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"Envisioning a Pakistan where ALL children love to read."

Aao Sath Parhein Series 5 Volunteer Program

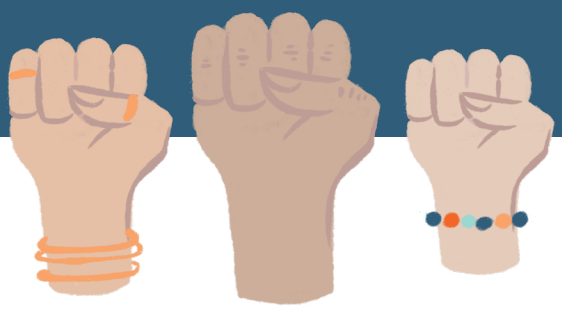
The GoRead.pk Aao Sath Parhein Volunteer program Series 5 was a remarkable journey characterized by its positive impact. Our team of 30 dedicated volunteers successfully engaged 750 students with captivating GoRead.pk stories from the months of August to October. The resounding praise from all stakeholders attests to the program's efficacy. Throughout the Volunteer Program tenure, the GoRead team meticulously adhered to a comprehensive logistical map and a well-structured team plan for the seamless execution.

The volunteer training included orientation on GoRead.pk's vision, program structure, storytelling skills, and expectations. The project was launched on August 15, 2023, with team members welcoming volunteers on their first day at school locations. Spot check visits were conducted over the two months to support volunteers and ensure program quality.

The closing feedback meeting on October 27, 2023, gathered volunteers' experiences, highlighting memorable moments, challenges faced, and suggestions for improvement. The volunteers received their certificates for their commitment and dedication in embarking Goread.pk mission.

Feedback from volunteers expressed satisfaction with the program's impact on children and commended GoRead.pk's meticulous planning and execution. Testimonials revealed the positive influence of storytelling on both children and volunteers, emphasizing the program's success. Overall, Series 5 demonstrated a remarkable journey marked by positive outcomes and effective teamwork.

Testimonials



“Expressing my experience with GoRead.pk is beyond words. The platform has remarkably inspired children to embrace the joy of reading, delivering impactful lessons through engaging stories. The messages conveyed about truthfulness, environmental consciousness, and helping each other in time of need, have instilled positive thinking in young minds.”
-Yasir Sultan, Principle, Rahbar Primary School Campus 1

“After listening to Olive and Dreadful Plogre, I have stopped using plastic bags and now use cloth bags instead.I learned that the stories of Olive and Dreadful Plogre and the waterhole are actually true.”
Gul Naz, Grade 3, Aniqa Naz School

“This program makes the children so happy and makes me feel so satisfied. I really appreciate the huge logistical effort required to put this together.”
-Muna Nana, Volunteer Aug-Oct 23

“Children have reconnected with storybooks, thanks to GoRead.pk. The platform has reignited their interest in books, building curiosity and a renewed passion for reading. GoRead.pk introduces a unique element to school’s static routine that excites the students.”
Ms. Zahida, Principle Dadabhouy Baithak

Our Kahani Sawari, navigating the streets of Lyari and Shahfaisal Colony.

Our Kahani Savari Program is committed to spread joy through reading at every site possible in Shah Faisal and Lyari, taking off with GoRead's heartfelt mission. Our Goreaders, Noman and Farid, spread unfolding tales of delight in the underserved streets of Shah Faisal and Lyari. Their dedication knows no bounds as they navigate from site to site, ensuring no child is left untouched by the magic of storytelling and get their dose of ***Tarbia***, ***Ehsas*** and ***Adab***.

In the early morning hours, you'll hear the sounds of Kahani arahi hai in the courtyards of schools in Lyari. And in the evening, our revamped ice cream cycle becomes a beacon of joy in the underserved streets in both Lyari and Shah Faisal. At every pedal of the cycle, our Goreaders caste their spell of enchanted moments.

Having already made a significant impact, our dynamic duo have so far we parked our Kahani Sawari bicycle at 83 sites in Lyari and Shah Faisal. Through over 900 engaging sessions, they have shared delightful stories, leaving an impression on the hearts of more than 20,000 children. Yet, the journey/Sawaari doesn't end here; No child left behind, ensuring that the gift of storytelling reaches at every corner possible.

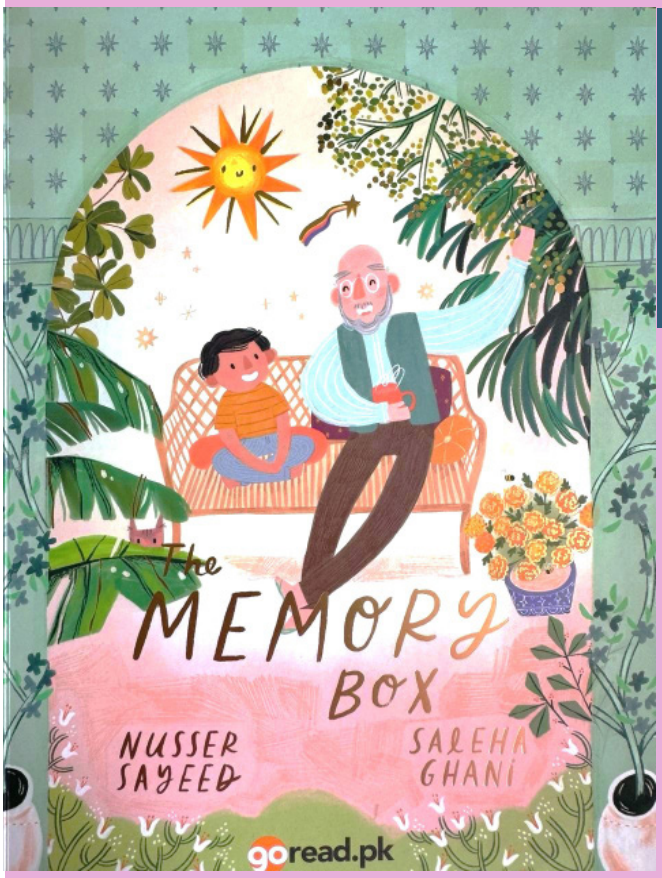
Kahaani Sawaari Session at Lyari, 2024

Kahaani Sawaari Session at Shah Faisal Colony, 2024

Our Library is Growing

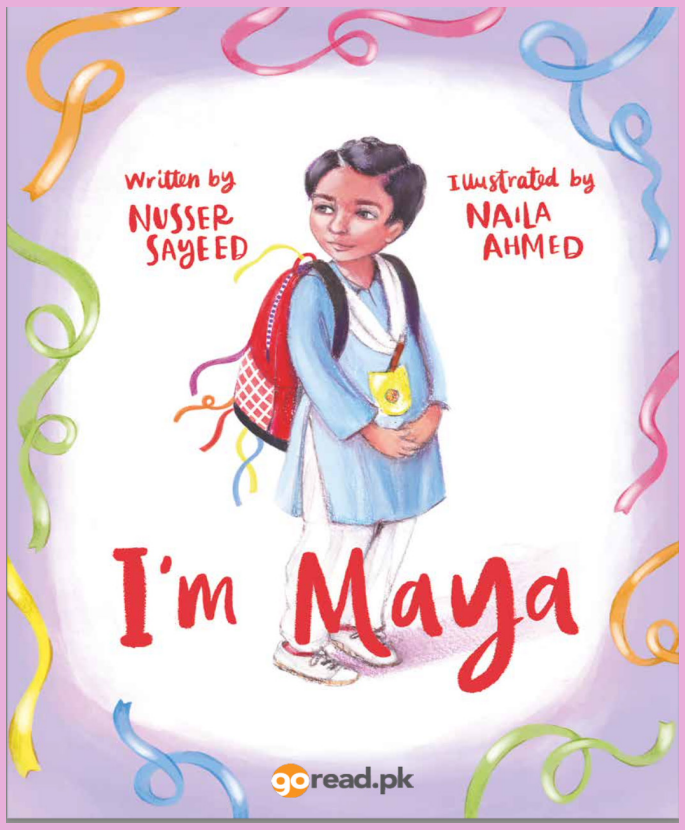
Making room for the special space on our book shelves, GoRead.pk is filled with excitement to introduce its new books, "Memory Box" and "I am Maya," inviting young minds into a world of compassion, character-building, and literary wonder.

In our book "Memory Box," readers are introduced to the beautiful tale of Sher and his adoring Dadajan. Our compassionate Sher finds his way to reminisce the golden lanes of time when his dadajan is diagnosed with dementia. As his grandfather begins to lose his memory, Sher reflects on moments gone by, teaching children the art of sitting with sorrow and finding solace through meaningful caregiving gestures. Authored by Nusser Sayeed and brought to life with vibrant illustrations by Saleha Ghani, this book is a visual delight, giving kids magical treat in the world of literature.



The book is a result of the collaborative efforts between Habib Metro and GoRead.pk. We express our gratitude to our sponsors for their support in spreading joy.

"I am Maya" unfolds the inspiring journey of a resilient young girl named Maya, navigating her way through a new school, embracing her uniqueness with unwavering strength.



The story beautifully shares the depth of Maya's love for her Nano. The book discloses a very important lesson to everyone about being true to oneself, irrespective of the curious glances that may come their way. This book serves as a gentle reminder for all to embrace their distinct selves, fostering a sense of self-acceptance and empowerment

Chunri Readers Book Club in Women Prison

In October, GoRead.pk signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Legal Aid Society. The collaboration between GoRead.pk and the Legal Aid Society for the Chunri Baji Jail Project, set to commence in February, is a testament to the shared dedication to empowering women through literacy and education.

The Legal Aid Society's ethos aligns with GoRead.pk's vision, and the partnership is a source of great honor. This initiative is designed to enhance the welfare of female prisoners and children in juvenile, with a specific focus on socio-educational empowerment.

The Chunri Readers Book Club model is a beacon of opportunity, aiming to fill gaps in empowering children within prison walls. Mindfully crafted stories, shared through this program, carry the power to inspire and encourage these children to envision a brighter future.

With each new partnership forged, GoRead.pk takes a significant step closer to its overarching vision: a Pakistan where every child not only has access to reading but also develops a genuine love for it. The collaboration with the Legal Aid Society is a significant stride towards building a nation where literacy becomes a powerful tool for positive transformation.

MORE UPDATES:

Reading session at Habitt City

Pharmevo hosted a reading session called ‘Suno Kahani’ for young readers at Habitt City Karachi, showcasing popular books from GoRead.pk, including “Noori” and “Kantu ki Kahani”. During the event, our director Erum Kazi led an English reading session, while Farid conducted the Urdu reading, conveying important messages about gratitude, self-acceptance, and compassion. The session also featured an interactive discussion with the children, who enthusiastically joined in chanting the hookline of “Noori”.

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