

Media Advisory - Unisa to launch Inaugural Children's Literature Awards

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The University of South Africa's (Unisa) College of Human Sciences (CHS) is proud to announce the launch of the Inaugural Children's Literature Awards, a prestigious event aimed at promoting a sense of duty to this country's children, their families, and their educators. This initiative seeks to promote African languages and support authors of children's literature. This year's Awards are aligned with Unisa's 150th celebration theme "Reclaiming Africa's Intellectual Futures."

The Children's Literature Awards is a ground-breaking initiative that aims to recognise, and honour outstanding children's literature written in African languages. It also celebrates authors who have contributed to the literary landscape of the African languages. The Awards seek to create greater visibility for, and appreciation of, these valuable works. The goal is to inspire future generations of writers by encouraging them to create stories that reflect their own experiences and cultures.

The Awards will be open to books written in all official indigenous languages of South Africa (isiZulu, isiXhosa, Sepedi, Setswana, Sesotho, siSwati, isiNdebele, Tshivenda, and Xitsonga). Submissions were open from 01 June 2023 to 31 August 2023.

This initiative also addresses the objectives of UNESCO's International Decade of Indigenous Language, by opening doors for the promotion and development of indigenous languages.

The media is invited to attend and cover the event. The details are as follows:

Date: 19 October 2023

Time: 18H30

Venue: Sun City Resort, North West Province,

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