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Under the auspices of the
Africana Library Trust

Saving the Material of South Africa's Past Project

The new Paper Conservation, Bookbinding and Training Centre, situated at Gowie's at the Big Hole Precinct in Kimberley, was opened on 5 May 2010.



The main objective of the Africana Library Trust is to provide training for paper restorers and bookbinders in South Africa, as well as for people working in libraries, museums, archival and other heritage institutions.



A demonstration held at one of the workshops held at the Kimberley Africana Library



The objectives of the Paper Conservation, Bookbinding and Training centre are:

- To provide a national facility for the preservation and restoration of paper-based heritage material;
- To provide a bookbinding facility;
- To provide a training facility for aspirant paper conservators and bookbinders;
- To provide structured courses on an ongoing basis on the care and handling of archival and library material and works of art on paper;
- To promote the concept of paper conservation and stimulate interest in the profession among members of the public.

The following types of workshops will be presented:

-  Paper Conservation
-  Bookbinding Craft
-  Making of decorative papers
-  The identification, arrangement and preservation of manuscript collections
-  An introduction to rare books, special and Africana material
-  Introduction to leather binding
-  Calligraphy
-  Exploring the world of maps and the importance of their preservation
-  Digitisation

