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PBBY's Report

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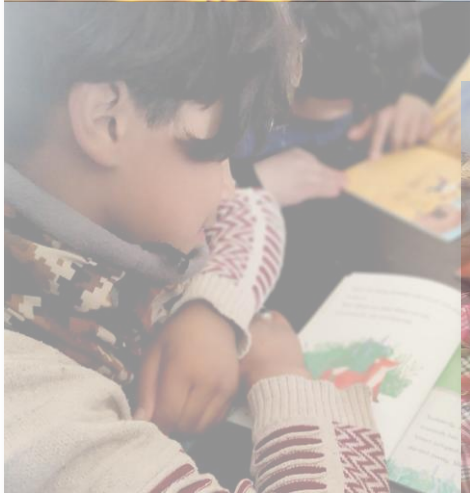
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Истории — это крылья, благодаря
которым ты каждый день взлетаешь



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Introduction

Current Situation:

In the past 15 years, Gaza Strip children have experienced six major events - five aggressions and the COVID-19 pandemic - as well as a life-limiting land, air, and sea blockade imposed by the Israeli occupation. Since 2008, each aggression bringing more death and destruction than the last. 2008 aggression resulted in the death of 412 kids, in the span of 21 days of bombing and ground invasion, 2012 resulted in the deaths of 42 children throughout 8 days of shelling, and 2014, resulted in the deaths of 578 kids in the course of 51 days.

This time sixteen children were among 45 Palestinian killed by Israeli bombardment between 5-7 August 2022. Every single aggression in Gaza comes at the cost of ordinary people, especially children, who pay the highest price for the barbaric attacks. Children in Gaza are still recovering - both psychologically and physically - from last year's aggression



The faces of the 16 children killed in Gaza - social media

Children and youth experienced unimaginable horrors through these 3 days, and they are still struggling to cope with their fears and feelings that nowhere is safe.

IBBY Palestine through Children in Crisis has been working for long years to give the children few of their rights by promoting the culture of reading, improving their education, strengthening social protection and psychosocial support, as well as providing them with recreational activities.

Despite this painful reality, PBBY continues its various activities, children got back to the libraries immediately after the aggression ends. In the next pages you will find more about the activities that has been done in the two libraries for the past few months.

Book Aid International

3000 BOOKS

Children in IBBY Palestine libraries have received a number of valuable new books, with a generous donation of 3000 books, from Book Aid International. The moment they were presented, children quickly started reading the books, looking at their magnificent illustrations and borrowing many of them. Their covers and attractive colors were an invitation to everyone to start reading them. The received books aren't just being read, they take young people on journeys to far-off cultures and lands.



The donated books were mainly divided to the two libraries; al-Atta Library in Beit Hanoun, al-Shawka Library in Rafah. Since books were plenty, we shared them with our partners: Ma'an Centre and al-Qattan Child Center, as we understand they used to get a share when the British Council was managing the distribution of Palestine share of IBA this year they had non and were very happy to receive some of our books. Three Ma'an centers, located in different cities, received the donated books, namely:

The women Programs Center – Rafah



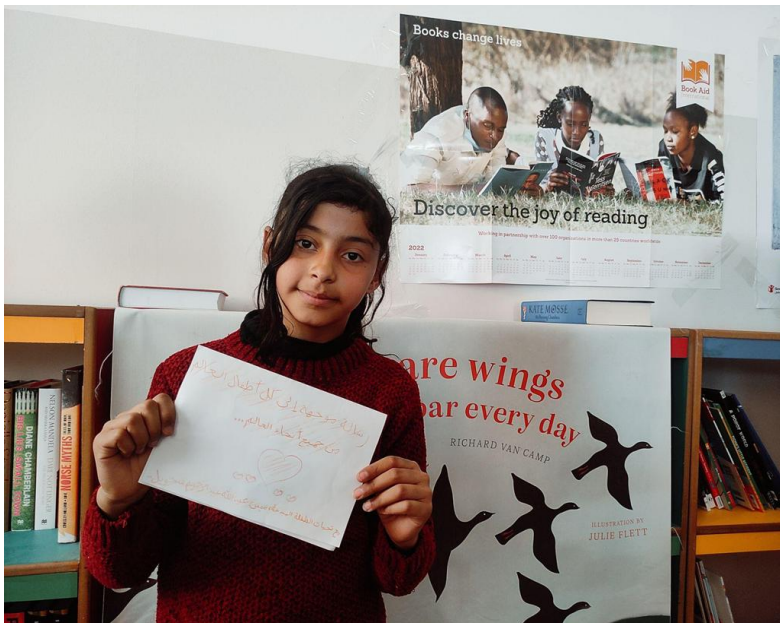
MA'AN Hub for Innovation and Entrepreneurship



Al-Qattan Cultural Centre- Gaza



Forsaan Al-Ghad Youth Association – Beit Hannon



“ I have always dreamed of traveling the world, but since I am from Gaza it is not even possible, that is why I let these books take me on a journey around the world. I encourage all children with a similar situation to do the same,” said Mays, a 10-year-old girl from Biet Hannon who found a place for her dreams in books.

International Children's Book Day



International Children's Book Day activities were held in both libraries, and one of them was a special field trip for children to an apiary in Beit Hanoun. The children learned about the nature of bees, and how honey is extracted. Most importantly, they learned about persistence and following one's dreams, through the success story of the owner of the apiary, who used her knowledge and reading to overpower the ordeal of losing her father and the apiary to the occupation bombardment.



I AM A KID WITH RIGHTS:

During the International Children's Book Day celebrations, the librarians did an activity entitled "I am a child with rights" aimed at educating children about their rights, informing them about any rights they lack as Palestinian children, as well as discussing the reasons for this.



I am a kid with wishes that I love to come true:

It's an activity done at al-Shawka library that let kids express themselves, their dreams, future hopes, their place in society, and their family by drawing.



Drama Sessions:

During a drama session our librarian sets up a relaxing environment where everyone express his emotional experiences. Most of the children used drama as a therapy and to address trauma or bullying behaviors they have encountered. They learn that it's okay to feel and express a range of emotions.



A Fresh Look for Our Libraries

PBBY modernized and refurbished al-Shawka and al-Ataa libraries with the necessary equipment and furniture.

The artist Sami al-Salmi brought joy to it with beautiful drawings and adding on the entrance, a painting by the artist Mohammed Amous for our book "When the Golden Fish Stopped Dancing" as well as an expressive card drawing by Hafez Omar "Reading is my Freedom"



Arts & Crafts

PBBY aims through arts and crafts to develop fine motor skills followed by learning and working with shapes, colors, and pattern recognition. Children learn patience and enjoy the creative process which increases self-esteem. Making an art or a craft is also the opportunity to create and correct a mistake – a valuable life skill.



Seasonal crafts and holiday crafts were always special, and anything to do with painting and drawing was always a favorite. Arts and crafts sessions are providing the children with important life skills, and amusement at the same time .

Writing Sessions

We encourage children to write about their feelings and aspirations. We do constant writing activities, where children can express themselves freely without being afraid of being judged or bullied. The Story of a Boy Named FayeZ" is one of the books discussed at the PBBY library in Rafah written by the remarkable, Taghreed Al-Najjar. The librarian asked a number of questions designed to improve the children's critical thinking and analytical skills, and at the end, they drew some conclusions about what they had learned.

Here is a link of one of the children writings:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rw4glqij6OBBN6wuhT0ilxFFoNYcS-Wp76Fz2e8->

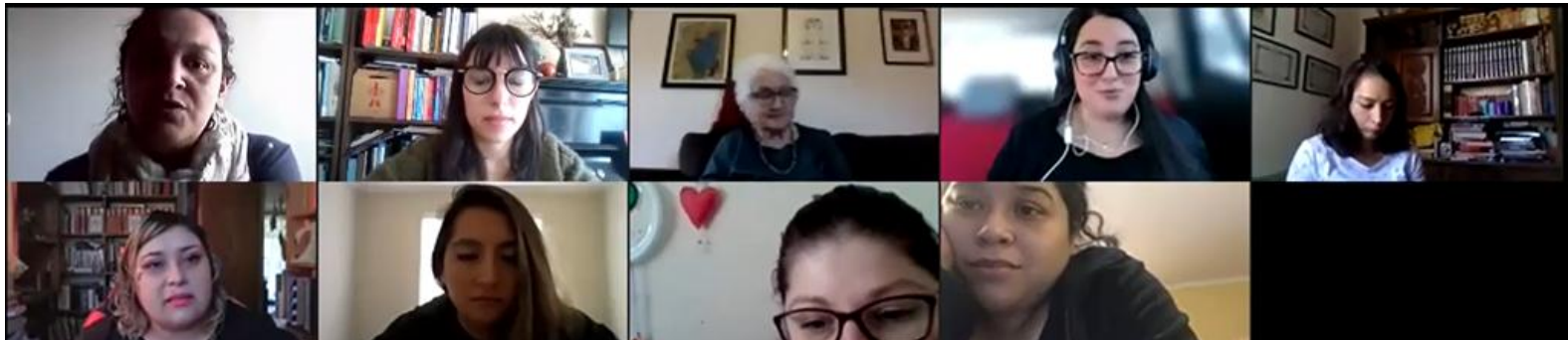


Palestine in Chile

The president of PBBY Jehan Helou was happy to be participate in Mónica Munizaga's course at the "Universidad Austral de Chile (UACH)". She was asked to talk about the work of IBBY's Palestine "Children in Crisis" in Gaza Her presentation included many pictures and background information detailing the oppressive situation in Gaza where children are denied their basic human rights. In this course Diploma for Reading Promotion and Children's literature, students learn how to promote reading among migrants and refugees who came to Chile from Venezuela, Haiti, and Colombia. In an interactive discussion with students who work with refugees, she talked about PBBY's experience with Bibliotherapy and the different psycho-social activities that aim to release the great stress the children endure. Thee students had many queries and share their experiences too.

For our Spanish-speaking friends, here is the full discussion.

<https://drive.google.com/.../1E6I7seGdetcEvyZYIm2.../view>



Eid al-Fiter Celebration

Children at PBBY's libraries celebrated Eid-al-Fiter with the clowns

PBBT tries to provide some recreational activities as a tool of stress release. This time the choice was professional Clowns who offered some laughs and relief to children of our Libraries in Biet Hanoun and al-Shawka. They are filled with joy this year on Eid al-Fitr as they were unable to celebrate the past two years to COVID-19 pandemic and Israel's aggression, which prevented them from going out and having fun. The clowns painted their faces and donned wigs and red noses to entertain and encourage them to jump up and give each other



Success Stories

Children's Tale Translation and Voice Over:

In PBBY, we translated a story written by the talented Mónica Munizaga Yávar, "The Nights of Birds in The Forest" from Spanish to Arabic, and did a voice over. We used this tale as a training material for the children to practice acting the story. By acting out a text, kids were able to develop meaning around it.



Success Stories

Connectivity for Al-Shawka Library

For long years there was no Internet connection for al Shawka library and that area When it became available we were able to provide to provide to the library al-Shawka library; unfortunately the power is cut many hours a day, still the internet will enable us to share information and communicate more effectively.

Arrival of IBBY's Books

After waiting several months we were able to send the large number of quality Arabic books bought by members of our Administrative committee frpm Ramallah and Amman to Gaza with the help of UNESCO.