

BREADLINE AFRICA OPENS THE 66TH LIBRARY AT PJB CONA SCHOOL IN WORCESTER

16 February 2016

There was much celebration today as Breadline Africa launched the 66th library at the PJB Cona Primary School in the little town of Worcester, one and a half hours from Cape Town, on Tuesday 16th February 2016.

The library was the direct result of the generosity of BLA direct mail donors in the United Kingdom, The Netherlands and Ireland, and thus was solely sponsored by BLA, unlike most of the others. Also unlike many of the previous ones, this was not a container, but a prefabricated building. The reason for this was the size of the school, with more than 1,000 children, and the need to have a much larger space to accommodate the classes using the library.



At the opening, the principal, Ms Nontutuzelo Matross, explained how the previous library had had to be converted into classrooms because of the increasing number of children. She had contacted Breadline Africa two years previously and made a request for a library, and then had almost given up any hope of getting one until last year. She was thrilled with the gift and assured all present that the library would be well used.

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Tim Smith, director of Breadline Africa, encouraged the children to learn to read and spoke of the great example of men like Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, who had achieved so much by becoming literate early in life. Also present was Mr Faezel Karriem, circuit manager for the Department of Education, who thanked Ms Matross and Breadline

Africa and assured everyone of the Department's great support for this initiative.

The children's choir, the Special Needs Unit and a small group of dancers entertained the children during the opening.

The event culminated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and Ms Matross opened the library for all the staff and learners to see inside for the first time.



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