

BOOKWORM

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THE LIBRARY

The Bookworm Library situated at Taleigao is a space that houses one of the finest collection in Children's Literature in the country. Our goal is to encourage love for reading in children by providing a collection which has a wide selection for all ages. **Our collection is over 20,000** books strong and still ever growing. The library has amassed books that cater to **children from ages 1-18**. There are books that deal with basic early concepts, gradually moving upwards to board books, easy picture books, pop up, interactive, touch and feel, phonics, graded, chapter books to a variety of books for pre-teens and teenagers. There are a wide range of Fiction and Non-fiction books in all categories and extreme care is taken to see that a constant supply of new and captivating books are infused regularly into the collection and a regular weeding out process is also done to ensure that the collection retains its standards of excellence.

COLLECTION ADDITIONS

To make our collection more accessible and visible, we constantly upgrade and rejuvenate the library space by adding new sections and new categories.

The Graphic Books Section: A Graphic book is a format and not a genre and typically a graphic novel can be fiction, non-fiction, history, fantasy or anything in between. These are similar to comics as far as the sequential art is concerned but are generally stand-alone stories with more complex plots unlike the Comic books. The library has arranged a special section for these books and has on display, a wide range of graphic books from well-known authors and illustrators such as Neil Gaiman, Julian & Mariko Tamaki, Jeff Smith, Shaun Tan, Joe Sacco, Orijit Sen and Sarnath Banerjee.



The Comics Section: A special section has been dedicated to the all-time and all ages favorite Comic Books. This section has the indomitable Amar Chitra Katha Series with Indian mythological and historical figures, the all-time favorites Tinkle, the most popular European comic series, Herge's Adventures of Tintin, Riverdale's favorite characters Archie and gang, DC Comics Gang of Superheroes, Asterix, Iznougoud and a few varied others. This section is one of many moral dilemmas for the Bookworm Library team and has been instituted by member demand.

The Recommended Reads Section: As the name suggests, this section has one of the finest range of recommended award winning books in the Fiction and Fantasy category. The intention of this shelf is to showcase selected texts that may get lost in the larger collection. The intention is also to inform parents who can reach out for a recommendation, to ensure balanced reading and not have to rely on popular titles alone.

New Arrivals Section: As the name suggests, this is a shelf solely dedicated to the new arrivals in the library. After a great many critical discussions and reviews, books of different genres for different ages are chosen and included into the collection. These books have a place of pride on this shelf as the newest members of our collection. **In the last year, we have added 2597 books to our collection.**



Newspapers and Magazines Section: Bookworm library receives support from the **Directorate of Art and Culture** Library Grant Scheme which requires us to have a collection of newspapers and magazines. We have made serious attempts to curate the magazine list to include a range of select magazines. It gives us great joy to see passersby and people from all walks of life, stop by at the library to read these dailies and magazines, thereby increasing human traffic into the library.

Poetry Section: Where there is prose, can poetry be left behind? Poetry as a genre has a dedicated section to itself. This section boasts of poems for all ages. These include a range from simple nursery rhymes, nonsense poems,

funny poems, picture poems to serious poems. We however continue to feel that the Poetry section needs more support to bring it to our reader's attention.



Mature Readers Section: The Mature Readers section which is housed upstairs in this two storied library was incorporated two years ago on the occasion of the library's tenth anniversary to accommodate mature readers, with a highly recommended mix of books on poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. Over the last two years, readers have recommended and donated a great many books touching various genres and topics. We felt it imperative to add these to our collection and hence decided to expand this section. We now have shelves dedicated to Literary Fiction, Travel Writing, Journalistic Writing, Economics, and Cookery, besides our regular sections of popular fiction, classics, short stories, romance, crime thrillers etc.



The Teenage Room is a space dedicated to young readers who can easily slip into the diverse range of books on the shelves. There are anthologies, fantasy, mystery, adventure, science fiction, spine chilling horror, humour, drama, award winning Indian and foreign authors and lesser known authors jostling for space with encyclopedias, dictionaries, general knowledge books, maps, culture, art and reference books.

Bookworm is a library that not only provides books to children and adults but also strives to keep the space vibrant and alive throughout the year with various activities developed and planned to encourage people of all ages and from all walks of life to participate. A great deal of planning goes into creating these activities, and linking them to different types of books. This ensures that there are a wide range of activities for users every month.



Monthly programs:

THE ART ROOM

A program to learn about great artists and to introduce their art to children from age 5 and above. This program attempts to understand art through some of the finest art books the library has in its collection. The program is attended by a group of dedicated young children who are interested in art. The great masters Henri Matisse, Vincent Van Gogh, Marc Chagall, Andy Warhol have been discussed and their art forms experimented with during these sessions.



THE PRE-SCHOOL MORNING PROGRAM (PSM)

PSM is a successful weekly program, running through the year with a regular attendance of preschoolers. An Early Literacy Program designed specifically for preschoolers, it aims to inculcate in them the habit of reading at an early age. The session is planned in such a way that all the games and activities are linked back to a story, or to reading in some way. Each segment of these sessions

encourages the children to think, speak, create and develop motor skills independently.

A total of **42 preschool** sessions were held in the year 2016-17.



KIDZ COOK

An immersion in the science, chemistry and language of food through experience, these cooking and baking sessions are conducted at least twice every month to encourage children to explore their taste buds. As always, each session is planned around a book which would have a key ingredient or a food item as a main character. These sessions not only involve math as in for measurements of the ingredients, reading as in the story book and cooking as

in mixing and baking, but also a fair bit of independence and fun. Children of age 5 and above attend these sessions.



STITCHING AT BOOKWORM

Bookworm announced another collaborative stitching project this year after a successful collaboration last year.

This project has been facilitated by Nilima Braganza. The idea for this project comes from a need to share the joy of sharing stories and stitching together. This project entails the creation of multiple wall frames of bookshelves that will be donated to community spaces where children gather. The needle sisters

gather every three weeks to complete and quilt the designated patches together.



PLAY READING CIRCLE

Bookworm joined hands with Theatre Artist and Drama Educator Rajyashree Dutt to start a new program called the Play Reading Circle. This program has invited and sustained a loyal group of theatre enthusiasts every fortnight to gather together and read out and discuss selected play scripts.

Scripts of great playwrights such as Tom Stoppard, Neil Simon, Dario Fo and Franca Rame have been read aloud, enjoyed and discussed.



POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP (PAG)

The Bookworm Poetry Appreciation Group was reformed in January 2017. Poetry lovers meet once a month to read a variety of poems and critically analyse and discuss the same. This program has been ably facilitated by Jugneeta Sudan. Poetry enthusiasts have enjoyed discussions on poems by great poets such as Edgar Allan Poe, Paul Dunbar, Khalil Gibran, Amy Lowell, Emily Dickinson, Toru Dutt, Sarojini Naidu and the likes. This program has also encouraged amateur poets of all ages to come forth and share their work.



WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS:

Other than the regular monthly programs, we also facilitate various workshops and events at the Library in Taleigao and elsewhere too. These workshops serve to not only increase the footfall in the library but also strive to promote the idea that a library is not a dull and boring space but a happening space for various new learnings, meeting and engaging with exciting people and of course connecting everything to books and reading.

The Joy of Writing Well, a two-session workshop to strengthen student writing was organized by Bookworm in April, 2016. This workshop was facilitated by Mariam Sandhu, Educator, who has taught Literacy and Writing at IB Schools in Shanghai, Dubai and Singapore. With over 20 years of knowledge of writing, teaching and learning, Ms. Sandhu has set up Writing Centre's at a number of international schools and is well-versed in strategies that promote English listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.



The Bookworm Summer Camp took place in the months of April/May 2016. A thoughtfully planned new theme for each week with a focus on Fun and Learning. The themes this year included Out and About, Beach Fun, Lights-

Camera-Action, Crafts Crazy and Kids Cook with different activities planned for the Senior and the Junior Age Groups.



The Bookworm Summer Blast was organized to beat the heat with lots of fun, games and a humongous book sale on the 14th and 15th of May 2016. This was a two day extravaganza with various activities like story reading, book browsing, book related games, water and skill games, art and craft activities, hair braiding, caricatures, food, dance, music and books for sale. Children and adults participated in this two day blast with great enthusiasm.



Bookworm facilitated a **workshop for teachers** of St Andrews School, Vasco-Da-Gama, on the 4th of June 2016 to motivate them to encourage children to read stories and introducing them to various kinds of books. The workshop was well attended by all the teaching and non-teaching staff of the school including the Principal.

Bookworm offered 2 exciting programmes on the basics of acting from the month of June 2016. These two courses, **Act Out and Speech & Drama** which were of 12 and 20 weeks respectively were organized under the able guidance of Rajyashree (Raj) Dutt who has won many awards and accolades as an actress and has performed all over India. She has been teaching drama to children as well as adults. For the last decade she has been drama director for Sunaad, a Bangalore based group performing classical Indian music with a large element of theatre. Both courses had to be taken together if seeking Trinity College of London certificate exam.

Bookworm conducted a two day **workshop on Importance of Story Read Aloud and Puppetry** at the Dada Vaidya College of Education, Ponda on the 21st and 23rd of September 2016.



Bookworm also conducted a half day Workshop on **setting up classroom libraries** at the Dada Vaidya College of Education at Ponda for the Pre Primary Trainee Teachers on 14th October 2016.



Bookworm had its first **Night Out at the Library** on the 1st of October 2016 which was open to all near and dear ones and included a series of events like dress up as characters from books, a movie screening, dinner and retelling of horror stories.

The Bookworm Team organized a **Library Audit** of The Hongirana School of Excellence, Sagar, Karnataka from the 7th to 9th of November 2016. The team helped the school to weed out and organize the school library. The teachers and the children of this school participated in this exercise.



Bookworm participated in **Kathavana**, a Children's Literature Festival in Bangalore, organized by the Azim Premji University on 14th November 2016 on the occasion of Children's Day. Three teams conducted various activities such as Read Aloud's, Drama, and Book related games for school children from various schools from in and around Bangalore.



The Bookworm team led by Sujata Noronha visited Mundgod, an official Tibetan Settlement in Karnataka to help **set up their first Public Library, the Shiwatso Library** in the 1st week of December 2016. The team categorized

and helped order the library and also trained the on duty librarians and teachers.



Bookworm also participated in the **Yuletide Bazaar** in Tonca and set up a space which included games, quiz competitions, story corners and a Book Sale on the 3rd and 4th of December 2016.



Bookworm organised the **Young Goa Arts Literature Festival (GALF)** 2016 at The International Centre Goa from the 9th to the 11th of December 2016. This segment encourages interactions between various authors, illustrators, and artists, who were part of the larger GALF, and school children. This year, the Young GALF saw the participation of almost 200 school children who interacted with the likes of Jerry Pinto, Rochelle Potkar, Mayank A. Soofi, Samhita Arni and Arshia Sattar.



Bookworm also organised a **Christmas Mini Sale** of books at the Saraya Bazaar on the 18th of December 2016, at CHOGM Road.

The Bookworm **Annual Jumble Sale** happened on the 13th of February 2017. This is our single fundraising event that helps Bookworm to sustain its Mobile Outreach Program through an entire year. Well-wishers, supporters and donors contributed generously towards the Jumble Sale by way of donations and volunteering help for sorting, packing, transportation and sales.



To celebrate World Read Aloud Day, Bookworm organized a half day **READING & ART in the PARK** event on February 28th at Garcia d'Orta Garden, Panjim.

During this time, students were encouraged to read and browse through a diverse and wonderful collection of books, engage in story and reading activities and participate in an art installation event facilitated by Liz Kemp, a community artist from Scotland. Children from seven schools from in and around Panjim participated in this event.



Sujata Noronha and Megha Gulati represented Bookworm in the **Annual Children's Library UnConference** on March 4, 2017 in New Delhi.



EXPOSURE VISITS:

Exposure visits to the Bookworm Library are critical sharing's to ensure that the community experience a children's library.

These visits are not just about visiting the library, but they include a tour, treasure hunt activity, shelving and ordering exercises, browsing, reading and sharing of Bookworm's work. This year, Bookworm welcomed quite a few visitors.

- *Students and teachers of V V Adarsh High School, Margao visited the library on the 27th of April 2016.*
- *Students of Nirmala Institute of Education (B.Sp. Ed).*
- *Teachers of Our Lady of Succour High School, Nagoa.*

- *Teachers of Immaculate Heart of Mary High School, Goa Velha.*
- *Students of Dada Vaidya College of Education, Ponda, Pre School Certificate Course.*
- *Bilquis Shaikh of Sahyog Trust Mumbai had visited Bookworm on an exposure visit of four days from the 8th to the 11th of June 2016.*

VISITING AUTHORS AND EDUCATORS

Throughout the year, Bookworm has hosted various authors, illustrators and educators. These visits have not only enriched the library space but also exposed the team to a varied sharing of ideas and work.

- *Meena tribe Artist, Sunita*
- *Hindi Poet and contributor to Chakmak, Prabhat*
- *Head of Publishing Division of Eklavya, Bhopal, Tultul Biswas*
- *Akshara Foundation CEO, Rukmini Banerjee*
- *Founding Member Eklavya, Bhopal, Anjali Noronha*
- *Illustrator, Indu Harikumar*
- *Children's Writer, Pearl Correia*
- *Design Educator from IIT Powai, Alka Hingorani*

THE HUMAN TOUCH:

A library is known to be a melting pot of myriad cultures, traditions, stories and people. People from different walks of life with different views, and interests come together by way of interactions and a love for books and reading.

Bookworm is also such a cauldron which stays vibrant not only because of its books and the children that come here but also because of the ownership taken by each and every person that works within the team. The team comprises of 15 genuine books loving humans, including the Director Sujata Noronha, who take charge of the space and its collection and strives hard to promote Bookworm's goal of encouraging reading and nurturing a relationship with the library.

A library has to be a place of support, comfort, encouragement, discovery and joy of being able to read whatever one chooses to and it should always remain as such. Over the years, we have constantly tried to reach out to children from all strata's of life and beckon them to Bookworm in the hope that the light of reading will pass from one child to another. This ensures our presence wherever there are books and children. Every new member in the library is a joy not only to us but to the space that is Bookworm. We take great pride in announcing **that 77 new members** have joined our Bookworm family of readers in the year 2016-17.

FINANCIALS

Bookworm's financial details are available at

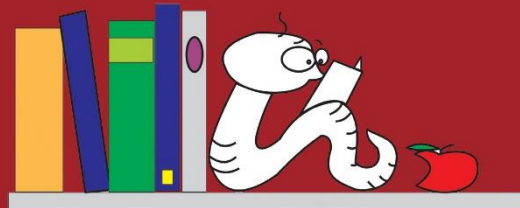
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