



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC FUNANI JERRY MASEKO APPRECIATES THE ROLE OF LIBRARIANS IN COMMEMORATION OF LIBRARY DAY**

Limpopo MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Hon. Funani Jerry Maseko, has paid heartfelt tribute to librarians across the province as part of the Library Day celebrations, recognizing their unwavering dedication to promoting literacy, learning and access to information for all communities.

“Librarians play a critical role librarians play in shaping an informed and empowered society. They guide learners, researchers, job seekers, and the elderly alike, helping bridge the information divide. A library is not just a building filled with books, but it is a safe space for knowledge, imagination and opportunity. Our librarians are the guardians of that space,” said MEC Maseko.

The MEC commended librarians for adapting to the digital age by embracing online catalogues and educational programming that continue to benefit the province’s rural and urban populations alike. As part of the celebrations, the Department is reaffirming its commitment to improving library infrastructure, increasing access to information and technology and supporting staff development through ongoing training.

“Let us use Library Day to not only celebrate our libraries but to salute those who keep them alive, our librarians. We encourage all communities, especially the youth, to make full use of these vital community resources. A reading society is a winning society” MEC Maseko concluded.

The Department will continue its efforts in promoting a culture of reading, lifelong learning, and digital inclusion through strategic library services across all districts.

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