BOOKWORM ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

Note from our Trustee

Yet another year has passed and once again the pleasure in reporting happy stories from Bookworm. As we continue to engage with learners and educators alike, it is heartening to see the increase in numbers across all our centres, books, footfall, memberships and sessions conducted. The Mobile Outreach Program has grown across to two sites this year, thanks to a dedicated partner. We are grateful to our many partners and collaborators, without whom so much of our work would not be possible. The Reading Challenge program which has furthered our commitment towards inclusion. In spite of all the odds, the team persisted and reading sessions are now held in the District Early Intervention Centre of the South Goa District Hospital once a week.

We are extremely delighted that Bookworm has crossed the Goan to establish its presence in South Goa. Our fourth centre opened in Vasco in March this year, and everyone to engage with a community so far not present on Bookworm's radar. As Bookworm steps into its 21st year, it is a proud milestone of two decades of reaching out towards children who need them. We thank all our members, volunteers and supporters.

Prithvi Sambrani
Trustee, Bookworm

The Library and Resource Centre

The Library program aims to foster a love for reading through a curated collection, dedicated facilitators and diverse and dynamic programming all year round. We now have 4 libraries, with our newest one in South Goa. Each is a dynamic space that welcomes all and builds a community of readers in a safe and creative environment.

In 2024-25, the library aimed to spark reading joy through book focused programming across age groups. Authors and illustrators who gave our children opportunities to read deeper. The Reading Challenge sought to build reading stamina and use among our readers in a low risk, high engagement environment. The library hosted over 3500 children and held over 530 library sessions all through the year, including many collaborations with organisations and many new readers among our library children.

Library	books borrowed	Footfall (Children)	Footfall (Adults)	Sessions Held	Participating Children	New Members
Library one Bicholim	2245	1349	68	155		45
The Hoj and Vai ink@Goa Community Centre, Aldona	3459	2059	55.50	110	193	15
Miramar Beach cum Community Library, Miramar	2322	1345	34	86	55	20
Total	**3457**	**3453**	**310**	**2473**	**179**	

Highlights

#1
The first Inter Library Summer Reading Challenge held this year celebrated the shared spirit of reading.

#2
A newone attourful library wall of over 3500+ books was unveiled, created and illustrated literally reflecting the collective community.

#3
A new library opened in South Goa bringing our enriched services to communities and families in the region.

New books in the collection 2937

Libraries in Schools Program

The Libraries in Schools (LiS) program promotes literacy and learning among new readers through carefully selected, age-appropriate books and storytelling.

Reader Development that bridging the not literate the literate. It assists in the support and a mindful and free to read, creating deeper and confident engagement reading and active ascension to it provides goals appropriate leading resources to children who are first generation school goers are are the stepchildrens methods to develop thinking and literacy skills.

The year LiS successfully reached government and government aided schools across two in Tiswadi,Ponda, Bardez, Bicholim, and Salcete. Focusing on enhancing learning skills and book engagement through the partnerships and collaborative.

Number of Children Reached	Number of Schools Reached	Number of books borrowed
5701	100	57951*

Highlights

#1 Teacher–Playlist (Janana)
Teachers manage libraries independently in 60 Government Primary Schools in Goa following years of direct service and training.

#2 bookworm Playlists (Janana)
Highest number of book circulation seen, with 5796 books borrowed by students in one academic year.

#3 Janana
Growing Travelling Library hizo enabled 59 schools to enjoy the service with a fortnight delivery & engagement service.

Mobile Outreach Program

The Mobile Outreach Program (MOP) began in April 2011 with the idea of taking Bookworm beyond the walls of a library and into the heart of communities, reaching children who have otherwise had little or no access to books.

Over the years, MOP has grown into a vibrant umbrella program that connects children with stories and reading in ways that are personal, regular, and rooted through a three-fold approach that includes reading sessions and library activities in community sites, a mobile library collection that visits locations, and collaborations with community partners. At the heart of our intention to create joy and access to the most marginalised children.

In 2024, the Mobile Outreach Program came alive with celebrations, creative sessions, and community connection. From the Reading Challenge and Creative Activities to children exploring exhibitions, every event deepened their love for stories and play. Partnerships with Wipro, CSR, and CIC participants brought fresh energy through site visits and collection engagement, while volunteers and collaborators added vitality, creating a rich program of shared activities across the year.

Footfall (Children)	Communities/ Locations	Number of Sessions	Exposure Visits	Number of books Issued To the Program
8799	15	733	3	7006

Highlights

#1
The Timeless Calendar featuring site coode movements and people has become a powerful core tool for engagement.

#2
Exposure visits to cultural and art spaces are brought confidence to the program to wonder learning their exposure.

#3
Joy of engaging with new communities in the work spaces with Wipro volunteers brought life to the extended Travelling Library service.

Professional Development Program

Bookworm's Professional Development (PoD) program provides opportunities to experience the possibilities of library spaces and to develop one's own vision and practice for libraries. It includes courses, workshops, mentoring, resource creation and dissemination, and extends support toward establishing and nurturing library spaces.

This year the program's projects included the Library Mentoring and Support program with 14 organisations, supported by the VT Poddi Foundation, the Introduction to Libraries workshop supported by the Wipro Foundation, the Libraries: Purpose & Practice workshop held in collaboration with Parag Initiative, and session designed to reach educators and organisations through the Tata Education Quality. A Skill Training workshop, and related materials to take them in the direction of an deeper practice. This year designing the bookworm we centered on 2024 bringing together the unique relevant library resource tools, and continues to grow year on year with the mission of bookworm to reach a wide network of readers.

As a part of the team's professional development, team members from Bookworm participated in Counter Narrative: A Conference on Mental Health of Marginalised Communities. The partners who interact was supported by the Marudam Health initiative, and a workshop on Early Childhood Care & Education offered by Pragat Shikshan Sanstha.

Number of Adults who participated in bookworm's Professional development offerings	Potential Number of Teachers Reached
997	10,000+

Highlights

#1
The 14 cohort of the ViS certified Library Educators Certificate course was offered to 20 participants from 11 states of India, in a self-sustaining model.

#2
Stronger collaboration with the Central Tibetan Administration (CtA) was fostered through the offering of Reading Helpers, a training program designed to offers reading to the libraries, teaching learning various Tibetan en exiled schools in India coming into face to face and check.

#3
New online course design Filling the Gap intended for radical library folk to enable more social justice in library practice opened for the Calender year with 18 participants.

Home Based Library Program

The Home Based Library (HBL) program reaches out to children with diverse needs, many of whom do not have regular access to library services, to parents/caregivers through a combination of home library activities, traveling books, and materials that are age and need specific. These two elements form a joyful, accessible and inclusive space that nurtures reading within their care.

Last year, specially created joy care sets delivered monthly to the homes of the children who are part of the HBL program including books, sensory play materials, and resources to support them. A strong point of HBL continues to its tailored materials reaching with curated a engagement. Over the year has continued a lived shared experience towards books and reading for these children and their caregivers through our book based engagement materials, a joyful growth of children with disabilities.

Total Footfall	Number of books borrowed

Highlights

#1
Participating families attended an evening of fellowship and cross planning of Bookworm Library, People.

#2
Support of partner organisations fadled enabled this program to disseminate the service to new families.

#3
Support of partner school in center-based enabled in home visits children with disabilities in the space and visibly engaged in library with joy and resources.

Visual Arts Program

The Visual Arts Program (VAP) aims to provide opportunities for various communities to engage with the arts. The ideas about through resources at our library and resource centre, community sites and schools, and provides a safe and exploratory space, for children to discover, learn and develop through the medium of visual art. It makes explorations possible with the arts and for the children to make and the art spaces, colors and creates, encourages creative play.

This past year, VAP fostering the Open Art Library at the bookworm Bicholim and opened the doors at the Open Project in different public libraries. Additionally, sessions were conducted with the bookworm and centre in Vasco at new offerings held at diverse locations.

Footfall (Children+Adult)	Number of Sessions Held
2996	

Highlights

#1
In December 2024, Bookworm set up a Open Art Library at the library secondary less found and Loutulim with children and adults over many days.

#2
As part of the open library, the Open Project's various were held at the Happy Collège and bookworm Vasco on children produced varied art and documenting local vegetation and wildlife.

Borrow

Borrow, Bookworm's libraries started in 2011 with the goal of making high quality Indian children's books more accessible, so not is not easily available to more visible in homes, classrooms and communities.

Borrow houses a collection of diverse, carefully curated books from Indian publishers on themes such as emotional wellbeing, inclusion and integration, and ecology and environment. These books portray the experiences from a wide range of cultural, economic, linguistic, and social realities and perspectives. Together, these books provide young readers to offers the rich diversity of India.

Highlights

#1
Borrow in active collaboration with the Professional Development Program to enable access to books in regional languages beyond at initiatives living in different parts of the country.

#2
Borrow collaborated with the Professional Development Program to enable access in regional languages among children and in the country.

#3
Borrow expanded its collection to feature books in 9 Indian languages.

Overall bookworm Data

Total book Collection	39000+
New Books added to the collection	2937
Schools Reached	100
Children Reached	37
Children (Service) reached	14447

bookworm Areas Program	LiS	MOP	LiS	HBL	Totals
books borrowed by members	3457	7006	57951		71124
Footfall(Children+Adult)	3896	8844	5964	193	18491
Number of sessions held	2473	733	155	86	3344
books borrowed by Program	28367	14656	12585	500	55335
Children participated in Sessions	2473	8799	5796	155	5923
New Memberships	179				179

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THE LIFE OF BOOKWORM

2005
Bookworm Library is birthed in Panjim

2006-13
School book Treasury begins

2008-09
Parvorim branch opens

2009-13
Bookworm Magazine is published

2010
Bookworm Publishing is launched

2011
First Community Outreach – Mobile Outreach Program begins

2011
Libraries in Schools Program begins

2012
Burrow Bookworm's Bookstore, opens

2014
Registered as a Charitable Trust

2016
Partnership with SCERT for school engagement begins

2017
Bookworm offers Library Educator's Certificate Course (English) for the first time
Professional Development Program begins

2017-20
Torchlight –Journal of Bookish Love is published

2018
The Alban and Aurora Couto Community Library is set up at Aldona

2018
The Khoi Goa River Draw project is initiated
Visual Arts Program begins

2020
Long Distance Library Membership begins

2021
Virtual Offerings expand

2022
The First Travelling Library is launched

2022
Vinay and Jean Kalgutkar Community Centre is set up in Saligao

2023
Home based Library Program begins

2023
Library Mentoring and Support program is launched

2024
The second Travelling Library is launched

March 2025
Bookworm opens its first library in South Goa in Seraulim

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