

The Tumaini Centre of Excellence Library

The books donated by Just Be a child came at the exact time when we as Tumaini were on the verge of developing a reading culture in the community at large. This has been achieved due to the increase in the number of attendants in the library, especially on the side of the lower primary students. More pupils are eager to come to the library during their free time, which is very encouraging on our side as a foundation because capturing the attention of the pupils is an encouragement that the future of books will still be embraced.

The number of active users has encouraged us to also offer free tuition to the high school students during their holidays in order to help them with their revision. The school heads are the ones approaching us in order to secure an hour at least for their pupils and students in the library, where the books are available to them at any given turn up number. This gives them the joy of being in the library because there is no monotony of reading the same item all over again. There being enough revision materials, entertainment books for the little ones and also course books for the higher learners who are not left out. All of this is attained through the new arrivals from Just Be a Child that we received during the first quarter of the year.

We have been able to sort the books in different categories to help with the easy retrieval of learning materials and entertainment books for the lower and upper primary school, novels for the secondary and enjoyment reader, art which includes drawing books, making flowers etc. The other categories are on Christianity or any religious themes, general science at large, encyclopaedias, and other general books. These are the up to date Tumaini library arrangements of books, where the course books are separated from the books mentioned above.

Some statistics

The Tumaini Centre of Excellence Library has the potential to host 60 library users in a single sitting. The library is now equipped with 12,538 books of different genres.

From January to October of this year, the library has hosted 13,719 library users. Eight schools within the community have adopted the library as their school library.

Impact

The library has recorded an increase in attendance, which is an indication of the growth of reading culture.

Schools have reported increased performance academically, growth in reading culture and demonstrated ability to read in English with confidence.

Due to the increased demand from the kindergarten age group, the library has set aside 3 hours every Saturday morning as exclusive for their use.