

Trustee's Note

It has been more than a year into a world none of us ever envisaged in our lifetime. The year 2020 made us look within, and reconnect with ourselves and our vision.

For us at Bookworm, nurturing the love for reading in every child helped us continue our vision to reach out, find a connection and continue our work during this pandemic. Isolation tested us in many ways, but we also forged new ones to see us through.

We all live in some context of community. We are all interdependent and this was clearly apparent during the pandemic. Bookworm through its love for books brought us together at our worst moments.

Bookworm went virtual and convened on various social media platforms like Zoom, Google meet etc. A number of programmes - Reading Circles, Book chats, Quizzes, Pre-School events and even the Library Educators' Certificate Course were launched online. There was never a dull moment as team-building activities were held to rejuvenate the team during the isolation.

For the Mobile Outreach Program (MOP), three new communities were opened, and our Bookbox delivery continued to these MOP sites to enable these children to gain access to books which would have been difficult in these times. Bookworm even went a step ahead to launch its first library engagement with first-time adult readers through the MOP program.

The Libraries in Schools program (LIS) continued to grow in strength, and delivered books and activities to 52 schools. Virtual storytelling was conducted in 4 different languages, thereby reaching out to a larger audience. But most of all, the home visits bringing parents into this circle of love brought families together in their discovery for learning.

This last year has been an extremely challenging year, forcing most people to adapt to new realities. However, what makes us face the future bravely is that Bookworm has stood the test and has not only adapted but thrived on change.

Thus, we all need to look for opportunities that come with change, and not just the challenges.

Dagmar Peres da Silva
Managing Trustee



Mobile Outreach Program

Objective: to provide a library experience to communities on the margins who would not have access to library resources.

At A Glance

Total number of Sites	8
Number of Children reached	93
Number of Stories shared	232
Number of Books lent	1534



Highlights of the Year

This program was particularly relevant since the pandemic because of the needs of our community.

Three new community sites were opened out with communities at Ribandar, Odxel, and St Inez, and enabled us to reach more children who otherwise would not have access to books during this time.



Library sessions with adults at a Material Recovery Facility in St Inez began. This was our first library engagement with adults through our MOP program.

Girls and boys from the Bethesda Life Centre visited the Bookworm Library in February 2021 for the first time since the lockdown was announced.



Book boxes & book bags were delivered to children's homes to enable continued book access during the pandemic.



"I love to go to the library because it has improved my reading. Because of the pandemic we cannot go anywhere and the library also cannot come here; but because of the book delivery, we can read and share stories with each other, engage with crafts and other activities, and have conversations over the phone."

- Child from a Bookworm Mobile Outreach Program community

Libraries in Schools

Objective: to provide a library experience to under-resourced schools that do not have access to library resources.

At A Glance

Number of Children reached	3400
Number of Teachers reached	136
Number of Books delivered to schools	3000+
Number of Virtual Storytimes created and shared	55

Highlights of the Year

Delivery of Book Boxes

Book boxes with curated books and activities delivered to 52 schools was a significant intervention, through which many children of Tiswadi and Ponda talukas got access to quality children's literature.



Virtual Storytimes

Virtual Storytimes, in the form of recorded audio & video, enabled thoughtfully-selected stories in Konkani, Marathi, Hindi and English to reach a larger group.



Webinars with Teachers

Bookworm facilitated a series of 8 webinars on topics around stories and their impact.



Home Visits

Home Visits brought our attention to parents, who are critical in the journey of learning. The lockdown and school from home have impacted learning, but books have brought families together in many ways.

Bookworm Team Practices that Continued

Book Talks: The art of sharing Book Talks is a practiced skill at Bookworm. Through virtual sharing, an archive of different kinds of Book Talks formed.

Workshops on Stories: In our day-to-day work, we rarely pause to think about stories. The lockdown enabled us to offer an in-house workshop on the role of stories in our lives, the relationship with stories that affect our response to them, and the nature of stories.

Paired Discussions: The team worked in pairs to select a text that was read by the larger team and analysed and discussed over the online space.

Stitching in Isolation: Stitching is an honoured act at Bookworm with that of reading. Every team member engaged with a piece of stitching, with some constraints and some intimate responses emerged.

Censorship Challenge: As an exercise in challenging our own personal biases and thoughts, the team discussed in groups, a set of picture books that have been challenged or banned for varied reasons.

Saturday Games: Every Saturday, during the lockdown, we worked in small groups to participate in games that involved Bookworm's richest resource, the collection.

Professional Development

Objective: to train and nurture a library community beyond Goa through short/long programs - physical and distant.

At A Glance

Number of Adults reached through Professional Development programs	1135
Number of States reached	18

Direct Programs

Library Educators' Certificate Course

Taking into consideration the future's uncertainty and the need to retain sight & vision of the library, a collaborative decision was taken to launch LEC virtually, ending with a physical contact in January 2021.

WiPro course - An Introduction to Libraries

A two-part workshop, "An Introduction to Libraries", was held for 24 participants from organizations supported by Wipro Foundation.

Indirect Programs

Aide Et Action Workshop Series

This was initiated with 20 participants, with the objective of providing capacity-building support to key AeA team members on library vision & practice for school & community.

Prayog Library Mentoring Support

This workshop series enabled cross-sharing and mentoring to team members on library vision and practice for community work at Prayog, and ended with a physical workshop in Bihar.

Library - All Coming Together

Library Webinars: Bookworm initiated a webinar series with the imagination of holding together a larger community of teachers, library educators, book people & academics to engage more deeply with library matters.

Alumni Book Relay: A book relay was held in September & October where alumni were invited to read part of a book, send it to the next person, and come together for a final book discussion on all the three books.

Libraries: Chapter One: an introductory course to Libraries and Library work was launched on the Wipro Partners Forum. Self-paced and open to all, it has 300+ participants registered so far.

Articles in Teacher Plus: Bookworm curated monthly Library-themed articles based on LEC alumni's writings for Teacher Plus, a magazine for schoolteachers with pedagogical tools on new paradigms of thought.

Podcast - Live from Lockdown Library: A bilingual podcast series was initiated, with eminent educators and professionals in education reflecting on how the context of COVID-19 has impacted reading, libraries and access to stories.

Bookworms Beyond Borders: Bookworm initiated a quarterly newsletter for cross-country circulation, aimed to keep discussions & readings around the Library critical to our work.

Alban Couto Community Library

Objective: to provide a library experience to the community in and around Aldona.

At A Glance

Total number of library members	69
Number of new memberships	16
Number of books added to the collection	251
Total number of books borrowed	818
Footfall in the library	633

Monthly Themed Displays: enabled different kinds of books to be highlighted in the library space, and encouraged interaction with them.

Book Stop: Books were regularly borrowed and new books added, to this free open library set up in 2017 in the market place.

Library workshop Participation: Wendy D'Sa, an ACCL co-incharge, participated in a 2-part library workshop, and engaged in a 2-month library activity as part of it.

Book Boxes: Book Boxes were delivered to schools in and around Aldona.

Children's Visit to Bookworm to Choose Books: ACCL members visited Bookworm to browse and choose new books to form a refreshed collection at ACCL.

Book Relay: A Book Relay with "My Daddy and the Well" by Jerry Pinto was initiated, which provoked some lovely responses from the ACCL children.

"The Alban Couto Library has been such a blessing for our family with such easy access to some of the most interesting and titles & authors. And the gentle approach by Blaise and Wendy adds so much more value to our library experience. Thank you Bookworm for this wonderful gift to the community" - Parent, Alban Couto Community Library

Visual Arts

Objective: To provide diverse communities the opportunity to engage in the arts through direct programming, teacher education, and art festival participation.

Virtual Guided Drawings: A series with Scottish and Indian themes by Liz Kemp & Rhea D'Souza, with participants from around the world joining & sharing in the joy of stories and art.

Mollem Projects: In response to the destruction of the Western Ghats in Goa, Bookworm began a series of projects to enable discourse through stitching, talks, a poetry podcast, among others.

EdSparks: Rhea D'Souza & Alexis Fu participated in a 2-week art education workshop held by ArtSparks.

Islamic Art in Picture Books: was explored in a session by architects Rhea D'Souza, Tahir Noronha, Alexis Fu & Shifa Khan.

Mehlii Gobhai Donation: Bookworm was awarded a grant by the Estate of Mehlii Gobhai and a plan for visual arts activities was mapped out.

Balance Sheet

BOOKWORM PANAJI GOA			
Income and Expenditure Account for the Period ending 31st March 2021			
Expenditure	Year ended 31.03.2021	Income	Year ended 31.03.2021
To Advertisement & Publicity	556	By Donation	33,14,222
To Bank Charges	8,816	By Workshop Receipts	4,80,028
To Building Repairs & Maintenance	1,48,551	By Books Rental	86,985
To Commission	2,910	By Membership Fees	8,100
To Computer Expenses	450	By Loss and Damaged Books Receipts	58,022
To Depreciation	1,14,992	By Maintenance of Books Receipts	27,721
To Electricity Charges	1,088	By Books for Lending Receipts	1,70,199
To Fuel Expenses	7,500	By Misc. Receipts	2,580
To Fund Raising Event Expenses	1,855	By SF - Interest Received	1,91,046
To Library Room Rent	33,000	By FDR - Interest Received	2,78,193
To Newspapers and Magazine	2,340		
To Office Expenses	45,322		
To Postage & Courier	7,723		
To Printing and Stationery	49,266		
To Professional Fees	5,07,619		
To Rent Paid	5,14,723		
To Repairs and Maintenance	46,577		
To Telephone / Internet	21,198		
To Travelling Expenses	19,529		
To Website Renewal Charges	3,600		
To Workshop Expenses	26,002		
To Book Rentals	37,422		
Total	46,18,696	Total	46,18,696

For Bookworm (Trust) *[Signature]* Trustee
 Dr. Fernando Noronha
 Place: Panaji
 Date: 21/09/2021

As per our Audit Report of even date For Prabhudesai & Associates Chartered Accountants *[Signature]*
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Income & Expenditure

BOOKWORM PANAJI GOA		
Balance Sheet as on 31.3.2021		
Liabilities	Amount	Assets
Carpus Fund	7,79,823	Fixed Assets
Balance as on 31.3.2020		Investment
		Franklin India Ultra Short term bond Fund
		8,70,000
Unutilized Grants		Current Assets
Wipre Grant 20-21	15,739	Deposits
Wipre Grant 21-22	12,65,775	DAC
ERPL Grant	3,57,284	Fixed Deposits
CPLA Grant	(6,30,660)	Tax deducted at Source (2020-21)
Vir Durbhat Taxa Trust	(7,87,466)	2,54,185
Wipre Good Education grant (21-22)	7,60,000	Blaise Advance
		2,643
		Interest Receivable
		65,260
Total	83,99,139	Total
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Receipts & Payments

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Receipts	Amount	Payments	Amount
To Opening Balances:		By Advertisement Expenses	556
Cash and FDS with Banks	1,30,12,556	By Bank Charges	8,816
Cash-in-Hand	61,387	By Fund Raising Event Expenses	1,855
To Books Rental Income	1,30,73,943	By Torch Light Journal	5,000
To Donation	33,14,222	By Fuel Expenses	7,500
To Membership Fees	8,100	By Office Expenses	41,083
To Workshop Fees	4,33,028	By Professional Fees	4,94,819
To Miscellaneous Income	2,586	By Printing & Stationery	47,545
To Sale of Books	1,47,313	By Repairs & Maintenance	99,578
To Interest Income	4,17,961	By Rent Paid	5,33,323
To Grants Income	74,97,938	By Telephone / Internet Expense	24,798
To Tax Deducted at Source	2,87,251	By Travelling Expenses	19,529
To Library Refundable Deposit	18,700	By Workshop Expenses	20,092
To LEC Course Fee	15,18,325	By Miscellaneous Expense	3,657
To Sundry Creditors	2,64,030	By Interest Refunded to TATA Trust	15,349
To Other Receivables	1,92,784	By Postage and Courier	9,403
		By Tax Deducted at Source	42,036
		By Grant Expenses	58,68,065
		By LEC Fees	3,49,373
		By Purchase of Fixed Assets	73,551
		By Other Payables	7,07,775
		By Deposits	4,300
		By Loans & Advances	4,73,765
		Total	1,83,47,459
		Cash-in-Hand	26,516
		Total	1,83,73,975

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