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CREATING A READING NATION THROUGHVIRTUAL READING CLUBS

Towards the end of 2020, Honourable President Cyril Ramaphosa took time off his schedule to afford the National Reading Coalition (NRC) a sneak peek into his bedside table book collection. The top five books on his list are: The lie of 1652 - A Decolonised History of Land by Patric Tariq Mellet; The Longest March by Fred Khumalo; Time is not the measure: A memoir by Vusi Mavimbela; Pan African Pantheon edited by Adekeye Adebajo and Blue Ocean Shift by W Chan Kim and Renee Mauborgne.

An avid reader himself, President Ramaphosa took this opportunity to dedicate **The Longest March**, a novel by Fred Khumalo as the book of discussion for the second Virtual Reading Club session which was hosted by the National Reading Coalition on the 28 January 2021.

The third virtual reading club session will be conducted on the 24 February 2021 from 16h00 to 18h30. Football legend Simphiwe Tshabalala and radio personality Masechaba Ndlovu will be panellists for this session which will discuss *We need new names*, an unflinching and powerful story of a young girls' journey out of Zimbabwe to America by Noviolet Bulawayo. The login details are:

Meeting ID: 81377720500

Passcode :534872

Teachers, learners, pastors, parents, principals, circuit managers and all public members are encouraged to join register on www.nrc.org.za to get more details about the presidential reading circle and other details on virtual reading clubs.

All South Africans irrespective of age are encouraged to identify a book and discuss it in their established virtual reading clubs with family members, school colleagues, business partners, church members, community society members and friends. The establishment of virtual reading clubs outside a school environment may encourage more children in homes to read books mainly when they see adults lead by example in discussing books through sessions like the virtual reading clubs.

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