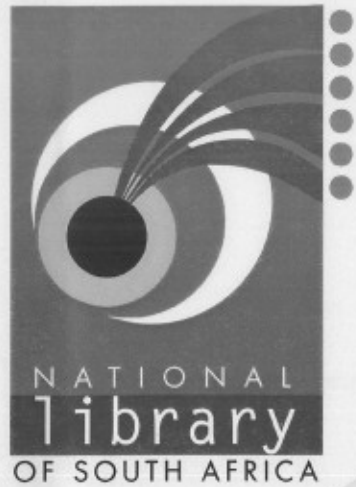


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**NATIONAL LIBRARY OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

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National Library of South Africa

A national resource

Our Vision

The National Library of South Africa is the leading National Library and information centre of excellence in Africa, and in the world.

Our Mission

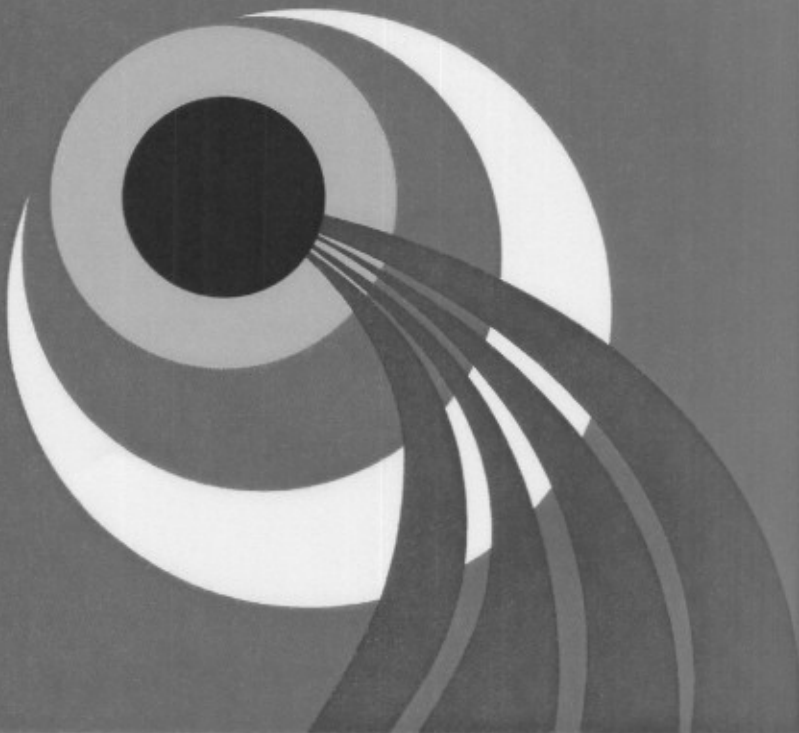
The National Library of South Africa:

- is the primary resource and custodian of South Africa's national documentary heritage
- promotes creative, effective and efficient universal access to information.





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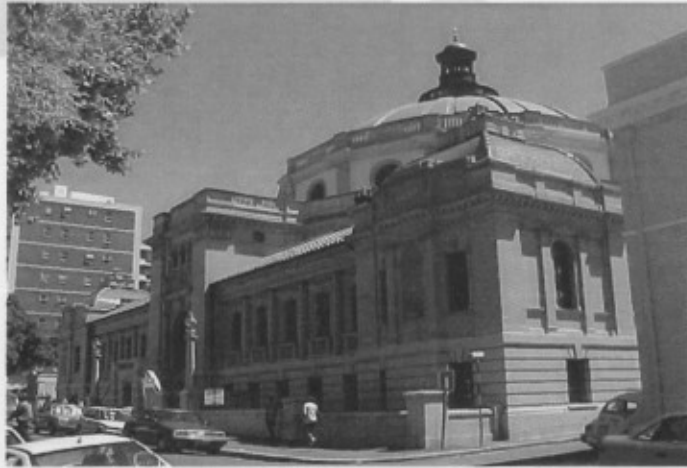
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Introduction – a brief history

- The NLSA is a symbol of National Identity and pride in South Africa and must play a strategic leadership role in the library profession
- Previously there were two national libraries:
 - the South African Library (Cape Town), started in 1818
 - the State Library (Pretoria), started in 1887
- There is now one single national library (*in terms of the NLSA Act no. 92 of 1998*) with two sites including Centre for the Book (Cape Town)
- Both former national libraries merged into one institution, launched on 1st November 1999 as the National Library of South Africa.

**Centre for the Book,
Cape Town**



Cape Town Campus



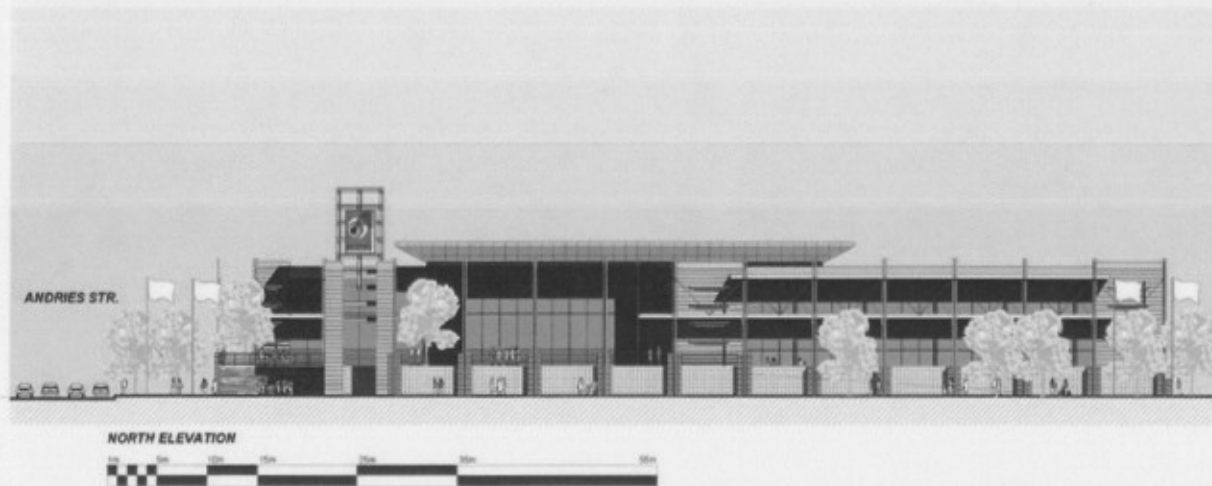
**The National Library, with its
origins dating back to 1818,
celebrated 185 years of service
to the public in 2003**



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Pretoria Campus



Architectural drawing of the *new* Pretoria Campus, with completion scheduled for December 2007.

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HOW WE ARE TRANSFORMING?

Our budget allocation this year will enable us :

To fill 7 mid to upper management posts; 13 supervisor level and 8 junior posts

These appointments will be done in terms of the Employment Equity plan as required by the Labour Legislative Framework

**We are transforming our staff profile and Human Resources demographics;
A new Executive Director: Human Resources Division has been recently employed to drive this process;**

Our procurement policies are in line with the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment requirements,

Procurement, Assets and Facilities Manager has been employed to ensure continued integrity in this area and compliance with the PFMA and Treasury Regulations.

Our staff have been trained to be sensitized to diversity and change management

We are revisiting the Batho Pele Principles of Transformation in offering quality service



Knowledge for the Nation

The National Library of South Africa is a key information provider and cultural heritage institution. It holds millions of items, most acquired through Legal Deposit. There are also many valuable and rare items ranging from the Renaissance to the country's own early indigenous and colonial history. As custodian of South Africa's published documentary heritage, the National Library is positioned to make a positive impact in the lives of all South Africans.

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Specialised services

The National Library has a number of specialised programmes and projects to deliver a variety of services to the public, to libraries and the information sector, as mandated by the National Library of South Africa Act.



Information and document supply services

- **The National Library has reference sections in Pretoria and Cape Town for use by researchers, students, general public, organisations and Government Departments. Those who cannot visit the reference rooms personally, can direct their reference and research questions to the Library by telephone, fax, post and e-mail.**
- **Items from the collections are generally not lent out to individuals. Books and periodicals can be requested on behalf of users by other libraries on interlibrary loan. Photocopies can also be made of articles. The National library coordinates the Southern African Interlending Scheme (SAIS) which has over 600 members libraries in the SADC region.**



Bibliographic services and Collections management

- **The Bibliographic Services Programme is the national bibliographic agency, providing leadership to the South African library and information service community. Specialist librarians create national bibliographic databases with easy access to and retrieval of South African materials.**

The key activities are:

- **Authority control – made available worldwide.**
- **Index to South African periodicals (ISAP).**
- **South African national bibliography (SANB)**



Heritage and Information Awareness Programme

The Heritage and Information Awareness Programme promotes South Africa's national documentary heritage. The programme is a partner in building a society which is information-literate and information-aware. It also has a partnership with the Friends of the National Library of South Africa.

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Special collections

The National Library of South Africa is a treasure-house of Africana and other items which reflect the indigenous and colonial history of the country. These are all available for consultation and research. Here are a few samples:

Nkosi Sikelel' i Afrika.

ENOCH SONTONGA.

The original music
sheet for
**"Nkosi Sikelel' i
Afrika"**
written by
Enoch Sontonga




The South African Public Library, Cape Town. No. 255

Lovedale Sol-fa Leaflets. SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC LIBRARY 7 JUL 1934

No. 17.

NKOSI SIKELEL' I AFRIKA
(THE BANTU NATIONAL ANTHEM).

BY
The late ENOCH SONTONGA.



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