

Library Report & Proposal - 2026-27

Introduction

Thulasi library project idea and thought for the library and programs were designed by Mr. Gershon Gurin Podlish from Boston USA. With his guidance and Funding support of Asha for Education Chennai chapter, Project Thulasi - Library was initiated in 2017 in a single village called Seeyapoondi. Since then the library project has been running in different localities. We decided to make Thulasi- Library project as part of Asha Thulasi and one of the projects in Asha chennai Thulasi project. Asha boston is supporting the library from 2022.

To know more About Asha- Thulasi project please click here

<https://ashanet.org/project/?pid=1257>

Seeyapoondi

Pushpa is a new librarian for Seeyapoondi from last year. She is a young and energetic woman. She has made good connections with PUPS Seeyapoondi and reads books for children in the morning and goes to the library in the evening to help the kids to read. She is doing a good work there.

Kizhpennathur

This library had been run by the Consumer Rights protection group. They approached Asha to take over and run the library. So we decided to run this library from 2021.

This library supports the school which is behind it. The school HM is motivated to send students to our library and get benefited. Currently Deepa has been appointed as Librarian in Kilpennathur library.

Su. Polakunam

We started this library in 2023 October in a beautiful village with a hillock near it. This library is located inside a primary school itself. This caters to the Primary, middle and High school of Su.Pola Kunam. The librarian who is working there is Narmadha.

Ganalapadi

Since we could not get a stable teacher in Kaniyampoondi we had to change the library from there to Ganalapadi. Kaniyampoondi school HM requested the books to be donated to the school, so we gave the books to the school and started a new one in the village of Ganalapadi school. We initiated one program here where students will get one gift if they read 7 books in the library and explain it to teachers. 25 Students from 3rd std above received these gifts. Gershon gifted this program for that particular library, which has been done in experiment bases. Shanthini is a librarian there.

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Somasipadi

We received a request from the school PUPS Somasipadi to start a library. This school has space for the library and is willing to send students to the library on a regular basis. We are still hiring

Program

In the year of 2023-24 we decided to follow the following activities as a common program for all the four libraries.

- Reading
- Craft once week
- Educational games
- Science experiments once a week

For the coming year we would like to focus more on Oral Tamil and Tamil reading.

Lead teacher system

The lead program continued with Narmadha being a lead. Her role is to visit the library for once a week and observe the class and make sure that the teachers are doing the activities as planned and call the librarians for a meeting and decide the activities for next one month.

Reading Program For Librarians

Since January 2025 Melli Annamalai, an Asha volunteer at Boston has conceptualized a plan for the librarian enhancement. She showed interest in bringing the reading habit for the librarians. So she started a reading group across Asha Chennai's Library project. It happens twice a month with 11 librarians across asha chennai's project. All the librarians are enjoying it.

[Here](#) Melli's experience of the reading club.

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Budget - 2026-2027

Thulasi Library 2026-27				
S.no	Budget Item			
1	Librarian salaries	Includes conveyance data plan and uniform	259100	
2	Replenishment of Library Book 10000*4 (Craft and experiment materials)		55000	
3	Library Maintenance 5000*4 (Electricity bill, internet bill,		10000	
4	Magazine and News paper and craft and art material		60000	
5	Educational Games 2000 / each		10000	
7	Teacher excursion	Asha chennai takes all the staff for excursion once a year	25000	
		SubTotal	419100	