

Library activities help build self-confidence: DC Lohit Libraries awards presented



TEZU, Apr 8: “The Lohit Youth Libraries have greatly contributed to build self-confidence in reader-activists,” complimented Lohit Deputy Commissioner Danish Ashraf while giving away the annual Library Awards to outstanding reader-activists and volunteers at the Bamboosa Library premises here yesterday.

“Comics contribute a lot to the fun of reading as well as all around awareness and knowledge even in science subjects. The students should be encouraged to read them,” he advised the library in-charges and parents, outlining how he himself grew up and enriched his studies and language skills through a range of comics.

Appreciating the many volunteers who are keenly involved in the library movement in the region, the DC while going through the volumes in the library, appealed the Library Network to launch a campaign to reach out to all schools in the neighbourhood, and assured all support for the same.

Looking back over the 10 years of the Lohit Youth Library movement which has now spread across the Lohit & Dibang valleys, the coordinator of Lohit Youth Library Network, S Mundayoor attributed its success to the spirited voluntarism among book lovers and young readers, backed by generous patronage of Deputy Commissioners, Education Dept, public leaders and several patrons across India and abroad.

This rise from a single room library in 2007 to a network of local libraries in 2017, has demonstrated the importance of libraries becoming a movement in Arunachal, he said while announcing that the Network plans to start decennial celebrations from Nov 2017, to mark 10 years of the youth library movement in Arunachal and appealed all to join hands.

Sharing their experiences of active association with the Libraries, ace library activist Keshilu Tayang, the “BHA-JAN” award winner, Kamlesh Raut, Ranganatha awardee and Chailai Wangsu, library volunteer, highlighted the magic in the movement was the tremendous trust reposed in the readers & volunteers, and the libraries functioning as centres of interaction.

Speaking on a book that inspired her a lot, Jeenamsi Ngadong, the Sister Nivedita awardee for dedicated library services, talked about “I too had a dream” by the Milkman of India, Dr Varghese Kurien and said youth, social workers and officers should find it a book that could transform our lives.

Other awardees Anjangmai Mam, Animai Chikro, Bethem Marai & Solina Khambrai presented a recitation of their favourite poet Mary Ann Hoberman, while young Rehanso Boo delighted the audience with a crisp story telling demonstration.

The programme was attended by EAC Lui Shiba, DLIO Y Riba, officers of DDSE Lohit and faculty from Indira Gandhi Govt College, library volunteers from Wakro & Roing and parents. The event was organised by VKV Tafrogam Alumni Education Society (ViTAES), which administers the Bamboosa Library.

Earlier, Sailu Bellai, ViTAES member welcomed the guests. Proposing a vote of thanks, the chairman, ASSET highlighted how enlightened administrators and socially conscious citizens have helped grow a totally people's library movement in Lohit and thanked all patrons for contributing to a Reading Arunachal.

In a separate function, Dr Rajendra Babu, library patron & HoD, Commerce in IGG College, Tezu, handed over a book gift of over 120 books from Scholastic India to Bamboosa Library.