



## **National book week promotes culture of reading**

The city Of Matlosana celebrated National library week in an event held at Khuma library the aim was to promote the culture of reading and literature. The event was graced by the MEC for Arts and Culture Hon. Ontlametse Mochware, Chief Executive of South African Book Development Council, Ms Elitha Van Der Sandt, Executive Mayor of the District Cllr Barei Segotso and North West Ambassador, Stone Seate amongst others.

The MEC Ontlametse Mochware handed-over prizes to the winner of different categories of library competitions. Some of the prizes were laptops, tablets and smart phones. The event attracted the.

Popular categories amongst adult's competition were reading clubs, storytelling, poetry etc. The event was attended by representative from the province. Different age group of people starting from toddlers participated in hand puppets "Glad and Sad Books, school going children, out of school young adults and adult's senior citizens.

Communities members were are encouraged joining book clubs to discuss books in an informal setting. "The partnership between Department of Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs, CATA, South African Book Development Council and the municipalities is to ensure that communities have access to books and information." said Mochware. He further emphasized that books are for free to community members who register for library membership. She was impressed by increasing number of book clubs in libraries.