**GOEIE NUUS VAN UCT BIBLIOTEEK VIR LEDE VAN DIE ǂKHOMANI GEMEENSKAP**

Op 18 April 2021 het ‘n vuur groot skade aan die Jagger biblioteek van die Universiteit van Kaapstad aangerig, MAAR ons kan die gemeenskap gerusstel dat die ǂKhomani San | Hugh Brody versameling veilig is. Die versameling sluit fotos, films, landkaarte, en mondelingse geskiedenis van die ǂKhomani-gemeenskap in. Ons kan ook bevestig dat die Bleek en Lloyd versameling nie verbrand het nie. Hierdie versameling, wat in die 1800s en vroeë 1900s opgeneem is, bestaan uit stories, taalwerke en kuns van verskeie San-gemeenskappe. Hoewel ‘n 1930s foto-album van Dorothea Bleek wel in die slag gebly het, is ‘n digitale kopie daarvan gemaak slegs ‘n paar maande voor die vuur; die inhoud van die album is dus nie heeltemal verlore nie. Die biblioteek wou graag teen die einde van Mei vanjaar ‘n webtuiste vir die ǂKhomani San Hugh Brody-versameling bekendstel het, sodat gemeenskapslede dit kan gebruik om hul eie geskiedenis na te vors. Dit sal ongelukkig nou eers later kan gebeur omdat groot opruimingswerk by die biblioteek nou dringend gedoen moet word. Die Spesiale Versamelings departement van die biblioteek werk saam met Dr Kerry Jones van African Tongue om seker te maak dat die ǂKhomani gemeenskap in die toekoms direkte toegang – aanlyn en anders – tot hierdie digitale versameling sal hê. Dit is steeds ‘n prioriteit en ons sal so gou as moontlik voortgaan met die belangrike werk. Ons sien uit na verdere kommunikasie met die ǂKhomani-gemeenskap.

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**GOOD NEWS FOR ǂKHOMANI COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM UCT LIBRARY**

On the 18th of April 2021 there was a fire at the University of Cape Town’s Jagger Library which caused much destruction HOWEVER we can confirm that the ǂKhomani San | Hugh Brody collection is safe. This collection included photographs, films, maps, and oral history of the ǂKhomani community. We can also confirm that the Bleek and Llyod collection was not burnt in the fire. This collection includes stories, language and artwork from various San communities that were documented in the early 1900’s. Unfortunately, a photo album compiled by Dorothea Bleek in the 1930s was lost in the fire BUT a digital copy was made a few months prior and so that information is not totally lost. The library was hoping to launch a new online website for the ǂKhomani San | Hugh Brody collection at the end of May 2021 for future research and community access. Unfortunately, this will now take place at a later stage due to the urgent repairs and salvage work required. The Special Collections department of the library has been working collaboratively with Dr Kerry Jones from African Tongue to make sure that the ǂKhomani community will have direct access to these updated digital collections in the future both online and offline. This is still a priority of UCT Libraries, and we will continue with this important work as soon as possible. We look forward to further communications with the ǂKhomani community as we make further progress.

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