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DSACR OBSERVES WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) joins millions of readers and wordsmiths around the world to celebrate World Book and Copyright Day. World Book and Copyright Day is a worldwide celebration that promotes the enjoyment of books and reading. Each year, on 23 April, celebrations take place all over the world to recognise the magical power of books – a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across cultures. The theme for 2020 World Book and Copyright Day is: **“Reading is lit”**. According to the National Library of South Africa (NLSA), the theme is especially directed to the youth, to perceive reading as exciting, fun and contributing to the President’s initiative to make South Africa a reading nation.

This year’s celebration of this day takes place amid the COVID-19 global pandemic which has seen libraries and other places of interest being closed in order to curb the spread of the virus and one way of getting to read while our libraries are under lockdown, is to make use of the Free State Provincial e-Book Library Service portal. The e-Book Library Service is open – 24 hours, 7 days a week. The Free State e-Book Library Service consist of fiction and non-fiction titles for children, youth and adults. You are entitled to borrow 6 books from this service for 2 weeks!

Another e-service for your usage is the E-Britannica – the online version of the Britannica encyclopaedia. This is an excellent information resource that is available for your usage, free of charge. E-Britannica is accessible on three levels, namely for children, youth and adults. To access e-books and e-Britannica resources register at: <http://prolib.fs.gov.za/>

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