Libraries for children (Balasabha members)

Balalibraries (children's library) were launched during 2017-18 with an aim to motivate the Balasabha children to read and to acquire more knowledge. There are 32,878 Balasabhas in Kerala, which has 4,30,908 children as members. We aimed at improving the reading habit of children which would in turn ameliorate the mental growth of the children and hence we launched Balalibraries.

In the first phase, the districts were asked to start three libraries each. A ward in a Panchayath was considered as the basic unit. The District Missions were challenged to start one each in three wards. The plan was to start Balalibraries in the house of any Balasabha member, rented rooms or public spaces which would be accessible to every member. District teams were requested to arrange the books for the libraries through local sponsorship.
We had received good responses from the Balasabha children. Though we aimed to start only 42 children's libraries in the state of Kerala, we could launch 204 Balalibraries during the first year itself. Now during 2019-20, Balalibraries are successfully entering into second year. Our district teams took up the challenge to start one library each in every Kudumbashree CDSs in addition to the existing libraries. It was directed to start one library in any ward of the CDS. Within six months, Balalibraries were started in 358 locations (altogether). More than 41,236 books are in stock for the children in these Balalibraries. We are setting up a new world of books for the kids, which would develop the inherent talents of Balasabha children through Balalibraries.