



Dear friends of Library,
Hope you all are keeping well and close to books.

After thriving through a pandemic, we are elated to observe the unexpected progress we saw in the month of August. We met all our plans for the month and are seeing the visitors increase steadily with around **80-90 visitors every day**. A total of **151 books** were issued this month, out of which story books and Hindi novels were asked for the most. We saw **54 new children** and **20 new adult visitors** at the library, people from nearby villages and afar are also making their way to the library from time to time.

We also have a student council in place now out of the most regular lot. A pleasant discovery is to watch emerging roles and initiatives rising among the children, students are helping learn students better by taking up responsibilities. We had to move in 7 new iron benches to create more seating for the evening children's crowd found reading, teaching and learning harmoniously. We retrieved around **23 books** that were requested from our student visitors and have stocked around **112 new books** to the library this month.

All our classes are regularly run now, apart from Dance, Art, English we are now smoothly hosting our reasoning class which sees about 11-12 regular students preparing for competitions.

A long pending goal of creating book cards and issuing cards is also now running with about **90 issued cards**. We've neatly categorized these cards in **White (Lower Group), Pink (Upper Group), and Yellow (Adults)** for the ease of recording essential details. The book issuing system now has the efficiency that it lacked before and we are looking forward to tracking the village's favorites.



Independence Day turned out to be an illustrious day of the month, **230 children** walked in merrily hand in hand with their parents. We had meaningful discussions about the importance of the day and are hopeful that the motivation around it has forever changed for the village. Later we shared some sweets and stationery and the day concluded in the very spirit of Independence Day celebrations.

The [PadsSquad](#) supported an event of menstrual hygiene in the village and after a discussion about menstrual hygiene and its importance we distributed a year's worth of sanitary pads to around 180 women and girls. 180 women will now experience an ease they have never felt before, events like these perpetuate a long lasting rippling effect.



This report is incomplete without mentioning the precious time and efforts put in by the documentary director [Chaitra Yadavar](#) and filmmaker Vaibhav Sorte for covering our [Rural Covid Relief Work](#). This shoot was an intriguing event for the entire village for days. The final documentary comes out in October and we cannot be more excited.

The library also grows and runs on the love and support sent from outside the village, online too. This month we were presented with the subscription of monthly children magazines 'Cycle and Pluto' of [Ektara Publications](#) gifted by notable writer & comedian Mr. Varun Grover.

Digital News Publication *Scroll.in* covered the journey of Library about its inception during pandemic titled [While other libraries closed down, this community library in rural UP was begun during the pandemic.](#)

For all those who want to visit our library don't have to wait anymore, you can take a tour on this link below-
<https://youtu.be/q8m3uRht530>

In one of the most heated months here, people of the village found a sanctuary in the cool verandahs of Bansa Library. And just when we had expected the least, the enthusiasm around learning and sharing the learning has stirred remarkably in the village.

[Read and bloom where you are planted!](#)

Here's to the Rural Library Movement!

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