TEMPORARY CLOSURE
of National Library of South Africa
Due to COVID-19

In light of the global pandemic, COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the recent address by President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and on the advice of a range of global health agencies and specialists, the National Library of South Africa (NLSA) will be closing its three sites to the public effective Wednesday, 18 March 2020.

The NLSA, on average, facilitates 1 300 face-to-face interactions with Library Users daily. These statistics places our institution in a high risk position in the potential transmission of the Virus. The NLSA’s three sites - Pretoria Campus, Cape Town Campus and Centre for the Book - will therefore be closed from 18 March 2020 until further notice. We are persuaded of the importance of this step as a precautionary, proactive measure to minimise the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

The NLSA, in an effort to ensure service delivery, will continue to provide limited e-services to the public through the following access points:

- Social media
- Emails to info@nlsa.ac.za (Cape Town) and infodesk@nlsa.ac.za (Pretoria)
- Reference Service in Cape Town on 021 487 5624 / 25
- Reference Service in Pretoria on 012 401 9725
- Switchboard on Pretoria Campus on 012 401 9700 and Cape Town Campus on 021 424 6320
- ‘Ask a Librarian’ feature on our NLSA Catalogue at www.nlsa.ac.za