

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.

Kil pennathur

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. Pola Kunam

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.

Kaniyampoondi

Kaniyampoondi is a very small village in Thiruvannamalai district. PUPS Kaniyampoondi HM is an extremely motivated teacher for that village. She convinced the village people and requested Asha to run a library in the village. Dhanalakshmi is working as a librarian.

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

Abinaya got married and left the job. Lead program will continue with different lead.

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 the habit of reading in 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.

Budget - 2025-2026

Thulasi Library 2025-26			
S.no	Budget Item		
1	Librarian salaries	Includes conveyance data plan and uniform	193600
2	Replenishment of Library Book 10000*4 (Craft and experiment materials)		40000
3	Library Maintenance 5000*4 (Electricity bill, internet bill,		20000
4	Magazine and Newspaper and craft and art material		20000
5	Educational Games 5000 / each		20000
6	Computer maintenance at Seeyapoondi and teacher 1000 per computer	5 in computer center and 4 librarians	9000
7	Teacher excursion	Asha Chennai takes all the staff for excursion once a year	24000
	Total		326600

