

# THE CBC Journal

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the CBC Journal. The Children's Book Club is only a few months old. It is making reading interesting not only through the library but also by arranging related activities. The Journal invites relevant articles from members as well as non-members for its future issues.

## How it all began



July 2016, GBM of WA has just concluded. With teacups in hand members, in clusters, are busy discussing various things – upcoming activities, budget, giving back to society & campus in particular. Who exactly broached the topic of children's library is difficult to recall at this moment (if anyone does remember please mention). Some pledged to donate books, some promised to help set up, the secretary (Ms Rita Singh) promised to provide wholehearted backing of WA.

Matters settled down and it appeared no library was in the offing. But no, that was not to be. Some members got together in December and decided to give it a try. Only a couple of meetings later, in the very room that the library is housed today, earnest activity began. Lots and lots of books were donated, to begin with, by T Archana, Guhapriya Gurunath, Shubha Karnick, and later by many more like Kiran Biswas, Shilpa Kaiasth, Roobina Parveen, Sumana Gupta. Children too donated books. New books, funded by WA, were bought.



Cataloging began in earnest with Jayshree, Vandana, Rathna, Prachi & Anjana putting in as much as 5 days a week up to 2 hours per day and they were assisted by young volunteers Mehul, Nisseem, Sharadiya, Sudar, Gargi, Mahima, Chinmaya, who put in time as and when they could. For setting up the room again, curtains and cushions were donated by Archana & Rita with

Priya taking up the responsibility of getting the room ready. Rita was there to cheer and encourage all of us doing the routine work. The beautiful decorations were done by Anamika Rathore & Sujata Mahapatra Panda and their team of volunteers, Ishita, Nilisha, Stuti, Kritika, and Mahima. Wonderful ideas converted to lovely posters to make the room cheerful and suitable for the young readers.

Many dates, starting January 31<sup>st</sup>, were thought of for inaugurating the library but each ran into roadblocks. Finally, 2<sup>nd</sup> April seemed to be the day meant for the library to be formally launched. And here we are today, 8 months later, 75-member strong, supported by the **Women's Association** of IITK.



## Inauguration

### Editor's Note:

#### Say NO to Bibliophobia!

Bibliophilia is a delightful ailment. It's not fatal; rather, it rejuvenates you and enhances longevity. It stays with you till the last days of your life. Bibliophiles of the world unite and infect the rest of the populace. Let the "book-disease" become an 'epidemic'. Let the wave become a movement and take everyone into its fold so as there is brotherhood, (sisterhood) ease and love till eternity.

All campus residents are welcome to become members of CBC. Donation of books, time and funds are welcome.

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The Children's Book Club was formally inaugurated, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017 at 5 pm, at the IITK Faculty Club. Dr Indra Sekhar Sen was assisted in ribbon cutting by the first 2 members (and also volunteers) Mehul & Nisseem. The guests were welcomed by Ms Rita Singh. The chief guest for the day, Prof Manindra Agrawal addressed the children, parents and grandparents, assembled and stressed the importance of reading.

A short programme was arranged to give an insight into the activities planned. Ms Anamika Rathore fascinated the gathering, especially the younger crowd, by presenting stories through glove puppets. It was very interesting. Next, some of the young volunteers took a trip to fantasy land through reading and introduced us to the Mistmakers.



Coming back to reality we came face to face with Eshan Sharma presenting, "The teacher I never met", the biographical book on Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam written by him. He talked about what inspired him to write the book. Next, a poem titled '*kitabon ki duniya*' especially composed for the occasion was presented by Anjana Poddar. Vote of thanks by Ms Jayshree concluded the programme.

## Green Initiatives

The Women's Association (WA) of IIT Kanpur undertakes several environment friendly activities under the banner of Go-Green. The members of CBC (Children Book Club) have joined us and we call them **Green Ambassadors**. The young tree lovers take part in plantation drive, quizzes, workshops and other related activities.



We work on creating awareness among the campus community to stop using polythene and promote cloth bags. Garbage segregation and home composting is another sphere we are working on. The support of the Green Cell IIT Kanpur is great motivation for us. We strive to guide our campus kids to make the campus more environment friendly and a role-model for others. WA invites all the campus residents to join us and come up with new ideas.

The latest suggestion that has come up is, why Dominoz in the new SAC has to serve pizzas in paper cartons, even when we do not carry our pizzas home?  
Any answer?



## Book Club Activities

### April: Reading Response

It was an individual activity with children filling forms on how much & why they liked or did not like a book they read.

### May: Story Building

This was a group activity which the children enjoyed to the full. An opening sentence was given and each child kept adding sentences, thus, building a fantastic story. The storyline was then given to them and they were asked to build and submit their own story based on it.

### June: Story Time



This was another very interesting and educative session. Ms Vandana Singh told the children stories written by her. Each story was not only relevant to the present times but also had an important message to help us become better citizens.

### July: Quiz Time

Quiz based on books and authors, conducted by Ms Jayshree for members as well as non-members, was the activity for July. Much in demand it was enjoyed by the participants. The winners were Mehul Garg & Shakti Mukesh in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places. The prizes for the activity were time bound special privileges.



### August: Storytelling



To celebrate Independence Day, the activity for August was patriotic or bravery themed story telling competition. Children participated with great enthusiasm and the winners were- Vibhor Mohite 1<sup>st</sup>, Syon Bhattacharjee 2<sup>nd</sup>, Judges' Choice - Vibha Hegde

### September: Hindi Poetry Recitation

To mark Rajbhasha month the September activity was Hindi poetry recitation competition in which children participated in large numbers. There were 2 groups and the winners were Group X: 1<sup>st</sup> Vibha Hegde, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shikhar Singh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vaibhavi Mathur, consolation: Akshita Bhushan & Mukta Niraj and Group Y: 1<sup>st</sup> Devyani Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> Snigdha Paul



### October : Bookcraft

A workshop was conducted by Anamika Rathore & Sujata Panda for the CBC members. They created beautiful book jackets.

### Special Activity: Spot Quiz

CBC conducted on the spot quiz during Diwali Mela on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October. Children participated enthusiastically and won many prizes.



## Role of books in one's life

Books play an important role in our daily life. It is said that books are our best friends who will never walk away from us. They teach us a lot and give plenty of joy. When you open a book you open a new world. I believe that everyone agrees with this statement. Books are packed with knowledge, love, fear, prayer, life lessons and helpful advice. On 23<sup>rd</sup> of April the world celebrates World Book Day. This day is the celebration of authors, books and most importantly, reading. There are lots of wonderful reasons why reading is so important like good books improve our standard of living, to expose ourselves to a new (thing) idea, to improve our memory, imagination and understanding, to reduce stress without medicine, to entertain oneself. A book not only communicates knowledge but wisdom of all kinds. It means that the more you read the more exposed you are – your attitude, ideas and imagination change. We should be careful while selecting books. Good books improve our qualities while bad books spoil our taste. Books are with us from our school times. They will never die. They will exist till the end of the world. But slowly we are going away from books and spending time on computer and television. So friends we should read at least one book per month.

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Participant - Speech Competition

Presented here is the story by Bipasana, based on the storyline that emerged during the story building activity.

### Dream-War

It was 12 o'clock in the night and there was an eerie silence everywhere. The silence was suddenly disturbed by a loud knock on the old fashioned wooden door that stood at the entrance of the room. It opened with a prominent creak, and there stood a large, black and shadowy figure. Tom gave a loud scream and suddenly woke up to find that all these were a dream. He gave a sigh of relief.

Tom was an astronaut of the 2060s. He has to find a new planet and train its creature to form an army. After many months, he found a planet named 'elephant planet'. This planet had elephants everywhere, elephants which had wings and red tusks. Tom trained these elephants to fight the zombies in zombie-land. These zombies could turn themselves invisible and spit zombie missiles. But those special elephants could detect them. Tom had also created a space bomb with the leaves of elephant planet. Soon began a terrible war. As the end of the day drew nearer, both sides were tired. But the zombies wouldn't give up; they brought the zombie gun which could kill anything in its path. Sensing trouble, Tom dropped the space bomb over the zombie gun which created a black hole and made the gun shrink in it. The zombies still didn't give up and began chomping the elephants. Feeling uneasy, Tom contacts the Vulcans who are the only creatures who can stop the war as they have the peace ball. Mr. Volcano, a Vulcan drops the ball. The atmosphere suddenly turns peaceful. The zombies apologize and promise that they would never disturb again. But suddenly the zombie king raises its razor sharp teeth to eat them!

Scared? You'd better not be as all this is an animated movie that Tom is making in 2017!

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**“ I do believe something very magical  
can happen when we read a good book ”**

---J.K. Rowling

