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To: Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Circuit Managers, Heads: Curriculum Support, Subject Advisers, Heads: ISLES Coordination and Advice, Principals and Chairpersons of governing bodies at public schools

**Subject: Celebrating International School Library Month (ISLM)**

1. During October 2024 school libraries in South Africa and across the world will celebrate and promote library and information services at schools as part of ISLM.
2. In celebration of ISLM 2024, the Minister of Education in the Western Cape has decided to involve all Western Cape Education Department (WCED) schools, educators, and learners. Learners will have the opportunity to express their feelings regarding libraries and at the same time win resources for their school library.
3. The Education Library and Information Services, in collaboration with the Minister's office, will afford 10 WCED schools the opportunity to win school library resources to the value of R30 000 per school, with the theme "**Adventures live in my library!**"
4. This year there are two categories in which schools can enter:
  - **Short story category (Grades 4–12, including special schools);** where you tell us about
    - An adventure that you could find in your library; or
    - Why winning school library resources would lead to more library adventures.
  - **Poster/Drawing category (Grades 1–3, including special schools);** where you can make a drawing or poster about:
    - An adventure that you could find in your library.

5. The prize money in the two categories will be divided as follows:
- 5.1 **Short story category:**
- **Three secondary/high schools** will receive R30 000 each for winning entries in English, Afrikaans, and Xhosa; and
  - **Three primary schools** will receive R30 000 each for winning entries in English, Afrikaans, and Xhosa.
- 5.2 **Poster/Drawing category:**
- **Three primary schools (Grades 1–3)** will receive R30 000 each for winning entries in English, Afrikaans, and Xhosa; and
  - **One special school** will receive R30 000 for a winning entry for either a short story or poster/drawing.
6. Educators will have to collate the drawings/posters and short stories and mail entries per school to [Alison.Mentor@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Alison.Mentor@westerncape.gov.za)
7. The closing date for the competition is **Friday, 13 December 2024**, at 17:00 and the winners will be notified telephonically or via email.
8. The announcement of winning schools and the prize handover will take place on a date determined by the WCED.
9. For enquiries about the competition and for terms and conditions, please contact [Janine.Ontong@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Janine.Ontong@westerncape.gov.za)
10. The following WCED district officials may be contacted regarding school library services:
- Tirzah Arendse - School Library Service Officer  
Eden and Central Karoo district: tel. no. 044 803 8377
- Vernon Koen - School Library Service Officer  
Metro East district: tel. no. 021 900 7049
- Sinethemba Mdunyelwa - School Library Service Officer  
West Coast district: tel. no. 021 860 1200
11. Principals are requested to bring the content of this minute to the attention of all concerned.

**SIGNED:** BJ LORISTON

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT**

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