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9th FUNDA MZANTSI CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

(Reading Festival)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

BACKGROUND

It has been eight years since the National Library of South Africa (NLSA) through its outreach unit started the Funda Mzantsi Project to support and assist communities to establish and sustain book clubs. The project was started as part of the NLSA's mandate to inculcate a culture of reading. The project was in response to the survey conducted by the South African Book Development Council in 2007 on general reading habits in South African communities. The survey revealed that South Africa is not a reading nation. The NLSA intervened by establishing book clubs in communities and schools. The project was piloted in the Western Cape, focusing on high school learners. The project started with only six book clubs in high schools around Cape Town. The NLSA donated books to the identified schools and learners were encouraged to read and discuss books as part of their book club programmes.

In 2010 NLSA took a step further and initiated the Funda Mzantsi Championship as an annual competition to assess book club's reading and comprehension abilities. Book clubs register to compete in the competition with the NLSA.

In 2013 the Department of Correctional Services, upon realising the role reading plays in the rehabilitation of their offenders and due to the growing interest by their Management Centres, decided to join hands with the NLSA.

In 2016 George Municipality also joined hands with the NLSA to host the FMC. Successful Funda Mzantsi Championships were hosted from 2010 to 2017. The 8th FMC attracted more than 52 book clubs and was attended by more than 3 500 spectators from all over the country.

Once again, the National Library of South Africa in partnership with the Department of Correctional Services and the George Municipality will host the 9th Funda Mzantsi Championship in George, Southern Cape from **1 to 5 October 2018**.

OBJECTIVES

- Enhance writing, publishing and reading in south African indigenous languages
- Build creative minds through reading
- Instil a love and passion for reading
- Improve reading, book reviewing and debating skills
- Preserve and embrace South African indigenous languages
- Promote and sustain book clubs
- Celebrate and embrace local authors

FUNDA MZANTSI CHAMPIONSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following set of Rules and Regulations will govern the relationship between Book Clubs and the NLSA during the competition. By participating in FMC you agree to abide by these Rules and Regulations. The NLSA reserve the right to amend these rules and regulations without notice.

1. To participate in Funda Mzantsi Championship (FMC), you **MUST** register your book club with the NLSA. (**Book Club registration form is attached.**)
2. Members of the book club must be 15 years or older.
3. NLSA affiliated book clubs must also register to participate in the FMC competition. (Only book clubs that have signed and returned the entry form on or before **31 July 2018** shall be allowed to participate in the competition). The FMC entry form is attached. Completed forms must be emailed to Itumeleng.Maduwa@nlsa.ac.za.
4. Book Clubs participating in the **9th Funda Mzantsi Championship** shall be assessed in 11 South African official languages. Below are the prescribed books that will be utilised during the competition.

| LANGUAGE | BOOK TITLE | AUTHOR |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Afrikaans | Die Verdwyng van Mina Afrika | Zuretha Roos |
| English | Dog eat Dog | Niq Mhlongo |
| IsiNdebele | Amabatha | P.BD Masango |
| IsiXhosa | Ukuba Ndandazile | WK Tamsanqa |
| IsiZulu | Insumansunane | E Zondi |
| Sepedi | Ke Eng | Bopape ML & Ramakgwakgwa MF |
| Sesotho | Mehlolo ke Dinoha | SP Lekeba |

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| Setswana | Mokomaditlhare | LD Raditladi |
| Siswati | Labhoboka Litfumba | AT Fakude |
| Tshivenda | Phusuphusu Dza Dzimauli | WMD Phophi |
| Xitsonga | Vutomi I Vhilwa | NR Mgiba |

5. **Department of Correctional Services'** book clubs are encouraged to purchase the prescribed English and Afrikaans books. School and community Book Clubs will be supplied with the prescribed books by the NLSA.

6. Participating book clubs will be assessed in four categories per language, namely:

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| 6.1. Reading (Impromptu) | 2 minutes |
| 6.2. Book Review and Critical Analysis | 2 minutes |
| 6.3. Debate | 3 minutes |
| 6.4. Spelling Bee | 60 seconds |

7. Each category will be allocated time as indicated above.

8. Book Clubs are free to enter all categories in all languages.

9. The winners shall be assessed by a panel of adjudicators.

10. Adjudicators' decision is final.

11. Winners shall be categorized as follows;

11.1. Category winner (This is the winner of each category of the competition.)

11.2. Overall winner per language (This is the winner of all three categories of the competition combined.)

12. Winners shall be announced at the end of the competition.

13. Category winners shall be awarded trophies, shields and certificates which they shall retain permanently after the competition.

14. Overall winners shall be awarded medals, trophies, shields and certificates. No part of a prize shall be exchangeable for cash or any other prize.

15. Book Clubs are responsible for their transport to and from the competition venues.

16. The National Library of South Africa and the Department of Correctional Services shall be responsible for accommodation and meals during the competition. Only Book Club members and Book Club co-ordinators shall be accommodated and catered for.

17. **NB: Book Clubs may bring a maximum of ten (10) members per club including the Book Club co-ordinators and drivers.**

18. No unruly behavior from Book Club members shall be tolerated during and after the competition. Book Clubs who misbehave shall be disqualified, suspended from the competition.

19. School Book Clubs must wear their school uniform during the competition and Book Clubs from the Department of Correctional Services, tertiary institutions and communities must wear their Book Club uniforms. No Book Club shall be allowed to participate if members are not in uniform.