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Dear Residents



MOBILE LIBRARY (nicknamed ***MOLLY***)

In the early 60s, Mobile Library Services were started to address the overwhelming demand for library services. In fact there were only three libraries at that time, including the then main library at Stamford Road.

As Singapore's population continued to grow and more people were resettling in satellite towns, the government decided to build more public libraries in the heartlands. Our nearest public library was Yishun Community Library, located at Yishun Centre. I received many requests during my house-to-house visits for a library in Nee Soon South. In response to your requests, I sought the support of the National Library Board to set up a mini library for children at the Nee Soon South CC. It was a first step to get the library closer to our residents.

In April this year, NLB announced the launch of a new mobile library service, affectionately known as "MOLLY". Taking the form of a single deck SBS bus and equipped with a wide selection of books, transaction kiosks and book returning service, it brought library services to the heartlands. Its aim is to help the community to benefit from and discover the joy of reading.

I then contacted NLB and requested for MOLLY to come to Nee Soon South CC. It came to fruition and during the CC Open House on 24 June 2008, Senior Minister of State (Information, Communication & the Arts), Mr Lui Tuck Yew officially launched MOLLY in Nee Soon South. I am proud to tell you that our CC is the first to provide MOLLY services. From Saturday, 6 September MOLLY will be visiting Nee Soon South CC on every Saturday from 12noon to 2pm. More importantly, MOLLY will enhance the love and joy for those who thirst for literacy and knowledge.

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亲爱的义顺南居民，

流动图书馆

在六十年代，新加坡只拥有三所图书馆。因此，流动图书馆服务受到了广大民众的欢迎。

但随着新加坡的迅速发展及人们开始迁入新镇，政府决定在各组屋区里兴建更多的图书馆，来满足人们的需求，流动图书馆因此渐渐的成为了历史。图书馆虽然普及，但离我们邻里最靠近的义顺图书馆，位于义顺中区。因此，许多居民在我沿户访问时，向我反映了设立邻里图书馆的要求。我们通过了和国家图书馆当局的合作，在义顺南民众俱乐部里成立了一所“迷你儿童图书馆”，拉近了图书馆和居民间的距离。

今年四月，国家图书馆当局为了进一步推广阅读风气，推出了全新的流动图书馆服务。流动图书馆改装自一辆单层巴士，里面装满了各种书籍，还提供借书及还书等服务。流动图书馆能直接开到各邻里，为大众提供便利的借阅服务。

我们即刻和国家图书馆当局取得联系，为义顺南居民安排有关的服务，并获得当局的批准。我们于六月二十四日，恭请新闻、通讯及艺术部高级政务部长吕德耀先生于义顺南民众俱乐部开放日当天，主持流动图书馆推介礼。义顺南民众俱乐部也因此成为新加坡首间为民众提供流动图书馆服务的民众俱乐部。更可喜的是，由于居民的大力支持，从九月六日起，流动图书馆将于每逢星期六，从中午十二时至下午二时，在义顺南民众俱乐部为居民们提供借阅服务。流动图书馆的到来，为区内的阅读爱好者增加了一个好去处。欢迎您使用有关的服务。

祝大家阅读愉快。谢谢。

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