



Mae Jemison
U.S. SCIENCE
reading room
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The Mae Jemison U.S. Science Reading Room was opened in November 2008 by former U.S. Ambassador Eric M. Bost and former University of Pretoria Vice-Chancellor Calie Pistorius. The Reading Room is a partnership between the U.S. Embassy and the University of Pretoria.

The Reading Room:

- Promotes the study of mathematics and science for secondary students
- Is free to students and teachers from schools in the Mamelodi township
- Is used by an average of 100 members each afternoon
- Has staff who offer homework assistance using print and online resources
- Partners with national organizations, universities, NGOs, and the Dept. of Education to expand learning opportunities for members
- Has interactive displays, games, and puzzles

Our programs include:

- Hands-on workshops in science, math, and technology;
- Lectures focusing on the International Year of Chemistry 2011;
- Talks on careers in science by local and international experts;
- DVD screenings on a range of science topics;
- Other organizations associated with UP and the Embassy use the facilities for tutoring, English language programs, and other activities.

QUICK FACTS

- Over 3,000 books, magazines, & DVDs
- 9 public access Internet computers
- Free science programs each Wednesday
- Games and interactive displays
- Over 1,000 members and growing!

CLUBS & PROGRAMS

- Chess Club
- Boys' & Girls' Clubs
- Mamelodi Initiative After School Program
- Science Reading Group
- Computer literacy classes
- Math, English and college access classes

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