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One of the joys of reading is the ability to plug into the shared wisdom of mankind. It is rightly said “The man who doesn’t read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read”.

Carrying and encouraging the same feeling in students’ hearts, G D Goenka public School has been celebrating International School Library Month since last 11 years under different titles library Week /Library Fest/Book Week/Book Fest.

The Book Fest took place in the GDGPS, Vasant Kunj from 11th to 13th October 2017. The event witnessed great exhilaration and excitement all around the school campus. It was a fun packed week with children immersed in a plethora of activities to renew their love for books. The students at each level enthusiastically participated in the activities and displayed their artistic and literary skills.

Students expressed their creative imaginations in different activities like ‘Designing of Bookmark’, ‘Creation of Book Cover’, ‘Draw & Describe favourite book character’, ‘Poster making on joys of reading’. They got an chance to enhance their reading skills through some literary activities like Book Review, Weaving a story, Picture Composition and Book Quizzes.

Special assembly on the theme “Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader” was organized wherein the students conveyed the message that how reading shaped the lives of all the famous personalities like Abdul Kalam, Narendra Modi, Steve Jobs and Mahatma Gandhi and made them great leaders. It emphasized the fact that every leader has an absolute common habit of reading in them.

The event was also graced by the eminent author Ms. Vaijayanti Savant Tonpe who had an interactive story telling session with students of classes 3 and 4. The students got engrossed in the various stories she told them from the Panchatantra .Children unanimously enjoyed the actions portrayed by her during the narration of stories.

Another most important event was our school’s participation in International Bookmark Exchange Project. For 2017 we are exchanging our bookmarks with three schools across the world:

Washington International School Primary, USA
TASIS The American school in England, UK
St. Anne Catholic Elementary School, Canada

To sum up the Book Fest was a major step in instilling the habit of reading into the students of GDGPS.

