



Dear friends of Library,

We are glad to cover our first ever report for Bansa Community Library, for the month of July, 2021. After opening in December 2020, we had to shut the library back in April as per the Covid protocol. During this lockdown period we saw the library expand into a bigger resource centre than we had conceived. Considering the situation on ground we had to assume responsibility for the Rural Covid Relief work for around 7 villages and ended up aiding about 15,000 people. Despite the many challenges, it has been a rewarding experience to observe the growing strength and enthusiasm of this community.

When people first saw the library, they did not understand its purpose so it took us a while to build a basic trust and discipline around it. We made sure to keep its boundaries porous in a way that this library honours everyone equally and is able to mould as per the needs of its people.

Even though July has been a difficult month for the library, we are glad to have successfully created a learning culture in the village which will never stop bearing its own fruits.

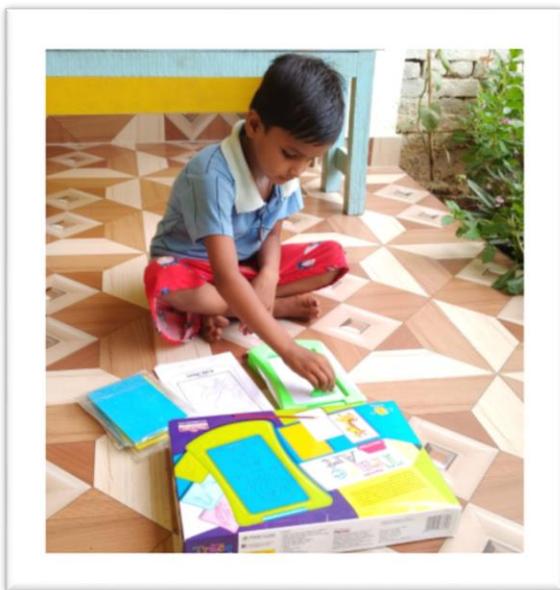
Recently we collaborated with [Aangan for All](#) and the [Global Dreamshala](#) organization for a ***Foundational Literacy Training Program*** at the library. The event remained abuzz in the village for quite some time owing to its success and the very efficient trainer Mr. Tom Delany. We had a total of 43 visitors for the program 25 of which were our volunteers who took the training and will pass it on to more people in the coming months. The program met its agenda and has been one of the most fruitful workshops the library has hosted.



We are working on reviving the brimming interest for the library and its activities for now.

Our Wednesday Art classes have resumed and all the others will be running regularly soon. These are the classes we can see operating from August again:-

1. English Classes for TET Aspirants,
2. Math classes,
3. Basic Computer Training Classes,
4. Dance Classes,
- and 5. ICLU Kanoon Ki Pathshala.



We would like to mention here the generous contributions made by the [Sampoorna Shiksha Foundation](#) towards our toy room. We are especially pleased to note the popularity of this room and the way it is helping children to engage into a library culture with ease. Children who cannot read complete books look forward to coming to the library now and playing in the toys room. They are even moving up to more complicated games than before.



On the 22nd July, we hosted a discussion about the national flag adoption day and observed that both children and adults here need a certain awareness about these days, thus we will take up as many special days as possible to discuss, and celebrate with the people of the village.

This month we saw a total of 300 visitors and story books were issued the most. We saw at least 4 new adults and around 10 new kids at the library. Other than that we received around 40 new books.

Noting the thrill with which people treated our first General Knowledge quiz with, we are soon planning to host another on the 5th of September.



Wednesday Art Class by Himashti Mam

We are looking forward to breaking new grounds around basic menstrual hygiene in the village. Our plan is to distribute about 2000 sanitary pads to around 300 women in and around Bansa on the 15th of August. Other than this our focus is now to get back to the rhythm we had picked up before and bring people's curiosities back to the Bansa Community Library.

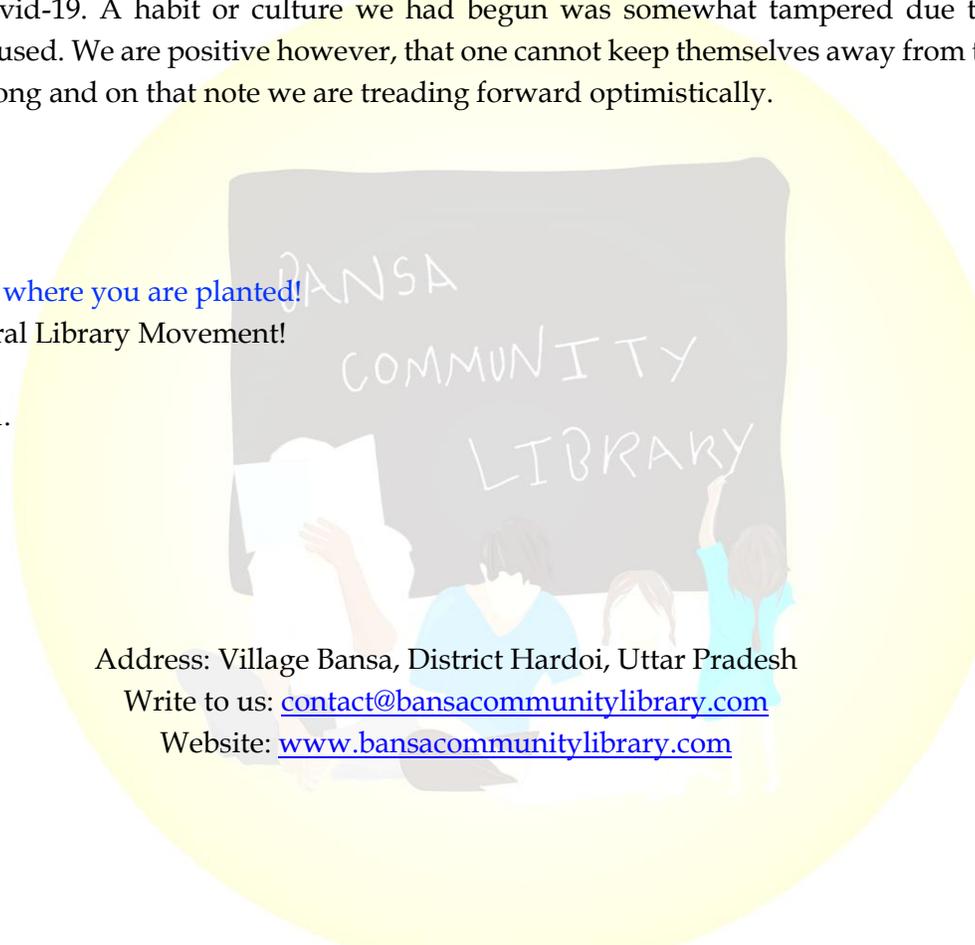
In a small place like this, building trust of the people is the key for any organization and this is what we have been focusing on. This month we saw as little as only 10% of the footfall and the regular classes couldn't take place due to Covid-19. A habit or culture we had begun was somewhat tampered due to the stagnation pandemic has caused. We are positive however, that one cannot keep themselves away from the light a library spreads for too long and on that note we are treading forward optimistically.

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

Here's to the Rural Library Movement!

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