



The Reading Initiative: Annual Report 2022-23

About the club

The Reading Initiative is a student lead cultural club that aims to bring together students who love to read as well as those who want to try their hand at it, those who want to get back into the habit of reading along with a busy college schedule and those who want an avenue to express their latest book conquests. We are a club who wants to bring people together under the sway of stories, discussions, and excitement over finding someone who is read the same niche genre as you.

The purpose of the club is to build a community of voracious readers within FLAME that help enhance and learn from one another's reading experience. The Reading Initiative hosts a wide range of activities and events throughout the year with a focal point on its newest tradition- FLAME's first on campus large scale literary event- Mehfil.

Instagram Page: https://www.instagram.com/the_reading_initiative/

WhatsApp Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/C8cl09xgHKiDhM4tlCqHUY>

Executive Committee

The EC consists of members who handle the day-to-day operations of the club and are, ultimately, responsible for all the Club's activities. The Executive Committee is composed of four roles- President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Core Committee

The CC will consist of positions in charge of portfolios such as content, social media, and logistics to assist in the operation of the club. The sub-committees typically operate under the direction and supervision of the Executive committee (8 members).



Introducing the EC for the academic year 2022-23,

President

Sakshi Arora (UG3)



Vice President

Diya Shah (UG2)



Secretary

Diya Kiran (UG1)



Treasurer

Jeet Shah (UG2)



Club Events

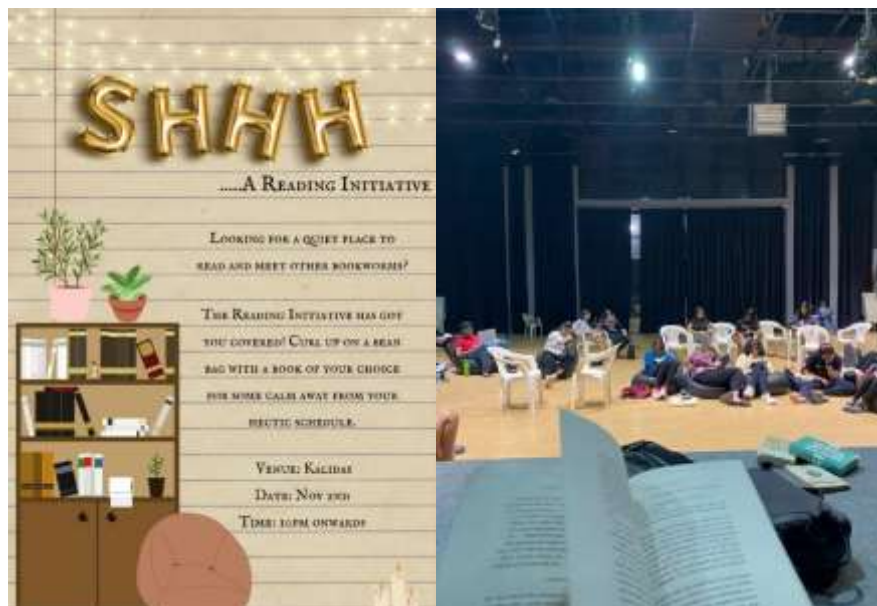
BYOB: Bring Your Own Book + book exchange: 11th October 2022

The Reading Initiative's first event: participants introduced their favourite books and exchanged them with like-minded readers.



Shhh: A Silent Reading Night: 2nd November 2022

Participants came together for a few hours of reading in a comfortable, quiet setting.



Shhh pt. 2: A Silent Reading Night: 19th Jan 2023

Participants came together for a few hours of reading in a comfortable, quiet setting.



Sunset Reading: 29th March 2023

Participants read with a view, watching the sun set over grassy fields. At the end, The Reading Initiative announced Mehfil and met with the volunteers for the fest.



Mehfil - A Literary Affair: 5th and 6th April 2023

FLAME's first large-scale literary event comprising multiple events over two days.



1. Author talk: Horror Stories by Chandrima Das
A collaboration with the Writing Centre on a discussion about writing horror stories.
2. Writing Workshop: Make your own monster by Chandrima Das
A collaboration with the Writing Centre on a horror writing workshop titled "Make Your Own Monster;" participants learnt how to create the appearance of the monster, its scary features, and the setting where it resides.



3. Author Talk: From Poona to Grand Prix by Siddharth Dasgupta
A discussion on writing ghazal poetry in English on the themes of home, travel, and desire.



4. **Competition: Flash Fiction**
Participants created a seven-sentence story based on six single-word prompts; the competition was judged by a faculty member.
5. **Movie Screening**
The screening of “The Hunger Games” to culminate the first day of the event.
6. **Author Talk: Ram Weeps by Tarinee Awasthi**
A discussion on the various versions of the Ramayana and depictions of Ram across space and time.
7. **Author Talk: Is Indian Food Really Indian? by Antoine Lewis**
A discussion on gastronomic writing with a food and wine expert and columnist.



8. **Event: Bad Book Summaries**
A fun, light-hearted event where participants came up with the worst possible ways to describe book plots.



9. Competition: Lit Quiz

A literary quiz competition consisting of questions from mythology, world literature and Indian literature.



10. Stalls: Library Book Self-Check-Out and Reading Initiative Merch

A collaboration with the library to promote the many genres of books it offers; The Reading Initiative members selected and put up a stall of approximately 25 books during the fest from which students could borrow books. The club also designed and sold bookmarks and stickers from various book series and fandoms which were made by their own committee members.





Active Members 2022-23

1. Sakshi Arora- President
2. Diya Shah- Vice President
3. Diya Kiran- Secretary
4. Jeet Shah- Treasurer
5. Pratha Narayan- Logistics Head
6. Nitya Krishnan- Content Head
7. Araav Thakker- Marketing Head
8. Suhani Vora- Social media team
9. Ishita Tripathi- Logistics team
10. Samhita Malladi- Logistics team
11. Saishshreya Tantravahi- Design team

EC for the next academic year 2023-24

President: Diya Kiran (UG2)

Vice President: Diya Shah (UG3)

Secretary: Pratha Narayan (UG3)

Treasurer: Jeet Shah (UG3)