Masiphumelele Library, Cape Town
South Africa

Cooperation for development

We shall succeed
Where we are

Cape Town
Masiphumelele
Fish Hoek
Ocean View
Masiphumelele Library

- Where we are
- Where we have come from
- The development of Masiphumelele Library
- Our vision
- Partnerships
- The community we serve
- Projects
- Ongoing Challenges
- Lessons
Where we have come from

- History of education in South Africa
The struggle then and now
Masiphumelele
Fish Hoek
Ocean View
Masiphumelele
The development of Masiphumelele Library
Before construction
Construction 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} phase
Our first year
A vision for development

- To support education
- To support early childhood learning
- To empower women
- To support gender and HIV/Aids initiatives
- To support informational and recreational needs
- To attract and inspire the community
Partnerships
Keeping the wheels turning

- City of Cape Town
- Masiphumelele Corporation
- Donors in other countries and locally
- Volunteers
- WorldTeach
- Friends of the Fish Hoek Library
- Exclusive Books
- Wordworks
- Rotary Club of Newlands
- Biblioneif
Donors and volunteers
Wordworks, WorldTeach and local government support
The community we serve

- Pre school child
- Primary school child
- High school child
- School leaver
- Parent
- Adult learner
- Adult library user
Access to reading material
Nursery school outreach
Tooth brush workshop
Literacy classes
Tutoring

Visit to the Slangkop Lighthouse
On the 21st July 2007

Elize Marquardt, High School Grade 11 Science, conducted a visit to the Slangkop Lighthouse. Prior to the visit, she engaged with us in a seminar on the importance of lighthouses and the preservation of marine life. The lighthouse is now safe when at risk of being hit by shipwrecks or crusing boats.
Computer classes
Afternoon Outreach
Class visits
Friendship club
Homework club
Chess
Reading enrichment
Hero books
“I will like to hold my family safe”
“I go to the library, read some books and forget my problem”
Hero books 2009
Parent programmes
Thinking skills
Thinking skills 2009
Careers Indaba 2008
“I also met new friends during the course”
“I enjoyed every time I spent here”
“I spent my wonderful time on something that builds me up”
“Thank you volunteers for the time you have given us”
Girls’ group
Bringing art to the people

The partners:
The Masiphumelele Library and the High School
Students at the Michaelis Art School of Cape Town
Meeting the community
Learners visit Michaelis Art School
Workshop on relief sculpting in cast plaster
The project
“Libraries are gateways to dreams”
“I like the doll because it has clothes to change into everyday”
“Art is who we are”
“The young generation can learn a lot and I think crime can reduce.”
“The art exhibition is a great idea and it should not stop here”
“Crime would never triumph over the power of knowledge”
“You guys are rocking - an opportunity to learn”
“This is the way to express the inner feelings of a person without saying a word. It expresses the real African”
The need to expand
Room to expand
Groundbreaking Ceremony for Library extension 17 March 2009
Challenges and lessons
Ongoing challenges

- Sustainability
  - Support
  - Staff

- Cooperation
  Some sectors of the community

- Communication
Lessons

- Partnerships
- Community needs
- Environment
- Staff Development
- Monitoring
Respond to the needs of the community
Library and park
Games
Staff development
Progress over the years

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Circle of support volunteers and donors
Circle of support - staff
Circle of support - the community
“We shall succeed Pumelisa”

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