

## Welcome

O Revolutionary Greetings comrades! As I'm sure you are aware, the 18<sup>th</sup> of April marked 36 years of Zimbabwe's independence. We are therefore in a revolutionary spirit and hope you are too. Happy independence!! It is our **fervent** hope that you are **ebullient** and loving reading as much as we do. (We just thought we'd throw in two big words in the greeting to show you that our vocabulary is improving as we are reading wink wink). Once again thank you for giving our newsletter a slot in your important schedule.



We added 170 children's books to our collection with donations from BushBin in Marondera and the Bethany Beach Book club in Maryland, USA.

**Our mission is to ensure every person has access to books in Zimbabwe.**

## *Story of the Month: How Volunteering helped me choose my career path*

It is very strange, these days in Zimbabwe to hear a young person saying I am going to volunteer, unless of course it is at church after a lengthy guilt tripping sermon or it's a requirement from their degree programme. With 14 A-level points, Dadiso was an obvious Law degree candidate. When that did not happen, she opted to go and study in South Africa, where she was accepted and had to apply for a student permit. While she waited for her permit, she had time on her hands and decided to volunteer at ZimLibrary, a place she had fond memories of, from her long hours of study for her Advanced Level.

"I used to think libraries were serious places with boring people working there. ZimLibrary was nothing close to this image, of course I knew it was a pleasant place from my study days but when I joined the staff, I felt like I had never been there before.

The atmosphere was ecstatic. I was amazed by the passion, knowledge of books and professionalism the guys there had. They inspired me to read a lot of books and not for any exam but just to learn. I learnt a lot of things I never would have known. I enjoyed helping the children to read and the heated debates we would have on our way from the schools. By the third month, I knew I had applied for the wrong program!



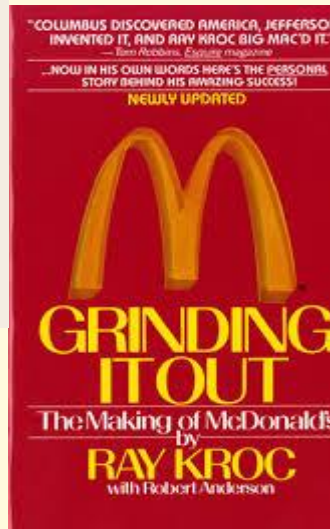
I applied for and got accepted to the Bachelor's degree in Library and Information science at NUST! I will be starting my studies in August this year. This is the kind of work I want to do, making a difference in someone's life!

## Book Review: *Grinding it Out*

Have you ever felt like you are too old to make any change in your life? Or that it's too late to start something new, a business? Well, then grinding it out is for you. Ray Kroc was 52 years old when he started the popular fast food outlet, McDonald. The book is an autobiography of Ray Kroc from the humble beginnings as a paper cup salesman to being one of the richest man in America.

Ray Kroc revolutionised the franchising system and the fast food industry with sheer hard work and determination. He grasped the opportunity for business when he saw it and was not afraid of taking risks. He was "green and growing" at the young age of 52!

As the book title suggests it, all his life he has been grinding it out, to be prepared and ready when the opportunity called. He slept 4, 5 hours a day and he said he not only worked hard but slept hard. He uses the KISS model, Keeping it short and simple; in his business strategy.



Ray Kroc is details both his successes and failures, which differentiates his story from a dozen other success stories. He's a great story teller, and he uses that skill to illustrate his life philosophy of working hard and getting things done at almost any cost. He reiterates the view that determination is the most important quality for any successful person to possess.

The book also touches on Ray Kroc's personal life as he speaks at length about his third wife Joan, whom he fell in love with at first sight. It's an interesting love story as he pursued her tirelessly leading to both of them divorcing their partners and getting married a years later.

Some major take home points from the book:

- ✓ The importance of hard work and determination.
- ✓ Importance of honesty, integrity and always being a man of your word.
- ✓ Building a skilled team around you.

## April Highlights



*Our reader of the month is Laureate Saurombe (right) in Grade 5 who read 12 books this month. Well done!*



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## Thank You!