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Happy Independence Day



PAUSE & PONDER

“In the nonstop tsunami of global information, librarians provide us with floaties and teach us to swim.”

– **Linton Weeks**

Happy Librarians Day!!

Librarian’s Day Seminar on Current Trends in Education: The Way Forward to Create Agile and Resilient Libraries

14 August 2021 [Online Event]

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While other libraries closed down, this community library in rural UP was begun during the pandemic



Thirteen-year-old Juli had never heard of the Constitution of India. She did not know what the Preamble is until she came across the one written on the boundary walls of the Bansa Community Library and Resource Centre. She asked Jatin Lalit Singh, the final year law student who founded this library, about the inscription on the wall. Singh tried his best to answer her.

A few days later Singh saw Juli borrowing a copy of the Constitution. When he asked her why she had borrowed this particular book, Juli told him she wanted to follow in the footsteps of Gandhi, but she did not have the “power”. The book might afford her some...

Source: [Scroll.in, 03 Aug 2021](#)

Andhra Pradesh to set up digital libraries to support work from home employees, students' online education

The Andhra Pradesh government is planning to set up digital libraries at the village level, with a high-speed internet facility to help with the online

classes of students and support the IT and employees of other sectors working from home.

The move by Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy comes at a time when fears over a third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic loom large and the uncertainty continues as to when the IT and other sectors' offices would resume pre-pandemic operations.

Numerous techies from Andhra Pradesh, who form a considerable portion of the IT industry manpower in hubs like Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Chennai moved back to their home towns and villages when the pandemic began in the summer of 2020. Many of them continue to operate from their native places.

During a review meeting on the IT sector on Tuesday, Reddy asked officials to take measures for high-speed internet connectivity in the villages to support the Work From Home concept...

Source: [Deccan Herald, 03 Aug 2021](#)

Delhi Public School: Learning life lessons at Human Library



Delhi Public School Nacharam organised the Human Library programme on July 31 virtually. The eminent guests for the occasion included people from various walks of

life ranging from scientists, entrepreneurs, Navy Commanders, an Olympics athlete and a member of the United Nations Development Programme to name a few.

Principal Sunita Rao welcomed the guests and shared the objectives behind this unique initiative taken up to encourage children to take inspiration from such renowned personalities. She encouraged students to participate zealously in the programme...

Source: [Telangana Today, 03 Aug 2021](#)

Sharing the love: Librarian Fentress fosters lifelong love of reading to all



Reading can be a lifelong love affair.

Grand Island Public Library's Laura Fentress fosters literacy among children, adults and families.

Fentress has served as Grand Island's youth and family services librarian since May. Her master's degree in library science is from San Jose State University in California.

While receiving her education, she ran a school library program at an elementary school in her San Francisco Bay Area hometown.

"I knew I wanted to be a librarian when I was considering different career paths, and a friend of mine told me,

'When a librarian takes home work, that means they take home books to read,'" she said. "I thought, I should look into this a little more!"

A librarian's job is to make information accessible by organizing and helping people find books they love to read and, most importantly, bringing a community together.

"I love all of those things, all of those ideals of librarianship," Fentress said...

Source: [The Grand Island Independent, 02 Aug 2021](#)

Read India Celebration 2021 Pushes Young Indians To Read, Think Independently & Act



Reading is an essential habit that every individual needs to develop in the course of life. It exposes individuals to new ideas, philosophies & gives one a unique imagination & creativity that helps one think beyond horizons. Ancient Greek philosophers like Aristotle, Socrates & Plato have all advocated reading to be indispensable for societies to progress & develop. Well known people like Barack Obama, Bill Gates & Malala Yousafzai believe that reading helps develop the knowledge, habits, and talents needed to transform societies. Reading can improve one's intelligence and lead to innovation and detailed insight on several topics - that is well known...

Here's how students can participate:

>Register at:

<https://readindia.info/cms/student-register>

>Read a book/ research on the proposed topic

>Submit a one-page summary on the book or research along with an innovative idea to resolve any issue of their choice & a 1 to 2 min video on Read India Celebration experience

>**The last day for students to register is 15th August 2021 & the last day for students to submit their work is 30th August 2021.**

Source: [RepublicWorld, 02 Aug 2021](#)

Reading has increased in last 2 years, thanks to lockdown: Rahul Mathur and Anirudh Singla



A voracious reader from the very beginning or new to it, young founders Anirudh Singla and Rahul Mathur have read enough books to overfill their shelves in the last one and half year, largely thanks to lockdown that gave more time.

Mathur and Singla, both based in Mumbai, started their firms in 2020 and 2017 respectively...

Source: [MoneyControl, 26 July 2021](#)

'Anything is possible': New La Jolla youth librarian keeps library love local

With novel programming and a new position in her community, Katia Graham hopes other La Jollans will book it to the library.

Graham is the new youth services librarian at the La Jolla/Riford Library, taking over July 5 for Dana Sanchez, who transferred to the Point Loma branch.

“I started out volunteering at this library a few years ago,” Graham said, “so for me this is coming home.”

For Graham, who lives in La Jolla with her husband and two sons, ages 5 and 8, being a librarian is “a second career for me. I was a journalist in my past life.” Graham was a general assignment reporter at an NBC affiliate station in Imperial Valley after obtaining a master’s degree in journalism from Columbia University.

“I knew that when my youngest child went back to preschool that I wanted to go all in on what I love to do, which is being in libraries,” Graham said. She began volunteering and earned a master’s in library and information sciences from USC...

Source: [La Jolla Light, 24 Jul 2021](#)

Villages set up own libraries with a little help from friends



It is a blistering afternoon, but as you enter the community library in Kalda village, located in the Panchayat Ghar

in the midst of green agricultural fields, you are buffeted by a gust of cool breeze wafting through its high open doors. About a dozen youngsters sit hunched over books at brand new desks. The library’s iron shelves have books for various competitive examinations. Through its windows, one can see the Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE) in the distance. “It is the favourite place of youngsters in the village; they spend most of the time here preparing for various competitive exams,” says Arvind Nagar, a village volunteer, who helps manage the library, which opened in November last year with the money contributed by villagers...

Source: [Hindustan Times, 20 Jul 2021](#)

Knowledge and Power: Real and Fictional Librarians Leading Resistance

Last year, in the middle of the pandemic, the uncertainty, and the government incompetence and maliciousness, there was one bright point for people in the UK. Prime Minister Boris Johnson visited Castle Rock School to give a televised speech. This wasn’t the bright point – that honour went to the display of books placed by the school’s librarian, which loomed over Johnson’s shoulders and, viewers and commenters believe, expressed exactly what the librarian thought about the school’s illustrious visitor. The books included stories about authoritarian dystopias, such as Fahrenheit 451 and The Subtle Knife by Philip Pullman; pointed titles Betrayed and The Resistance; and a little extra snark through the inclusion of Roald Dahl’s The Twits. While the school remained vague about whether the books had been specifically

chosen, the public saw the display as a sly dig at the Conservative government's handling of COVID-19, as well as their social policies regarding education and welfare...

Source: [Book Riot, 19 Jul 2021](#)

Boys are way behind girls when it comes to reading. Why is this happening and how can it be fixed?



Florida boys do not read as well as girls. That's what all sorts of data show.

In 2019, for example, 4th and 8th grade girls alike scored 9 points higher than boys in Florida, according to a federal reading exam called the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), also known as the Nation's report card.

On the international scene, a study conducted in 2018 showed that boys had lower reading achievement than girls in 40 countries, according to the Program for International Student Assessment, or PISA. That study related to 15 year olds.

So why are boys not scoring as high as girls on reading assessments? Several factors likely are involved, experts say, everything from stereotypes to socio-economics.

The Florida Legislature in 2021 unanimously approved a bill to create a task force aimed at closing the gap between boys and girls in reading performance...

Source: [Florida Phoenix, 13 Jul 2021](#)

'Library Langar': 4 lakh books distributed among govt school students in Ludhiana



The state education department's 'Library Langar' project proved to be a hit among the city students as Ludhiana schools on Monday set up stalls at gurdwaras, temples, Rose Garden, and on their campuses to hand over library books to students inculcate the habit of reading among them.

Out of a total of 9,00,330 library books of government schools, 4,15,819 were distributed among students. Parents and students reached the school premises to collect the books and have been asked to return them to the school library on July 30...

Source: [Hindustan Times, 13 Jul 2021](#)

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