

Bookworm Annual Report 2023

Note from trustee

The 21st century places enormous demands on the younger generation specially in terms of understanding information, responding to ideas and knowing fake from real. And that is where Bookworm's work plays an all important role. We believe that our responsibility extends to support young people in developing understanding, reasoning and thinking skills. All of this happens through the library practices of Bookworm in so many contexts.

True to its mission and to the philosophy that each child must have the opportunity to reach their full potential, Bookworm in this year past has continued to extend its reach deeper into the community. The Travelling Library van has reached many more villages and children while the school outreach has grown stronger. Training and workshops and visits to Bookworm spaces from groups / individuals outside Goa has ensured that good ideas are also travelling. Additional library spaces in Aldona and Saligao allow our team to extend work further and go deeper. Partnerships have increased and our Vision and Mission continues.

As you read our report of the year past, we hope you appreciate the enormous effort, expertise and time that the team at Bookworm invests in the work. In these difficult times specially for education initiatives, the leadership team at Bookworm has stayed strong and we are proud. We must look forward, empowering our young people for a world that is constantly changing and in hope that they will keep making critical sense of it all.

To all who support us, work with us and contribute to this work, a heartfelt thank you.

Fernando Noronha
Trustee, Bookworm

Reaffirming our Values

Self reflection on the library practices of Bookworm, indicate a deeper realisation of moving beyond the technical to the reflective as a way to guide the future. John M Budd, a philosopher defines the praxis for librarianship in progressive terms as "action that carries social and ethical implications and is not reduced to technical performance of tasks."

Listed below are some examples in the year 2022-23 when as an organisation praxis was demonstrated and we record here...

- In a documentation project that was prescient to the 'Mhadei' river crises in Goa, the Nhoi project has community drawings from 13 different river based communities.
- The same was exhibited at the gallery at Krishnadas Shama Goa Central State Library in February 2023 to return to the funds of knowledge, memory and hope that riverine life compels in us.
- The project is further extending into a riparian plant project across 4-6 sites with support of the Visual Arts Program at Bookworm.
- In a research study under the Transforming Education for Sustainable Futures (TESF) India program *Facing Caste : Engaging with the Privileged* enabled us to return to the root of inequality in our fractured society and affirm the direction and focus of work for Bookworm for the next decade.
- In our planet in crises that continues in the post pandemic world we felt a need to return to the enchantment that forest life enables and partnered with Serendipity Arts Foundation in installing and running The Enchanted Grove during Serendipity Arts Festival 2022, with a footfall of over 1500 .
- Our collection has grown more purposeful in the library, stretching to include books from minority communities in their own voices in 2022 and included a special book launch of *The Queen, The Courtesan, The Doctor, The Writer - 50 Inspiring stories of Muslims supporting Parcham Collective.*
- Through our focus on Inclusion and socializing ourselves towards being more informed educators, we held a month long immersion of understanding more about representation and symbolizing in the LGBTQIA+ community through a stitching project.



Our Work in Goa

TRAVELLING LIBRARY

The Travelling Library began in 2022, as an extension of Bookworm's existing Mobile Outreach Program, to increase our reach of library experiences and joy to children in Goa. The travelling library van holds over 600+ curated books including different genres and categories for varied age groups. The shelves in the van are designed in such a way that it allows children to access the library books easily and provides a comfortable space for the children to browse books by themselves.

In the year 2022-23, the travelling library enabled library access for 4757 children across communities and schools in Goa.

GOA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Bookworm was invited to set up the children's section at the Goa Heritage Festival held in November 2022. The Goa Heritage Action Group is a registered body dedicated to the advocacy of preservation and restoration of Goa's natural and cultural heritage.

The five day festival saw more than 500 children and adults engage with Bookworm's pop up library with books on diverse themes, through crafts, book games, drawing stations and other visual art engagements.

VINAY AND JEAN KALGUTKAR COMMUNITY CENTRE, SALIGAO

The Vinay and Jean Kalgutkar Community Centre was inaugurated on 17th September, 2022. A stunning mural - the collaborative artwork of artist Isa Emma Hinojosa Flores, Sanika Dhakephalkar and most importantly the children of the community in Saligao greets visitors at the entrance to the Centre.

The Centre located in a charming home of the Kalgutkar family opened with an exhibition of art work by the community children of Bookworm's Mobile Outreach Program as part of the Tree Book project supported by the generous donation to Bookworm's Visual Arts Program by the Estate of Mehlii Gobhai. The Centre is home to a collection of over 500 books for children and adults.

ALBAN AND AURORA COUTO COMMUNITY LIBRARY, ALDONA

The Alban and Aurora Couto Community Library was established in 2018. This was made possible by a generous donation by the late Dr. Maria Aurora Couto, her family and friends.

The Alban Couto Corpus supports the library at the Aldona Institute and a few schools under the Libraries in School (LiS) program in the village of Aldona. The library houses a collection of books for children of different age groups, hosts workshops, author interactions and discussions on books. The library has a membership of 135 members both children and adults.

During the year 2022 - 2023, 1528 books were lent and borrowed at the Alban and Aurora Couto Community Library and more than a 1000 children visited the library.



Bookworm Travels

Bookworm's Professional Development program enabled us to take library practices to varied geographies across the country.

- 1 Library seminar + Training workshop, Department of Education, Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamshala
- 2 Training, Buguri Library, Hasiru Dala and Makala Jagriti, Bangalore
- 3 Library Educators Certificate course Faculty meet, Bangalore
- 4 Library Educators Certificate course Mentor Meet, Mumbai
- 5 Library Audit, Delhi Public School, Pune
- 6 Training, Pre-Primary Teachers, Department of Education, Central Tibetan Administration Byllakuppe
- 7 Library Set Up, Trisong Library, Byllakuppe
- 8 Library Audit, Delhi Public School, Coimbatore
- 9 Library Visit, Sharon School, Mumbai
- 10 Exposure Visit, Vidyodaya Adivasi school, Gudalur
- 11 Training, IDeA-the ant partners, Assam and Manipur
- 12 Training, North East Education Trust, Assam
- 13 Training, Aagaaz Theatre Trust, New Delhi

LIBRARY ONGOING WORK

Active programming continues across our three library spaces at Mala, Saligao and Aldona. Different sessions across visual arts, performance arts and culinary arts are organised for children and adults with a focus on books and reading.

Reading support is offered to children who are reading below their grade level through the Reading Helpers' Program. We continue to offer a Long Distance Library membership to readers who don't live close to the library.

MOBILE OUTREACH PROGRAM ONGOING WORK

Mobile outreach program sessions continued across 17 community sites in Goa. As part of exposure visits, the children visited the Serendipity Arts Festival, and frequently visited the main library in Panjim for author meets and other library sessions.

In partnership with Catalyst for Social Action, Bookworm set up library corners and initiated a library program within four Child Care Institutions in Goa.

VISUAL ARTS ONGOING WORK

The Visual Arts Program collaborated with the other programs at Bookworm to conduct library-based visual arts activities with children across communities and schools.

The Visual Arts Program also conducted a professional development module with 20 facilitators from libraries, schools, and NGOs, in different parts of the country.

LIBRARIES IN SCHOOLS ONGOING WORK

Libraries in School program reached out to 104 schools and 6775 children in the year 2022-23.

2 teacher workshops were conducted to mentor teachers in library work. Library Melas were conducted in two schools that engaged children with a variety of library activities.

A Library Corner was set up at State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Goa.

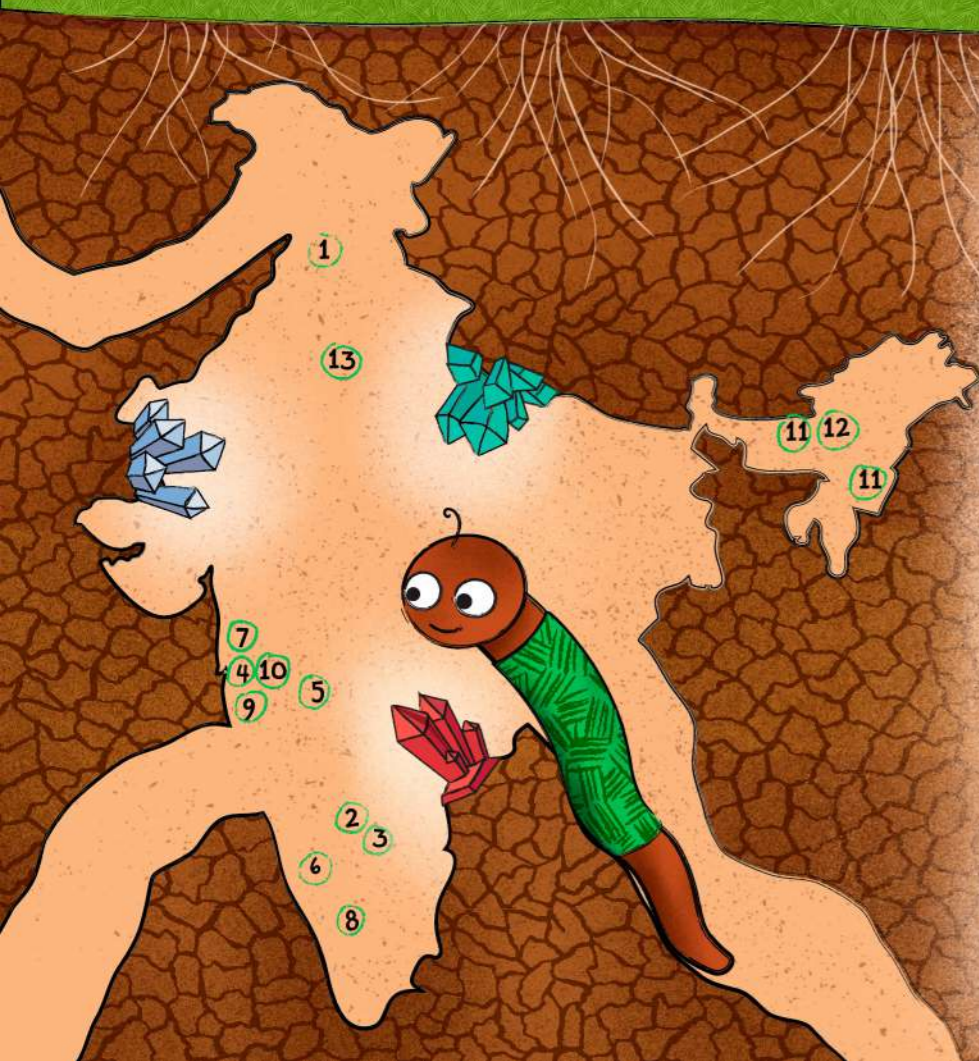
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ONGOING WORK

The Library Educators Certificate course 2022 was held with 36 participants from 16 States and 1 Union Territory in India.

The Introduction to Libraries - Two Part workshop had 24 participants from 14 different organizations in India.

Four Library Webinars were held in this year with over 400 participants.

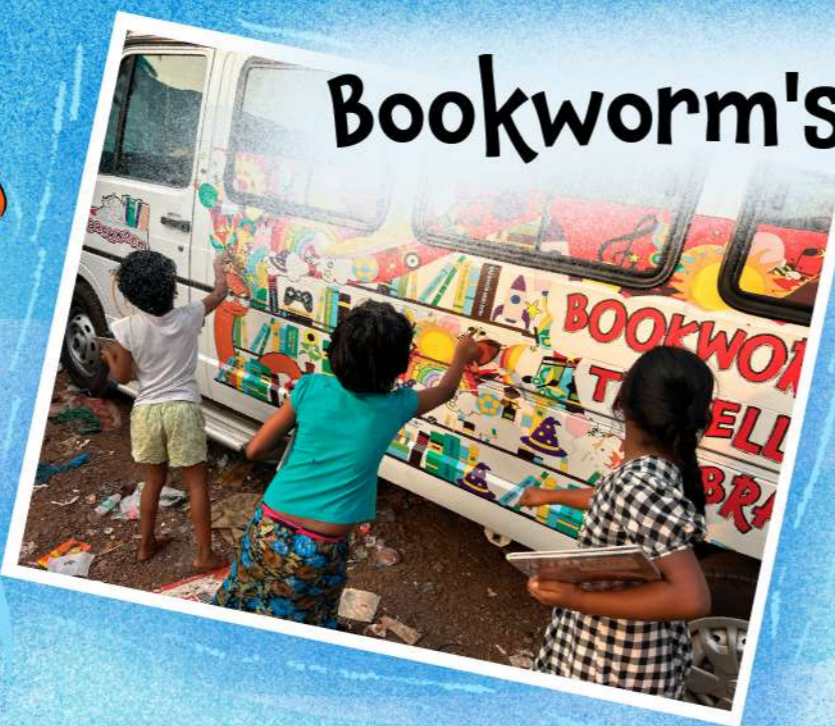
The online course, Libraries: Chapter One, created by Bookworm, was translated into Hindi and uploaded for open access.



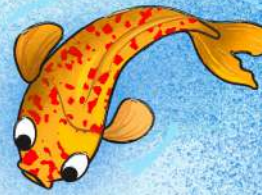
Bookworm's Reach in 2022-23



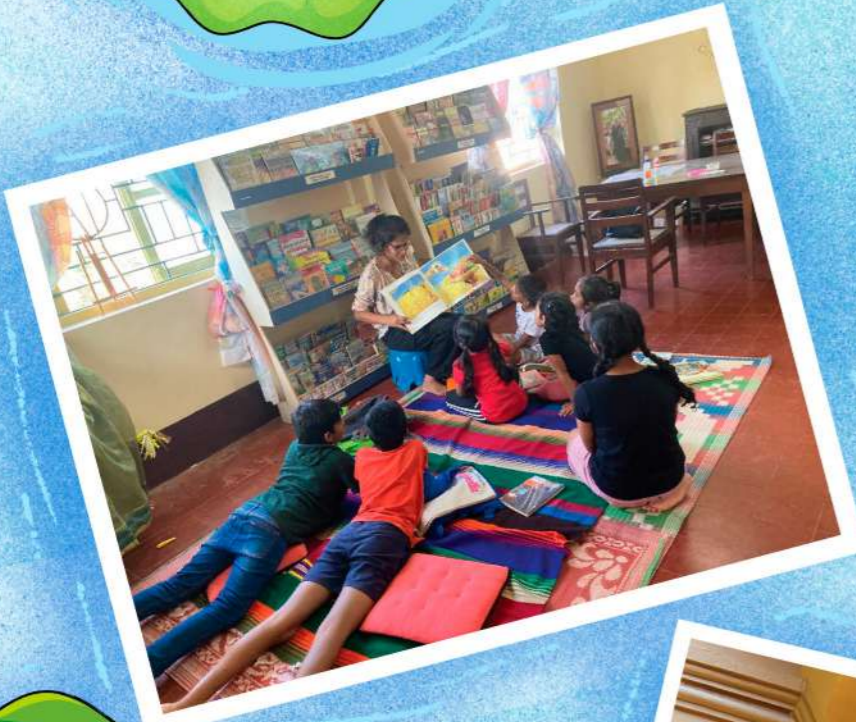
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Books Borrowed



104
Schools Reached



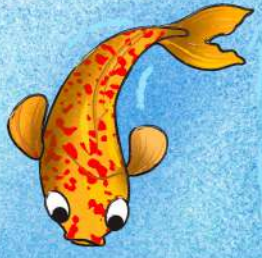
18529
Children Reached



18
Communities Reached



1285
Adults Reached



Our Work Beyond Goa

LIBRARY MENTORING SUPPORT (LMS) - A PILOT

A four month pilot of a Library Mentoring Support (LMS) program was initiated by Bookworm with support from HT Parekh Foundation. The objective of the program was to strengthen the library practice of individuals and organizations committed to library work through close mentoring, observation, demonstrations, feedback and other capacity building support.

Bookworm closely mentored three partner organizations in different geographies of India as part of this pilot.

BOOKWORMS BEYOND BORDERS

Bookworms Beyond Borders is a quarterly physical newsletter curated by Bookworm, for cross circulation amongst individuals engaged in library work in the country, with an aim to keep the discussions and readings around the Library critical to library work.

Each newsletter focuses on a relevant Library theme and has content aligning with the theme. In the year 2022-23, two issues of the newsletter were guest edited by partner library organizations.

The newsletter reached 500+ subscribers across the country.

'OFF THE LIBRARY SHELVES' IN TEACHER PLUS

Teacher Plus, a bi-monthly magazine, includes pedagogical tools and content to help readers keep in touch with new paradigms of thought in education.

Since 2020, Bookworm curates a segment within this magazine called Off the Library Shelves, that focuses on the sharing of a library experience in diverse contexts.

The articles are most often written by alumni of Bookworm's Library Educators Certificate course. In the year 2022-23, Bookworm also curated a special issue of *Teacher Plus* themed on Libraries.

A LIBRARY COLLABORATION

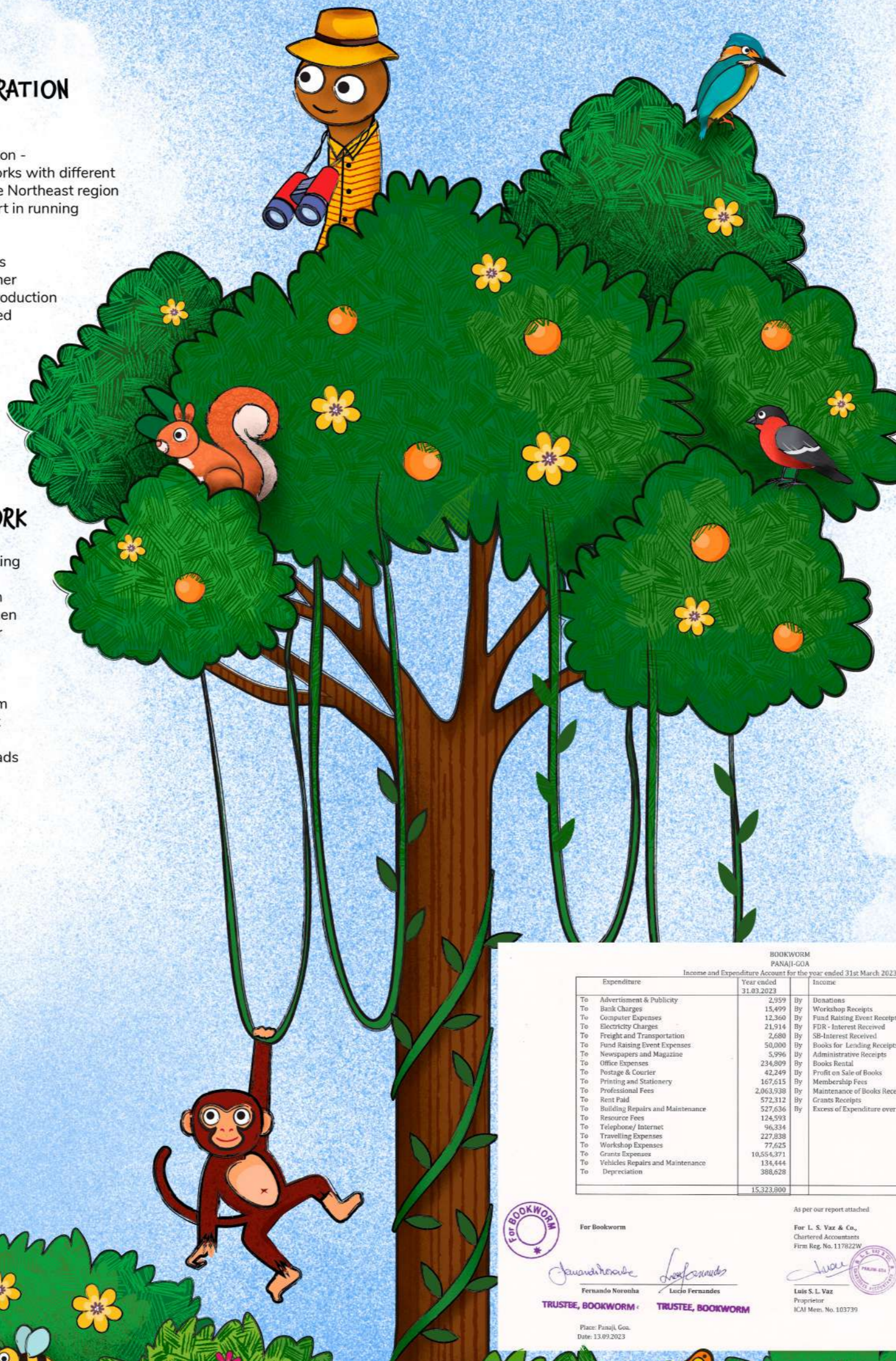
Institute of Developmental Action - The Action Northeast Trust, works with different early-stage organizations in the Northeast region by extending mentoring support in running community-based projects.

In August 2022, 12 participants from IDeA-the ant and its partner organizations attended an "Introduction to Libraries" workshop facilitated by Bookworm. Post this, the Bookworm team extended mentoring through an onsite visit to 4 organizations in Assam and Manipur.

LIBRARY REJUVENATION IN A SCHOOL NETWORK

Bookworm has been collaborating with four Delhi Public Schools (DPS) under Takshila Education Society since 2020, to strengthen the library program and mentor librarians and teachers in library work.

In the year 2022-23, Bookworm conducted two library audits at DPS Pune and DPS Ludhiana, held a library workshop for Heads of Schools and Librarians, and continued the training and mentoring through virtual sessions, conversations, plans and onsite visits.



Special Events & Visits

- Graphic artists and storytellers, Orijit Sen and Aniruddh Sen held a very special interaction with readers at the Alban and Aurora Couto Community Library at Aldona in May 2022 on the genesis of the periodical *Comixense* and the processes involved in publishing it.
- Visual artist and illustrator, Pakhi Sen held a creative session with children at the Alban and Aurora Couto Community Library at Aldona titled 'Thinking through Drawing' in October 2022.
- In February 2023, in collaboration with the Saad Angan, the Bookworm Library at Panjim, Mala hosted a book launch of *The Queen, The Courtesan, The Doctor, The Writer: 50 Inspiring Stories of Muslims*.
- In the same month, the library members at Alban and Aurora Couto Community Library at Aldona were also lucky to have an engaging discussion with Manish Chandi, co-author of *Walking is a Way of Knowing: In a Kadar Forest*.
- In March 2023, we were delighted to have an author interaction with Caitlin Evans who introduced her new book, *Chai Monster* to children at the Alban and Aurora Couto Community Library at Aldona.

Bookworm in Media

- In July 2022 our founder-director, Sujata Noronha was featured in an episode of *Literally Goa* on the CCR TV network hosted by Frederick Noronha.
- The March - May 2023 issue of *Viva Goa* featured Sujata Noronha in a special issue celebrating women.
- The Bookworm library at Mala was featured in *Gomantak Times* highlighting different spaces and features of the Library.
- Herald and Gomantak Times* featured articles on the exhibition of the Nhoi Goa River Draw project at the Krishnadas Shama Goa State Central Library.
- On National Reading Day, Bookworm was featured in an article by *Gomantak Times*, sharing Bookworms library practices and outreach in Goa.

Finance

BOOKWORM PANAJI, GOA			
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2023			
Expenditure	Year ended 31.03.2023	Income	Year ended 31.03.2023
To Advertisement & Publicity	2,959	By Donations	914,505
To Bank Charges	15,499	By Workshop Receipts	970,125
To Computer Expenses	12,360	By Fund Raising Event Receipts	200,000
To Electricity Charges	21,914	By 93% - Interest Received	64,25,110
To Freight and Transportation	2,680	By SR-Interest Received	200,246
To Fund Raising Event Expenses	50,000	By Books for Lending Receipts	589,680
To Newspapers and Magazine	5,996	By Administrative Receipts	265,000
To Office Expenses	234,809	By Books Rental	185,242
To Postage & Courier	42,249	By Profit on Sale of Books	461,734
To Printing and Stationery	167,615	By Membership Fees	16,700
To Professional Fees	2,063,938	By Maintenance of Books Receipts	218,400
To Rent Paid	572,312	By Grants Receipts	10,554,371
To Building, Repairs and Maintenance	527,536	By Excess of Expenditure over Income	105,210
To Resource Fees	124,593		
To Telephone/ Internet	96,334		
To Travelling Expenses	227,838		
To Workshop Expenses	77,625		
To Grants Expenses	10,554,371		
To Vehicles Repairs and Maintenance	134,444		
To Depreciation	388,628		
	15,323,000		15,323,000

As per our report attached

For Bookworm

 Fernando Noronha
 TRUSTEE, BOOKWORM

For L. S. Vaz & Co.,
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 Luis S. L. Vaz
 Proprietor
 ICAI Mem. No. 103739

Place: Panaji, Goa
 Date: 13.09.2023

BOOKWORM PANAJI, GOA			
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31.03.2023			
Receipts	Amount	Payments	Amount
To Opening Balances: Cash and FDs with Banks	15,668,639	By Advertisement Expenses	2,959
To Cash-in-Hand	62,822	By Bank Charges	15,322
To Books Rental Income	185,242	By Fund Raising Event Expenses	50,000
To Donations	865,085	By Office Expenses	237,809
To Membership Fees	16,700	By Professional Fees	2,112,212
To Workshop Fees	331,291	By Printing & Stationery	166,890
To Sale of Books	489,158	By Building Repairs & Maintenance	495,128
To Interest Income	114,687	By Rent Paid	572,312
To Grants	14,092,226	By Telephone / Internet Expense	68,334
To Tax Deducted at Source	535,353	By Travelling Expenses	221,838
To LEC Course Fee	1,322,080	By Workshop Expenses	55,308
To Sundry Creditors	82,180	By Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	134,444
To Other Receivables	966,885	By Other Payables	1,713,770
To Fund Raising Events Receipts	200,000	By Postage and Courier	42,249
To Miscellaneous Receipts	12,120	By Tax Deducted at Source	162,824
		By Grant Expenses	11,124,872
		By LEC Fees	542,781
		By Purchase of Fixed Assets	464,854
		By Deposits	30,500
		By Loans & Advances	777,498
		By Resource Fees	108,943
		By Closing Balances: Cash and FDs with Banks	17,036,804
		Cash-in-Hand	66,402
Total	35,741,683	Total	35,741,683

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BALANCE SHEET

BOOKWORM PANAJI-GOIA Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023		Amount	Assets	Amount
Liabilities			Fixed Assets	
Corpus Fund			Investment	
Balance as on 1.4.2022		8,682,289	HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund- Growth Option	1,000,000
Unutilized Grants		2,419,872	HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund- Growth Option (AC)	500,000
Loans (Liability)		147,822	ICICI Pruden Bal. Advantag Fund- Growth Option	1,000,000
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Current Liabilities			Current Assets	
Advances	110,128		Deposits	216,000
LEC- Course fees	2,459,333		DAC	387,538
Deposits	258,922	2,826,383	Accrued interest	625,830
Income and Expenditure A/c			Inventory of Books	224,563
Balance as on 01/04/2022	10,841,624		Fixed Deposit	12,758,672
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	105,210	10,736,414	Tax deducted at Source (2022-23)	279,746
			Tax deducted at Source	372,347
			Advances	398,500
			Cash in Hand and Bank balance	
			Cash in Hand	66,402
			Cash at Bank	4,278,132
				4,344,534
		24,814,780		24,814,780



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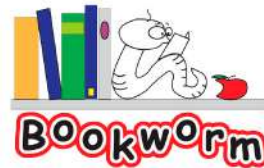
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