

sithanda ukufunda

Mobile library to schools

We love to read

Recent research on reading at primary school level found that

- 60% of a sample of rural children in Grade 5 are reading at Grade 1 level
- 10% of Grade 5 children could not read a single word in English

Further reports state that unless learners are given sufficient opportunity to '**learn to read**' they cannot later '**read to learn**'.



Sithanda ukufunda – We love to read wants to help learners in mostly rural schools to read and to love reading. At present our mobile library takes books to 19 Primary Schools and 5 High Schools on the Lower South Coast of KZN and adjoining areas of the Eastern Cape.

Most of our books are donated by friends, businesses and more affluent schools on the South Coast and in Johannesburg. We have just collected about 300 books from St Johns Prep – huge thanks! Many of the books are much loved, much read books which their original owners have read and read. Others are wonderful new books donated by people with a vision for the importance of enhancing the literacy levels of the learners in our schools.

We recently held a fund-raising walk at Selsdon Park, a farm on the South Coast, to bring in much needed funds to enable us to continue our work. Our books are all covered in library quality plastic and are taken to the schools in boxes for the different grades. We now have over 120 boxes.



Some comments from the teachers:

- They were so excited they even wanted to read all the time.
- The books are so lovely. They help us so much.
- The books help us so much. Now they can read better.
- We see the impact of the books
- You are empowering the learners.
- The books are a blessing.



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss "I can read with my eyes shut"

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