



KZN Department of Education

E-Library Transformation with Snapplify

Key Challenges



Lack of School Libraries

A significant number of schools in KZN lacked physical libraries, limiting access to reading materials.



Access to Books

Many learners had limited access to a variety of books, especially curated educational content and storybooks.



Non-functional libraries

Some schools had libraries, but they were not fully functional, leading to underutilisation of available resources.



Need for Modern Reading Engagement

The Schools needed a way to encourage the younger generation to engage with reading materials in a digital format, given the technological shift.

Improvements and Successes

The KZN Department of Education has seen significant improvements since adopting Snapplify.

✔ Increased Accessibility

Streamlined and simplified textbook purchasing for greater efficiency.

✔ User-friendly Interface

The platform was designed to be intuitive, making it easy for learners to navigate and check out books with ease.

✔ Comprehensive Library Collection

Snapplify provided a rich, curated collection of reading materials, including free storybooks and past exam papers, ensuring all learners had access to diverse educational resources.

✔ Full Library Functionality

Schools that previously did not have functional libraries now benefit from a fully operational digital library, effectively bridging the gap in resource availability.



"The platform has given access to a curated functional library collection to many schools that previously did not have access to libraries."

“Learners find the platform very user-friendly as they are able to navigate through the platform, find, and check out books with great ease.”

Implementation



Digital Library Rollout

Snapplify provided a digital library solution accessible to 6,193 schools across KZN, reaching thousands of students instantly.



Device Agnostic Access

Snapplify's e-library works on any internet-enabled device, making it accessible to students regardless of the type of device they use.



Curated Content

The platform offered curated content, including storybooks and exam papers, tailored to the needs of the learners.



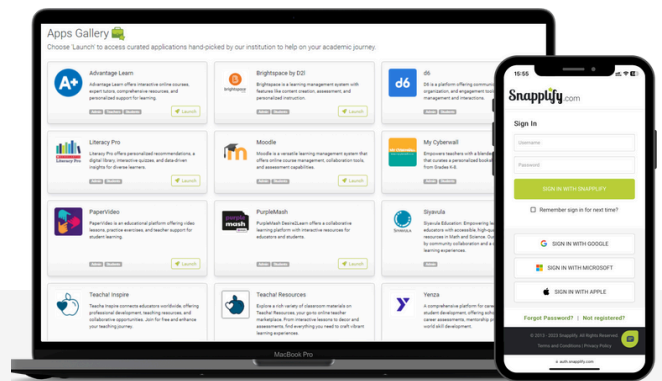
24/7 Access

Snapplify implemented a cloud-based library system that students could access anytime, ensuring continuous learning outside the classroom.



Partnership with Sapphire

To ensure smooth implementation and management, Snapplify partnered with Sapphire, a third-party partner that handled the rollout and ongoing support.



The decision to choose Snapplify

KZN DoE chose Snapplify because it offered a unique, scalable solution to address the critical challenge of limited library access. Snapplify's e-library presented an innovative way for the young generation to engage with books through technology, making it easier for learners to read more frequently. The platform's user-friendly interface and comprehensive digital collection aligned perfectly with the department's goals of fostering a culture of reading and improving educational outcomes across the province.

About The KZN Department of Education



The KZN Department of Education (DoE) oversees a vast network of 6,193 primary and secondary schools across the KwaZulu-Natal province. Serving approximately 37,407 learners from Grade 1 to Grade 12, KZN DoE is dedicated to improving the accessibility of educational resources. Recognizing the importance of fostering a reading culture among learners, they sought a solution to address the lack of fully functional libraries across many schools.