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- South Africa is the world's largest producer of Gold and world's third producer of diamonds.
- South Africa has 11 languages with Afrikaans, English, and Bantu spoken by the majority of people.
- South Africa's population is 43,786, 115.

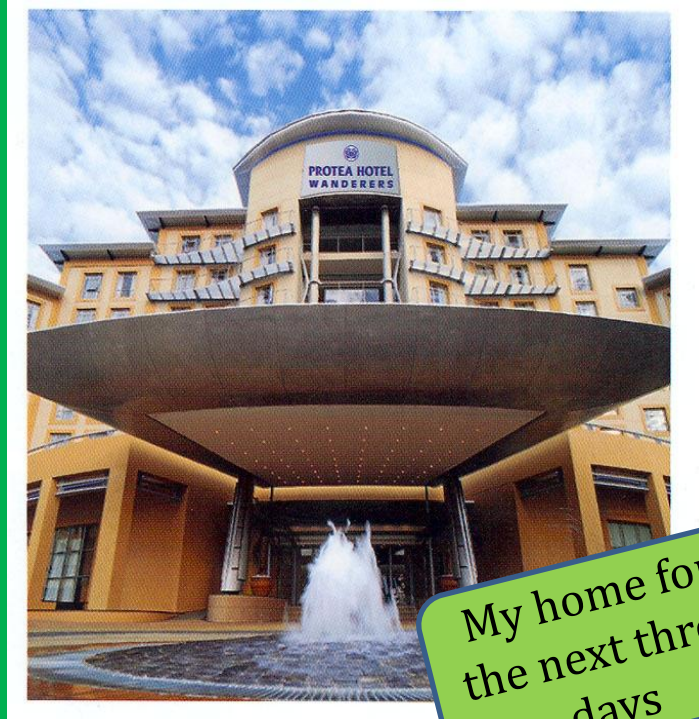
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Travelled with 22
Library Science
Delegates.



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My home for
the next three
days

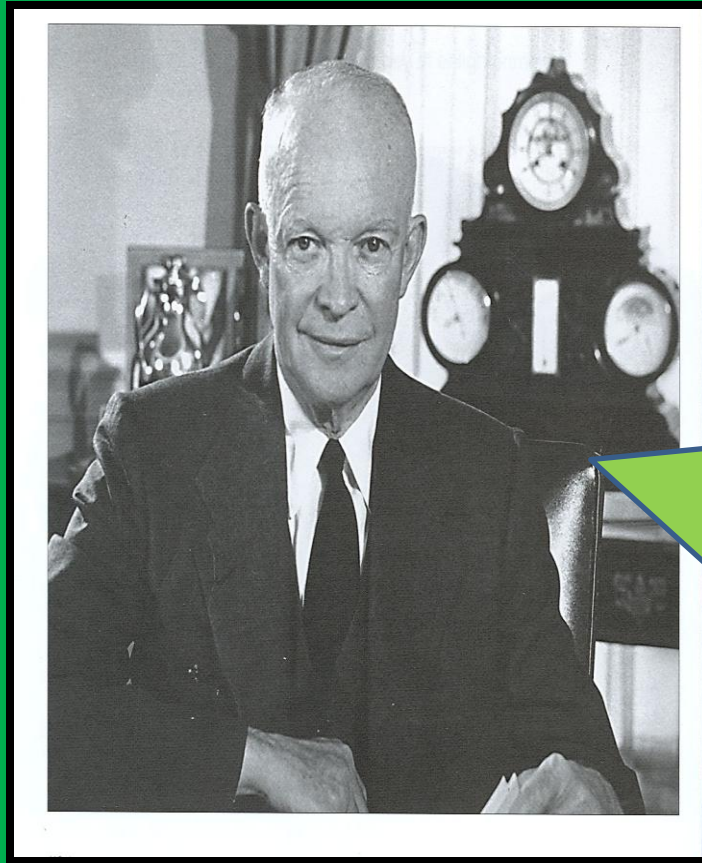


Tour Guides

The Protea Hotel Wanderers had every amenity like a first class hotel.



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The People to People Citizen Ambassador Program was started by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. The mission of the program is to foster one-on-one dialogue and professional diplomacy with ones counterpart overseas.

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At every visit I carried books donated by Kamit Natural Foods, over 2,000 pencils donated by Imagine Us, and Johnson C. Smith University memorabilia all tucked neatly in African Proverb bags and T-Shirts by Black Eyed Perspectives.



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South Africa Tips:

- Before taking a photograph ask permission.
- Never take a picture of a child without the parents permission.
- It is polite to give a gift at every visit.
- South Africans dine continental style: the knife stays in the right hand and the fork remains in the left.

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The Rosa Parks Library was established by the US Embassy in 1976. The Rosa Parks Library was the only library that South African (s) leaders could visit and read information on the Civil Rights movement in the United States.

ROSA PARKS LIBRARY
American Culture & Information Center

Summer Schedule

OPENING HOURS:

Winter Schedule:

Monday	11h00
Tuesday-Friday	09h00

Fax: 011 982 5844

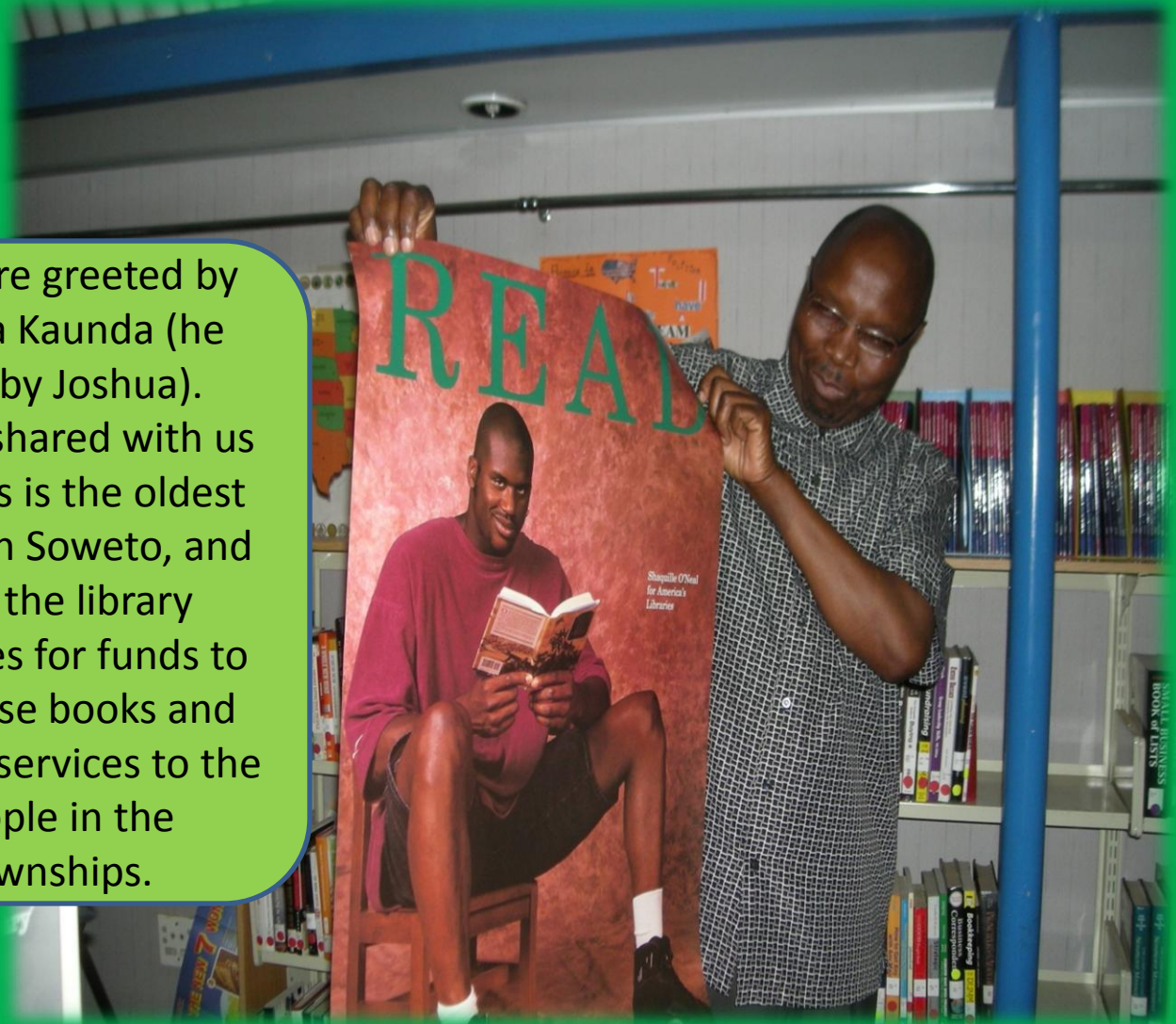
Email: rosaparkslibrary@w...
Website: <http://southafrica...>

The Library will be closed on American and South African

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We were greeted by Joshua Kaunda (he goes by Joshua). Joshua shared with us that this is the oldest library in Soweto, and how the library struggles for funds to purchase books and provide services to the people in the townships.



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Mr. Robert Moropa, Library Director

The University of Pretoria has six campuses with a student population of 57, 409. It is the leading research University in South Africa and one of the largest research library in the country.



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**Dr. Mbambo-Thata,
Executive Director**



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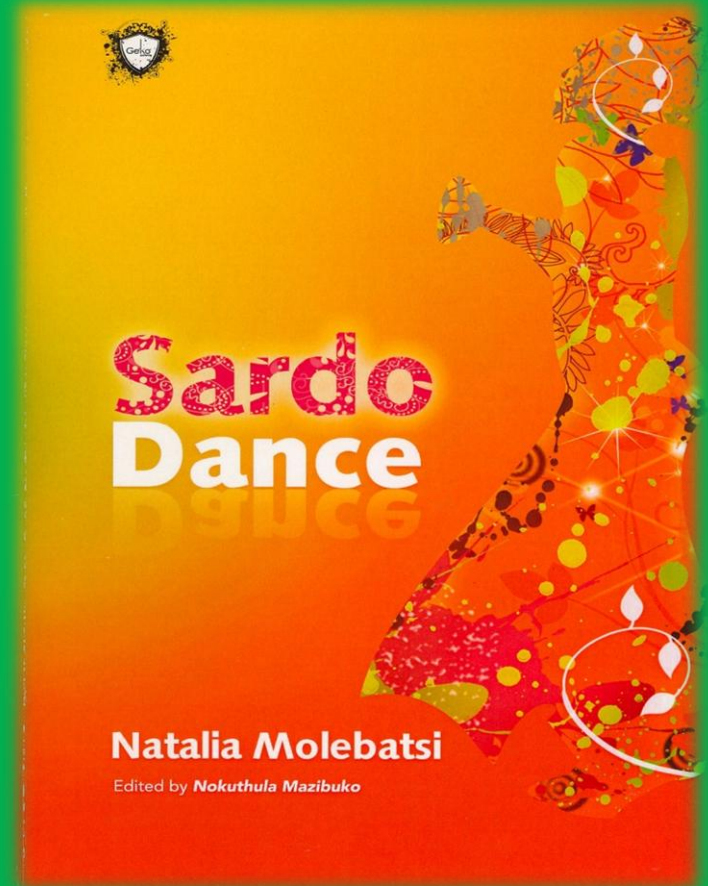


The Unisa library is the largest academic library in South Africa. The University of South Africa was established in 1873, the library was established in 1946 as a means to offer distance education to its citizens. They have a book collection of over 1.5 million, 4,000 current periodical titles, a growing collection of electronic journals and e-books, and Unisa students and staff have access to the library 24/7.

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Natalia Molebatsi was a vegetarian and a poet. We latched onto each so fast, you thought it was magic.



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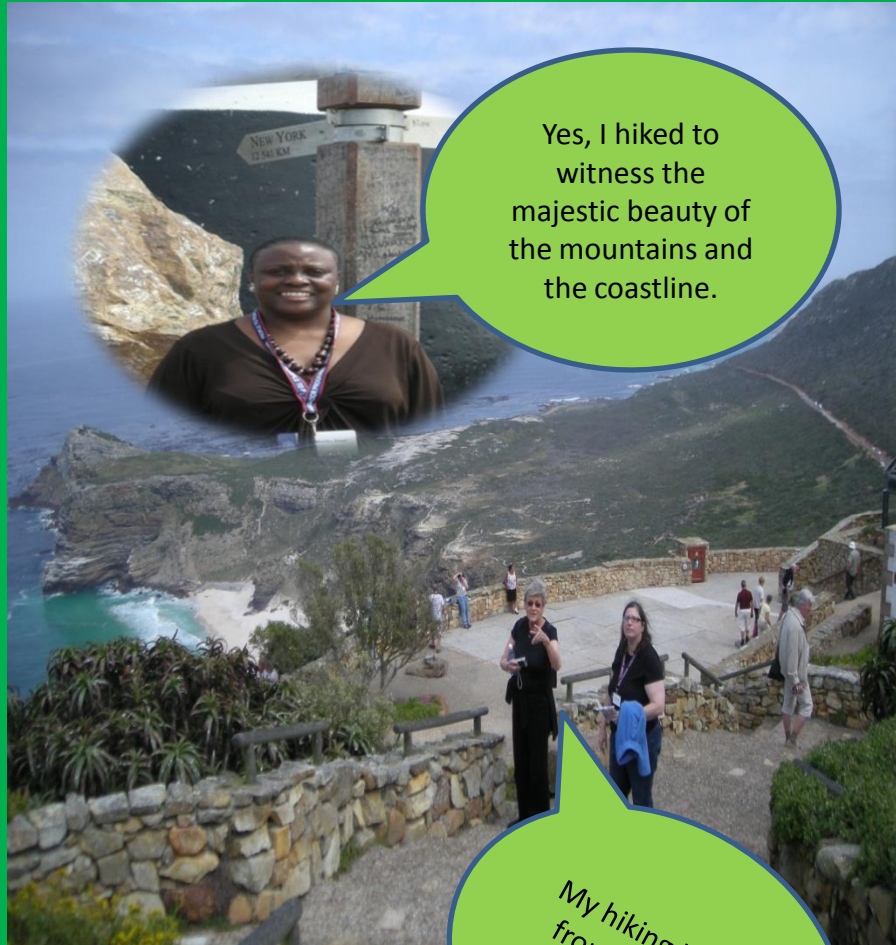
The movement of modern huma

The oldest mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) lineages are found in Africa. This is compelling evidence that modern human beings first developed on this continent. Based on the known rates of mtDNA mutation, the common human ancestor is dated to between 150,000 and 200,000 years ago. From this ancestral population, modern human beings spread out all over the world.

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Yes, I hiked to witness the majestic beauty of the mountains and the coastline.

My hiking buddies from the Library Delegation.



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Boulder is known for its thriving colony of the African Penguins and beaches.

The beach water is the purest blue I have ever seen. I just had to put my feet in the water.



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• **Plants to help fight HIV/AIDS**

There are many traditional remedies that can be used to treat the secondary symptoms of HIV/AIDS. Oral thrush is treated with the antiseptic leaf juice of the sour fig (*Carpobrotus edulis*). There are also some plants, e.g. sutherlandia (*Lessertia frutescens*), that are used as tonics to help the body fight infection.

Izityalo ezingamayeza kwimpawu ze HIV/AIDS

Amayeza emveli asetenziswa ukunyanga iimpawu ezinxulumene nogawulayo (HIV/AIDS) U kutyabuka kunyangwa ngamaqhaba e *Carpobrotus edulis* ukubulalaiintsholongwane.

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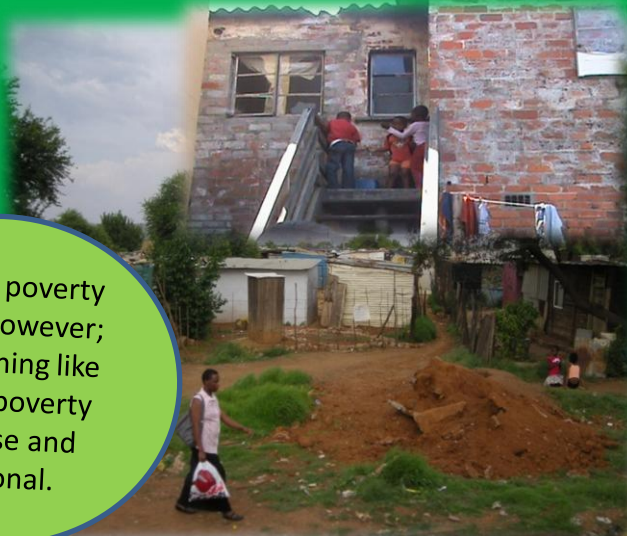


The Kosi Palm has
the longest leaves
in the world.

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You see poverty on TV, however; it is nothing like seeing poverty up close and personal.



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The most transforming moment during my visit in South Africa was interacting with the children. I held a South African child in my arms. I connected with that child. This child will always have a place in my heart and his spirit became one with mine.



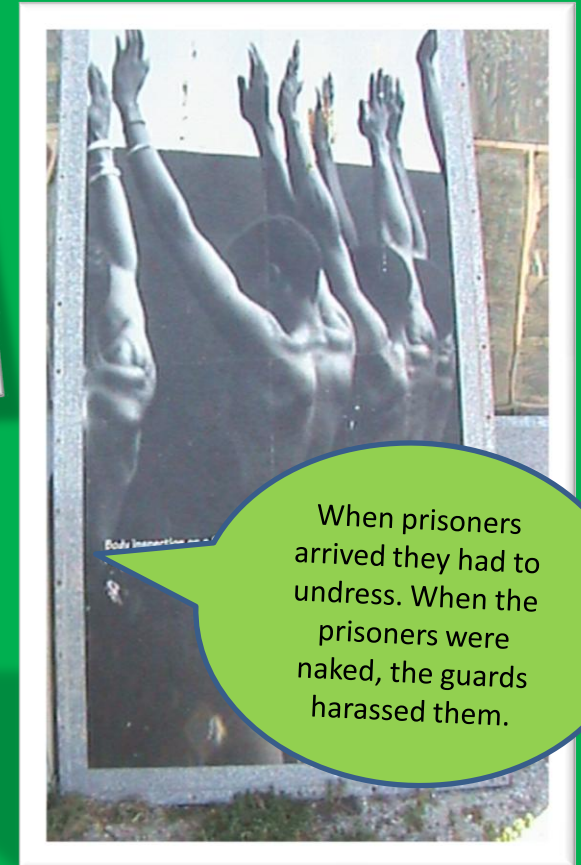
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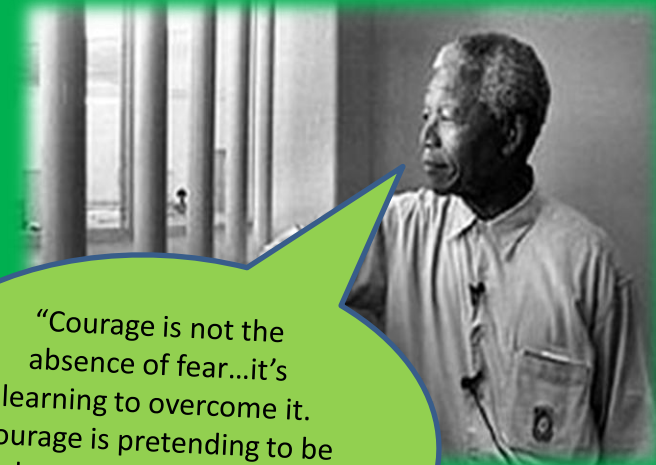
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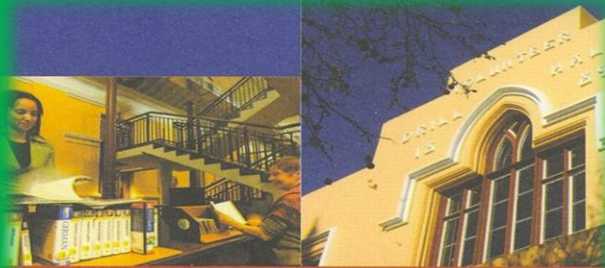
“Courage is not the absence of fear...it’s learning to overcome it. Courage is pretending to be brave. Fearlessness is stupidity. Courage is not letting the fear defeat you.”



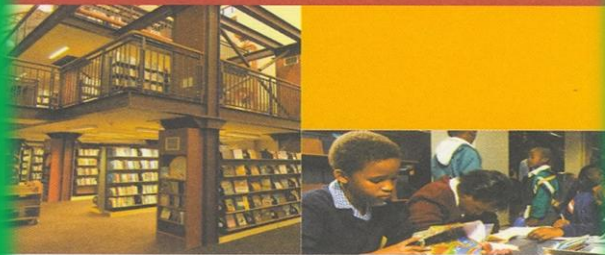
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Central Library
booklet



CITY OF CAPE TOWN | ISIXEKO SASEKAPA | STAD KAAPSTAD

THIS CITY WORKS FOR YOU

A waiting room is located in the Central Library where patrons wait to use the computers for 30 minutes.



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*What do you make of mountains and oceans
in the same peripheral view?
Skylines, ships, streetlights,
People all in one city and many towns.
Animals, trees, beautiful landscapes,
Shanty homes, crowded, clustered,
Condos, large corporations, and tourists,
All in one city, and many towns.
Wealth, Poverty,
Skilled, Educated,
Services, Custodians,
Craftsmanship, Hustlers,
All in one city and many towns.
Languages of many tongues,
Cultures of many rainbows,
Tradition verses Western Influences
All in one city and many towns.
Dreams of few,
Home to many cultures,
All in one city and many towns.
This is South Africa---
Moving, Growing,
Final destination-unknown.*

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Seeds, Roots, and Wings: My Journey Through South Africa is about giving of my talent and heart to do my part in creating a world that is better than I found it because we are One!

