

BOOKWORM ANNUAL REPORT 2023 -24



Hey **Bookworm!**
What was your
favourite
thing that
happened
this year?

Well **Friend,** it's been
a wonderful adventure!!
It all started with a.....



Note from Trustee

Like most, I often wonder at (and sometimes despair of) the hold that social media has on us. If that wasn't enough, we now also have easily accessible artificial intelligence (AI). We have at our fingertips, tools like ChatGPT that make a whole range of tasks easier - from writing, to generating ideas, to offering study tips, and much more, that I don't even know about. So really, is there any place for, or even a need for books and reading?

We'll argue and probably agree that social media is mere superficial engagement, that it diminishes our ability to think critically, introspect or appreciate nuanced narratives, etc. And that AI is not infallible, not forgetting the ethical questions around it. Yet, we know that both are here to stay and will become a permanent part of our futures – at least in the near future.

But then I think of Bookworm, and the work that we are doing - how it continues to go from strength to strength, and I am reassured that our children have options.

I am convinced that Bookworm's growth and relevance is not only because of the team's absolute commitment to its vision, but also because there is still very much a need it is fulfilling. What is wonderful is that it is doing this through creative, thoughtful and impactful programmes.

This past year, Bookworm reached out to more communities than before through our Mobile Outreach Programme (targeting 20 underserved communities, with 10,000+ children), introduced a very well received Home-Based Library programme for neurodivergent children and those with special needs, had a number of author engagements, revived the Reading Helpers programme for those not reading to grade level, and so much more.

Looking forward, it is going to be a year for further growth – reaching more schools, introducing new programmes and relaunching critical professional development programmes like the Library's Certificate course – all positively impacting so many more children and young people through the breadth and depth of its work.

I am truly proud and privileged to be part of its journey.

Karen Almeida

It all starts with a vision. To make reading accessible to all children.

Books really are gateways to a world of wonderful possibilities.

2023-24 at a glance

2013

New books added to the collection

3

Public children's libraries with 36,000+ books

67,883

Books borrowed across the programmes

50,990

Children reached

20

Communities across

2500+

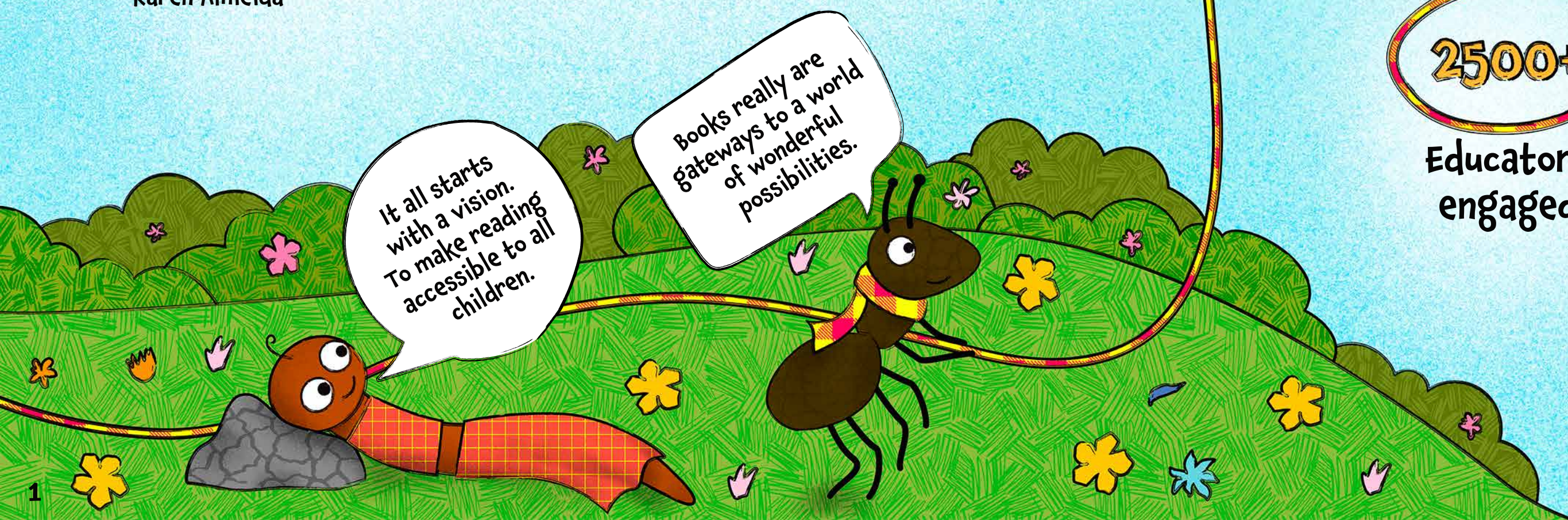
Educators engaged

97

Schools

26

States in India



Impact Across Programmes

Library & Resource Centre

Bookworm's Library Programme continued to nurture and engage readers across its three centres:

1. Bookworm Library & Resource Centre – Mala
2. Vinay & Jean Kalgutkar Community Centre – Saligao
3. The Aldona Institute Library and Alban & Aurora Couto Community Library – Aldona

We continued our mission of building enduring relationships between books and readers through diverse programming for different age groups.

An engaging series of author / illustrator meets were organised all-year-round to enable a dialogue for our readers. Venita Coelho, Devika Cariappa, Samina Mishra, Anushka Ravishankar, Sayoni Basu, Divya Thomas, Heta Pandit, Tanvi Bambolkar, Fleur D'souza and Caitlin Evans, are some of the authors who visited us.

We also collaborated with local Goan organisations celebrating reading in different ways via events, exhibitions and pop-ups. These included The Aldona Institute, Sethu, Mapusa Mogi Mural Project, Echoes of Earth, Made in Saligao, and Owl House.

The Reading Helper's programme was revived to support readers who are not reading at their grade level. We also had the joy of inviting many school children from Lourdes Convent High School, Lok Chetna, GPS Saligao, St. Elizabeth, Goa College of Architecture, Sunshine Preschool and Toddler's Den to the library for exposure visits.



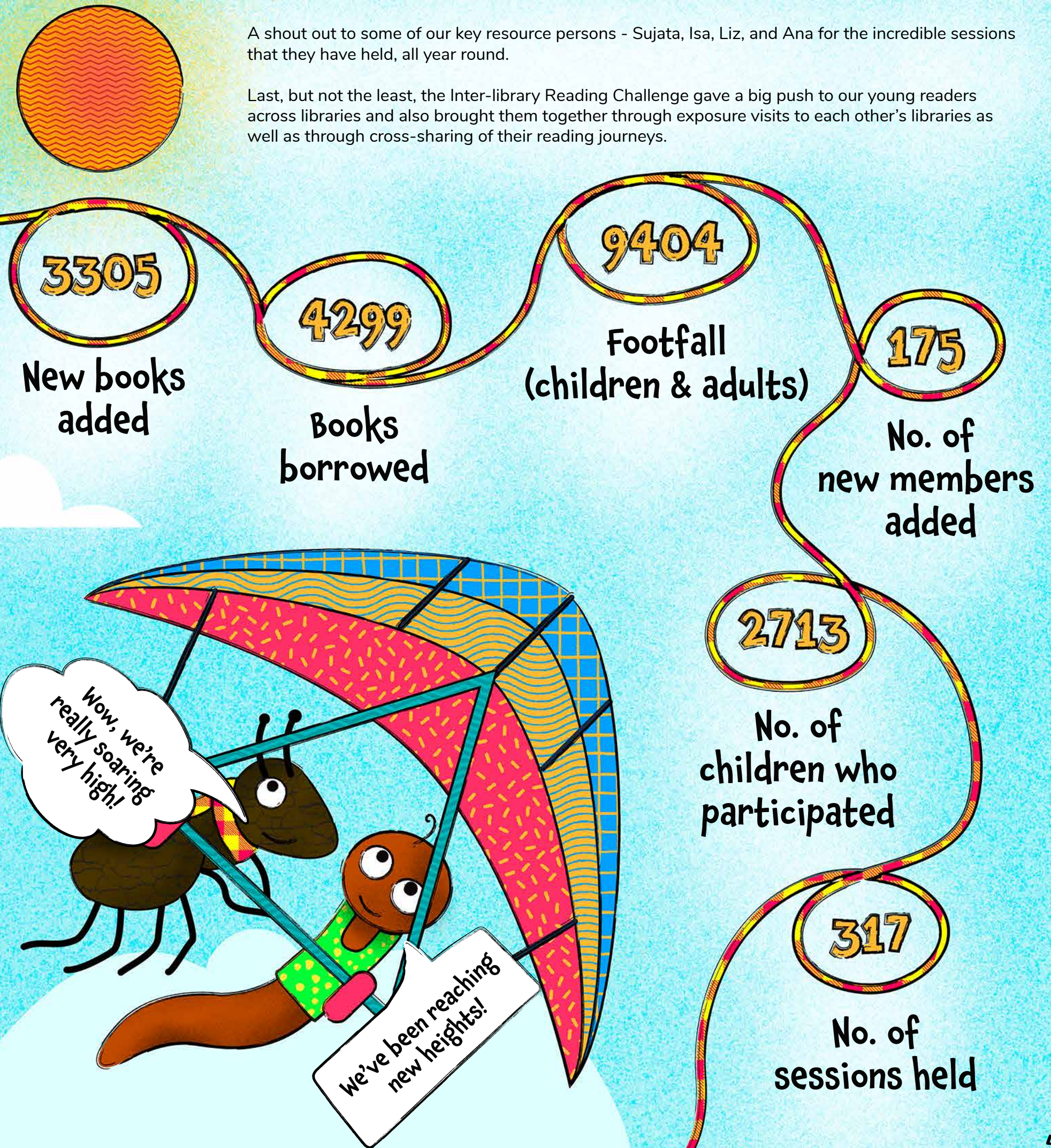
Bookworm's birthday celebration



Author meet



Film screening – 'Bread & Belonging' with Sonia Filinto



Libraries in Schools (LiS) Programme

We reached out to 97 schools this year through curated book boxes, the Travelling Library van and direct interventions via library sessions. Training and mentorship for teachers continued as well.

Total No of Schools = 97

Government = 78

Aided = 17

Private = 02

No. of books in circulation = 7200

No. of children reached = 5600

Highlights

Children borrowed books 40616 times and engaged with printed material.

19% of children conducted book talks and shared stories with their class.

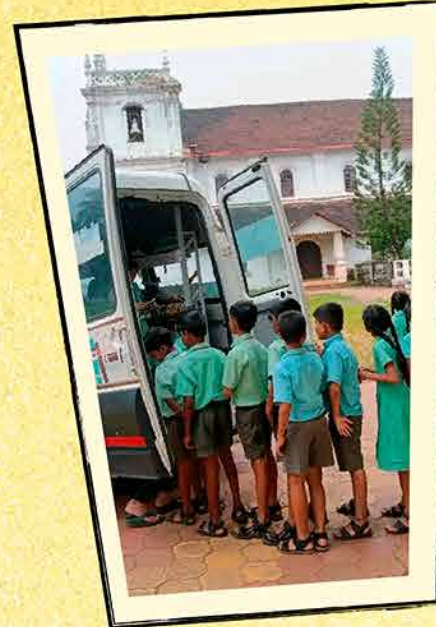
40,000+ borrowing has occurred over the year.

14 teachers took charge of Pop - Up library displays in schools.

2 library melas conducted in schools, reaching out to 600+ children.

2 schools were selected to pilot the idea of Independent school.

812 children got library access through Bookworm's Travelling Library Programme with fortnightly visits.



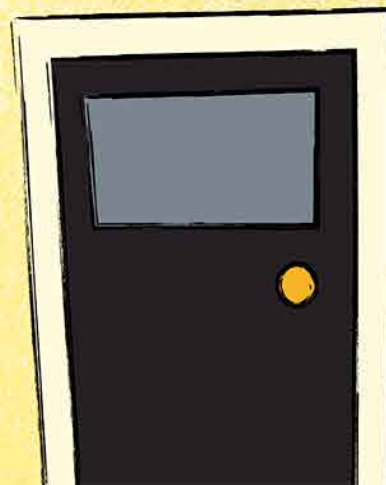
Children accessing and reading books via the Travelling Library



Children participating in a Library Mela at school



Teachers conducting sessions, independently



Mobile Outreach Programme (MOP)

Launched 14 years ago, MOP was born out of a deep commitment to bringing the magic of books and libraries to the underserved communities, recognising that many children have limited or no access to quality storybooks and library activities.

In 2023-24, we expanded our reach into places such as Orda, Aradi, Moira, and Curca. For the first time, we ran a MOP online fundraiser with the support of Ricardo Peres Da Silva, who had interned with Bookworm in the summer of 2023. Contributions received were treated as sponsorships towards children in the communities served by MOP.

No. of community sites = 20

No. of sessions = 796

Footfall (children) = 11081

New books used for the programme = 2091

No. of books borrowed = 5931

Highlights



Children from across our community sites attended and participated in a variety of library activities during the MOP mela held at the Bookworm Library.



Our MOP children attended the Serendipity Arts Festival, where they had the opportunity to explore various art displays at Azad Maidan and participate in the Open Library organised by Bookworm.



We restarted our community library in Chimbel, which had come to a halt during COVID. On average, 30 children visited the space every month.



Community Library Sites

Tiswadi Taluka
Odxel, Dona Paula
Ribandar
Cacra, Nagalli Hills
Curca, Near Military Camp, Bambolim
Chimbel, Indira Nagar

Bardez Taluka
Assagao
Orda, Candolim



Travelling Library Sites

Tiswadi Taluka
Divar Island
Merces, Near Church
Caranzalem
Peter Bhat, Taleigao

Bardez Taluka
Moira, Near Church
Bastora, Near Sateri Temple
Aradi, Candolim

Visual Arts Programme (VAP)

The Visual Arts Programme works independently as well as in collaboration with all other programmes at Bookworm to take immersive arts experiences linking reading, thinking, learning, and expression to diverse communities of readers in Goa and beyond through cultural programming, educator training, and public arts/ culture engagement.

The VAP conducted online professional development in the Visual Arts for organisations working with children across India, participated in arts festivals, and continued to grow, while disseminating resources in the form of lesson plans and articles.

**Footfall
(children & adult)**

1911

**No. of sessions held
(on-ground)**

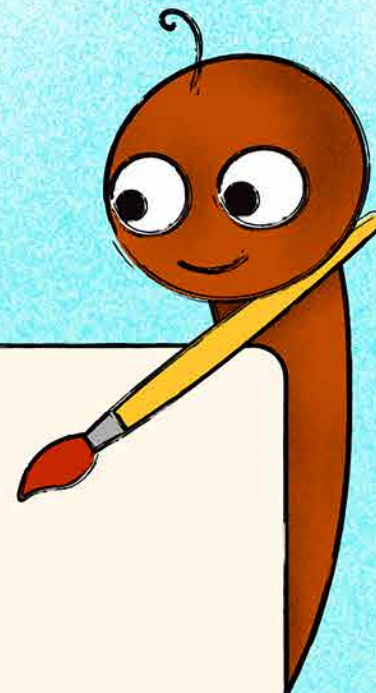
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**No. of sessions held
(online)**

5

Highlights

- ★ Bookworm's Open Air Library project at the Serendipity Arts festival reached and engaged 1800+ people,
- ★ Professional development 'Visual Arts in the Library' offered online reached 40+ educators and 700+ children through 12 participating organisations.
- ★ Dudhsagar-Khandepar River Chronicles, a participative arts project documenting the riparian flora along the Dudhsagar-Khandepar stretch of the Mhadei River was conducted in collaboration with Velsina Rodrigues as part of the Goa Water Stories Fellowship under the aegis of Living Waters Museum. This project led to the creation of 15 hand-made zines by the children and adults of the community associated with Lokmanya Library, at Opa, Khandepar. These sessions marked the beginning of our project with Nhoi libraries across this stretch of the river.



Engagement at the Open Air Library project during Serendipity Arts Festival 2023



Interactive visual arts session during the annual summer camp



Dudhsagar-Khandepar River Chronicles

Professional Development Programme (ProD)

Bookworm's Professional Development programme includes courses, workshops, mentoring, resource creation and dissemination, and support to library professionals who engage in library work focused on children.

Ongoing Professional Development programmes included:

- ★ Introduction to Libraries workshop supported by the Wipro Foundation.
- ★ Library Mentoring Engagement with the Librarians and READ coordinators of 4 DPS schools coordinated by the Takshila Education Society.
- ★ A Review of the Library Educator's Certificate course that was held by two external reviewers, Beena Choksi and Radha Gopalan.
- ★ A workshop on Facing Caste: Engaging with Texts and Self, was facilitated by scholars Nidhin Donald and Asha Singh.
- ★ Libraries: Purpose & Practice workshop held in collaboration with Parivartan
- ★ A Guided Reading workshop facilitated by Sujata Noronha
- ★ Monthly online library professional development sessions.

No. of pax engaged (adult)

2656

No. of pax engaged (children) - Potentially reached
10,000+

No. of states and Union territories
26

Highlights

- ★ For the year 2023-24, Bookworm with support of the HT Parekh Foundation, began a 10-month Library Mentoring and Support programme with 10 library-based organisations across India. The programme enabled Bookworm to mentor the 10 selected organisations to strengthen and grow their library practice with children.
- ★ Through our engagement with the Takshila Education Society, library audits were completed in two DPS schools in Patna and Ludhiana, and the libraries were refreshed as well as re-organised.



Libraries: Purpose & Practice workshop, Parivartan - Bihar.



Library Mentoring & Support workshop, Goa



Introduction to Libraries workshop at Bookworm

Home-Based Libraries Project (HBL)

In 2023-24, with support from the HT Parekh Foundation, Bookworm piloted the Home-Based Library (HBL) project, a library accessibility programme for children who are unable to access library services due to a variety of health conditions including Autism and ADHD, Learning Disabilities, Visual / Physical impairment, Glanzmann thrombasthenia, Down's Syndrome Hearing / Speech disabilities.

The project is designed to deliver monthly a Play Set, which is custom-curated based on the child's needs and interests, containing reading and tactile forms of engagement. Through the books, we touched upon the themes / formats of early concepts, socio-emotional topics, motor skills, early literacy and language, and tactile books.



This project has enabled us to envision, design, implement and observe what is possible when books, engagement material and unique play sets based on lesson plans are accessible to children with diverse needs.

Parent testimonials



"My experience of the Bookworm Home Based Libraries project is amazing as it has been helping my child to improve her understanding and vocabulary by books and activities they provide with the Play Set. My child and I are blessed to be a part of this project."

- Saanvi Godekar



"My son, a 9-years-old Down's Syndrome, happy-go-lucky child has always been fond of books. He eagerly awaits the Play Set which is well thought of both, in terms of the activities and books. Thank you for thinking and designing this Project. My son is now learning and enjoying new things, what more can I ask for."

- Sadika Banu



"The Home Based Libraries project is a beautiful concept for children with special needs. My son who has a rare bleeding disorder awaits his Play Set, to see the activities that he can engage with and the books in the Play Set. Every Play Set has a unique collection of thought processes, to think and visualize. Please continue such projects and thank you for being so understanding."

- Sabina Da Cunha

Burrow Bookstore

Started in 2012, the Burrow houses a collection of specially curated and diverse children's books exclusively from Indian Publishers on varied themes feelings, inclusion and integration, animals and environment, stories from Indian states, relationships, and caste, among others.

The Burrow has curated bundles of books on a variety of themes, and has also shipped these across India. We were part of several public and cultural events in Goa.



Participated in book sales at schools, during PTMs and other events.



Support Us

You can donate and help us raise funds to support our programmes.



All donations are tax-exempted under section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Bank Transfer

Bank: HDFC Bank

Branch: Taleigao

IFSC Code: HDFC0002368

Name of the account: Bookworm

Account number: 50100298353962

Note: We can receive donations from Indian Nationals only at the moment.

Our Amazon Wishlist is here
<http://amzn.in/9A4Xrwp>

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To all our patrons, partners and supporters and Bookworm team members.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31.03.2024					
Receipts	Amount	Amount	Payments	Amount	Amount
To Opening Balances:			By Advertisement Expenses		1,388.00
Cash and FDs with Banks	17,036,803.88		By Bank Charges		9,198.95
Cash-in-Hand	66,402.00	17,103,205.88	By Fund Raising Event Expenses		450.00
To Books Rental Income		153,752.00	By Office Expenses		315,892.00
To Donation		553,754.00	By Professional Fees		1,633,688.00
To Membership Fees		16,600.00	By Printing & Stationary		89,126.00
To Workshop Fees		407,269.50	By Building Repairs & Maintenance		360,298.00
To Sale of Books		349,186.00	By Rent Paid		160,392.00
To Interest Income		374,004.92	By Telephone / Internet Expense		52,077.24
To Grants		17,076,173.00	By Travelling Expenses		83,497.00
To Tax Deducted at Source		650,825.00	By Workshop Expenses		50,768.00
To LEC Course Fee			By Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance		31,532.00
To Sundry Creditors		29,490.00	By Other Payables		1,770,447.75
To Other Receivables		1,076,146.00	By Postage and Courier		12,547.60
To Fund Raising Events Receipts			By Tax Deducted at Source		183,522.00
To Miscellaneous Receipts			By Grant Expenses		15,153,390.33
			By LEC Fees		
			By Purchase of Fixed Assets		1,999,246.70
			By Deposits		13,050.00
			By Loans & Advances		225,619.25
			By Resource Fees		105,000.00
			By Closing Balances:		
			Cash and FDs with Banks	15,478,312.48	
			Cash-in-Hand	60,963.00	15,539,275.48
Total		37,790,406.30	Total		37,790,406.30

As per our report attached

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Place: Panaji, Goa.
Date: 23.08.2024


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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2024			
Expenditure	Year ended 31.03.2024	Income	Year ended 31.03.2024
To Advertisement & Publicity	1,388	By Donations	893,004
To Bank Charges	9,199	By Workshop Receipts	930,753
To Computer Expenses	8,422	By Fund Raising Event Receipts	
To Electricity Charges	21,442	By FDR - Interest Received	523,079
To Freight and Transportation	6,840	By SB-Interest Received	446,847
To Fund Raising Event Expenses	450	By Books for Lending Receipts	498,600
To Newspapers and Magazine	8,640	By Administrative Receipts	42,000
To Office Expenses	328,849	By Books Rental	153,752
To Postage & Courier	12,548	By Profit on Sale of Books	292,503
To Printing and Stationery	80,141	By Membership Fees	16,600
To Professional Fees	1,509,688	By Maintenance of Books Receipts	1,800
To Rent Paid	160,392	By Grants Receipts	15,133,408
To Building Repairs and Maintenance	361,753	By Excess of Expenditure over Income	
To Resource Fees	121,000		
To Telephone/ Internet	52,077		
To Travelling Expenses	91,197		
To Workshop Expenses	326,694		
To Grants Expenses	15,133,408		
To Vehicles Repairs and Maintenance	27,032		
To Depreciation	524,292		
To Excess of Income over Expenditure	146,894		
	18,932,345		18,932,345

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024			
Liabilities	Amount	Assets	Amount
Corpus Fund		Fixed Assets	3,679,006
Balance as on 1.4.2023	8,682,289	Investment	
Unutilized Grants	3,371,088	HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund- Growth Option	1,000,000
Loans (Liability)		HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund- Growth Option (AC)	500,000
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		ICICI Pruden Bal. Advantag Fund- Growth Option (AC)	500,000
Current Liabilities		Current Assets	
Advances	67,602	Deposits	216,600
LEC- Course fees	2,431,583	DAC	650,538
Deposits	2,792,207	Accrued interest	1,193,196
		Closing Stock of Books	366,756
Income and Expenditure A/c		Fixed Deposit	12,666,446
Balance as on 01/04/2023	10,736,414	Tax deducted at Source (2023-24)	15,003
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	146,894	Tax deducted at Source	753,958
	10,883,308	Advances	462,381
			16,324,879
		Cash In Hand and Bank balance	
		Cash in Hand	60,963
		Cash t Bank	2,811,867
			2,872,830
	25,876,715		25,876,715

Notes forming part of Accounts: Accounting Policies and Related Issues

- The accounts are prepared on accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles.
- Fixed assets are valued at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on WDV basis at the rates specified.
- Grants are accounted in accordance with AS-12 of ICAI.
- Taxes on income has not been provided as there is no taxable income.

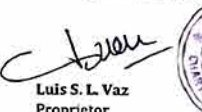
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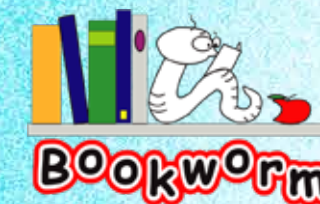
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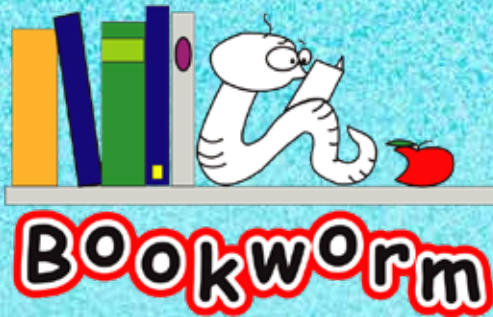
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**LIBRARY RESOURCES
PORTAL**





That was such a fantastic adventure **Bookworm!**

Thank you for listening **Friend.** Onward to the next year!



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