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Newly upgraded Randvaal Library offers more than just books
Midvaal's passion for books was highlighted today when Executive Mayor of Midvaal Municipality Cllr Timothy Nast opened the newly upgraded Randvaal Library in Daleside. This is the second library to be opened in Midvaal in the last 12 months and boasts fantastic facilities, as well as proud librarians who live out their passion to serve their community.

This library is centred around the community that now offers free internet access, a beautiful children's section, a small community hall, a comfortable reading corner, a user friendly reception area and an exquisite library garden known as the peace haven.

These facilities are open and available to nearby residents, including but not limited to Randvaal, Schoongezich, Highbury, Drumblade, Green Valley, Klipriver, Pendale, Valley Settlements and Daleside.

Libraries like these are becoming one stop centres for communities. Through free internet access knowledge of the world is now on the community's doorstep. With over 13 000 books available the wonderful world of reading is open to the young and old. The welcoming new layout and seating areas have created an enjoyable environment to develop a love for books and knowledge.

Executive Mayor Nast urged the community to make use of this excellent facility as often as possible and look after it for our children and grandchildren. "Our libraries must be an inviting source of relevant information, especially to our young people. These new facilities will play a positive role in the social development of this community, it will inspire critical thinking and motivate community members to read! We envision this newly upgraded library to become an easily accessible centre of knowledge," says Executive Mayor Nast.

This library provides for many of the community's needs, including those that do not directly relate to traditional library functions specifically social and educational support. Many of the nearby schools do not have functioning school libraries, thus this library fulfils an important role in assisting learners with school projects, research and study facilities. In addition to this the community can make use of the hall for workshops, training, events and community meetings.

This library offers the community a peace haven, a village hub, a knowledge home, definitely so much more than just books.

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