

Open Library-Creating a Culture of Reading Books in Schools

Karimnagar - Telangana

Introduction :

Books play a very important role in everyone's life, especially in a student's life. They are our best friends because they inspire us to do great things in life and overcome our failures. We learn a lot of things from them. *Books* are our best companions as they provide us knowledge unconditionally without asking anything in return.

Friendship with good *books* makes child a good person. In case when there is no one for your help, only these will become your companion in life. *Books* will always be there for you in your adverse times and bring positive value to our life.

For students, it is worth saying that:

"A class room without books is like a body without a soul."

A good book is like a good friend; the more you read it, the more interesting it will be. They have always benefited to the reader.

Books tell us about the History, teach Positive values, Spirituality and Love, make us Intelligent, increase Self Confidence, boost Memory and Imagination Power, these are also the library of information.

As said by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam -

"Learning gives Creativity, and Creativity leads to Thinking, Thinking provides Knowledge, Knowledge makes you Great."

Reading good *books* like autobiographies of many prominent personalities, philosophers and authors inspire us to become or to achieve something great like them. It also makes us intelligent as we gain a lot of knowledge by reading books.

Initiation of the District Administration :

Keeping in view of the importance of the reading books the Karimnagar District Administration took initiation to enrich Govt. schools with providing reading material to the students in them.

A selection committee with the experts/resource persons in the teaching community was formed and they were asked to identify the best books for the school children keeping in view of their levels of understanding.

In turn they have identified a Set of 180 Books for High School Level Children, worth of Rs. 10037/- and a Set of 125 Books for Primary, Upper Primary School Level Children, worth of Rs. 4832/- in which each Set of Books contain Story Books, Morals, Biographies, GK, Dictionaries, Science Fictions etc.,



Distribution of Library books to School Headmasters by District Collector



Set of 125 Story books for PS

Set of 180 Story books for HS

Totally 201 Govt Schools were freely provided with these Library Material, worth of Rs 1491732/-.

Open Library Concept - Creating a Culture of Reading Books in Schools :

It was planned to implement a robust independent reading program that involves time spent reading in and outside of school, and the school library is the backbone of that program.

It helps kids calm down and relax, opening doors of new knowledge to enlighten their minds. Kids who read grow up to have better cognitive skills.

An open library concept was practiced at schools. All the reading material was made available to children reach. Almarah's locks were kept opened. And a separate reading room is set up in all schools. The children were encouraged to go to the reading rooms during their leisure periods and reading periods.

Teachers guide students to good books, they get them hooked on reading, and then, largely, teachers get out of their way.

గ్రంథాలయాలను సద్వినియోగం చేసుకోవాలి

చొప్పుదండీ: విద్యార్థులు పాఠశాలలో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన గ్రంథాలయాలను సద్వినియోగం చేసుకోవాలని, పుస్తక పఠనం ద్వారా ఉన్నతులుగా ఎదగాలని జేసీ శ్యాంప్రసాద్‌లాల్ కోరారు. మండలంలోని రాగంపట జిల్లా పరిషత్ ఉన్నత పాఠశాలకు మంజూరైన గ్రంథాలయ పుస్తకాలను ఆయన సోమవారం పాఠశాల గ్రంథాలయానికి అందజేశారు. జిల్లా సెక్టోరల్ అధికారి రాజబాను వంద్రప్రకాశ్ మాట్లాడుతూ చొప్పుదండీ మండలంలోని ఆరు ఉన్నత పాఠశాలలు, ఆయిదు ప్రాథమిక పాఠశాలలకు పాఠశాల గ్రంథాలయ పుస్తకాలు మంజూరయ్యాయని తెలిపారు. కార్యక్రమంలో ఎంపీసీ విలుక రవీందర్, ఎంఈవో సీహెచ్ రాజాస్వామి, హెచ్‌ఎం రామయ్య, సర్పంచ్ మామిడిలత, ఎంపీటీసీ సింగిరెడ్డి శ్రీవైరెడ్డి, కోఆర్డినేటర్ సమ్యక్ పాషా రుక్మా, ఎంఐఎస్ దుర్గం శ్రీనివాస్, సీఆర్‌పి వీరేశం పాల్గొన్నారు.



పుస్తకాలను అందజేస్తున్న జేసీ స్టడీ మెటీరియల్ అందజేత... చొప్పుదండీ: చొప్పుదండీలోని బాలుర, బాలికల జిల్లా పరిషత్ ఉన్నత పాఠశాలలు, రుక్మాపూర్ లోని కన్నారా గాంధీ బాలికల ఉన్నత పాఠశాల విద్యార్థులకు సోమవారం లయన్స్ క్లబ్ కోశాధికారి గుర్రం విష్ణువర్ధన్ రెడ్డి స్టడీ మెటీరియల్‌ను ఉచితంగా అందించారు. కార్యక్రమంలో క్లబ్ కార్యదర్శి కొల్లూరి జితేందర్, కొల్లూరి ఆనందం, దూస రాము, ఆడెపు మహేందర్, క్షణం లక్ష్మారెడ్డి, ఉపాధ్యాయులు, పాల్గొన్నారు.



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Further it was allowed to take story books to their homes and return them safely.

Assessing Learning Out Comes:

It was beautifully designed to assess the utilization of reading material, developing reading habits. Every Saturday of the week all the children will be assembled at one place during afternoon and each child have to tell a story which he read & liked during that week. And further he has to say what he learnt from it.

In most of the schools it is observed that the children have improved their vocabulary, learnt new words, phrases and writing styles. Now they have better comprehension of things around them. Their critical thinking skills ability is developed. They have improved their memory. Children who indulged in reading books and learning new things do better at school. They are more creative, open to new ideas, and develop empathy for others. They are different from others. They have improved their analytical skills, they are more confident & socialized now. In some cases it is observed that their leadership qualities also improved.