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Haadibadi Community Library

We, at Haadibadi, believe that all people should have free and complete access to spaces of knowledge and stages for expression. Here, at the library, we strive to connect the dots for meaningful learning and amplify voices of expression through diverse activities. The creative space allows them to alter and streamline their interactive experiences so as to cater to their individual needs.



Weekly Happenings!

Reading Practice:

Our young readers are given books to read, to help refine their understanding of the text and improve upon their overall literary skills.

Bharatanatyam Classes: In order to revive and provide a stage to this 'Shastriya Devesh', our young enthusiasts are taught Bharatnatyam thrice a week. Park Visits: These weekly trysts at local parks serve as opportunities for our young members to rekindle their bond with nature and engage them in discussions.

Story Telling: They serve as platforms for the young minds to share the stories and tales that they've read, made acquaintance with or conceived.

Dolls Speak Exhibition

The Dolls Speaks Exhibition consisted of a wide display of dolls handcrafted by Ms. Francoise Bosteels, an artist and doll-maker, who narrate stories through mimicking societal problems prevalent in villages; domestic violence, compromised education and widespread poverty. They 'speak' to their audience, thus addressing the resistance in society while also reinforcing the beauty of life. During the course of this Exhibition, our young members were asked to scout around the display and look for the dolls that caught their eyes post which they narrated incidents in relation to the dolls; why they picked them up and what the dolls 'spoke' to them about.



Republic Day Celebrations

As a part of the Republic Day Celebrations, we engaged our young members in a weeklong series of events. These competitions, comprised of an Art Campaign, Best of Waste, Story Writing, Chess and Carrom contests. Apart from serving as opportunities for the young enthusiasts to tap into their creativity and emerge as distinctive artists as reflected by their unique creations, they also helped them hone their critical thinking skills through the board games, thereby allowing them to acquire learning holistically.

Remembering Savitribai Phule

On account of Savirtibai Phule's 190th birthday, we, at the Community Library, had a discussion about her wherein we spoke to the children about her invaluable contributions to society, post which, on the following day, the children were engaged in a reflective session; they spoke about their mothers', grandmothers' and great grandmothers' education and also analysed the stigma associated with women's education that prevented them from pursuing higher education. This session served as a source of reflection for the children and an immense source of pride for us as we engaged with them while they spoke enthusiastically about Phule, drew inspiration from her and regarded her as their role model.



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