ZimLibrary Newsletter-JULY 2017

Welcome

Salutations from the house of ideas, wisdom and knowledge, oh yes and fun! We hope you are doing well. Summer is upon us, and the cold is finally going away. Well, as you all know, summer is when people who have been working out now show off those summer bodies, toned muscles and all. So we, like anyone else suffer from FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) and we also got busy getting in shape and my, oh my aren't we pleased with our new look? When was the last time you came through to the Library? Well, come through now and you will be as delighted as we are with our new look. So just to give you a verbal image, we now have a new look Library, complete with a reception, quiet reading room(s), casual room and a stunning children's reading room. All this is for you. Enjoy!!

Our new reception area

STORY OF THE MONTH: I love ZimLibrary and you should too

You know ZimLibrary is the best library in the world. I like spending my spare time with Aunty Ruva, Aunty Alice and Aunty Nolly. When I am at home, I feel bored if I'm not reading books, but because the Aunties are nice they allow me to borrow books to read at home.

The books I borrow are fun. I sometimes get angry when other children come and make noise and run to play on the swings instead of reading, and seriously don't they know how fun reading is?

ZimLibrary has everything a child can wish for, including puzzles and great books to read. I also like the chess club where we meet every Friday at 3 to play and learn chess.

I really wish to be a librarian when I grow up. It will be so much fun, imagine going to work to spend the whole day just reading any book you like.

The story was written by one of our Reading club members; Ten year Old Takudzwa Mwaibviseni, a grade four pupil at Zimre Primary school. He is also the winner of the **July African books reading challenge for children**

IT'S OLD WINDSOR AGAIN!

This year's annual Ruwa Primary schools spelling Bee was held at Chiremba Primary school.

Old Windsor once again emerged victorious in the overall schools category walking away with the Floating shield. Three top students from each grade category walked away with a Gold or Silver or Bronze medal. In addition to the medals they each also got 9Liters of milk, courtesy of ProBrands, which has been a committed supporter of the spelling bee since its inception three years ago.

Book Review: Banker to the Poor: Micro-Lending and the Battle against World Poverty- Muhammad Yunus

Have you ever been in church and felt like clapping and shouting "Preach Brother, preach?" Well, that is exactly how I felt as I read Professor Muhammad Yunus' book. Professor Yunus is a Bangladeshi Economist and founder of Grameen Bank, the first micro credit bank in the world who won a Nobel Prize for his work in creating financial inclusion for the marginalised and underprivileged in Bangladesh, particularly women.

Professor Yunus began the experiment of what is today Grameen bank, giving out millions if not billions in loans with a loan of $27 from his own pocket. He loaned the amount to 42 people. Yes $27 to 42 people…he really was dealing with the poor. Through this initial loan he realized how such a small amount led to the happiness of so many people and how it actually contributed to the improvement of their lives. He also realized that poor people were actually willing to pay back the money.

Professor Yunus visited the local Bank and failed to convince the manager to give out loans to the poor. The manager's argument was that poor people had no collateral to which Yunus argued that, anyone who had collateral actually did not "need" a loan. Professor Yunus realized that the Banking system was actually anti poor and so he made it his mission to create a bank that would be pro poor. After a struggle he managed to convince the regional manager of the bank to give out 1000 taka, but on the condition that Prof Yunus was the guarantor. This was the beginning.

The book is not just about Grameen Bank, it is also an autobiography of Professor Yunus, where he details his upbringing, the values he picked from his parents as well as the important role he played in the liberation efforts of the state of Bangladesh.

The road to Grameen in eradicating poverty was a long and winding one, but one man's vision and dedication proved key.

Notable quotes from the book:

"When we want to help the poor, we usually offer them charity. Most often we use charity to avoid recognizing the problem and finding the solution for it. Charity becomes a way to shrug off our responsibility. But charity is no solution to poverty. Charity only perpetuates poverty by taking the initiative away from the poor. Charity allows us to go ahead with our own lives without worrying about the lives of the poor. Charity appeases our consciences."

"If you go out into the real world, you cannot miss seeing that the poor are poor not because they are untrained or illiterate but because they cannot retain the returns of their labor. They have no control over capital, and it is the ability to control capital that gives people the power to rise out of poverty."

"Poverty does not belong in civilized human society. Its proper place is in a museum. That's where it will be."

July Highlights

Our reader of the month is Blessing Gaston who read 12 books

Pupils from Zimre Primary schools enjoying their reading in the new children's reading room (Left)

Winners of this year's spelling Bee (Old Windsor) pose for a picture with Cllr Ndlovu (Ward 3 councilor in White), Mrs. Kutukwa(Chiremba Primary Head) Mr. Madzokere (Old Windsor Teacher in tracksuit) and Alice and Dinika from ZimLibrary(Right)

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