

## OUTLINE OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY DAY ACTIVITIES

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### INTRODUCTION

“...In an age of accelerating change, when even the most sophisticated skills are quickly outdated, we will find many allies in the developing world who are coming to understand that the most important skill anyone can learn is the ability to go on learning”

This part of Peterson Lecture by His Highness - the Aga Khan to the annual meeting of the international Baccalaureate, marking its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a clear picture of today's world. We live in the world of information and intellect where the power is for those who believe on an ongoing self learning process. Media and technology resources facilitate people for this continuous learning process and have made this world a “global village” where information is accessible only with a single click. This learning dimension is very much in accordance to AKES,P’s vision who aimed to be “a dynamic learning organization achieving excellence”. We at AKHSS, K want our students and teachers to be life long learners who have passion towards learning for the self development and social significance. This event “*Celebration of International School Library Week*” is a step towards the accomplishment of vision.

### OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this programme is to promote awareness among stakeholder (teachers, students and management) regarding significance and effective use of library resources. For this, a team of students worked with the library staff and developed a plan for whole week started from 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 08 to 29<sup>th</sup> Oct, 08 during regular school hours.

### PROGRAM

Following are the activities which will carry out in the entire library week

- Book Fair
- Library Based Sessions
  - Discussion Forums
  - Poster Competition
  - Designing a Book mark with message
  - Presentation - “History of library”
- PrISM (Personal Intellectual Social and Moral) based Session.

### *Book Fair*

Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Karachi has arranged a book fair in collaboration with its sister school from 27<sup>th</sup>, October, 2008 till 29<sup>th</sup>, October, 2008 at the school campus. The main purpose of arranging this book fair in library week is to promote reading habits and to give students and teachers the exposure and access to variety and quality of books at their door step.

### *Library Based Sessions*

We have planned various activities for Aga Khan Higher Secondary School, Karachi's students like:

1. **Poster Making:** Students will discuss and present their thinking in a creative manner through poster presentation. Theme decided for this creative work was "libraries in 2020". The purpose is to promote critical and reflective thinking and develop imaginative skills among students.
2. **Bookmark Making:** Students will develop different book marks with innovative ideas and will write thought provoking messages related to the library week.
3. **Discussion Forums:** Reflective discussions will be generated with different group of students on topics like, "Are today's readers tomorrow's leaders?" And "Printed media verse electronic media". It is believed that such discussion will develop current knowledge, meta-cognitive skills and positive attitude among students.
4. **Presentation on History of Library:** To make students aware of the origin of the concept of library, presentation will be given so that they get information related to the progression and evolution in the concept of books and library.

### *PrISM (Personal Intellectual Social and Moral) Based Session*

PrISM (Personal, Intellectual, Social and Moral) is an extended learning programme initiated in AKES schools with the purpose of holistic development of students. The close relevance of the philosophies of both PrISM and library week, it was decided to have some integration sessions during PrISM classes. In these sessions, teachers will engage students in discussion, creative work for example, writing a letter to editor, in order to promote intellectual ability and to develop social awareness regarding literacy among students.

### **CONCLUSION**

This week is not the end but a part of process - A process of holistic development of students so that they can prove themselves as better citizens of society. This step not only reflects the vision of organization but also facilitates school to achieve its core purpose of enabling students for better lives.