



LOHIT YOUTH LIBRARY NETWORK

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(Covering reading promotion activities From Apr 2016 to May 2017)



Activists with volunteers Our website gets launched! Enters Hall of Fame in Delhi! Reaching books to many

Lohit Youth Library Network which began in a humble way at Tezu on May 19, 2007 with just a few curious readers, have today made its presence in Arunachal as a movement of people's libraries in several villages spread across Lohit, Anjaw, Namsai & L/ Dibang Valley districts. Though small, they have made a distinct contribution to the socio-educational scenario of the region, demonstrating that an earnest and selfless approach with voluntarism could change the lives of the Arunachali youth even in remotest pockets.

The popularity and charming influence of the Lohit Youth Library Network can be attributed to the unconventional activities for spreading the joy of reading by the spirited reader-activists of unit libraries, over the last 10 years. A slow but steady increase of this band of activists can be seen as a chain reaction, reaching out to newer groups of youth, and in turn attracting patrons across India as well as abroad. A glimpse of this can be had in our new website www.lohit-libraries.org

From Aug 2014 to Jan 2016 the Library Network underwent a series of severe and unexpected setbacks, only to discover new reviving forces emerging. The VKV Tafrogam Alumni Education Society, Tezu, a dedicated band of social activists, took over the Bamboosa Library, and started constructing a new building for the library. At the same time, due to the spirited efforts of ASSET, Wakro and the wholehearted patronage of the then DC Lohit Sri Tamiyo Tatak, a plot of land measuring 889 sq metres was allotted by the Arunachal Govt in January 2016, for setting up a permanent building for the Bamboosa Library HQ in Tezu. In the adjacent district, the Library Network found a strong patron in RIWATCH, a reputed cultural research institute, leading to the opening of 3 unit libraries in and around Roing town. Thus 2016 emerged as a giant leap for the Youth Library Movement, bringing great joy to hundreds of patrons, volunteers and activists.

As the ViTAES building with the Bamboosa Library gets inaugurated on Jun 21, 2017, it befittingly marks the commencement of the much awaited Decennial celebrations of the youth library movement. We are profoundly grateful to ViTAES for this loving gift to the youth of Arunachal. Words are inadequate to describe the devotion as well as physical and mental efforts put in by Ms. Bapenlu Kri, ViTAES, Vice Chair-person, in getting this premises ready, overcoming several hurdles and constraints. Our salutations to all the patrons, organisations, the District Admn/s., & the Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, for generously contributing to the building construction as well as the growth of the library network. Our heartfelt gratitude also to the reader-activists, their teachers, parents, volunteers and the print & audio-visual media for their wholehearted support and involvement in spreading the joy of reading to the marginalised and the reading-deprived youth of Arunachal and Assam.

Attached is a brief roundup of the library activities during 2016-17:

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Coordinator

For Managing Committee

Lohit Youth Library Network

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LIST OF LOHIT YOUTH LIBRARY UNITS 2016 -17

<u>Name of the library</u>	<u>venue</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>managing organisation</u>
1. Bamboosa Library (HQ. Of the Youth Library Network)	Tezu	Lohit	ViTAES, Tezu
2. APNE Library	Wakro	Lohit	ASSET, Wakro
3. Tiny Tots Library	Dimwe,	Lohit	48 BRTF
4. Lathao Youth Library	Lathao	Namsai	Khun Ta Nav Society.
5. Totochan Library	Hawai	Anjaw	Hawai Book-lovers
6. Hutung Library	Yatong	Anjaw	PAWSO, Yatong
7. CALSOM Youth Library	Tezu	Lohit	CALSOM, Tezu
8. Medo Mini Library	Namgo	Lohit	ASSET, Wakro
9. Vacation Mini Libraries (11 No.s)	Medo & Wakro	Lohit	APNE Library
10. Dibang Youth Library	Mayu, Roing	L/ Dibang Valley	Dibang Hostel
11. Abali Youth Library	Abali,	L/Dibang Valley	RIWATCH, Roing
12. Intaya Youth Library	Roing	L/Dibang Valley	Intaya Public School
Temporarily Not functioning:			
13. Son Hu Son Chan Library	Chongkham	Namsai	Chongkham patrons
14. Police Welfare Youth Library	Tezu``	Lohit	Police Welfare School

PATRONS & VOLUNTEERS who have rendered services to the Libraries during 2016-17

We are deeply grateful to the following esteemed patrons, friends and volunteers for their wholehearted services and silent contributions to the libraries during the year:

- * Capt. K.K. Venkatraman, at the Sri R.K. Math, Chennai
- * Sri. O. S. Chandran, Patron, Coimbatore
- * Sri. Ravi Dhawan, IAS, former DC, Roing
- * Sri. Bappu & Smt. Nabanita Deshmukh, Pondicherry
- * Dr. T. S. Murali, Patron, Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala, Kerala
- * Ms. Anisha Jalan, Jalan Trusts, Dibrugarh
- * Sri. Pankaj Agarwal & family, Kamdar Medical Stores, Tinsukia
- * Sri. Vivek Duarah, Commercial Equipments House, Dibrugarh
- * Dr (Ms) Chintra Mein, All India Radio, Tezu
- * Ms. Anuradha H.R., Untitled Arts Foundation, Bangalore
- * Sri. C. V. Sudhakara Menon, Kottakkal, Kerala
- * Ms. Luni Bangsia, Bharatnatyam Teacher, Kalakshetra, Chennai
- * Sri. Balakrishnan Valappil, butterfly expert, Malappuram, Kerala
- * Ms. Silotmai Dellang, Wakro
- * Ms. Geetanjali Dhar, ecotourism activist, Bangalore
- * Ms. Debjani Banerji, Scholastic India, Kolkata
- * Ms. Mitali Ahir, Editor, Chakmak magazine, Bhopal.
- * Sri. Jayanta Barua, RIWATCH, Roing
- * Ms. Miti Pankam, VKV alumna, Bangalore

* To the members of all the organisations, which took dedicated care of the unit libraries.

* To the Govt & non-govt.al agencies which rendered the unit libraries various services.

And

* Our **SPECIAL GRATITUDE** to all patrons & donors who have contributed to ViTAES, Tezu for the construction of the Bamboosa Library building & directly to other organisations for supporting library activities during the year.



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A Roundup of the Library & Reading Promotion activities during 2016-17

Our own website! : April 30, 2016: Lohit Youth Library website was launched at Tezu on Apr 30 by DC Lohit, Sri Danish Ashraf, IAS. The website was designed wholly as a token of love by patron Sri. Willa Namshoom, Addl. DIO, NIC, Roing (Govt. of India), who continues as the web administrator. A patron from Bangalore sponsored the launching and subscription for the first 2 years. AIR Tezu covered the event with a special broadcast. <http://www.arunachaltimes.in/website-for-lohit-libraries-launched/>

Reading Campaign, Celebrations & Library activities:

Annual Day of APNE Library, Wakro celebrated: The year started with the APNE Library celebrating the 9th Annual Day with the award of the 2nd Ranganatha Award for dedicated library services to Sri Vijay Kr. Limbu, the dynamic library I/c of APNE Library, Wakro. Several prizes were awarded to activists & volunteers. 10 vacation mini-libraries in the remote hamlets of Wakro also started functioning, thanks to the enthusiastic young activists from APNE Library. Their spirited shows during Apr-May, for and by the young readers of their hamlets, brought home the benefits of reading to the local parents

<http://echoofarunachal.in/newecho/2016/04/01/apne-library-celebrates-9th-annual-day/>

AIR Tezu celebrates World Book Day, Apr 23! AIR Tezu broadcast on Yuva Vani, two programmes by senior library-activists on Apr 23 & 30, 2016. 14 activists participated in the programme. Solina Khambrai, a senior activist, also conducted in Nov 2016, a radio show on 10 years of Lohit library activities.

We care for our Environment!: Every June 5, is celebrated enthusiastically by activists of Medo mini libraries, along with APNE Library, Wakro. Saplings were planted by them in their own homes & hamlets. It was a delight in May 2017, to see their tall, healthy saplings bursting forth in green!



Bamboosa Library opens again! It was a day of great joy for patrons and well-wishers to see ViTAES restarting Bamboosa Library in the temporary premises at DUDA Lodge on Aug 26. This was followed by the opening of 3 new youth libraries in Roing, after a gap of 8 years. The Dibang Youth Library in Mayu is under the Dibang Pvt. Hostel, the Abali Youth Library under the guidance of RIWATCH, while the Intaya Youth Library is managed by the Intaya Public School readers. Totochan Library, Hawai too got restarted in Jan 2017, as a New Year gift to the youth of Anjaw.



BRTF organises Joy of Reading Mela in Dimwe, Oct 8 2016: National Literacy Day was celebrated by Bamboosa Library as a “Joy of Reading Mela” sponsored by BRTF, with a reading training workshop for school students of Dimwe. Cdr. 48 BRTF Col C. Rajashekhar, the chief guest, was all praise for the library movement.

<http://www.arunachaltimes.in/joy-of-reading-mela-organised-at-demwe/>)



One Nation Reads Together on Nov 25, 2016! A unique programme of Scholastic India, Kolkata, ONRT 2016, was conducted by reader-activists of 6 libraries in schools of Wakro, Lathao, Tezu, Roing. At Roing DC Sri Deepak Shinde IAS., attended the concluding function. Scholastic India presented each of these libraries a kit of 120 delightful books for young and old. At Bamboosa Library, it was handed over by Dr Rajendra Babu, patron & Professor, IGG College, Tezu.

(<http://thedawnlitpost.com/one-nation-reading-together-prog-2016-organized-in-roing/>)



Creativity Workshops for Reading Promotion, Dec 17- 24, 2016: Untitled Arts Foundation, Bangalore, led by Ms Anuradha H.R graciously sponsored this delightful programme for Wakro, Tezu & Roing libraries. The team organised workshops separately for classes 6-8 & cl. 9-12 at each place, followed by a lec-dem@ Sampurna Kendra Vidyalaya, Dibrugarh. The valedictory function in Lohit at Tezu was attended by DC Tezu, Sri Danish Ashraf, IAS, who welcomed them heartily for future events.

(<http://www.arunachaltimes.in/promote-creativity-in-students-dc-exhorts-teachers/>)



A public lecture on Industrial gases at Roing: A talk on industrial gases for senior students was given on Jan 2, 2017 by Sri Kuntal Mukhopadhyaya, a senior engineer from Delhi at VKV Roing hall.

Mini Book Fair at Roing Jan 11- 15, 2017: Lohit Libraries along with Essomi Foundation, Roing & the District Admn, organised a Mini Book Fair at Roing from Jan 11-15, 2017, which began with book reading contests, followed by a 'Pustak Jaatha' (Book Chain) on National Youth Day, Jan 12, in which over 400 school students, teachers & library volunteers of Roing participated. It was inaugurated by DC, Roing, Sri Deepak Shinde IAS. ADC Roing Ms Cheshta Yadav, IAS, gave away the prizes. Publishers Scholastic India, Pratham Books & Eklavya, Bhopal participated in the fair. A book exhibition was also held on R- Day 2017 at Tezu by DDSE Lohit along with Bamboosa Library.

(<http://www.thedawnlitpost.com/mini-book-fair-at-roing-concluded/>)



Free English Grammar & Maths classes by Abali Youth Library, Jan & Feb 2017 – Abali Youth Library conducted free English grammar classes for class IX & X students by library Coordinator during Jan & Feb 2017. A workshop in Trigonometry by Er Ipupu Mena & a Peer group training in Maths by VKV Roing students were also held.

A Book gift by Simon Smith from London, our devoted book donor since 2012, was formally presented to Bamboosa Library on Feb 25, 2017 by Sri. Bajai Pul, Patron, Totochan Library, Hawaii.

Career Guidance sessions conducted by Bamboosa Library, Apr 2016.

DDSE Lohit organised a special guidance session for cl. XII students on “Admission to Central Universities”, by the Coordinator. This was followed by a free Counselling programme by Ms. K.P. Seena, Counselling expert from Kerala at libraries at Lathao, Tezu and Roing. <http://www.arunachaltimes.in/free-career-counselling-programme-conducted/>



Visits of guests & Trips of Activists outside the region:

A Life time experience of a train journey & Guwahati trip for activists! The cl. XII activists of Bamboosa Library, had memorable experiences of a train journey and Guwahati city, when ViTAES members in Guwahati graciously arranged a 3 day study tour for them. Ms. Bomdyap Polong, escort of the group said, “Every minute of the trip was marked by the affectionate care of our Guwahati sisters!”

Civil Society team visits Lohit Libraries July 15-17, 2016: Sri Umesh Anand, publisher of the well-known magazine Civil Society, & his team visited Lathao Youth Library & CALSOM Library, Tezu, and interacted with library I/cs., senior activists & patrons to learn about the activities of the Lohit Library Movement. Sri Anand also dedicated the new premises “Kalam House” of the Lathao Library.

<http://www.echoofarunachal.in/lathao-youth-library-named-after-dr-kalam>)
www.arunachaltimes.in/be-ready-to-face-challenges-of-21st-century-anand



Bamboosa Library activists visit Jorhat Science Museum! In May 2016, a batch of activists could go on a memorable educational trip to Jorhat, graciously arranged by the Sampurna Kendra Vidyalaya, Dibrugarh.

<http://www.arunachaltimes.in/bamboosa-library-activists-visit-jorhat-science-museum/>

Activists train readers in Dibrugarh tea-garden libraries, June 2016: A team of 6 library activists from Bamboosa & APNE Libraries held sessions in a 3-day workshop, “Youth Libraries: Why & How?” organised by the Jalan Group & UNICEF (Dibrugarh) unit. Library Coordinator also spent 10 days guiding and training volunteers in the 5 children’s libraries in the Jalan Groups of tea Gardens at Dibrugarh.



An honour indeed
for Bamboosa
Library activists !



Spl. Secretary Education, Govt of Ar. Pradesh, Ms. Mitali Namchoom, IAS, visited Bamboosa Library, Tezu on Apr 11, 2017 and had a joyful interaction session with senior reader-activists & volunteers.

AWARDS & HONOURS

Lohit Libraries enter Civil Society Hall of Fame! Lohit Libraries were conferred a unique honour when the Sept 2016 issue of Civil Society magazine carried an article, inducting the Library Network into the prestigious ‘Civil Society Hall of Fame’.



Library Network team participated in the august ceremony, as the guests of Civil Society, on Nov 12, 2016. S/Sri Etalo Mega, Vijay Limbu, Dr. Sheelawati Monlai, Dr Namita Lungchang & the Coordinator received the honour from Dr. R M. Mashelkar, eminent scientist & Chief, National Innovation Foundation, Govt of India. The Coordinator also addressed the elite audience during the ceremony.

[http://www.arunachaltimes.in/lohit-youth-library-network-enters-civil-society-. .](http://www.arunachaltimes.in/lohit-youth-library-network-enters-civil-society-.)

DC Lohit's Republic Day Commendation Certificate for Coordinator: Libraries received yet another honour when the DC Lohit, Sri Danish Ashraf, IAS presented the R- Day 2016 Commendation Certificate to the Library Network Coordinator, Sri. Sathyannarayanan Mundayoor.

Library Awards 2017 presented by DC Lohit, Apr 7, 2017: Ace library activist Ms. Keshilu Tayang was conferred, the "BHAJAN" award for outstanding contribution to the Movement. Sri. Kamlesh Raut, teacher, AVB Wakro was awarded the **Ranganatha Award** for meritorious library services to youth, & Ms Jeenamsi Ngadong, & Bethem Marai shared the **Sister Nivedita Award** for dedicated library services at Tezu. These prestigious Annual Awards have been instituted by our patrons from Pune & Thiruvananthapuram.



<http://echoofarunachal.in/newecho/2017/03/31/lohit-libraries-awards-announced/>

<http://echoofarunachal.in/newecho/2017/04/09/library-activities-help-build-self-confidence-dc-lohit-libraries-awards-presented/>

Our strength – Our Patrons & Well-wishers !

* **The Press in Arunachal, AIR Tezu & the youth magazines:** During the entire last decade, the Press in the state - The Arunachal Times, Arunachal Front, Echo of Arunachal, Eastern Sentinel, Dawnlit Post, Lohit Mirror (Tezu), DIPR Itanagar & others - have been championing the cause of reading promotion & the youth library movement. Editors of Teacher Plus, the Hindu Sunday Magazine, Indian Express, Civil Society and the youth magazines 'Children's World', Dimdima, Chakmak, Children's Magazine, 'After School', the Children's Choice and Bal Vihar carried articles on the Library Movement & by our activists, and even sent them handsome monetary contributions!

* **Sri. K. Borang, Director of Libraries, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh** for the generous gift of valuable books to the Library Network in January 2017.

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2. Cdr. 48, BRTF, c/o 99 APO
3. DC Lohit, Tezu
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5. Sri. K. Perme, DDSE, Anjaw
6. Sri. Vinod Narippatta, Bangalore
7. Sri. S. P. Suresh, Sampurna Kendra Vidyalaya, DBRH
8. Smt. Kairali Ravi Narayanan, Kochi
9. Ms. Annu Darin, Guwahati
10. Ms. Sumi Migri, Guwahati
11. Ms. Aparajita Gogoi, Guwahati
12. Dr. Sonali Shinde, Shillong
13. Sri. Ravi Natoo, Pune
14. Dr. Rajendra Babu, Govt IG College, Tezu
15. Ms. Rajni Krishnan, Thrissur
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17. Sri. Rajeev Sharma, Rajeev Printers, Tinsukia
18. Sri. Vivek Deorah, Commercial Equipment House, Dibrugarh
19. Sri. Gaurishankar Sharma, Tezu
20. Mr. Simon Smith, ELT Educator, UK.



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Administrators, Bamboosa Library

PS: *We cordially welcome participation and contributions from book-lovers in cash, kind and services.* NEFT transfers can be made to "Bamboosa Library" or deposited in our Current A/c No **355 1729 7019** with the **State Bank of India, Tezu.** (Branch IFS code: **SBIN 0001520**).