

DEPARTMENT: SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION: LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The Lephalale Local Municipality comprises of three Libraries, one main library is at the Civic Centre and two branch libraries are at Marapong Township and Thabo Mbeki Village.

Purpose of the library

Library is responsible for delivering library and information services to the residents of Lephalale. It plays a key-role in conforming to the developmental role of the town and contributes to the reading, learning and skills development of all its residents and has positioned itself to address the social, economic and cultural challenges facing its communities.

Services offered by the libraries.

Lephalale's public libraries are hubs of education, giving residents access to reading materials and free internet.

Besides lending out material, the libraries offer a wide range of other services including user guidance, literacy/reading programmes and storytelling sessions for children, classroom support, and literary competitions.

They are also the venues for group discussions, study, and talks.

Operating hours

Library's operational hours are from 08:00 am to 16:00pm on weekdays and closed on weekends and public holidays.

The core business of library and information services includes:

- Collection, development and management (including bibliographic management)
- Provision of safe and free library facilities for reading and learning
- Provision of free and guided access to knowledge and information (including online access to library and other information resources)
- Development, promotion and maintenance of a reading culture through the delivering of programmes.

Joining a library

- All residents are welcome to join their local library.
- You need to present your identity book, with proof of residence. Children will also need to show their birth certificates.
- Cards will be issued by the libraries. There is no waiting period for those applying for the first time.
- Registered members are allowed to take out/borrow the maximum of four books for adult and two for a child for a period of two weeks.

Contact information:

Civic centre library contact person: The Librarian (Ms HL Tempo) @014 762 1453

Marapong Library contact person: The Librarian (Mr DS Petja) @ 014 762 1617/18/19

Thabo Mbeki library contact person: The Librarian(Mr L Mamadi) @014 762 1620/21

