and Amanda Martin (Rutgers University).

University of Limpopo

Librarians from the University of Limpopo visited the APK Library on 25 August 2017. They were Ms MJ Malahlela, Mr H Modiba and Mr H Mhangwana.

The aim of the visit was for them to gain knowledge on how UJ Library has reimagined its spaces for the digitally born students. See Madichakga Malahlela’s comments below:

“Young vibrant library has evolved from the traditional thought of a library as a living room to library as a working room. This encompasses your introduced mobile power service whereby users can check out batteries to recharge their handheld devices on the go. Your beautiful seminar rooms, sharing session rooms, conference rooms with flexible furniture support the notion of the working room. The interesting part was the deliberate effort of the library brand to allow your library building to serve many purposes to your users. The unlimited use of social networking platforms provided to your postgraduate students as a bridge between the physical and the virtual library and research partnerships and collaborations is classic.”

Tennessee State University

The Division of Internationalisation hosted Tennessee State University Summer Programme in July. The Library was approached to do a Library tour on Monday, 17 July. We were very proud to showcase our new reimagined Library Spaces.

Visitors from Namibia University of Science and Technology

Members from the Namibia University of Science and Technology visited the library, led by Dr Carol Nonkwelo from UJ Research unit. Molefi, Ivy and Pavlinka gave auspicious presentations on how the library support the faculty and research. The visitors were impressed by the beauty of the library and the content of the presentations.
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