

THE READING INITIATIVE CLUB CHARTER

The Student Activity and Affairs Committee
FLAME University
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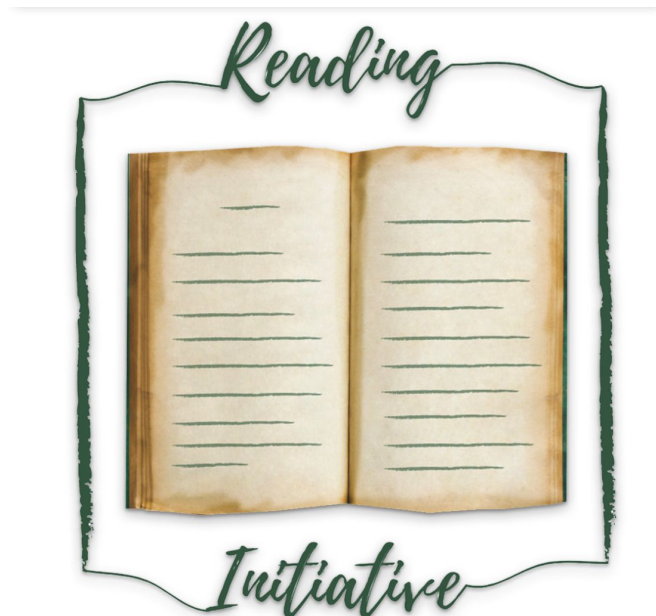
Article I: Club Principles

This Student Club:

- Aims to contribute towards the enrichment of the lives of all members of FLAME University. It shall not discriminate with regard to race, religion, age, ethnic or national origin, gender, physical ability, or sexual orientation.
- Will respect that differing viewpoints exist, and will work towards understanding these viewpoints, and giving all members the right to voice their concerns as long as they are within the bounds of acceptable behavior within the FLAME Community.
- Will work towards strengthening, not fragmenting the FLAME Community. It will use its influence to impact positively, all of its members - and by extension, the FLAME Community.

Article II: Name and Logo

This Club shall be known as the Reading Initiative Club of FLAME University.



Article III: Purpose

The purpose of the Reading Initiative shall be to create a community of readers for all the students at FLAME University. The club shall provide readers an opportunity to go beyond their own pool of literary knowledge and indulge into literature across various genres. The target of the club will be to make sure that the members do not lose their habit of reading to the hectic schedules of college life. We want to help our members discover once more, or for the very first time, the love for reading.

We shall aim towards the inclusion of regional, lesser known literature, as well as provide a space to discuss mainstream literature. In order to achieve this, we plan to organize workshops, book circles and other fun, interactive sessions throughout the academic session of 2020-21.

Article IV: Club Leadership (Executive Committee)

The **President** of this club would be Ms. Ria Kolarao of Batch UG 3.

The **Vice-President** of this club would be Ms. Yaamini Gupta of Batch UG 3.

The **Secretary** of this club would be _____ of Batch UG ____ .

The **Treasurer** of this club would be Ms. Mudita Tekriwal of Batch UG 2.

The **Faculty/Staff Advisor** of this club would be Professor Nidhi Kalra.

Following are the objectives of the Reading Initiative Club-

- Objective 1: To create a community of readers at FLAME University.
- Objective 2: To inculcate and encourage the habit of reading in trying times.

- Objective 3: To diversify people's tastes by introducing new genres, languages, and lesser known and regional authors and works to expand their reading horizons.
- Objective 4: To initiate interactive sessions with speakers from FLAME University or otherwise in order to gain a deeper insight into the world of literature.

We think these aims will have a positive impact on society because reading and indulging in literature would be seen as a recreational activity, other than just being academic. We hope that this will help in creating a stress-free space for readers from all Majors and Minors to come together and to find solace within the literary world.

Closing statement: The objectives and purpose mentioned above are the main goals of The Reading Initiative Club that we aim to fulfill through our club plan for the academic session of 2020-21.

Article V: Membership

Membership of The Reading Initiative shall be open to all Students of FLAME University.

Currently the membership is as follows:

Sr. No	Name	Batch	Designation
1	Akshita Gupta	FSLE2019	Member
2	Shivika Dudeja	FSLE2018	Member

3	Saaniya Padaria	FSLE2018	Member
4	Shalki Gupte	FSLE2018	Member
5	Shristi Chhajer	FSLE2018	Member
6	Nafisa Kalladi	FSLE2019	Member
7	Ira Pandya	FSLE2019	Member
8	Dheer Sanghavi	FSLE2018	Member
9	Disha Ragasumum	FSLE2018	Member
10	Anindita Doshi	FSLE2019	Member
11	Zephyr Pegu	FSLE2018	Member
12	Ria Kolarao	FSLE2018	President
13	Yaamini Gupta	FSLE2018	Vice President
14			Secretary
15	Mudita Tekriwal	FSLE2019	Treasurer

Article VI: Club Plan for the Academic year 2020-21

In light of the Pandemic situation, we have chosen to plan activities in a manner that they can be conducted through online Google Meet and Zoom sessions.

1. We will host weekly (or even more frequent) sessions where members bring in their own books. Everyone can sit together and read for the time that we have gathered. We will also be having certain themes in place to help expose us to regionally translated books, unique genres, regional authors and specific types and eras of literature (An example could be classics week or black authors week).
2. The club would work on the curation of a Reading Check-List on goodreads for the year, which would include short stories, novellas and novels pertaining to specific genres. Based on this we would hold bi-monthly meetings where we discuss what the participants have read throughout the week. This would encourage students to reflect on the content of the book, and at the same time gain different perspectives on a single work. A timeline for the reading and guidelines for participation would be set. We would also be doing giveaways (book vouchers etc.) to the member who checks out the most number of books from the list or who has the widest reading range. We would also come up with fan art and outlandish theories about our favourite books. This is in order to keep the members motivated.
3. We will facilitate the formation of smaller groups within the club of people with similar tastes and interests in reading and encourage internal discussions and book bonding activities like creating memes and short comic strips based on fan theories. Within these Reading rooms, we will conduct Book Hunts, which are customized reading lists to recommend books they like, and help people find exactly what they are looking for.
4. Similar to Reading Rooms, we will also host Book Circles for our members to expand their horizons and help introduce them to new genres and authors. Like the reading rooms, participants recommend to their peers books from genres that they

haven't explored often, or would like to explore. This can be done as an online book exchange where people can be paired up with other members at random and suggest or courier their favourite books to one another.

5. We will also be hosting 'Read out Loud' sessions in which people read out their favourite pieces (poetry, quotes, stories or sections from novels that resonate with them). In some of these sessions, members can come together and listen to one person (or people simultaneously) reading the chapters out directly from the book everyone would be reading at that time.
6. Workshops: We intend on holding workshops with LCS faculty, and out-of-university speakers in order to provide students with insights on lesser known, eclectic and off-the-mainstream authors and literature.

Post Lockdown Possibilities:

1. Exploration: Introduce club members to libraries, book cafes and art cafes around Pune where they can access books, and sit and read together.
2. Scavenger Hunt: Popular fiction themed riddles, trivia, crosswords and puzzles, guess the book, riddles, questions and answers with book prizes at the end!

Possible Collaborations:

1. Ellipsis Club: A competition in collaboration with the Ellipsis club, a competition can be held where participants are given unique prompts to write a short story upon. Book prompts could include themes such as, "What would Harry Potter look like from the perspective of Hedwig (his pet owl)". These prompts would be popular fiction based, allowing for a wide participation.

2. Community Service Club: A Book Donation Drive. Everybody has bookshelves or stacks of books remaining from when they use to read a lot back in 10th, 11th and 12th grade and many don't have use for those books now, people even have children's storybooks or English poems and story books from school. Our collaboration with the Community Service Club can enable us to collect and donate those books to NGOs who would need our help and contribution. When people come back to campus, they can bring these books with them.
3. Theatre Club: An event involving dramatic reenactment of literature, especially encouraging people to take old pieces and modernizing them.

We would also have a personalised google calendar which would include the Reading Initiative club activities, Reading Room activities and Monthly checklists, and incorporate reminders for DEAR (Drop-Everything-And-Read) times of the week. This annual calendar would also have certain days marked like the birthday or the death anniversary of famous authors. This would facilitate the club purpose to inculcate reading habits in people.

The club intends to follow this plan for the upcoming academic year. This charter is subject to change as per evolving guidelines and regulations.

Article VII: FLAME Support

The Reading Initiative is proposing FLAME support for the following –

1. Logistical aid to organize our events. This would include printing posters to create awareness about upcoming club meetings and events, equipment like mic, sound system, backdrop, and the FLAME goodie bag.
2. Transport for arranging excursions for the club members and for the invited guests (post lockdown).
3. Refreshments and accommodation for the invited guests.
4. Access to the library for reading material.

Article VIII: Expected Budget/Sponsorship-Raising Plans

Expected Budget -

Total	20,000
Honorarium	5,000
Prizes for Competitions (Books, Bookstore Vouchers)	5,000
Online opportunities (online courses, online reading fests, paid webinars)	5,000
Contingency Fund	5,000

We, the Executive Committee of the club, have read and clearly understood the terms and conditions of the Club and roles and responsibilities of the various office bearers.



President

(Ria Kolarao)



Vice President

(Yaamini Gupta)



Faculty Advisor

(Nidhi Kalra)

Secretary

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Treasurer

(Mudita Tekriwal)