

# Peter Lor's library ABC, part 8: VWX

Additional images of the three selected  
libraries:

**V**anwyksdorp Public Library (Western Cape, South Africa)

**W**orcester Public Library (Western Cape, South Africa)

Stadtbücherei **X**anten (Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany)

Photographs of Vanwyksdorp and Worcester public libraries by Peter Lor. Photographs of Xanten Public Library © Stadtbücherei Xanten, courtesy of Anita Rosenberg.

# V

# Vanwyksdorp





Entrance of the Vanwyksdorp Community Centre, which houses i.a. the  
Public Library



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# Oasis Community Projects

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The two ladies at right are completing a massive jigsaw puzzle



Another view of the library interior, with three computer workstations for public use



# W



## Worcester Public Library

The Library is located in a secure downtown compound. Most signage is in Afrikaans, the dominant language in the area. This also reflects the period during which it was built.





E BIBLIOTEEK

**BIBLIOTEEK - URE**

**MAANDAG - VRYDAG**

**09:30 - 18:30**

**SATERDAG**

**09:00 - 12:30**



**P** Mens-gedrewe  
Dit weer draf nie meer deur.  
**E** Efekif en spek  
Dit moet nie op die diens vir alle  
mense nie en omvraag  
**L** Lekker Organiseer  
Dit geso'n voorstaande regeling  
en lekkere gekleurde vel persoonlik  
en lekkere voorbereiding om groep  
**E** Gelyke Geleenthede  
Dit sou groter geleenthede vir mense  
van ons gemeente daarheen tot voldere van  
ons gemeente gebouk.

**benadering.**  
• Om die personeel te  
koester as die  
Munisipaliteit  
se mees  
waardelike  
bate en  
sleutel tot  
dienslewering.

Om 'n gesonde en produktiewe  
werkomgewing te skap soos in effekiewe  
en gesukkate werkomgewing.  
  
Verseker in volhoubare toekoms deur  
gesonde huurstaal bestuur, deurvouende  
teknologie, groote korporatiewe en risiko  
bestuur praktyke, kwaliteit houerskapsoop  
en waardevolle vennootskappe.  
  
Verseker finansieel lewevatbaarheid  
en volhoubare groei.

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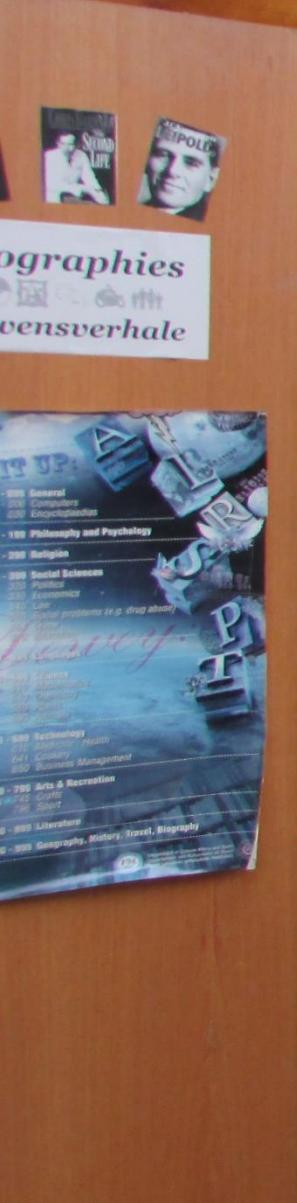
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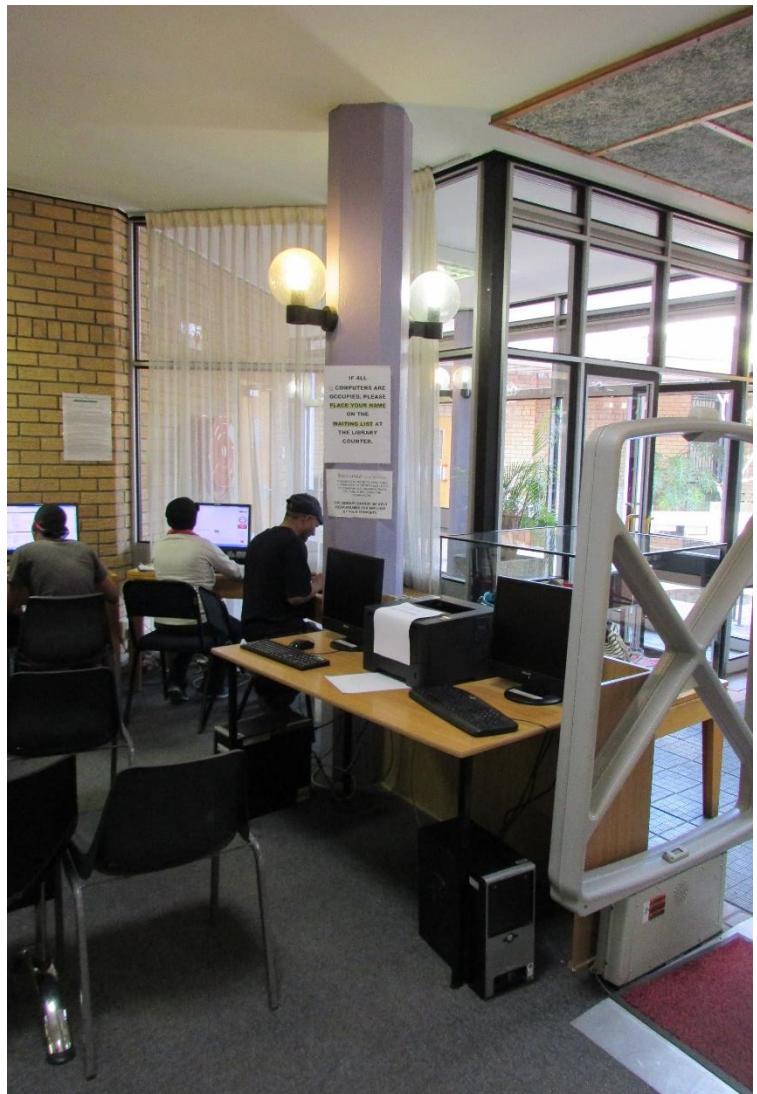
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Computer workstations for the public were heavily used.



# X

# Stadtbücherei Xanten



The Public Library is in the right hand side of the *DreiGiebelHaus* (Three Gable House) which also accommodates the Cathedral Music School and other cultural facilities.



The Three Gable House faces a central square. On the left is the famous [\*Dom\*](#) (cathedral), construction of which started in 1263 and was completed in 1544.



Entrance to the Library through the glass door



The Library emphasises the promotion of reading by children, and works in collaboration with local nursery schools and schools. *Bilderbücher* are picture books.



As a matter of policy the Library gives preference to printed books rather than e-books. Digital materials needed for business, study and research are obtained from other libraries.



Newspapers and magazines are available on the ground floor (this picture). The children's library (previous pictures) is on the first floor.



The second (top) floor caters to the *Jugendliche* (youth; teens, youth adults) and also has a learning centre with Internet workstations for *Schüler* (school pupils).

A scenic sunset over a lake with mountains in the background. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds. The water reflects the light, and the mountains are silhouetted against the sky.

Next year:

Y Z?

Y, Z, A?

or

X, Y, Z If I can find another library for X.

Any offers?

With best wishes

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