**National Book Week tour stops in Polokwane and Noordgesig**

Nal’ibali, Kwesukela and FunDza Trust were the heroes of the day as National Book Week concluded with activities in Seshego, Limpopo and Noordgesig in Gauteng.

Learners from Seshego schools gathered in the Ramatlhodi Indoor Sports Complex to partake in the activities, as storytellers, poets and hip hop artist Hitman CEO shared the joy of reading with them.

It was the game of Wordathon that seemed to get this young crowd of learners riled up as they enjoyed constructing words using a deck of cards given to them by Wordathon.

Addressing the audience, Ms Rosie Katz, reminded the learners and community members that the secret for success lies within the pages of a book and that it is only through the knowledge and wisdom found in books that they will be able to reach greater heights in life.

The National Book Week activities formed part of the programme for the Polokwane Literary Festival, which commemorated its 5th season this September.

Deep within the streets of Soweto, on the South side of Johannesburg, the Walter Sisulu Place of Safety in Noordgesig also celebrated National Book Week.

This centre renders services that focus on growth and development of children in order to empower them to be successful in the community.

It was with this in mind that National Book Week ambassador, Mr Stoan Seate was invited to address this young audience and show them that “reading is cool.” In addition to sharing words of wisdom and empowerment, Stoan then entertained the children with some freestyle rap and told them that he would love to see them becoming a success in whatever career field they wish to pursue.

This young audience was further treated to some fun educational games and storytelling sessions from the NBW service providers namely: Kwesukela, Wordathon, Cotlands and Project Literacy. The joy of reading was indeed shared with the residents of the Walter Sisulu Place of Safety.

National Book Week was celebrated throughout South Africa from 05-11 September. The #BUY\_A\_BOOK campaign, which has made books available for R20 at Exclusive Books, Bargain Book and Takealot.com, continues until 18 September.

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