

680 libraries: 100 books per box... To celebrate 68 years of































Introduction

IBBY Pakistan (International Board on Books for Young People) managed by Alif Laila Book Bus Society, has been sending out 100 book box libraries to areas all over the country. We have reached remote areas in Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab, Gilgit Baltistan, KPK, and AJK and provided books to those children who had scant or no exposure to reading for pleasure.

Where?

The IBBY libraries are going out to schools and communities all over Pakistan to celebrate the work of IBBY; ten libraries for every year of IBBY's existence making our target 680 libraries in all.



Beneficiaries

To date, with help from publishers, organizations, children and friends, we have sent out 680 such libraries and benefited more than 119,991 children since the project's launch in 2018.

This was made possible by distributing these libraries through 60 different schools and welfare organisations so that Pakistan's children were given the chance to develop a love for reading and explore the world through books!



125 corner libraries Provided to Barkhan district

By Our Correspondent

Barkhan: Alif Laila Book Bus Society Lahore has provided 125 corner libraries for Government Girls Primary Schools in Barkhan. All these libraries were provided under an agreement between Alif Laila Book Bus Society and Jandran Welfare Foundation Balochistan. According to details, Abdul Razzaq Khetran, Executive Director, Jandran Welfare Foundation Balochistan, said that Alif Laila Book Bus Society is providing libraries to government and free

schools all over Pakistan. There efforts will improve education all over Pakistan, especially in Balochistan. All these libraries will be provided to Government Girls Schools of Barkhan. Last month MOU was signed between Alif Laila Book Bus Society and Jandran Welfare Foundation after which Alif Laila Book Bus Society provided 125 Corner libraries For GPS Schools. We appreciate efforts of Alif Laila Book Bus Society and hope that Alif Laila Book Bus Society will continue to support and work for further educational improvement in Balochistan.





Balochistan

An IBBY Library was set up in the interesting area of Jalab Gundan (an underdeveloped area with only 300 houses), by Baboo Abdul Rehman. Here's what Sara, a fifth grader and beneficiary of this library has to say about it:

"We come here to read for about half an hour after school ends. Books in English, Urdu, Balochi are available here. We gain valuable knowledge through reading."

This library has more than 70 children from the area coming to read, they are facilitated by female teachers who volunteer their time to make these libraries successful. The teacher Sameem says, "The children get very excited as they get a chance to read stories they have only heard about."





KPK

Here's some feedback we received from Association of Business Professionals and Agriculture Women:

"Association of **Business** Professional and Agricultural Women (ABPAW) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa branch is grateful to IBBY Pakistan for donating 40 boxes of books to Peshawar's schools. So far we have established 4 libraries in Govt. primary schools Peshawar and have distributed the Storybooks amongst 40 volunteers who visit Govt. primary schools everv Saturday to read them to the students and handover the books to them."





Sindh

Delighted to have been the source of joy for children throughout the country, we are happy to share pictures from Umerkot, Sindh which shows the children and the books they have received. These Libraries have also been distributed in Hyderabad, Mithi, Mirpur Khas, Jamshero, Karachi, Dadu, Khairpur and many more!



Here's some feedback from Sindh:

"I am very thankful to IBBY Pakistan, they are really good. I believe, books have the ability to change lives and are medicine of the soul." — Head Mistress of Government Girls Secondary School, Hyderabad.

"Thank you IBBY Pakistan, I love these books" — a beneficiary.



"If students are provided with books in their learning age, they can become very valuable individuals and IBBY Pakistan has given the best present to the 800 girls studying in our school" — Government Girls High School.





Punjab



In the Punjab, libraries have gone out to Gujranwala, Muridke, Faisalabad, Muzaffargarh, Lahore and Kasur.



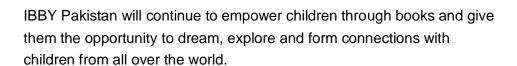
Donations



68000 books at the cost of Rs. 27,200,000 PKR (\$170,000) have been distributed through a collaborative effort. We are immensely grateful to our generous donors; Hoopoe Books, Big Bad Boo Studios, First Book, Water Bridge Outreach, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Oxford University Press, Book Group, Magbool Books, Caravan Books, Five Rivers Technologies, City School, Lahore American School, Bloomfield Hall School and Lahore Grammar School.



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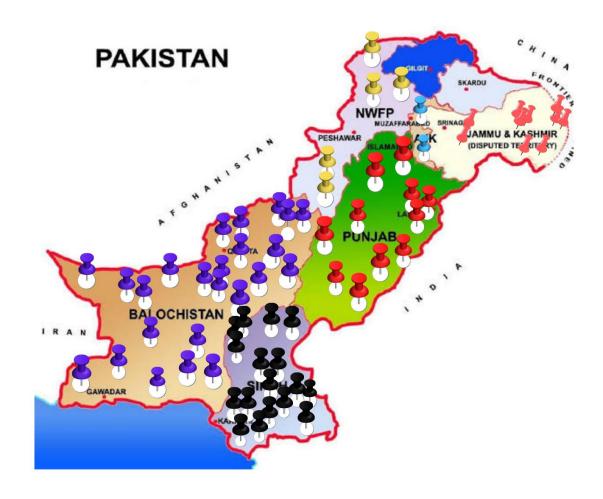












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	No of Libraries	Direct Beneficiaries 2018-20	Total Cost
SINDH	146	26735	5840000
Balochistan	286	32304	11440000
Punjab	184	52808	7360000
Gilgit Baltistan	19	6451	760000
KPK	43	8534	1720000
Islamabad	1	290	40000
AJK	1	181	40000
Grand Total	680	127303	27200000
Balance	0		