

BUILDING INNATE READER TO BECOME A LEADER





Grow Your Reader Foundation (GYRF) is a youth, women-led non-profit Organization working towards ensuring SDG4 since 2016. We provide free access to reading books and a curriculum to enhance reading skills while having different activities and projects to nurture the reading habits among children.



MISSION

Grow Your Reader Foundation will enable school going children to have basic skills through our advanced creative learning tools.



VISION

One day, all the children in Bangladesh will have access to the right creative learning environment which will build their innate reader to become a leader.



VALUES

Ensuring sustainable development of the society by developing cognitive, social and emotional skills through proper education.

When we started, we encountered
3 MAIN PROBLEMS

- › Lack of reading skills
- › Lack of access to reading books
- › Lack of practice in nurturing reading habits

Enhancing Reading Skills



বাংলা ও ইংরেজি রিডিং পড়া
শেখা ও শেখানোর সহজ কৌশল

This curriculum teaches easy techniques for English and Bangla reading to teachers, parents, and early school children. It's also used for students with learning gaps. The instructions are user-friendly and self-driven, enabling students to learn independently. The sequential arrangement caters to various age levels, fostering cognitive development.



After School Program

স্কুলের বর্ষিক জেখা

CURRENT SCENARIO

High student-to-teacher ratio



Lack of Individual Attention



Significant Learning Gaps



Costly Private Coaching



Unaffordable for Underprivileged



Long-term Educational Damage





To address these problems,

- ▶ At our After School Program “স্কুলের বাইরে শেখা”, we ensure that each child receives **individualized attention** through regular assessments, reading level tracking, and positive reinforcement.
- ▶ **Teachers are trained** in areas beyond the National Curriculum, including Social Emotional Learning, Nutrition, and Climate Education.
- ▶ Monthly parent meetings, medical facilities, and annual sports and cultural programs further support the students' holistic development and learning continuity.
- ▶ The program includes the “Squadron Leader Shafayat Memorial Library,” with 500 carefully curated children’s books to enhance reading skills and foster good reading habits.

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Creating Access to Reading Materials



Our innovative Book Garage project has been installed in parks, schools (both inside and outside), along roadsides, and within underprivileged communities. This open **Street Library** initiative encourages individuals to donate old books at designated locations for others to discover and **enjoy for free**, fostering **resource recycling**. We aspire to promote reading habits and **mental well-being** by providing children with an alternative way to spend their time, thereby **reducing screen time**.

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Cities

33

Book
Garages

5000

Books





Mobile Libraries and **Internet Hotspots** help keep the light of learning alive for underserved children in Bangladesh, reducing the Digital divide among upper and lower-income communities. This mobile library project, a winner of the **EIFL 15th Library Innovation Award**, is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

12
Communities

12000
Books

16000
Children

48000
hours
of Internet
access





LIBRARY STATION

We have established library stations in **28 schools** within and outside Dhaka, housing about **10,000 books** and reaching **8,000 readers**.



Online Library

Our online Library, available on our website, provides free access to GYRF-published English and Bangla books. It focuses on three essential pillars: Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Child Food and Nutrition, and Sustainable Living.

Nurturing Reading Habits



This initiative promotes the **love for reading, critical thinking, and meaningful discussions**. Participants engage in diverse literary works through in-person and online reading circles facilitated by GYRF Reading Circle Champions.



Differentiation: We adapt lessons and objectives to **meet individual learners' needs**, presenting material in various formats (**visual, auditory, text-based**). Our stories for children cover themes like SEL, Child Food & Nutrition, and Climate Education for Sustainable Living. Each story is available in audio and video formats, accessible through our **online library, audiobook app, and YouTube channel**, allowing children to learn in the way that suits them best.

AWARDS

Facebook Hope For 2018

Recognition from **Nina Foundation**, a New York-based organization

UNESCO MGIEP TECH

Selected by the **Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education and Peace** as a speaker to present our contribution towards education at this Conference in 2017 & 2018.

BYLC Volunteer Award 2021

2nd Runner Up position in the **Organization Category**

Top 100 Leaders in Education Award

Our founder Sadia Jafrin had been selected to receive this prestigious award from **Global Forum of Education** for her contribution in education during COVID 19.

Public Library Innovation Award

WoW- "Wheels of Wisdom" is one of three winners of the Electric Information For Libraries (EIFL) **15th Library Innovation Award** supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Global Libraries Programme.

BTI The Daily Star Stellar Women 2023 Award

Our founder Sadia Jafrin received **BTI The Daily Star Stellar Women 2023 Award** in the Education Category

PARTNERS





Next FIGHTER

Be the Next Fighter to change the future

We have more than 200 registered Volunteers, driving change & amplifying our mission with dedicated efforts.

SOME IMPORTANT BENEFITS:

- › Will receive a certificate.
- › Access to 3 professional development workshops.
- › Enhanced leadership and communication skills.
- › Will be able to access a significant discount on various services (mental health counseling, online mental health courses, and weight/nutrition consultancy from our Mental Health & Well-being partner "MONER BONDHU").
- › Will be able to enroll in **THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD PROGRAM** for accelerated personal and professional growth.

Are you considering joining
our team of changemakers?

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OUR ONGOING PROJECT AREAS







IMPACTS

5 REGIONS
113 COMMUNITIES
200 VOLUNTEERS
500 TEACHERS
3,500 PARENTS
51,246 STUDENTS
55,396 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES



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