



Public Lecture Invite SA LIBRARY WEEK

THEME: Reclaiming Knowledge, Empowering Futures

19 March
2026

Time: 12:00 - 14:00
Venue: B M Patel Library
4th Floor LCC,
M L Sultan Campus

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Speaker's Mini-Bio

Archie Leonard Dick is an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Information Science at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. His primary research interests are the philosophical aspects of library and information studies and the history of reading.

From 2009 to 2011, Archie was the Deputy Chairperson of the International Federation of Library Associations and Organizations (IFLA)'s Committee of Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression. From 2012 to 2014, he served as Chairperson of the National Council of Library and Information Services (NCLIS) in South Africa. During the period 2012 -2019, as a funding co-applicant, he participated in the British Academy-sponsored research project Print, Publishing and Cultural Production in South Africa, 1948-2012.

Prof Archie's monographs include: The Hidden History of South Africa's Book and Reading Cultures, published in 2012 by the University of Toronto Press; and Reading Spaces in South Africa, 1850-1920s, published by Cambridge University Press in 2020. De Gruyter Brill in Germany published a Festschrift in 2026 to honour Professor Dick's work.

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