

Pupils get extra library time to study

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SPECIAL after-hours librarians are helping pupils with their studies.

City of Joburg community development committee member Nonhlanhla Sifumba said funding was provided for the library service.

The department of economic development also donated R1 million to the project.

Sifumba said: "The service could take on 90 extended public works programme trainees for both eLearning and extended hours work".

She said the libraries will only provide study space and reference services to support students and pupils at this time.

"Security guards will be present at the libraries that are open on Sundays.

"Joburg Metro police have been asked to hold regular patrols at the facilities to ensure the safety of staff and users."

Sifumba said a schedule for extended library hours has been approved for 11 regional libraries.

She said the community development department will organise another phase to allow for more study

hours during the exams.

The new schedule will run from this Sunday until 30 June.

These libraries will be open from 9am–3pm on Sundays:

- Diepsloot and Ivory Park North
- Randburg
- Florida
- Jabavu and Protea North
- Sandton
- Yeoville and Joburg City.
- Orange Farm and Ennerdale extension 9.

Sifumba said: "This administration will work hard to ensure our residents have access to basic services when they need them."