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Dear Yunus

Re: Support for the Re-opening of the Johannesburg City Library

Penguin Random House South Africa would like to express our full support for the campaign to re-open the Johannesburg City Library. As publishers deeply invested in promoting literacy, education, and community engagement, we understand the critical role that libraries play in fostering a culture of reading and lifelong learning.

The closure of the Johannesburg City Library since March 2020 has undoubtedly been a significant loss for the community. We commend the efforts of the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation and the Johannesburg Crisis Alliance for their advocacy in calling on the City of Johannesburg and its implementing agency, the Johannesburg Development Agency, to prioritize the re-opening of the library. Access to free public libraries is a fundamental right that should be safeguarded and championed by local authorities.

As publishers, we believe that a thriving library is essential for nurturing a love of reading, supporting literacy initiatives, and fostering a culture of intellectual inquiry and creativity. We stand in solidarity with the call to "Re-open Our Library" and urge the City of Johannesburg and the Johannesburg Development Agency to prioritize the restoration of this vital community resource.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving our cultural heritage and promoting the welfare of our communities.

Sincerely,

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