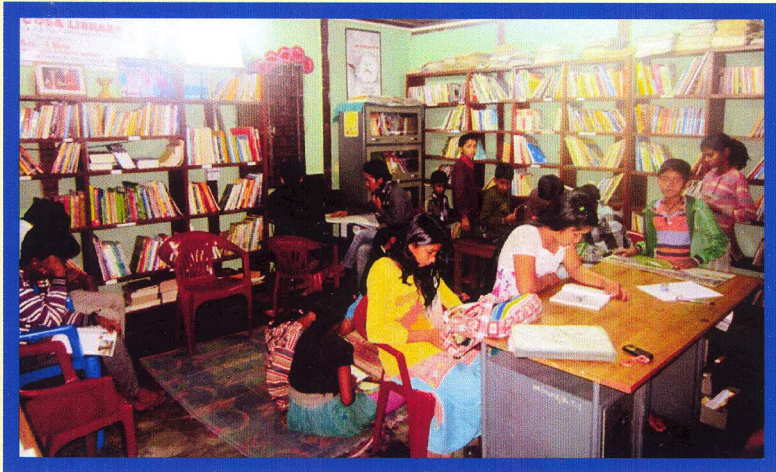
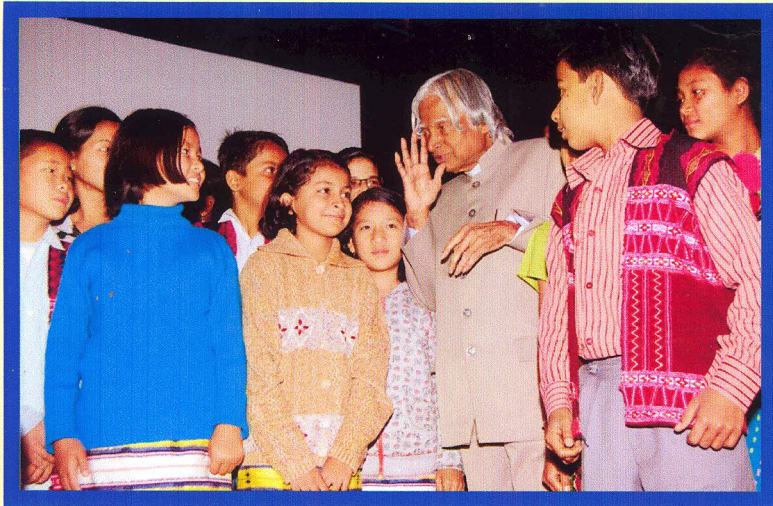




BAMBOOSA LIBRARY, TEZU

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**SPREADING THE JOY OF READING
ACROSS PLAINS & DAWN LIT MOUNTAINS OF
LOHIT & DIBANG VALLEYS**

Bamboosa Library, the HQ of the Lohit Youth Library Movement, which reaches out across a span of 300 kms of undivided Lohit Valley, is a unique People's Library in the entire Arunachal Pradesh in NE Himalayan India. Set up in May 2007 under a joint initiative by the Association of Writers & Illustrators for Children (AWIC), New Delhi, the Lohit District Admn. and the Vivekananda Trust (HQ: Mysore), it is coordinated from January 2015 by the VKV Tafrogam Alumni Education Society (ViTAES), a regd. charitable association based in Tezu. The Bamboosa Library is run by volunteers, contributing their time, energy & resources for spreading the joy of reading among the reading-deprived and has set up a unique record of being open 365 x7 days since inception. The Library, with its innovative reading promotion activities for the all round educational development of the rural Arunachali tribal youth, has won the hearty appreciation of the Arunachali elite, the common people and several distinguished visitors, including former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Gen (retd.) J. J. Singh, authors, film makers and senior administrators.

The Bamboosa Library has a collection of around 6000 excellent reader-friendly books for children, youth, teachers and parents, gifted by the Omprakash Foundation, USA, The Raja Ram Mohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkata, Read India Foundation, London and several booklovers. About 20 periodicals for youth and grown-ups are contributed by patrons from all over India.



ACTIVITIES: The highlight of the Lohit Youth Libraries is the Reading campaign the young reader-activists and volunteers conduct in the region with story-telling & reading sessions, book-contests, recitations and skits in English, Hindi and Arunachali tribal languages. Book exhibitions & Vacation Mini-libraries in remote villages are two unique extension programmes. Many of the young readers have also been getting articles published in various youth magazines. Such peer-group learning has brought the youth in rural areas, where no library exists, closer to discovering the Joy of reading, winning Bamboosa Library laurels from several corners.

CONFERENCES & HONOURS: The Bamboosa Library reader-activists have participated in the AWIC International Conferences on Children's Libraries, New Delhi, in 2010 & 2014, giving presentations that has won the library several friends in India & abroad. In 2012, the AWIC, New Delhi conferred the Librarian of the Year 2012 Award on Sri Etalo Mega, the founder Library l/c of Bamboosa Library, for his committed contribution to reading promotion. This was followed by the *Times Now TV* honouring the Lohit Youth libraries in Dec 2012 in their series, '*Amazing Indians*'. National newspapers like The Hindu, the Indian Express have also published features on the Lohit Youth Library Movement.

SOCIAL IMPACT: The Bamboosa Library has been receiving active support in reading promotion from local organizations like ASSET, Wakro, Surajmal Jalan Charitable Trust, Dibrugarh, PAWSO, Yatong, the CALSOM, Tezu, 48 BRTF & the District Education Depts of the region. The Deputy Commissioner, Lohit is a Founder-patron of Bamboosa Library. Sri Chowna Mein, Honble Dy Chief Minister, is also a founder-patron. Many state legislators, IAS officers, Arunachali elite and book-lovers have also been active patrons. Adult volunteers from rest of India have been visiting Bamboosa Library & conducting regularly workshops for students & teachers. Frequent visit of guests to the libraries have added to the personality traits of the readers. The Library Movement has thus led to the emergence of a group of young spirited reader-activists, promoting reading habits in their own neighbourhood circles.

The Bamboosa Library was being run from inception in the "Bamboosa House", a building provided rent-free by the District Education Dept till Nov 20, 2015, when the library services had to be suspended temporarily, due the dismantling of this building. However, VITAES, which has been administering the library since January 2015, has immediately taken up the construction of a library building in their own plot, located near the DUDA Lodge, Tezu. Thus we hope to start the Bamboosa Library functioning by the beginning of the new academic year in June 2016.



Well-wishers and patrons from all over the country have risen in response to the appeal of ViTAES & Bamboosa Library friends to contribute generously to the challenge of getting the library ready in a record time, so that the youth, parents and teachers are not deprived of the wonderful services of this unique People's Library.

ViTAES therefore appeals to all philanthropists, book-lovers, friends and reading enthusiasts to come forward to contribute generously for the educational advancement of the Arunachali youth. All remittances can be deposited / NEFT transferred to the Current Account named "BAMBOOSA LIBRARY" A/C No. 355 1729 7019 with the State Bank of India, Tezu (IFS code SBIN0001520).

We look forward to your wholehearted participation in Spreading the Joy of Reading among Arunachali Youth.

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Links:

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