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PAUSE & PONDER

“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.”

– **Michael Jordan**

**ADINET wishes you all
A Very Happy New Year 2022!!**

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**Ten books of 2021 that you must
not miss**

In a world that has become more complicated and chaotic by the day, it is perhaps books that offer us some direction and answers. So, here’s a Mint curated list of 10 unmissable books on business, economics and finance that were published in 2021. Listed in no particular order, all these books have one common connecting thread: they help us make sense of the challenging times we live in...

Source: ***Mint, 27 Dec 2021***

**Senior citizens set up free library on
Mulund footpath to promote reading**



A few social workers have set up a 24x7 library on a footpath in Mulund (east) where people can come and pick up books for free. The library at Khandoba Mandir chowk has a collection of more than 2,000 books on

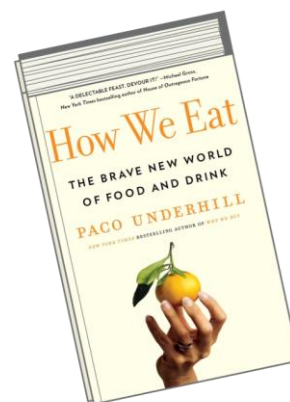
a wide variety of subjects, donated mainly by senior citizens across Mumbai.

Anyone can pick up a book of their choice and take it away for free after writing down their name and contact number on a register, and return it later.

Senior citizens like Sadanand Desai, a mechanical engineer, Jaywant Hargude, retired assistant police commissioner, Deepak Khedkar, a journalist, and Jayshree Bise, a businesswoman, are some of the people who have donated books to the library...

Source: ***The Indian Express, 25 Dec 2021***

**22 new books to consider reading in
2022**



2021 has been an up-and-down year for the book publishing industry. Although book sales—especially print—were up during the first few months while people were still stuck at home, supply chain problems in the latter half of the year stunted deliveries and took a bit of shine away from the last (and usually, most lucrative) quarter...

Source: ***Fortune, 25 Dec 2021***

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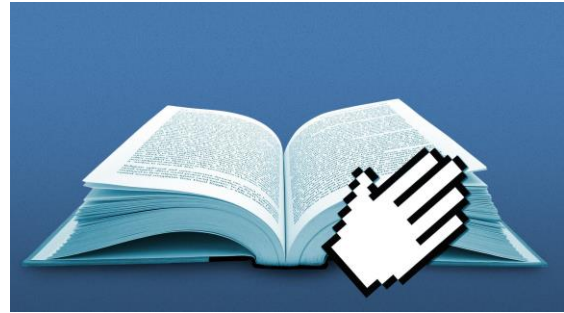
Carolyn Foote was shocked and angry when hundreds of books about race, equality or sexuality in Texas school libraries were targeted by Republican lawmakers. She and other librarians focused on making their collections more reflective of the increasingly diverse community and their work was now under threat.

Over the past several weeks, the retired school librarian in Austin, Texas -- along with three other library professionals -- has been spearheading a grassroots effort known as #FReadom. Their goal is to fight back against the wave of book challenges in the state and create a space for school librarians to help each other...

Source: [CNN, 22 Dec 2021](#)

Libraries enlist states in fight over ebook rules

Libraries are successfully convincing state legislatures to help them win better terms for ebook licenses from Amazon and other publishers.



Why it matters: Libraries say it is crucial for them to continue to service their communities, especially as digital access to books became even more important during the pandemic.

"What a tragedy it would be if in a digital context, Americans and American library users have less access to knowledge and information than they did in the analog era," John Bracken, executive director of the Digital Public Library of America, told Axios...

Source: [Axios, 21 Dec 2021](#)

Looking for the oldest public library in India? Head to Thiruvananthapuram



In the heart of Thiruvananthapuram city stands India's oldest library—the State Central Library. A traditional red-and-white Victorian-style building, it was built in 1829 during the reign of Swati Tirunal, the legendary musician king.

Then British Resident Colonel Edward Cadogan was entrusted with the task

of starting the library; Cadogan was the grandson of Sir Hans Sloane, whose vast collection became the founding collection of the British Museum. Only English books were initially available. The library was open only to British officers and local elite, despite being called Trivandrum People's Library...

Source: [The Week, 19 Dec 2021](#)

This 19-Yr-Old Is On Mission To Improve Education System In Bihar With Her 'Community Library Project'



Bihar is India's third-most populous state, with 99 million people. However, the literacy rate here is the country's lowest at 61.8 per cent; and the female literacy rate is second lowest at 61.8 per cent, according to Census 2011.

Considering all these factors, 19-year-old Sadiya Riyaz Shaikh has started a project called 'The Community Library Project' to help children in remote villages of Bihar.

The project aims to encourage them not to discontinue their studies and work in fields, that are the major causes of the increase in Child Labour

and child marriages, especially girls. Sadiya graduated from Mumbai University. She was born in Bihar but later moved with her family to Mumbai for better education and prospects...

Source: [The Logical Indian, 17 Dec 2021](#)

This Librarian Spent 41 Years Walking 12 Km Daily To Deliver Books



For the last 41 years, one man in Karuvatta in Kerala's Alappuzha has been walking 12 kilometres, from house to house, every day. His only companions are two bags full of 60-70 books, and lunch packed from home.

P Sukumaran is a 'walking librarian', who visits about 35 houses in the Karuvatta and Kumarapuram grama panchayats to deliver books to women and children. He works for the Kumarapuram Public Library, where he first began a job as a librarian in his early twenties, in 1979.

Source: [The Better India, 15 Dec 2021](#)

Built in 1856, You Can Read 1000s of Rare Books in One of India's Oldest Libraries

Every morning for the past 22 years, Rajkot-based Kalpa Chauhan (44) has been religiously making her way to Jubilee Garden at the heart of the city. Smack in the middle of the lush

landscape lies the majestic, classical-style Arvindbhai Maniyar Hall, which is nearly 150 years old. Formerly known as Connaught Hall, it used to serve as the Assembly Hall for the erstwhile independent state of Saurashtra.



While the northern part of the Victorian sandstone building houses the Gujarat government's Watson Museum, the central hall is owned by the Rajkot Municipal Corporation (RMC) which uses the space to host community events. Since 1893, the southern wing of the heritage building has been home to one of the oldest public libraries in India, Arvindbhai Maniyar Pustakalaya, popularly known as Lang Library, where Kalpa is employed as its primary caretaker...

Source: [The Better India, 14 Dec 2021](#)

Meet the librarian who knows bookshelves like back of his hand



VADODARA: If you are finding it difficult to locate a book at the Central Library, one of the oldest and biggest libraries in the state, don't fret too much.

Neither you need help from a computer nor are you in for a long search. All you have to do is to walk up to Vijay Rao and name the book. The 56-year-old, in a matter of seconds, will point towards a rack and tell where the book is kept.

"I also remember if the book that the reader is looking for is available or out of stock. People ask me how I remember the names of so many books and their exact location in the library. I think my passion for work apart from the experience gained over the years may have honed my memory," said Rao, who is tasked with cleaning the books and arranging them neatly in the racks every day....

Source: [Times of India, 13 Dec 2021](#)

Of, by and for the community: Building a library for everyone



Shivek is a studious and enthusiastic intern at the South Extension branch of The Community Library Project (TCLP). He is part of the team that oversees the Free Library Festival, the annual TCLP fundraiser that was organised over two weekends in November. Being involved with the library, says Shivek, has given him responsibility and a sense of fulfillment.

Mariam, another member intern, is in charge of the art exhibition section of the festival, which features creations by artists from the TCLP's three free

libraries in Delhi (South Extension, Khirki) and Gurgaon (Sikanderpur). All artworks were up for sale and Mariam, a smiling and sparky teenager with roots in Afghanistan, was confident that buyers could be found including one for her own piece of brushwork! She has dreams of becoming a doctor but might just settle for a course in computer science...

Source: [The Times of India, 05 Dec 2021](#)

'Grantha Mitra' transforming dull GP libraries into fun-filled centres for students



Grantha Mitra, launched by a non-government organisation (NGO) 'Akanksha', has set out to transform libraries under Gram Panchayats into student-friendly centres.

Founder and managing trustee of Akanksha Shreesha Bhat said that village libraries have failed to reach the expectations of their users. The primary reasons are inadequate infrastructure and an inappropriate learning environment.

She told DH that every Saturday, activities and events are planned in libraries under the Grantha Mitra initiative. On Sundays, special programmes are planned. Bhat says

that education is provided through these life skill classes...

Source: [The Times of India, 05 Dec 2021](#)

My kind of heaven

I risk repeating just about everything you are about to read in this issue when I say that if there is a space where one can not only be oneself but find the self that one would like to become, it is inside a book. Correct that: there's one other place/space – and that is the library, in the company of those who love and know books.

For those of us fortunate enough to have grown up with access to such spaces, there are many fond memories we carry, of many formative moments and interactions, both with books and the people who have made that access possible. It becomes, then, for many, a restless passion that drives them to (for want of a better word) evangelize, to introduce others to the pleasures of reading, and also to the joys of building communities of readers. As Sujata Noronha, our guest editor for this issue of *Teacher Plus* puts it, "Library as both a concept and construct is so full of possibilities," possibilities that go much beyond a collection of books or a place of knowledge curation and reference. Building a library and sustaining it requires not only an expansive imagination, but using it productively (and that can be a troublesome word) also needs us to go much beyond the instrumental framing that limits the popular understanding of such a place...

Source: [Teacher Plus, Dec 2021](#)

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