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PAUSE & PONDER

*“Where there is Love,
There is Life.”*

— Mahatma Gandhi

Readers Please Note

Follow the “Title” of each News to
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Local lending libraries



The Argentine writer and poet Jorge Luis Borges once said, “I have always imagined paradise to be a kind of library”.

I do wonder whether if Mr Borges had lived a little longer and happened to come on holiday to the Algarve, and went for a little promenade along the front at Armação de Pêra - would he have thought he had found his heaven on earth? You see, not only is there a library there (next to the tourist office), but to top off his utopian dream - it's right next to the beach....

Source: *The Portugal News, 12 Feb 2021*

**School librarians should be given
'teacher' status**



Bangladesh celebrated National Library Day on February 5, 2021. According to the British Council and the department of public libraries, the day aims to celebrate libraries nationwide to promote library culture at the grassroots level. However, there is a need to discuss National Library Day in relation to school libraries' connections to national education policy goals and its implications for student success....

Source: *The Daily Star, 12 Feb 2021*

**How Bookstagram is facilitating
readers who enjoy seeing glimpses
of bookstores, libraries, and book
cafes around the world from the
comfort of their homes**



If page-a-vu hits you every now and then, and you feel you've lived the characters in some parallel universe, if the smell of paper or the crisp sound of flipping pages catches your attention, if you are deeply in love with a fictional character and the conclusion of the story rips you apart - there's no doubt that you have surrendered to the gift of reading...

Source: [Outlook Traveller, 11 Feb 2021](#)

What speed reading has taught me about taking my time



I had an idea to do something about speed reading on my radio show. It wasn't the first of my ideas not to come off; ironically, we didn't have enough time to do it justice. It needed more than the suggestion of a few tips in a few minutes. And then we started getting texts asking why we were bothering in the first place. What's so bad about reading nice and slowly? Duly dispirited, I moved on to the next item...

Source: [The Guardian, 10 Feb 2021](#)

Building libraries and a bright future



Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens...No, this is not an attempt at writing the lyrics of My Favourite Things from The Sound of Music. In fact, these are two of the many colourful visuals on the walls of

libraries built inside a few government schools in the city. As a part of their Build a Library project, the Rotary Club of Madras Next Gen has renovated hitherto unused decrepit rooms in government schools and homes for children, thereby creating a vibrant space for kids to read...

Source: [The New Indian Express, 09 Feb 2021](#)

Bengaluru: Parents, youths seek help to start reading again



Abhishek Sharma, a manager in a private firm, is looking for reading classes and tutors for his 12-year-old son, who he says, "cannot sit down for more than 15 minutes with a book".

"I've been a voracious reader all my life and so was my son," Sharma said. "However, in the past few months, he is so saturated with online classes and digital content that it's impossible for him to focus on reading. I hope professional support will help him start reading again."

Source: [ToI, 09 Feb 2021](#)

Stephen King helps kids publish pandemic-inspired book



I don't set myself quantitative reading targets. I read as I live, compulsively and without much planning, which means that I average out at about a hundred books a year, mostly fiction. In terms of sheer mass I do fine, it's just that I often remember almost nothing about them once I've finished. I read a lot, but very poorly. This has never been more evident than in 2020, when my tendency to either read nothing or to binge thoughtlessly was crystallised...

Source: [Tol, 08 Feb 2021](#)

AP govt plans internet libraries across villages



The government plans to establish a new university to adopt and promote new technologies, announced chief minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy during the review on IT and technology at his Tadepalli camp office on Friday.

The chief minister emphasised the need to promote technology in everyday life across the state. He told officials to focus on introducing technology, extend mobile technology and mobile network coverage in villages. Officials were also told to open internet libraries in the villages within the next three years....

Source: [Tol, 06 Feb 2021](#)

From phishing to opening 45 libraries, Jharkhand's Jamtara turns a new page



Jamtara, which is infamous as India's phishing capital, is now trying to turn a new page with the opening of several public libraries to divert the youth away from cybercrime. Police of at least 22 states have visited Jamtara in connection with several cybercrimes....

Source: [India Today, 06 Feb 2021](#)

Mohalla library for children introduced in Aurangabad

The city-based 'Read and Lead Foundation' has started two mohalla libraries for children. The library, which is a brainchild of Class VI student Mariam Mirza, has a collection of around 300 books exclusively for children.

Mirza Abdul Kayam of 'Read and Lead Foundation' said his daughter had a

collection of books, which she decided to utilise for the benefit of the public....

Source: [Tol, 04 Feb 2021](#)

Nalgonda librarian develops unique app for students



A Durga Prasad, a tech-savvy librarian of Nagarjuna Degree College, has developed a mobile app 'E-Library Telangana' spending money from his pocket to make e-books, e-journals and education related information and subject matter accessible to students.

Students can now access thousands of e-books and e-journals and recorded subject lessons through the mobile app. Subject e-books available in the app are not only useful but also come as a boon to the students since they don't have to spend money on purchasing textbooks....

Source: [Telangana Today, 29 Jan 2021](#)

How to start a reading habit and stick to it



If there is a sure way to achieve more career success, it's reading. If there is a single habit to keep you content, it's reading.

Yet, we neglect reading because scrolling Facebook seems more entertaining.

If you have time to browse the Internet, you will surely have time for actual reading. What you read and how you read directly affect your personal growth – especially your career.

It's time to cultivate a reading habit that will change your life for the better. Here's a practical guide to help you get started.

Source: [Free Malaysia Today, 24 Jan 2021](#)

Open access publishing could end academic elitism in science



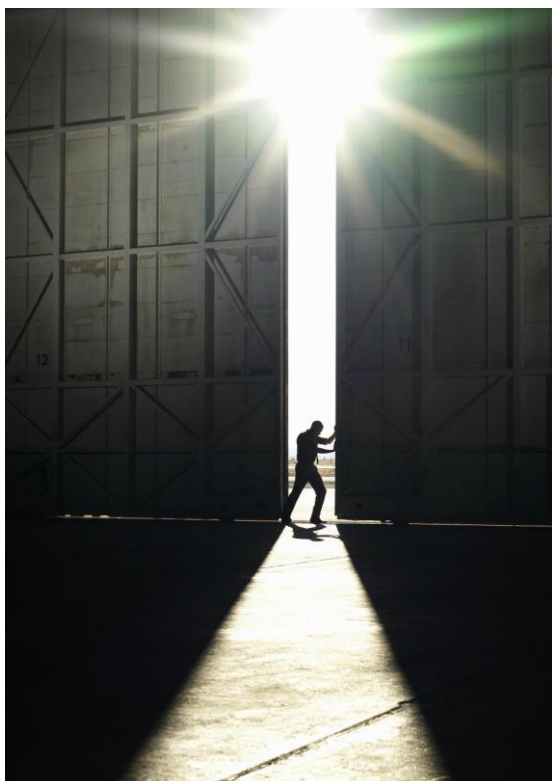
In efforts to advance our increasingly datafied and technology-driven world, we have created an unusual paradox: Knowledge is now easier than ever to be disseminated, yet disadvantaged communities are systematically denied access to it.

Predominantly in the research industry, public users are frequently met with paywalls when trying to access journal articles under the

subscription business model. This standard model of access to research only furthers the knowledge gap between top-tier institutions and underserved groups....

Source: [The Daily Californian, 22 Jan 2021](#)

Assault on open access to science in India



It was only a matter of time before the leading publishers of academic and scientific research turned their attention to India after their blocking the easy flow of knowledge in several Western countries. Now the big boys of scientific publishing, Elsevier, Wiley and American Chemical Society, have launched a similar case in the Delhi High Court asking internet service providers to block *Sci-Hub* and *Libgen* (Library Genesis) websites in India...

Source: [DownToEarth, 22 Jan 2021](#)

Who's writing open access articles?

An Academic Analytics Research Center (AARC) study has found greater rates of authorship of open access (OA) research articles among scholars at more prestigious institutions with greater access to resources and job security. "The open access publishing model is growing, and open access successfully democratizes the results of research projects, but it's clear now that some scholars are more likely to be represented in the open access literature" said AARC director and lead author of the study Anthony Olejniczak, Ph.D....

Source: [EurekAlert, 19 Jan 2021](#)

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