

# Lohit Youth Library Network

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## Events organised by Lohit Youth Libraries under Decennial Celebrations Oct 2017- March 2018

### **Oct 28, 2017 : Curtain Raiser to the Decennial Celebrations by Lathao Youth Library, Namsai**

It was inaugurated by DC Namsai, Sri R.K. Sharma, along with reading events by APNE Library, Wakro, & guest Ms Nabanita Deshmukh, Teacher –educator cum Author from Pondicherry.

**Oct 29, 2017: Namsai –Reading Workshops for teachers & schools students** by Ms Nabanita Deshmukh. More than 50 students & 30 teachers of Namsai and Lathao participated in the workshops.

**Oct 25-27, 2017: Creative Writing Workshop@ APNE Library, Wakro:** by Ms Nabanita Deshmukh. Some of the writings that emerged from the students have been selected by the Children’s World, New Delhi. First article of this selection will appear in March 2018 issue of the Children’s World.

**Oct 13-15, 2017: Reading Campaign@ Hawaii, Anjaw district:** Totochan Library, Hawaii under Mishmi Hills Foundation organised a reading campaign at Hawaii Hr Secondary school & KGBV, Hawaii, with Bamboosa Library activists as resource persons.

**Nov 14- 28, 2017: One Nation Reading Together (ONRT) Programme** by Bamboosa Library, Abali Library, Intaya Library & Dibang Youth Library: A unique event to sensitize youth to the joys of books and reading, sponsored by the reputed publisher Scholastic India, was organised by Lohit Youth Libraries as a part of its Decennial Celebrations, across Lohit & Lower Dibang Valley. The events like training in book reading, poetry recitation & story telling were held at Govt. Sec. School, Abali, Intaya Public School, Roing, VKV Roing and VKV Sunpura. Volunteers of Bamboosa Library, Tezu and the Coordinator joined the events in both districts. The Scholastic Books, India gifted 6 cartons books to the libraries as a part of the ONRT programme. (<http://echoofarunachal.in/2017/12/05/lohitylibraries-hold-one-nation-reading-together> )

**Training workshops for reader-activists:** The library Coordinator conducted training workshops for activists in story telling and book reading at Intaya Library & Dibang Youth Library, Roing during the ONRT programme. 25 students participated at each venue. A workshop was also conducted for Lathao Library readers on Jan 17, 2018 at Roing. 35 students and 5 teachers attended here.

**Nov 20, 2017, Itanagar:** The Lohit Library Coordinator presented a story telling demonstration at the VKV Arunachal Pradesh 40 years’ Alumni Meet @ Itanagar, in front of over 400 guests.

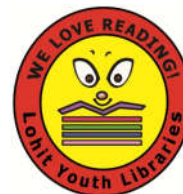
**Nov 2017: A Documentary film “Joy of Learning (2017),** on a decade of Lohit Youth Libraries was made by renowned docu-film maker, P. N. Ramchandra, Mumbai, as his contribution to the Library Movement. This can be viewed on <https://youtu.be/6SQAKEI-1vM> .

**Nov 2017: An article “A Hilly Trail of Books”** was published by Nabanita Deshmukh, Pondicherry, to mark 10 years of the Lohit Youth Library Movement was published in "Teacher Plus" monthly, Hyderabad, Nov 2017 issue. <http://www.teacherplus.org/profile/a-hilly-trail-of-books>

**Dec 2- 6, 2017: APNE Library, Wakro – Reading Training Workshop at Dibrugarh,** Assam: A Reading Training Workshop was conducted by 6 activists of APNE Library, at Jalan Tea Garden Libraries at Dibrugarh, Assam from Dec 2-6, 2017. The Wakro activists also visited the Dibrugarh University library and museums in the University.

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**Dec 5 - 7, 2017, Itanagar: Book release function of “Mishmi Land Musings”** an anthology by readers of Lohit Libraries was released by Sahitya Akademi winner Sri. Y. D. Thongchi, IAS., (retired), President of Arunachal Pradesh Literary Society in the presence of Hon’ble Education Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. The 6 activists read out their stories, receiving warm appreciations from the literary luminaries present.

**Dec 13 to 23, 2017- Story telling training workshops by expert Ms Jeeva Raghunath, Chennai:** Renowned story teller cum trainer Ms Jeeva Raghunath, Chennai conducted a series of workshops for teachers & students, as her contribution to the Library Movement, without charging any honorarium for her 10 days visit. She held workshops at Wakro, Tezu, Sunpura and Namsai as well as Dibrugarh. <http://echoofarunachal.in/2017/12/24/tell-stories-from-your-heart-jeeva-raghunath-story-telling-sessions-enliven-lohit-youth-libraries-decennial-celebrations/>

**Jan 4 – 12, 2018, Joy of Reading Festival, Roing:** The Festival was held at Roing, jointly with district Education Dept., in which over 100 students from 12 Govt & private schools participated. Story telling & book reading contests were held for students of class VIII to XII, prizes for which were sponsored by DC, Roing. (Arunachal Times, Itanagar Jan 14, 2018 <https://arunachaltimes.in/index.php/2018/01/14/joy-of-reading-festival-marks-decennial-celebration-of-lohit-youth-library-network/>)

**Jan 5-6, 2018, APNE Library, Wakro** activists conducted reading campaigns at Kanjang, Pukhuri, Manyuliang & Mawai-II villages of Wakro Circle on Jan 5 & 6, 2018 covering more than 150 rural students.

**Jan 18, 2018 - Art design Workshop@ Bamboosa Library, Tezu:** Professional artist Ms. Indrim Boo, Delhi organised a 1-day workshop for senior students in art designing.

**Radio recordings by AIR Tezu:** AIR Tezu broadcast an interview with story-teller Ms Jeeva Raghunath on Jan 4, 2018 and recorded 2 Yuva vani programmes by library volunteers on Feb 26, 2018.

**Educational trips to RIWATCH Arunachal Ethnographic Museum, Roing:** On Nov 30, 2017 & January 17, 2018, activists & volunteers from Bamboosa Library & Lathao Youth Library visited the RIWATCH Museum, the only ethnographic museum in Eastern Arunachal, where the Executive Director, RIWATCH explained to them about the archaeological & ethnographic displays.

**Book Exhibitions Nov 2017 – Feb 2018:** Well-known publishers, Eklavya Bhopal, Scholastic India, Kolkata & Tulika Books, Chennai extended wholehearted support to the celebrations by offering their books for exhibition across the region. Several well-known and excellent books for youth, parents and teachers could be exhibited. Youth libraries at Wakro, Lathao, Tezu, Roing & Hawaii organised exhibitions-cum-sale at Lathao, Manmao, Piyong, Namsai, Tezu, Roing & Hawaii. Educational & children’s’ films were also screened during these events.

**A Cartooning Workshop, March 2018:** A workshop for aspiring cartoonists by well-known cartoonist Champak Borbora of Guwahati has been planned in March 2018 at Roing & Tezu.

**Outcome & Benefits:** The Decennial Celebrations thus could reach out to more than 4000 readers, 300 teachers and parents across 4 districts of Arunachal & 1 in Assam. It highlighted the vital importance of the joy of reading in improving the education standards of Arunachal. The celebrations also reinforced the Library Network’s motto “If readers don’t come to books, books should reach out to readers”.

We thank the Director of Public Libraries, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, for sponsoring the Decennial Celebrations. Our heartfelt thanks also to the DCs & DDSEs of all districts, AIR Tezu and local patrons for all support extended to the celebrations.

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