

DUT Library Celebrates SA Library Week

By Romeo Matumba

The Durban University of Technology (DUT) Library proudly celebrated South African Library Week (SALW) from 17 to 23 March 2025 with a hybrid public lecture by Professor Mpho Ngoepe, Executive Director: Library and Information Services at UNISA and a C2 NRF rated researcher. The event, facilitated by Romeo Matumba, Librarian: Marketing and Communication, was held at the BM Patel Library, 4th Floor LCC, ML Sultan Campus, under the theme “Libraries for Sustainable Communities: Towards Inclusivity in an Academic Library Space to Foster Access to Information.”

DUT’s Director of Library Services, Dr Malefetjane Phaladi, opened the event by introducing Prof. Ngoepe and highlighting his contributions to the advancement of the Library and Information Services (LIS) profession in South Africa. Deputy Vice Chancellor for Teaching and Learning, Prof. Mashupye Kgaphola, delivered the opening remarks, reaffirming DUT’s commitment to strengthening libraries as key drivers of knowledge creation, access, and innovation in line with the university’s ENVISION2030 strategy.

Delivering his lecture to a full audience of staff, students, and online participants, Prof. Ngoepe explored how libraries contribute to sustainable and inclusive communities. He emphasised that libraries are not merely repositories of books but vital hubs for lifelong learning, digital literacy, and equitable access to information. He further highlighted the importance of open scholarship through Open Access (OA) publishing, Open Educational Resources (OERs), institutional repositories, and the inclusion of indigenous knowledge in library collections. Prof. Ngoepe also underscored the need for libraries to engage in environmental sustainability initiatives and foster community engagement through cultural activities such as storytelling, spelling bees, and book clubs.



Pictured: Prof Ngoepe with Prof Kgaphola

“As we celebrate South African Library Week, let us recognise and strengthen the vital role that libraries play in shaping informed, empowered, and sustainable communities,” he said.

The event also featured poetry performances by talented DUT students from the Poetry Club, adding a creative flair to the celebration. Prof. Mathys Swanepoel, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Accounting and Informatics, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to Prof. Ngoepe for his thought-provoking address and to the Library management and planning team for their strategic foresight. He also acknowledged Corporate Affairs, the Audiovisual Unit, and all attendees, both in person and virtual, for contributing to the event’s success.

Staff Recognition Awards Function

By Romeo Matumba

The Durban University of Technology (DUT) Library kicked off 2025 on a high note with a heartwarming Library Staff Recognition Awards ceremony held on 14 February 2025 at the BM Patel Library, ML Sultan Campus. In true Valentine's spirit, library management surprised guests with roses and chocolates, a thoughtful way to say *thank you* to the people who keep the library's heart beating.

The event was officially opened by Dr Malefetjane Phaladi, Director of Library Services, who applauded staff for their outstanding achievements in 2024. He highlighted their local and international contributions, with staff presenting in Malawi, Egypt, Peru, Hungary and Sweden, and reminded everyone that every team member plays a vital role in DUT's academic mission.

Awards were presented across categories aligned with DUT ENVISION 2030, including Community Engagement, Mentor of the Year, Green Star, Innovation and Creativity, and Stakeholder Engagement. Long Service Awards celebrated Reshmee Jadoo (30 years), Sarah Khan (35 years), and Nwabisa Rasana (15 years) for their remarkable dedication.

Special recognition went to Prof. Oludayo Olugbara and Prof. Mheta for their strong partnerships with the library.

The prestigious Library Director's Recognition Awards went to Rajen Eswarlal, Romeo Matumba, Sarah Khan, and Mandla Ndaba for their exceptional contributions and leadership. "Being recognised by my leaders is truly inspiring," shared Mr Ndaba during the emotional "Charms Moment," where staff celebrated one another's impact.

The star of the evening, Dr Mousin Omarsaib, took home both Librarian of the Year and Mentor of the Year. His impressive publishing record, four papers in high impact journals in 2024, contributed to a total of 13 international publications by DUT Library staff.

Library managers also received tokens of appreciation for their leadership and support. In his closing remarks, Mr Nhlanhla Nhleko, Manager: Campus Library and Sites, commended the team's passion and encouraged everyone to keep striving for excellence. The event was a beautiful reminder that behind every successful library is a team of passionate people who inspire, innovate, and make a difference every day.

Pictured:

Some of the staff members who received awards certificates





Prof. Mbandlwa's Book Launch

By Romeo Matumba

The Durban University of Technology (DUT) Library hosted the launch of a noteworthy new publication edited by DUT's esteemed Prof. Zamokuhle Mbandlwa, titled *"Challenges, Strategies, and Resiliency in Disaster and Risk Management."* The book was unveiled at the BM Patel Library at the ML Sultan Campus on Wednesday, 23 April 2025.

The publication provides in-depth coverage of key phases of disaster management, including mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. By doing so, it serves as a valuable tool for informed decision-making in the field. It is also designed to cater to a diverse audience, including emergency managers, first responders, and disaster response organisations seeking to enhance their understanding of the complexities of disaster management.

Dr Malefetjane Phaladi, Director of DUT Library Services, warmly welcomed guests and acknowledged contributors to the book for their dedication to knowledge production.

Prof. Zamokuhle Mbandlwa, the book's editor, delivered a keynote address, expressing gratitude to the library team for supporting his work. He highlighted the significance of disaster management, noting its potential to enhance understanding of climate change issues globally.

"This book is a highly valuable source for our students. In fact, when I think about the future of this world, two key issues come to mind: the issue of climate change, which is

intertwined with global warming disaster management and the issue of technology. Studying disaster management is crucial for the global community, especially as climate change intensifies and increases the frequency and severity of natural disasters. Rising global temperatures are contributing to more extreme weather events such as hurricanes, drought, floods and wildfires, which pose significant threats to lives, infrastructure and economy," explained Prof. Mbandlwa.

Among the distinguished guests in attendance were Dr Maliga Reddy, Associate Director of Public Management and Economics and a contributing author to the publication, Dr Vuyo Mthethwa, DUT Deputy Vice-Chancellor for People and Operations. With this launch, the DUT Library has once again demonstrated its commitment to fostering academic excellence and promoting cutting-edge research. This book is set to make a meaningful contribution to the field of disaster and risk management, and its release is eagerly anticipated by both professionals and academics.

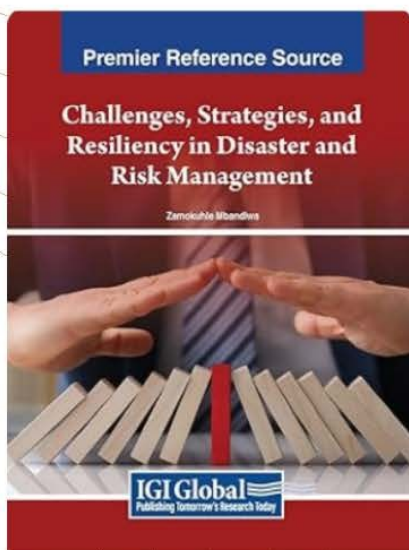




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14:30 - 16:30



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TITLE

Challenges, Strategies, and Resiliency in Disaster and Risk Management.

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ABSTRACT: The urgency of effective disaster and risk management has reached unprecedented heights. The looming threat of resource constraints, coupled with the intricate challenges of coordinating responses in the wake of crises, underscores the critical need for comprehensive solutions. The book, *Challenges, Strategies, and Resiliency in Disaster and Risk Management*, ventures into the heart of this urgent matter. This groundbreaking work examines the multifaceted issues that confront disaster and risk management professionals, from the complex intricacies of climate change to the demanding task of coordinating responses amid resource limitations. With a meticulous analysis of major hurdles, such as resource constraints, population growth, and technological vulnerabilities, *Challenges, Strategies, and Resiliency in Disaster and Risk Management* equips its readers with practical solutions. Covering key phases of disaster management, including mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, it acts as a comprehensive resource for informed decision-making. Designed for a diverse audience, this book caters to emergency managers, first responders, and disaster response organizations seeking to elevate their understanding of the challenges in disaster management. Scholars, researchers, and students specializing in disaster management, risk assessment, and related fields will find invaluable insights and case studies within these pages.

Life Pulse Survey: Lucky Winners

By Romeo Matumba

The DUT Library conducted the Life Pulse Survey in 2025, which aimed to gather feedback from the DUT community about the library's services, spaces, and resources. Three members of the DUT community were selected as random lucky winners of mobile tablets for participating in the survey. The handover of prizes took place on Friday, 6 June 2025, at the BM Patel Library, ML Sultan campus.

The Life Pulse Survey enables the library to collect valuable feedback from its users, benchmark its services globally, and identify areas for improvement. The lucky winners were randomly selected from participating DUT staff, undergraduate, and postgraduate students.

The lucky winners were:

- ⇒ Mr Siyathemba Ndlovu, Second-year student: Department of Entrepreneurial Studies and Management
- ⇒ Ms Dawn Khuluse, PhD candidate: Department of Tourism Management
- ⇒ Dr Marilynne Coopasami-Pillay, Senior Lecturer: Department of Basic Medical Sciences

The Library Manager: Academic Services, Mr David Thomas, congratulated the winners and thanked them for participating in the survey competition. He also highlighted the importance of collecting feedback from users via tools such as the Life Pulse survey, allowing the library to better understand its users.

One of the winners, Ms Dawn Khuluse, said, "I'm so happy and grateful to be chosen as one of the winners. As a PhD candidate, I am looking forward to my new tablet and thank you to the library team for this opportunity".

Pictured Below:

Mr Thomas with Lucky winners



New Library Resources

By Rajen Eswarlal

The following top resources are now available at the library

- ⇒ **PERLEGO**: An extensive e-book platform offering over 800,000 books across various disciplines.
- ⇒ **ProQuest Theses and Dissertations Database (PQTD)**: A comprehensive collection of theses and dissertations from institutions around the world.
- ⇒ **JoVE**: A video database tailored for undergraduate students, featuring high-quality educational videos.
- ⇒ **Primal 3D**: An interactive 3D anatomy database specifically designed for undergraduate health sciences students.
- ⇒ **InCites**: Benchmarking & Analytics
- ⇒ **Access Engineering**: An engineering reference and teaching platform that delivers interdisciplinary engineering content
- ⇒ **IOP Science (Read & Publish)**: Read access is provided to over 70 scholarly journals
- ⇒ **Scopus AI**: A dynamic GenAI-powered research companion.
- ⇒ **Sage**: interdisciplinary collection of international, peer-reviewed journals, including high-impact titles from Health Sciences, Business, Biomedical Sciences, Engineering, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Technology
- ⇒ **Ebsco Digital Theatre +**: Broad selection of video/performance/literature

These new resources are now available to all our library members. We encourage you to explore them and take full advantage of these valuable tools. You can access them through the library link below:

<https://libguides.dut.ac.za/az.php>

Happy researching!

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Smart People!**



East Coast Radio Big Walk

By David Thomas

“The earth has music for those who listen”
– William Shakespeare

This quotation captures the essence of appreciating the value of the outdoors and nature. With the busyness of life, we often tend to ignore the benefits of being outdoors and enjoying the fresh air, beautiful views and the gift of a new day. DUT Library staff took the opportunity to “hear the music of the earth” as well as the excited sounds of laughter, togetherness and the early morning countdown to the start of the Suncoast East Coast Radio Big Walk 2025. 12 library staff, together with other DUT staff, rose early on the 18th of May 2025 to join the thousands of other walkers for the 5km walk, which showcased a beautiful sunrise and glistening ocean. As a team-building initiative, their participation also reflected the library’s commitment to staff wellness.

Partnering with DUT’s Wellness programme and the logistics department, the day proved to be a memorable one.



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IFLA Webinar for Egypt Librarians

By Romeo Matumba

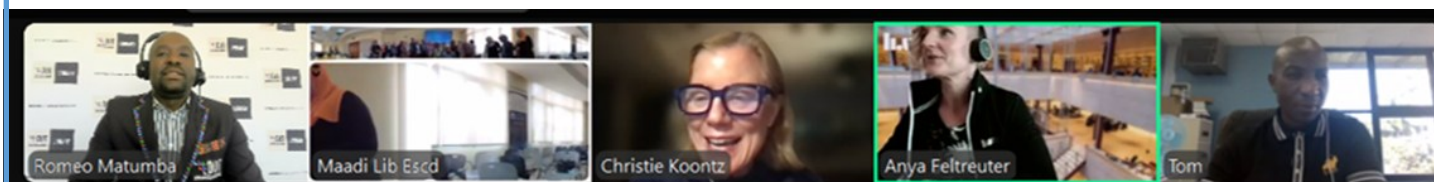
The Durban University of Technology (DUT) made a significant contribution to the international library community through a presentation at an IFLA webinar hosted by the Maadi Public Library in Cairo, Egypt, on 10 April 2025.

The event, titled *“Enhancing Library Services Marketing: Definitions and Strategies for Greater Impact,”* brought together more than 35 library and information professionals from academic, public and school library sectors across Egypt.

Representing DUT, Mr Romeo Matumba, Marketing and Communication Librarian, Chairperson of the LIASA Marketing Committee and a member of the IFLA Management and Marketing Standing Committee, delivered a presentation focusing on digital marketing strategies, marketing plans

and AI tools used by librarians to enhance visibility, engagement and service delivery. He presented alongside Dr Kristine Knoots from the United States, adding an international perspective to the discussion.

The interactive session explored practical and innovative marketing approaches tailored to the library environment and provided a valuable platform for professional learning, knowledge exchange and collaboration. Participants expressed strong interest in continued engagement through follow-up sessions and the establishment of a communication network to support the implementation of new ideas.



Mission: The Maadi Public Library

Contributing to development and awareness-raising in the cultural, social, health, environmental, and economic fields for all segments of society, including those with special needs, by optimally utilizing the library's resources, capabilities, and assets. The Maadi Public Library offers a wide range of activities, benefiting tens of thousands of Egyptians from various age groups (children, youth, and adults).

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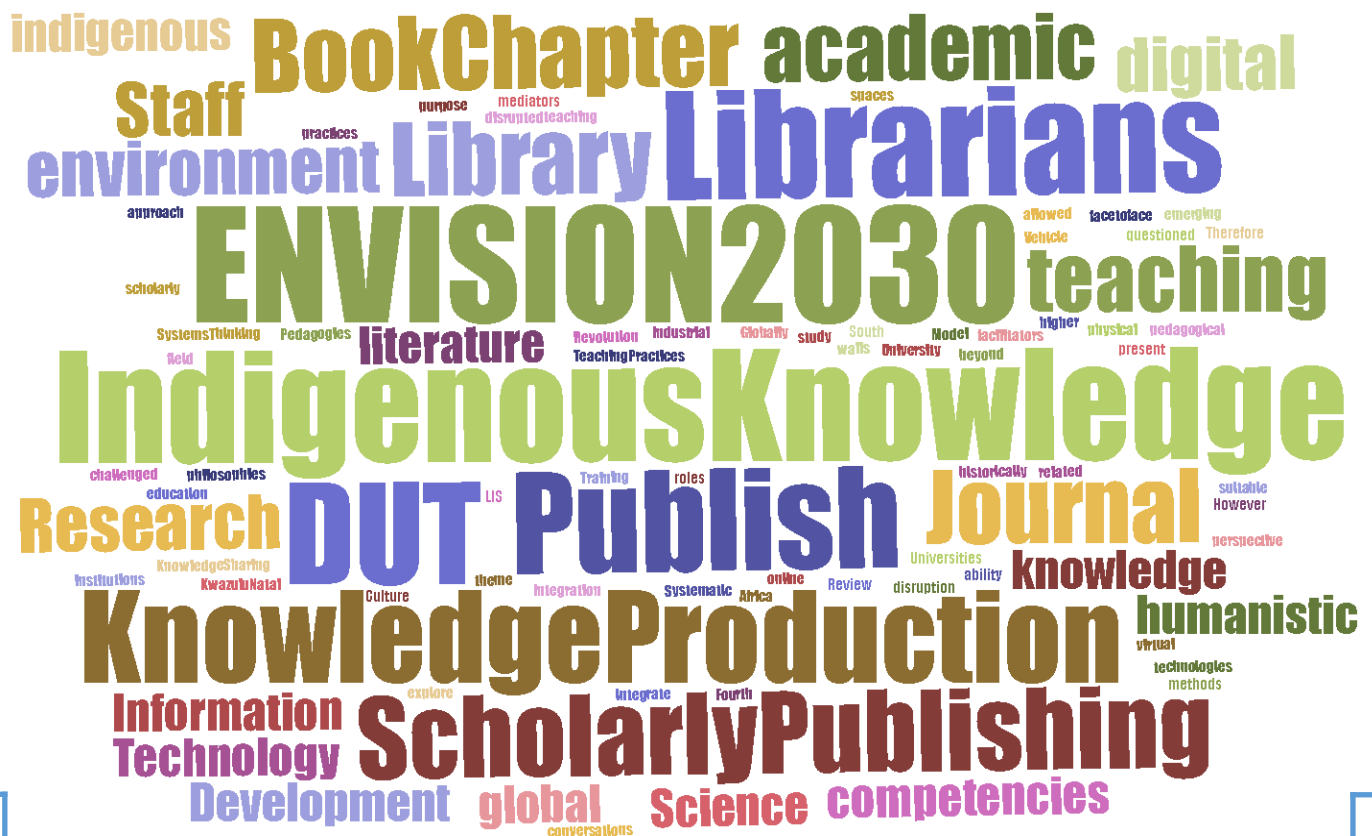
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DUT Library Staff Contribute to Scientific Knowledge Production

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Transformational Agreements

By Romeo Matumba

Transformational agreements (TAs), also known as Read and Publish agreements, are contracts negotiated between institutions, publishers or consortiums, that allow research work to be available on open-access platforms. It allows authors at DUT to publish approved articles in open-access platforms without having to personally fund the cost of article processing charges (APCs).

As part of its commitment to delivering library and information services, along with research support, in a more open, developmental, inclusive, and sustainable manner, the library continues to promote its portfolio of transformational agreements at faculty board meetings and other strategic forums. Moreover, a marketing and communication strategy is in place to further strengthen the dissemination of this service to the DUT community.

Benefits of OA

- ❖ Increased Accessibility & Visibility
- ❖ Improved Citations & Impact
- ❖ Faster Dissemination
- ❖ Public Benefit
- ❖ Collaborations

Publisher	Agreement Period	Journal titles per publisher	2025: No. of Articles with APC Waiver
ACM Open	2024 - 2026	55 Full journal list	Uncapped
Emerald	2025 -2027	310 Full journal list	140 (first-come, first-served basis across all participating institutions)
Wiley	2022 - 2025	1681 Full journal list	Uncapped
Springer Nature	2023 - 2025	2360 Full journal list	995 (first-come, first-served basis across all participating institutions)
Elsevier (ScienceDirect)	2023 - 2025	1820 Full journal list	2221 (first-come, first-served basis across all participating institutions)
Taylor & Francis	2024 - 2026	2000 Full journal list	1276 (first-come, first-served basis across all participating institutions)
IOP Science	2023 - 2025	70 Full journal list	Uncapped
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Free is Great, Open Access is Even Greater

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By Dr Ramika Bansi



Barriers to Open Access (OA) include:

- ⇒ **Associated costs**
- ⇒ **Lack of awareness**
- ⇒ **Citation-driven system**
- ⇒ **Copyright and plagiarism**

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- ⇒ Opportunity to develop your leadership and professional skills, learning best practice from others.
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