

Edinburgh Council team up with charity to send library books to Malawi



Vice-Convener of
Culture & Leisure
– Norma Hart

Councillor Norma Austin Hart, Vice-Convener of Culture and Sport, and Tamara Nyirenda from North Edinburgh charity, APSTAR, will be at Granton Library today packing up donated library stock to send to the Mzimba District in Malawi to establish their first community library.

Edinburgh Libraries have been working closely with APSTAR, an Edinburgh charity working to support people in the Mzimba District of Malawi, and are providing them with over fifty boxes of withdrawn library stock to help set up a library in the district.

Councillor Austin Hart said: “We were delighted to be approached by APSTAR about providing books to help establish the first community library in the Mzimba District. Our libraries service has been only too happy to help this worthwhile cause. The joy of reading and the benefits it can bring are universal and is something that unites people from all over the world.”

The books will be shipped out on Monday and sent with clothes and bedding provided by APSTAR.

APSTAR is a charitable organisation which was formed in 2004 after seeing so much suffering amongst the elderly and other vulnerable members of the community in Mzimba District extreme poverty, illness, hunger, malnutrition were prevalent in this

section of the community.