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2021 December

Dear Supporters of Pustakaar,

As we wind up 2021, we are happy to share what we have been doing with all of you! Wishing all of you a safe, healthy, and happy 2022 ahead!

PUSTAKAAR SESSIONS RESUME IN SCHOOLS

We are so excited to be back in schools with our volunteers! Two volunteers are back for in-person sessions at Pustakaar partner schools. Ms Joyeeta Nair is volunteering for grades 5 and 6 at Vikas Model School in Kondapur. Another new volunteer, Ms Sunita Verghese, has started volunteering her time once a week at Vivekananda Public School In Banjara Hills. It has taken a long time to come back to this space and we are grateful to have volunteers that are willing to give their time to be in schools!

Below Photo 1: Vikas Model School and Ms Joyeeta

Below Photo 2: VPS Banjara Hills and Ms Sunita

PUSTAKAAR VOLUNTEER MEET

This December 4th, we were happy to host our volunteers at the Pustakaar office in Madhapur after a long gap. We finally were able to meet many of our Zoom volunteers for the first time! We discussed best practices, issues with online Zoom calls, and talked about our upcoming initiatives. Thank you to all of the volunteers who were able to make it! We hope that we are able to host these meetings once a quarter, taking all safety precautions as needed.



PUSTAKAAR – TEACH FOR INDIA PARTNERSHIP

After a break of one year due to the pandemic, we are happy to be supporting TFI fellows and their schools once again. Once we learned that TFI will have fellows in under-served schools in person in Hyderabad, we reached out to TFI. We currently have 70 baskets out with TFI fellows and look forward to collaborating with them again!

VOLUNTEER PROFILE – LAKSHMI GONTLA

Lakshmi Gontla has been volunteering with Pustakaar since 2018.

“I’m very excited to be part of this group. I am a corporate legal professional with 15 years of experience and currently working with few start-ups as in-house on freelance basis. I feel so excited to be able to assist folks in guiding them in right direction legally. Though I’m not a litigate lawyer, I have been able to help get things resolved even before it reaches court. Pustakaar gave me a reason to feel complete personally. Pustakaar’s effort to ensure the best reaches every kid and every student feels that I am in the right place. Being a mother to a 6 year old myself, I understand how important it is to be equipped with the right tools - and what can be better than education?”

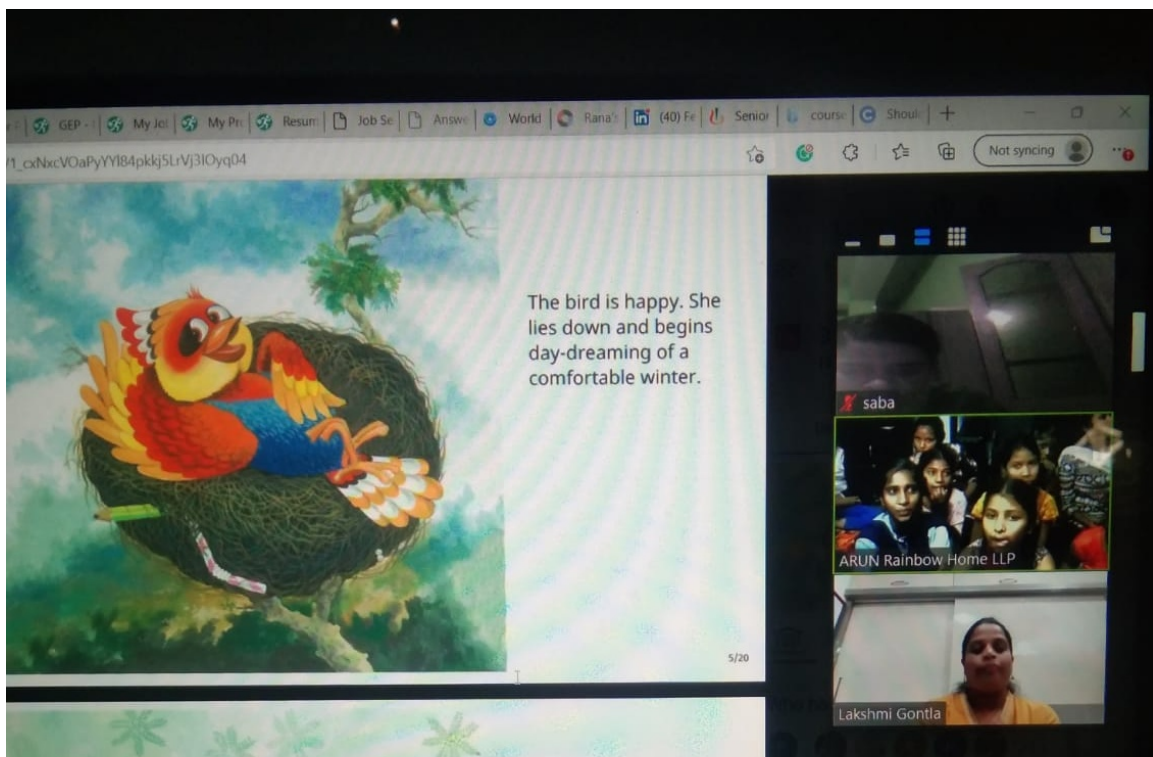


Photo above: Ms Lakshmi on a Zoom session with students at LLP Rainbow Home in Lalapet

ANNUAL UPDATE 2021

New Programs

Google Read Along program at Rainbow Homes, Falaknuma

Pustakaar Scholarship Programs at Emmaus School, Lingampally and Vikas Model School, Hafizpet

New Volunteers

Ms Aditi Khandekar
Ms Swapna Reddy
Ms Shubhangi Sambhare
Ms Andal
Ms Vineeta Jain
Ms Sunita Verghese

Number of Books

Donations- 1544
Purchased- 1035
Lost and damaged- 4946
Total number of books- 12,997

DONATIONS

A big THANK YOU to Ganesh and Bibha Pandey for their generous donation of 2 Lenovo tablets!

We would also like to thank Ms Joyeeta Nair and Ms Smita Rane for coordinating book drives in their communities! We received so many useful books for Pustakaar story sessions through these book drives!

LENOVO M8 tablets are what we are purchasing and downloading Google Read Along for children to use. Each tablet is INR 10,000. Please contact Pustakaar if you would like to purchase a tablet for them to use.

Scholarships for students in Grades 6 -10 in families impacted by COVID19 are the need of the hour. INR 20,000 will support one child in these grades to keep going to school. Please contact Pustakaar if you can help.

Your donation will really help Pustakaar!

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Warm regards,
PUSTAKAAR by ANSH FOUNDATION

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