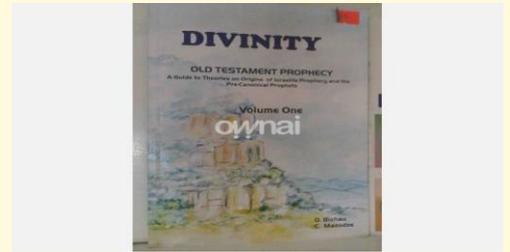


## Welcome

The earthy smell, the flying termites, and of course the scurrying for cover and the ladies with plastic bags on their heads, the rains are finally here! Greetings from under the umbrella!! We hope you are doing amazing and not getting too many unsolicited showers in the streets. The rainy season is perfect for curling with a book and a steaming cup of your favorite beverage...so to set you off here is our small gossip on what we've been up to this month. As always thank you for the time you dedicate to reading, sharing our newsletter. Please do pass by and look at some books, the weather is perfect no excuse, let's get reading....enjoy!



Thanks to Kudzai for donating her history and Divinity textbooks to the library after completing her advanced levels. It is indeed in giving that you receive.

## YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING DECEMBER 16 to 17 2016

The world has been literally taken over by entrepreneurs and young ones at that, with people like Mark Zuckerberg leading the charge. Are you ready to be inspired? To have the entrepreneur in you awakened. If your answer is yes, please do make a date with us on the above dates as we help you discover the inner entrepreneur in you and help you identify and make the most of the opportunities around you and be the next big entrepreneur.

Cost: \$4

Venue: ZimLibrary, Zimre Park

To register contact Dinika 0774751043, Terry 0774401952 or Ruwa 0773756402

## Story of the month- From Cyprus with Love

ZimLibrary has been an incubator for Advanced level and ordinary level students, who have the opportunity of studying till 9pm and even doing "all-nighters" Tamuka Bhasera, is one product from that system, a former student volunteer librarian; he is now studying towards a degree in Electrical and electronics engineering at European University of Lefke in Cyprus.

Recently, we had a chat with him (Thanks to WhatsApp calling) and he sounded bubbly and was really enjoying life in Europe. He expressed a lot of gratitude for the facilities which were availed to him by the Library and singled out the "All-night" studying and discussion sessions as the most critical towards his results. He also highlighted the importance of having clear goal for the future, something he admits to having lacked prior to his association with Library.

"I was so closed off from the world, my vision was going to UZ and do a degree in electrical engineering, but thanks to Internet at the Library, I actually started googling Universities and discovered that European University of Lefke in actually combined two of my -

-favorite fields, Electrical and electronics Engineering into one, I applied and here I am."

In ZBC style Tamuka said "My advice to other young people out there, especially vapfanha vangu at the Library is, hard work pays, no pain, no gain, *tairova mapungwe mulibs, vamwe vari paden*, but now I am following my dreams in Cyprus, occasionally swimming in the Mediterranean Sea"



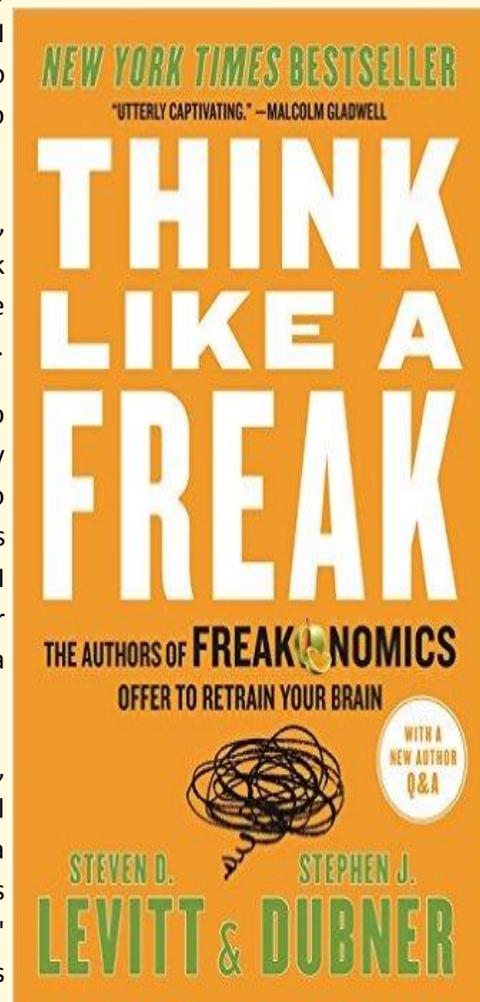
## Book Review: *Think like a Freak*

When I first saw the book, I dismissed it. Why on earth would I want to think like a freak? Of all things, a freak? If it had said genius or leader I would have gravitated towards it. I reluctantly picked it up after a friend gave it raving reviews, and well fast forward to two days later, I was actually referring to myself as a freak! Yes, you heard me right, I now also think, I think like a freak, Thanks to Stephen J. Dubner and Steven Levitt.

The way the writers write is remarkable and reminds one a lot of my favorite writer, Malcolm Gladwell. They intertwine stories, anecdotes with facts which really make the book enjoyable. Through these anecdotes the authors help one see some of the things we have always seen in a different light, they force you to start thinking differently (i.e. ... like a freak).

One of the most striking chapters in the book is how children ask questions and are so curious about everything. Children don't have a set worldview and are eager to learn by asking a lot of questions. Parents often dismiss these questions when it might be valuable to see the world through a child's eyes and challenge some thoughts and beliefs. The writers also make a good point about how the three hardest words in the English language are "I don't know" and how it should be okay to say these words. By applying these words to our lives, we will first of all lay a lot less and more importantly be able to demonstrate a willingness to find out answers to questions we simply don't know.

Anyone who uses email or Facebook has received emails from Nigerian scammers, promising millions of money from estates or some other funny story, I have received several actually. In the book the authors analyse the scams and makes you see them from a different perspective. The so-called "Nigerian scammers" send millions of email messages each month to millions of people throughout the world. (It's called the "Nigerian scam" because more than half of the messages invoke Nigeria than all of the other emails combined.) I have received 3-5 each week in recent years. The "Beloved friend" message is always illiterate and ludicrous. Stupid, right? Not so fast. According to Levitt and Dubner, the Nigerian scammers know that almost everyone who receives a message will ignore it. But if only one in a hundred recipients provides the requested bank information....



## November Highlights



Our reader of the month is Tendai Mago (Left) He read a total of 7 books.

Children during a Saturday reading club (Right)



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