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An empirical study of the contribution of Olievenhoutbosch Community Library to its community towards leadership and development.

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The paper seeks to examine the role played by Olievenhoutbosch Community Library to its community in the area of leadership and development. A profile of Olievenhoutbosch community will be examined to determine the demographics of the Olievenhoutbosch Community Library patrons. A discussion of literature review of leadership and development will provide a basis for discussion in relation to the services rendered by the Olievenhoutbosch Community Library to its community. An analysis of what prompted the initiation of these programmes will also be discussed in the paper. The paper presents the leadership and development programmes put in place by Olievenhoutbosch Community Library, which consist of amongst others, Adult Basic Education and Training, career guidance, mentoring, HIV and AIDS projects, community sustainable development projects. A sample of Library patrons both currently involved in these programme(s) and those who exited the programme(s) have been selected to ascertain the relevance of these programmes in the community. The paper also looks at the context under which the programmes are conducted and analyzes its challenges and benefits to the community. Based on the findings of the research, the paper concludes with the discussion on the role played by Olievenhoutbosch Community Library in the area of leadership and development towards the community and the necessity of such programmes.

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