

Library Committee Report (2022-23)

The biggest challenge after covid was to increase the number of visitors to the library and to promote the reading skills of the students. After much discussion and deliberation, the library committee members decided to begin research. The library has initiated a research project **"Reading (e)-choices of library users in the covid 19 lockdown and post-covid: A gender impact assessment"** as part of the undergraduate research program (2022) developed by the college research cell. The aim is to find gaps in reading habits and choices due to the pandemic and how the library can support readers to develop their skills.

During the last year, the library has carried out a number of initiatives and activities in this regard. The library has created **reading circles** where students discuss their reading with other interested readers. It contains all kinds of readings. The aim is to help them create a forum for reading, thinking and discussion.



Reading circles in action on and offline

"One Nation Reading Together" is a campaign by Aditi that promotes the concept of "community reading" to foster a sense of "Oneness". On the occasion of **National Librarian's Day** and **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, this campaign was done with the help of the animated book "**Unsung Heroines of the Freedom Struggle**" published by **Amar Chitra Katha** by organizing a collective online reading on August 12, 2022.

Aditi Mahavidyalaya
(University of Delhi)
Library committee
On the occasion of
National Librarian's day
Presents
ONE NATION READING TOGETHER

INDIA'S UNSUNG HEROES
The Brave Women of our Freedom Struggle

Let us celebrate these Boundary Breakers, Freedom Fighters, Sherones & Female Firsts on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by reading together the bold and gallantry Herstories from the book published by Amar Chitra Katha

Date - 12th August 2022
Time : 4:00 pm
Link:- <https://meet.google.com/xfb-jmhe-vfa>
Code:- xfb-jmhe-vfa

Dr. Punita Gupta (Convener)
Dr. Poonam Yadav (Co-convener)
Prof. Rashmi Sharma (member)
Mr. Pankaj Kumar (Librarian)
Library Comm. (2022-23)

Prof. Manisha Wadhwa
(Nodal Officer)
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Prof. Mamta Sharma
(Principal)

Areeba Hussain , Sanjana, Mahima, Richita Gupta
(Student Volunteers)



A collective online reading session and discussion

The young Book enthusiasts of Aditi Mahavidyalaya along with the library committee members visited the **World Book Fair** on March 3, 2023. It is a fair in the true sense ...not only the display of publication by different countries in different languages but also a celebration of diversities of ideas and thoughts. One can find people of all ages, genders and colours delved into the ocean of books.



Students are exploring the National Education Policy Pavilion



A fair in true sense for book lovers

A proud moment!

Ms Milan Mathur BEIEd IV-year student has been writing and reviewing the books for a long time. The publishing house felicitated her by presenting a certificate of appreciation and a gift in the book fair on March 3, 2023 in presence of Aditi students and library committee members.



Here are some of the books which she has reviewed.

Celebration of a week-long **Pustakalya Mahotsav** in 2021-22 during the lock down was a big achievement in terms of organizing academic and research-oriented activities for teachers and students. In continuation the **library fest** of year 2022-23 came out with two events.

College library redefines this by spreading its wings beyond its four walls, creating open reading spaces. The first edition of **Outdoor libraries** along with a collection of **old Indian/Hindi Classics** has been established in the premises. It is incredible to watch a generation that is younger than 5 decades younger flipping through the pages and enjoying the nostalgia of times gone by. Efforts are being made to revive **recreational reading activities in leisure times**. A recycled book shelf is used for this purpose.



Inauguration of outdoor library by the honourable chairperson Governing body of the college Prof Ravinder Kumar, Prof Tuteja Joint Dean Students' Welfare, DU and the Principal Prof Mamta Sharma.



Students enjoying reading in outdoor set up.

The college library organised the **Graduate Research Seminar GRADS2023** at the library fest on April 26, 2023. 30 research papers including papers from other universities, were received from different colleges and departments at Delhi University, which was a resounding response. Graduate and postgraduate students read papers on a range of topics, including tourism, women and violence, women and personal hygiene, acceptance of third gender, classroom teaching and learning, curriculum and texts, adolescent issues, mental health, entrepreneurial mindsets, and privileges etc.

The data gathered from the fields was presented in the majority of the papers. Over 100 attendees, 39 presenters (including group paper presentations), and 7 faculty mentors were present at the seminar. In order to facilitate a dialogue, each group had a teacher mentor/s.

This seminar was an opportunity for graduate students to present their research and use the space for critical and reflective discussion of their research with other researchers and mentors.

Alumna Ms. Rakhi was the guest of the event. She is currently working on her master's dissertation on resilience and compassion and got a **fellowship to work with Red Door (a mental health organisation), University of Cambridge**.



Opening of the Undergraduate Seminar



Glimpses of some of the parallel sessions