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**2019 September**

Dear Supporters of Pustakaar,

Welcome to our first quarterly newsletter! We are so grateful for all of your support and we want to share Pustakaar news with all of you on a regular basis. It helps tell the story of what we do, and where your contributions are being used.

### **NEW TEAM MEMBERS**

First, our most exciting news – we have two new hires to the Pustakaar team! Please meet Pallavi Peddamalku and Sarath Sagi, our teaching coordinators. They travel to schools to take story sessions, help loan out books to students, and also put in time at our office.



From Pallavi: Hello, I am Pallavi. I completed MSc from Osmania University & BEd from MNR Teacher Education College. I can speak English, Telugu & Hindi. It's a great experience with the children in schools

and the all volunteers are very friendly. Pustakaar is providing a great platform to the children to improve their language & creative skills. I'm very proud to be a part of Pustakaar.

From Sarath: I am Sarath and I am in my degree final year. It's been a pleasure working with Pustakaar. I enjoy the excellent environment interacting with kids, and helping them improve their communication skills. I love to spend my time with the Pustakaar children.

We are very happy to have them join our team!

### **ISH PARTNER EVENT**

Pustakaar recently presented at International School of Hyderabad on September 17<sup>th</sup> as one of their supported partner organizations. Students were encouraged to reach out to their communities, families, and friends about the work being done by Pustakaar. Students suggested holding book drives in their neighborhoods to add books to our library.

### **Highlighted School of the Month**





Indian People School, H.S. Darga  
Student Strength – 430 from LKG to Grade 10

IPS and Mr. Suresh have been part of Pustakaar since 2011. Mr Suresh is a strong supporter of our reading sessions, and enjoys having our library. Even students in the higher grades still recognize their first volunteer teachers! Many volunteers and guests of volunteers have visited IPS as a showcased Pustakaar school.

Mr. Suresh says, “ I joined IPS in 2010, and Pustakaar came to IPS in 2011. I see a lot of difference in my students since then. When I joined, they would not like to read books – they did not even see storybooks. But I can say, that after Pustakaar story sessions, they really enjoy selecting their own books and listening to stories. Last year, we joined Pustakaar sessions at the Adbutha program, and then Pustakaar took them to the Children’s Theatre Festival. These exposures are important for my students as they wont have access to this. Their parents are not so educated to take them. I am grateful to Pustakaar for their support.”.

## **COMING SOON...**

We are actively seeking new volunteers and new partner schools. Please do get in touch with us if you know someone interested in donating time to Pustakaar, or if there is a school near you that can benefit from Pustakaar's mobile library and/or reading sessions. This year, Pustakaar is also installing FIXED ROTATIONAL LIBRARIES at needed schools. Please reach out to us if you know a school that needs a library. Pustakaar will also be rolling out our brand new website in the coming weeks. We welcome any suggestions, or if anyone has any technical expertise they would like to share. Please contact us!

## **IN THE NEWS**

Global literacy was in the news recently, please click the link below to read further:

<https://qz.com/1705569/bill-gates-shares-the-ultimate-recipe-for-global-literacy/>

## **PUSTAKAAR BY THE NUMBERS**

Here are some of our current statistics:

Number of books in our current inventory: 14,000

Number of students reading Pustakaar books each week: 7633

Number of schools Pustakaar reaches: 60

NGO Partners:

Teach For India – Pustakaar books reach 3950 students in over 30 schools

Bodhi Foundation – Pustakaar books reach 250 students in Narayankhet

Kaarmic Foundation – Pustakaar books reach 1700 students in summer camps

Ishva Foundation – Pustakaar books reach 315 students

Basata Foundation – Pustakaar books reach students in Shankarpally

Schools directly visited by Pustakaar volunteers:

Vivekananda Public School – Banjara Hills Volunteers: American Consulate

Emmaus School – Lingampally Volunteers: Sarath

Indian Peoples School – H.S.Darga Volunteers: Hajra, Raksha

Nachiketa Tapovan – Madhapur Volunteers: Zsuzsanna, Anitha

Ramachander School – Madhapur Volunteers: Pallavi

VPS – Nanakramguda Volunteers: Maya, Neelima  
Sri Rama School – Kondapur Volunteers: Pallavi, Sarath  
Vikas School - Kondapur Volunteer: Srinivas  
Arunodaya School – Masjidbanda Volunteer: Disha  
Kokapet PS – Kokapet Volunteers: Riyaz, Saumya  
UPS – Nanakramguda Volunteers: Vijay, Arun, Mayukh  
Swathi School – Madhapur Volunteers: Pallavi, Sarath  
Kadam PS – Lingampally Volunteer: Sujatha  
Chavadi Boys Ashram – Telecom Nagar Volunteer: Krishna

## **VOLUNTEER MEETING**

September 13, 2019 we welcomed current and new volunteers to our office for a volunteers meeting. We shared challenges in the classrooms, best practices, and learned about upcoming event . We hope to host more of these meetings in our office as it gives a chance to connect and share our experiences, and also get valuable feedback from everyone.

## **WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING WITHOUT OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU!**

Please do share this newsletter with your family and friends. Do reach out to us if you know of anyone that would like to be added to our email list, as we will send the next newsletter out in December.

Once again, thank you for all of your support. We look forward to sharing more news with you over the coming months!

Warm regards,  
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