



**C**BC is about a year old. It has been a wonderful experience. The Library has been a lively place; thanks to the enthusiastic members and the dedicated volunteers. Also, thanks to WA for the constant support. Wishing CBC a happy first birthday and looking forward to blessings from all of you for it to grow strong and healthy.

## The Year that was

### *Editor's Note:*

#### **Lexis Robusta**

Reading makes our language richer and stronger. The more we read the more words we make friends with. As a result we have more options while expressing ourselves. The words we read, understand and learn, form part of our vocabulary. Whether they remain in our passive vocabulary or emerge to participate in our active vocabulary depends on us. So, be brave, play with words, and the reward will be satisfying.

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The thought, the plan, the hard work is in the past. CBC has come a year with no teething troubles. But wait! No! The hard work is not behind. It takes 2 hours a week to run the library and more hours of planning, arranging and executing the activities. And so does the behind the scenes paperwork. Volunteers are welcome to lend a hand.



What the library also needs is your time, affection and donation; cash, kind (books), sponsorship or more. Thanks to all those who helped set up the library with books, materials and time (CBC Journal, issue 1). Also, thanks to those who donated cash, Ms Vidhu Shekhar, Mr R Das & Ms S Das and those who sponsored activities, Ms Monica Poddar & Ms Swapna Das. Looking forward to sponsors for future activities.

Turning back to recall the activities organized over the year, the eagerness of the members and the painstaking dedication of the organizing volunteers are laudable. Thanks to Ms Vandana Singh, Ms Rita Singh, Ms Jayshree Pant, Ms Anjana Poddar, Ms Anamika Rathore, Ms Sujata Panda, Ms Nalini Ramkumar, Ms Chaithra Puttaswamy who were actively involved in organizing & executing the monthly activities. Finally, it is time to acknowledge the contribution of Ms Kiran Biswas, Ms Vandana Bahuguna, Ms Shikha Dixit, Ms Sunita Singh, and Ms Kiran Jha for painstakingly judging the competitive activities. Thanks are also due to Ms Chitralekha Bhattacharya for designing the Journal and the certificates given out to the children for the activities. Persons keen to organize reading, writing and book related activities are welcome to mail to [cbookclub.iitk@google.com](mailto:cbookclub.iitk@google.com).

CBC is looking forward to more members (78 at present), more active participation, and more volunteers to run the library and of course more books.



## Members Speak



The 78 members of CBC range from 5 to 50 years in age. Many of them have been with CBC, since inception, as volunteers, helping with the setting up. Some others helped out with the activities. Here is what some have to say about their yearlong experience as CBC members.

The Children's Book Club (CBC) was inaugurated in the month of April 2017. I was one of the volunteers even before the club started functioning. We used to do the sorting, stamping, labeling, cataloguing, shelving and arranging of books. We had fun and it was a pleasant experience. The opening of the book club has provided us with a platform to read more and more books. Books are a great source for enhancing your vocabulary and knowledge. I have been able to read multiple books in a short span of time since the opening of CBC. We all have had extreme pleasure in being part of the numerous activities held by CBC, may it be a book quiz, poem recitation, story building, storytelling, book jacket making, spell-bee, Muppet story or story writing. We all look forward to more of such activities held by CBC.

Overall, it has been a wonderful experience at the Children's Book Club and I am delighted to be a part of such a splendid group!



Mehul Garg

Children's Book Club is one of my favourite places in the campus. Whenever I go to the library I am very excited about which book to read. In the library there are many books and I would like to read them all. I enjoy a very happy time when I go there. I love to read books and learn new words. There are many encyclopedias and novels, adventure stories and fairytales. I always look forward to Wednesdays and Sundays. I enjoyed participating in competitions like story building, storytelling and writing competitions.

Children's library is a wonderful place where I can spend my time reading books.



Syon Bhattacharya

Once upon a time - oh, well that's how every common story starts - doesn't it? This opening line is so common that I don't even remember when it became part of my memory. Hundreds of stories may start like that but the story of our beloved Children's Book Club started quite differently. When I first heard of it, I thought that it would be one of those things which start like a glowing candle but then flickers away becoming distant memories of the past. Yet, one whole year has almost gone by and I believe that there was not a single day when it was open and at least three children were not inside the book club. More and more books arrive day by day and so do more children. I hope that one day the book club grows bigger than just a small room and eventually extends into a real, proper library and it shouldn't be a library which is always filled with an eerie silence, instead it should be a library full of activities and enjoyment like it is now. I wish that in winters we could have free hot drinks to drink while reading a book once a fortnight or once a month. These things of course may happen sometime in future, meanwhile, I hope that there are more and more books, children and enjoyment in our CBC.

So now, you can see that the story of CBC isn't a very common one but it has proven to be a magical ever-glowing candle and thanks to Anjana aunty and Jayashree aunty who made it happen.



Bipasana Bhattacharya



## Book Club Activities



### November 2017: Spell Bee



**Spell Bee** was conducted under the initiative of Dr. Chaithra Puttaswamy. Srishtisudha Kar emerged as the Spell Bee.

### December 2017: Muppet Story



**Muppet Story** presented by Ms Anamika Rathore held everyone spellbound; young and old alike.

### January 2018: Writing Competition



The first activity of the New Year was **Writing Competition** held for two age groups. The younger children were given some words and the older ones were given an opening and a closing line to compose around. The winners were - Group A: 1<sup>st</sup> Syon Bhattacharjee; Group B: 1<sup>st</sup> Bipasana Bhattacharya, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mehul Garg, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vaishnavi Gupta & Ananya Nayar

### February 2018:

#### (I) Writing Tips

As a sequel to the Writing Competition, the January activity, the judges gave the participants and members present **Writing Tips**. They also handed over the certificates and prizes.

#### (II) Origami Tales

**Origami Tales**, as the name suggests was an activity involving story based on origami figures. It was a first of its kind activity of CBC as it was conducted by Sarthaka Panda, a CBC member. For the kids by a kid. Also it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> activity in the same month. Sarthaka had an assistant- mom, Sujata Mahapatra Panda.



#### (III) On the spot Biblio-quiz

**Biblio-quiz** was held during the Flower Show at the IITK nursery.



### March 2018

Due to March being the exam month the March activity was different. Members were requested to **make Posters**, related to books and reading, to grace the library walls.





## Origami Tale

as told by Sarthaka Panda & Sujata Mahapatra Panda



I am here to tell you a story my friends. This is the story of a prince who wears a beautiful **crow**.

One day, the prince was walking in his garden when suddenly a **crow** swooped down, took his crown and flew away. So, he left his castle immediately and went out into his kingdom looking for his crown and he came across Mr. **Frog**, he said, "Mr. Frog, have you seen my crown?" Mr. Frog said, "Sorry Mr. Prince, I have no idea. Why don't you go ask Mr. **Horse**?"

So he went around his kingdom looking for Mr. Horse and found Mr. Horse and said "Mr. Horse have you seen my crown? I lost my crown, I can't find it." Mr. Horse said, "I am sorry Mr. Prince, I don't know where your crown is. Why don't you go ask Ms. **Birdie**?"

Again he went around his kingdom walking around and found Ms Birdie sitting on top of a wall. "Have you seen my crown Ms. Birdie?" he asked. Flapping her wings birdie said, "I am sorry Mr. Prince I have not seen your crown." Now the prince had nobody else to go and ask. So he went to his port and jumped into his **boat**, left his kingdom and went sailing into the sea. Suddenly a storm came and broke his sail and then the little prince was left just to row into the ocean with little wind to guide him. He looked up at the sky trying to find his way in the ocean with the help of **stars**. Suddenly he saw an **UFO** kind of thing flying in the sky. By this time he was so tired, he fell asleep in the boat. Next day he reached an island. He got off the boat and went looking around the island. To his surprise he saw the same UFO standing on that island.

He walked up to the **UFO** and saw a door. He entered and the inside there he saw his beautiful **crow** lying on the table. He picked up the **crow** and put it on his head. He was very happy and went back to his kingdom with his **crow** and lived happily ever after.



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