

# CBE SHOWCASE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LIBRARY WEEK.

On the 10 March 2008, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) showcased its information material at the Department of Public Works Library Week. Library Week is a celebration of the country's intellectual and literacy heritage, an annual campaign supported and initiated by the Library and Information Association (LIASA). This year's theme is "From Local to Global @ your Library".

The Programme Director for the day and Chief Director of Information Service Nthabiseng Mosupye, officially opened the proceedings and welcomed guests from different organisations. The Chief Director of Communications and Marketing, of Department of Public Works Mr. Lucky Mochalibane, thanked everyone who helped to make the day a success.

The Chief Director of Strategic Management, of the Department of Public Works, Ms. Mandisa Fatyela, encouraged staff to use the library. During her speech, she highlighted the significance of Library Week and discussed issues of importance such as supervising all the departmental core strategic functions, conducting performance reviews of the department and public entities, providing advice to business units and addressing the information needs of DPW stakeholders.

The Deputy Minister of Public Works, Mr. Ntopile Kganyago, also addressed the employees of DPW and other guests who attended the launch.. He emphasised the importance of disseminating and maintaining our cultures by reading about the rituals and happenings of days gone by.

Mr. Kganyago went on to say that in 1963, high school libraries were very scarce, Nowadays, modern technology is threatening the usage of libraries because people, in particular, university students, rely more on internet research instead of visiting libraries to find concrete information that is relevant to their assignment.

A tour of the library was lead by the Deputy Minister who promised that the current library would be revamped in the near future.