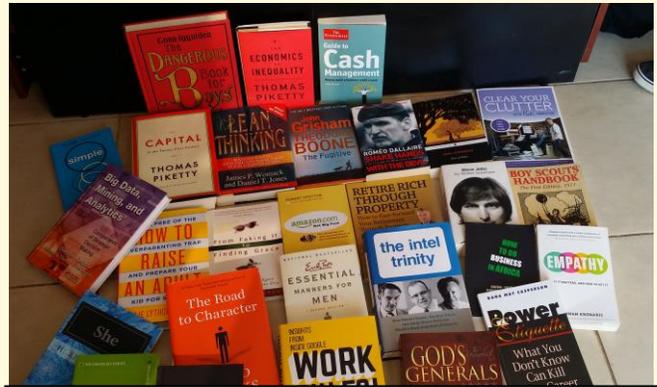


Welcome

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Welcome to our second issue of the ZimLibrary newsletter! So February is the month of love!! A happy valentines from us! We hope you gifted your loved ones not with chocolates they gobbled up in a couple of minutes nor with flowers that will wilt and have to be thrown away. We hope you gave them a good book; a romantic novel, a personal development book, or an old love song book. So apart from a month of love, February has been busy for us, we were thinking, planning and strategizing on our next big idea!!!!



We added 82 new books this month and got a donation of 27 novels from Milan Smid in Switzerland.

Our mission is to ensure every person has access to books.

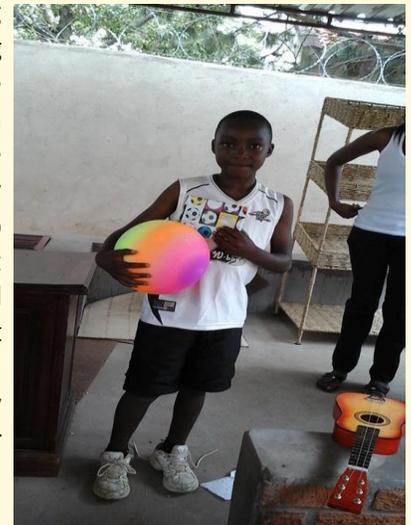
We use Koha Integrated Library systems

Story of the month

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." Frederick Douglass

When he first came to the library, more than a year ago, he was in grade 4 and a struggling reader. He could barely read a grade 2 book. He could recognize some phonics words though he struggled to read through a full sentence. Needless to say, he was in the bottom half of his class at school. We worked with him consistently for 6 months.

Within the first 3 months, his reading had improved significantly. As his reading improved, we watched him gain more self-confidence. We celebrated with him as his grades improved. I was the happiest when he came and proudly showed me his report; he was no. 15, up from his usual forty something. Now that is something to smile about! Every child needs a champion. An adult who will not give up on them. Someone who can cheer them on and lift them when they fall. No significant learning can occur without a significant relation.

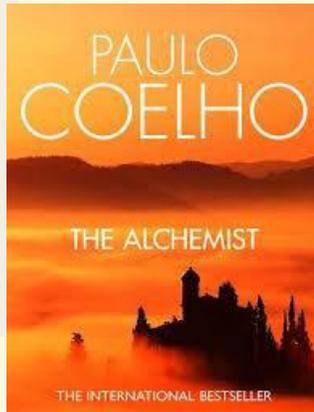


ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

As irons sharpens iron, a man is sharpened by another man—Proverbs 27:17. This quote from the greatest book ever written, the bible, captures the spirit of our book discussions. So last month we spoke about the amazing work we are doing with the children's reading clubs and several adults queried whether we were only a children's library. We have an ebullient adult's book discussion club, where we read a book and meet every fortnight to dissect it and milk all the wisdom we can from it. The books we discuss range from fictional works like Chimamanda Ngozie Adichie's *Half of a Yellow Sun*, or insightful books like, The power of Habit: why we do what we do in business and life. Most recently we discussed The Alchemist which is a fantastic book reviewed in this edition. To those who want to join us, just get in touch and we will avail to you the list, up next on our menu is Things a little bird told me by Biz Stone, a book from TWITTER founder, then Grinding it out: the making of McDonald's, the compelling book behind the mega successful fast food enterprise.

Book Review: *The Alchemist*

It is an amazing book full of optimism that tells you that everything is possible as long as you really want it to happen. It's the tale of Santiago, a shepherd boy who has a dream and the courage to follow it. After listening to "the signs" or "omens" the boy ventures in his personal, journey of exploration and self-discovery, symbolically searching for a hidden treasure located near the pyramids in Egypt. In his journey, Santiago sees the greatness of the world, and meets all kinds of exciting people like kings and alchemists. However, by the end of the novel, he discovers that "treasure lies where your heart belongs."



When the Old King appears to Santiago he says "when you really want something to happen, the whole universe conspires so that your wish comes true". This is the core of the novel's philosophy. "The Alchemist" is a novel that can appeal to everybody, because we can all identify with Santiago: all of us have dreams, and are dying for somebody to tell us that they may come true. The novel skillfully combines words of wisdom, philosophy, and simplicity of meaning and language, which makes it particularly readable and accounts for its bestselling status

Teen Boot Camp

Dates: 4-6 April 2016

Venue: Mavuradonha lodges

Cost: \$50 per person

If you are looking for a journey out of your comfort zone both intellectually and physically and get rejuvenated and set on an unlimited growth trajectory....this is the camp to be!

This camp's entire focus is to assist the teenagers (13-19years) in accomplishing their growth and learning goals as well as unleashing their inner potential. We are committed to opening them to a new way of thinking and realization that they can be whoever they want to be and in the same vein make meaningful contributions in their different communities. The camp will focus on experiential learning, outdoor games, book reading and discussions and competitions.

February Highlights



Our reader of the month is Sean Muchini (right) in Grade 6 who read 9 books this month. Well done!



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Thank You!