

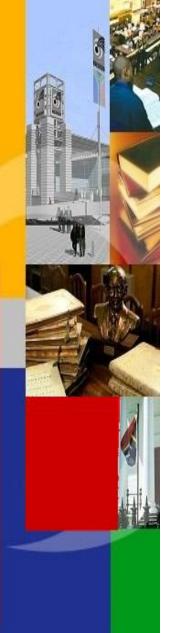
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Reprographic and Digital Services at the National Library of South Africa: an overview

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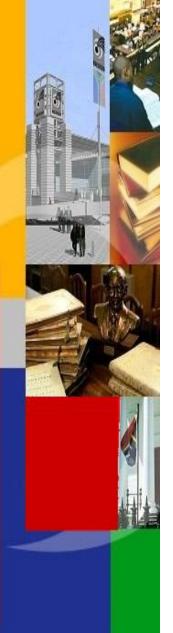






National Library of South Africa

- Cape Town campus (1818)
- Pretoria campus (1887)



Heritage Collections

- Primary source of SA published documentary heritage
- Wealth of information
- Books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, special collections, government publications, foreign official publications



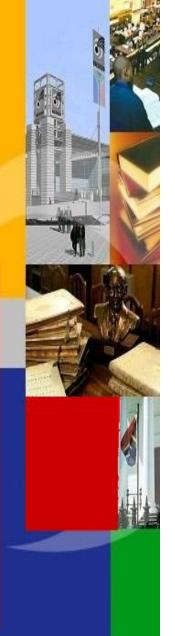
Reprographic and Digital Services





On demand

- Photography & microfilming: transformed
- Existing staff
- Film scanner (neg + mf)
- Digital cameras
- Large-format scanners
- Digital video



First years

- DISA
- Research
- Pilot projects
- On demand

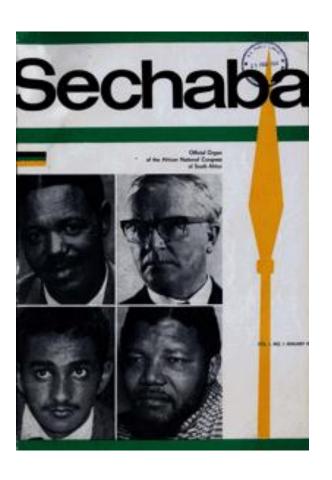


Digital Innovation South Africa

- 1997-2009: DISA
- Implement digital technologies in libraries
- Socio-political interest
- SA Freedom Struggle
- DISA: training and support
- Journals (40+)
- Archival collections
- 220 000 images/pages



Sechaba: 1 (1) 1967





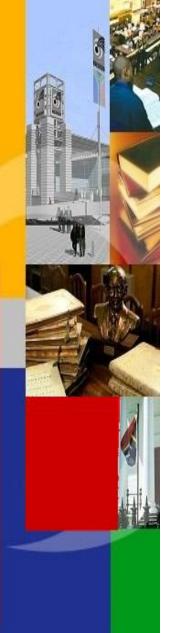
Indian Opinion: 48 (1) 1950





Research

- Legal deposit of web-based publications (2004)
- Digitisation in Africa (2005)
- SA policies en legislation (2007)
- Software



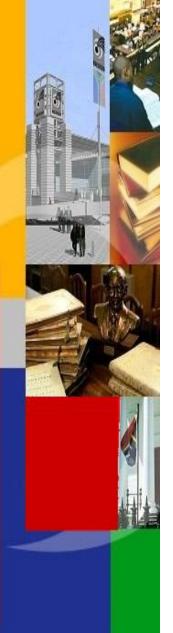
Training

- Metadata for librarians
- Software: Greenstone / DSpace
- Multimedia & graphics
- Digital photography



Pilot projects

- UNESCO Memory of the World (300 drawings by SAN) 2003
- LOCKSS-SA (2004)
- COM newspaper (2006)



Future plans

- SA newspapers
- Approx 7.5 million pages
- Black Press
- 200 000 pages



Stages: Black Press

- 1830-1880: Christian Missionaries
- 1880-1930: Independent Protest Press
- 1940-1960: From Protest to Resistance



Definition

- According to readership
- African, Indian & Coloured audience
- Not all owned or edited by
- Bi-lingual: English +
- Zulu, Xhosa, Tswana, Sotho



1830-1880 Christian Missionaries

- Two publishing centres
- Lovedale Mission Press (Presbyterian)
- Morija Printing Works (Paris Evangelical)
- Lovedale -> Xhosa
- Morija -> Sotho

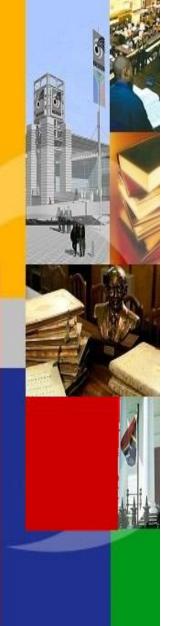






1880-1930 Independent Protest

- New generation
- African nationalist newspapers
- Black literary tradition
- First political bodies



Leaders

- John Jabavu: Imvo Zabatsundu (1884)
- Walter Rubusana: Izwi Labantu (1897)
- Solomon Plaatje: Koranta ea Becoana (1901)
- John Dube: Ilanga lase Natal (1903)
- Mahatma Gandhi: Indian Opinion (1903)
- Abdullah Abdurahman: APO (1909)



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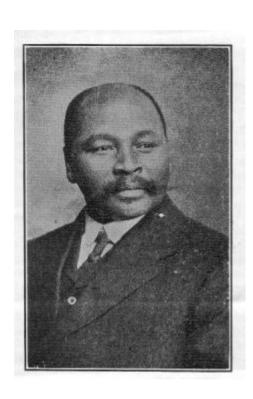






Rubusana & Dube

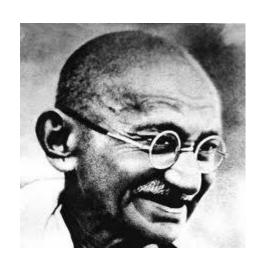






Abdurahman & Gandhi







1940-1960 Protest to Resistance

- Great Depression mid-30s
- Critical years
- Trek to cities
- 1948-election



Govan Mbeki: Inkundla ya Bantu (1938)







Ruth First







Policy development

- National policy
- Guidelines
- Coordinate and protect
- Draft tabled Feb 2011



Draft policy

- Role of existing memory institutions
- National Digital Repository
- Inclusive info society
- Develop institutional capacity



Building digital collections

- Digitisation: converting
- Acquisition: original digital works
- Access to external resources

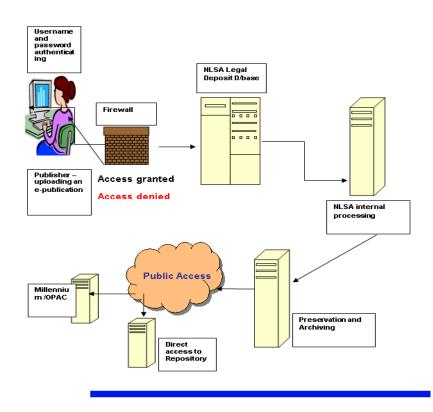


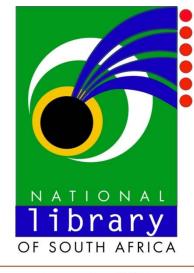
Deposit of epublications

- Model developed
- Accept original digital works
- Web-based protocol



e-deposit model





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