

Ways to Nurture Reading

Objective: Empowering People, Strengthening Communities, and Creating Sustainability by Nurturing Reading

Output: Access to Books, Read Next

Outcome: Sustainable supply of reading resources and cultivate reading habit

- Conduct a study about reading interests
- Host reading hour
- Offer blended events such as Story Reading, Story Bags, Story Maps
- Make reading visible
- Embed reading and research time in classrooms
- Initiate annual book exchanges
- Host author readings and read aloud sessions
- Offer 'Homework Library in a Box' for students and families
- Make print available at the high traffic spots in the community such as health centers and grocery stores
- Focus on a 'Book of the day' with some incentives to engage readers
- Offer a paired reading program
- Continue accountability progress updates to partners and consolidate relationship
- Continue connecting book contributors with reading consumers at grassroots level
- Organize in partnership 'Reading Literacy' camp and 'How-to' read/access the library workshops
- Run a Reading Role Models and Reading Ambassadors campaign with champions such as elders, parents, elected community leaders, and the go-to person in the community
- Expand the network of book contributors and look for ways of showing appreciation
- Source eBook subscriptions, start a digital library, and gadgets such as Kobo ereaders
- Explore by storytelling, make a felt story and writing engagements
- Offer reading aids workshop such as making pointers, bookmarks, post-it notes, writing book reviews, I like this book because, and peer to peer recommendations
- Organize Let's Read People sessions
- Host a Book party with scenes, characters, and snippets from books
- Nurture reading by providing a series of books thus building a reading chain
- Give away a book on birthdays and celebrations
- Keep FN's communities and associated stakeholders informed about nurturing reading initiatives and resources
- For librarians to insert content in pathfinders and research guides thus save the time of the reader
- Build relationship with literacy coordinators and service providers
- Give books to parents who are studying so that they can make their children read and at the same time this will give parents more time to study
- Ask questions: What did you read today? How did you use the information which you read today?
- Celebrate Reading is an Essential Skill Day

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