



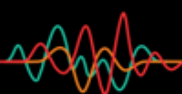
South African Museum of Literature

SECURE YOUR LEGACY



GIFTING YOUR ARCHIVE TO AMAZWI

*The pulse of
South African stories*



Amazwi is a safe, secure place for your archive

Amazwi carefully regulates the environmental conditions under which the museum's collections are stored. The Building Management System is backed up by dehumidifiers and the museum's curators constantly monitor temperature and humidity. Even when the museum is closed the conditions are monitored by an automated 'iButton' system.

Access to the collections storage facilities is strictly controlled using biometrics and an alarm system. Access for research is provided in the museum's Reading Room and by e-mail by efficient and knowledgeable curators who ensure that materials are handled carefully and correctly.

A state of the art, automated fire suppression system employs gases that will put out fire but will do no harm to the collections, to people, or the environment.



FIRE PREVENTION



CAUTION!

This area is protected by a PYROSHIELD fire extinguishing system.

When alarm sounds evacuate treated area.

After PYROSHIELD discharge do NOT re-enter until thoroughly ventilated.

BIOMETRIC ACCESS CONTROL



ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS MONITORING



What do we want?

Amazwi preserves the heritage of South African creative writing: poetry, theatre, fiction, short stories, biography and autobiography. **The heart of Amazwi's collections is the manuscripts:** drafts of works; letters and other correspondence; photographs and audiovisual material; drawings, notes, doodles, and anything else that offers insight into the writing process and the life of the writer.

Three dimensional objects add further depth and meaning to Amazwi's research and exhibitions because of the immediate, tangible connection to the writer.

How will we make your archive accessible?

Materials that are gifted to the museum are catalogued as quickly as possible and added to the **museum's digital database**. Access to the database is available online and through communication with the curators, whose in-depth knowledge of the collections guides researchers to the information they need. Amazwi digitises collections as necessary.

Amazwi is a museum and not a library, and so the museum's **curators provide public access** to the collections in the museum's reading room or online. **Everyone is welcome**. Researchers from around the world consult the collection. Amazwi staff undertake research for academic and popular publications, and assist scholars of all levels.

Amazwi produces **physical and digital exhibitions** that draw on the materials in the collections, as well as **education programmes** that are linked to the curriculum and that bring the collections to learners across South Africa.

Ensure your legacy as an author and support the museum's work by gifting your archive to Amazwi.

READING ROOM



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