

IBBY-Yamada Fund

Project reports 2024

IBBY Dominican Republic Lleva un libro en la maleta

Roundtrip Book Exchange and Training for the School Library
Network of Capotillo, D.R. and Tetuán, Spain



Every child has the right to become a reader



Project Implementation Report

"BACK AND FORTH. EXCHANGE OF BOOKS AND TRAINING FOR THE NETWORK OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES CAPOTILLO, D.R.-TETUÁN, SPAIN»

Circles are closed and networks are created.

March 11, 2024

After contacting the following centres by email:

CEIP IGNACIO ZULOAGA

CEIP ORTEGA Y GASSET

IES JAIME VERA

IES TETUÁN DE LAS VICTORIAS

and in the absence of responses, we decided to make a visit in person from Lleva un libro en la maleta and take the books to the libraries of the centers, along with Mrs. Doris Araujo, representative of ACUDEBI (CULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION LIBRARY), who had previously contacted the centers by telephone.

We were only officially received at the CEIP Ignacio Zuloaga, where we made the donation to the director.

Activity Report: Book Distribution

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Schools visited:

- Escuela Primaria Salomé Ureña de Henríquez
- Liceo Capotillo
- Escuela Primaria La Aurora
- Escuela Básica Capotillo

Organizations involved:

- Voluntariado Banreservas – Paulina Rodríguez
- Cultural Association Lleva un Libro en la Maleta – Virginia Read, President
- IBBY-RD

Activity Description:

Voluntariado Banreservas served as a facilitator and administrator for the Cultural Association *Lleva un Libro en la Maleta*, which was selected to receive the IBBY-Yamada Fund 2024 for its project promoting reading and distributing books to various schools in the Capotillo area. The primary objective of this activity was to strengthen school libraries and encourage a reading culture within the student community.

Representing IBBY Dominican Republic, and at the request of Virginia Read, President of *Lleva un Libro en la Maleta*, and Paulina Rodríguez from Voluntariado Banreservas, I participated in this initiative along with Mr. Yovanny Antonio Paulino Hernández from INDARTE and Mr. Chris from Voluntariado Banreservas. Together, we formally delivered books to different educational institutions. Additionally, we made a final donation of books to the Institute for the Development of the Arts and Education (INDARTE), received by Mr. Estiven Cuello.

Among the activities carried out, we highlight:

1. Book Distribution:

- A formal book handover took place, including books purchased from Dominican publishers and those sent from Spain. These books were intended to strengthen school libraries and foster reading and learning among students.

2. Story Readings:

- We conducted live storytelling sessions for students, featuring engaging stories that stimulated their imagination and creativity, helping to introduce them to books in an enjoyable way.

3. Conversations with Students and Teachers:

- We had a great time interacting with high school students. During our discussions, they shared their reading preferences and motivations.

- We also engaged in conversations with teachers and librarians, exchanging ideas and suggestions on how to utilize the donated books and implement strategies to cultivate reading habits inside and outside the classroom.

Results & Impact:

- **Strengthening School Libraries:** The donated books expanded existing collections in some schools, while in others, new reading spaces were created.
- **Encouraging Reading:** The shared readings and direct interaction with books sparked students' interest and curiosity.
- **Support for the Educational Community:** The ideas and suggestions shared with teachers and librarians enhanced their ability to use available resources more effectively.

Recommendations:

1. **Follow-up:** Conduct periodic visits to evaluate the impact of donations on students' reading habits.
2. **Workshops for Teachers and Librarians:** Offer training sessions on creative strategies to encourage reading and organize literary activities.
3. **Program Expansion:** Replicate this initiative in other communities facing similar challenges to continue promoting reading at a national level.

Conclusion:

The book distribution activity in Capotillo was an enriching experience that allowed me to contribute to the educational and cultural development of the community. This initiative reaffirmed the importance of collaboration between organizations in promoting access to books and strengthening education in vulnerable areas.

Elizabeth Balaguer
President, IBBY Dominican Republic





Subsequently, we invited the librarians of the centers to receive the four workshops created by the writer Farah Hallal, which were joined by two NGOs that work with Dominican children in Madrid. The Espronceda and Pinard Cultural Centre. And where strategies were developed to promote reading and reading mediation in communities of diverse cultures, simultaneously with the aforementioned NGOs, Schools in Capotillo and Libraries that have already received funds from IBBY-Yamada, obtained by the Cultural Association Carry a Book in the Suitcase, in the previous call for proposals in the Dominican Republic (Year 2021)



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Martes 9, 16, 23 y 30

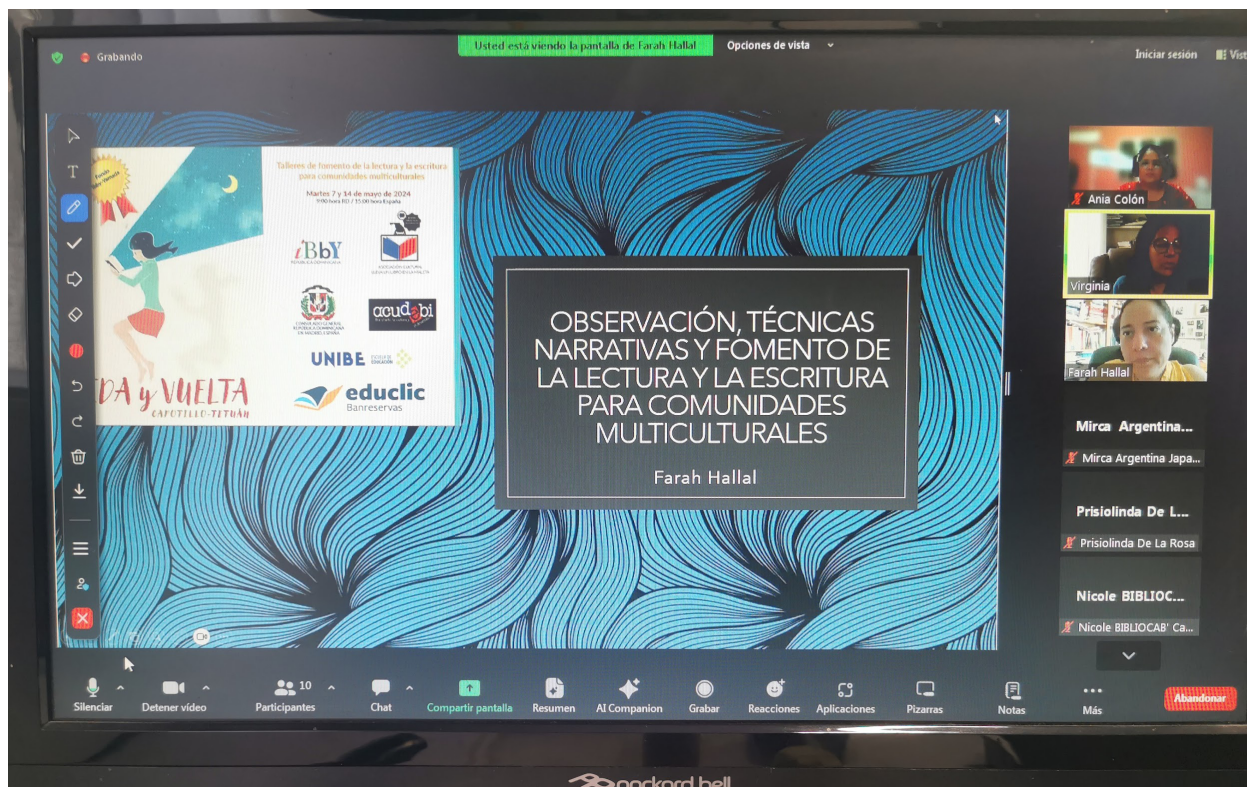
de abril 2024

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From Lleva un libro en la maleta, four batches of books by Dominican authors of the LIJ were processed with the Consulate of the Dominican Republic in Madrid, to be delivered to the centers, which were donated to us, through the official Mr. Silvestre Encarnación.

Likewise, the Volunteers of the Banco de Reservas also gave us a batch of books, processed through the Dominican Embassy in Madrid.



Given the lack of interest from the schools contacted, we decided to donate the books to three NGOs that were willing to work with them in the dominican communities.

On October 21, 2024 we met in Madrid, Mrs. Doris Araujo from ACUDEBI, Virginia Read Escobal, from Lleva un libro en la maleta and:

Ana Fernández Galmez, representing the Espronceda Cultural Center.

Estíbaliz Gómez Bedmar, representing Cesal, and

Ana Sanz, representing Pinard.

And Mr. Vevo (Julio C. Vargas) of the Dominican Basketball League in Madrid, who directs sports activities with young people of Dominican origin at risk of being recruited by Latin gangs

They carry out the same educational work of leveling the children of Dominican origin, and they did not know each other previously .

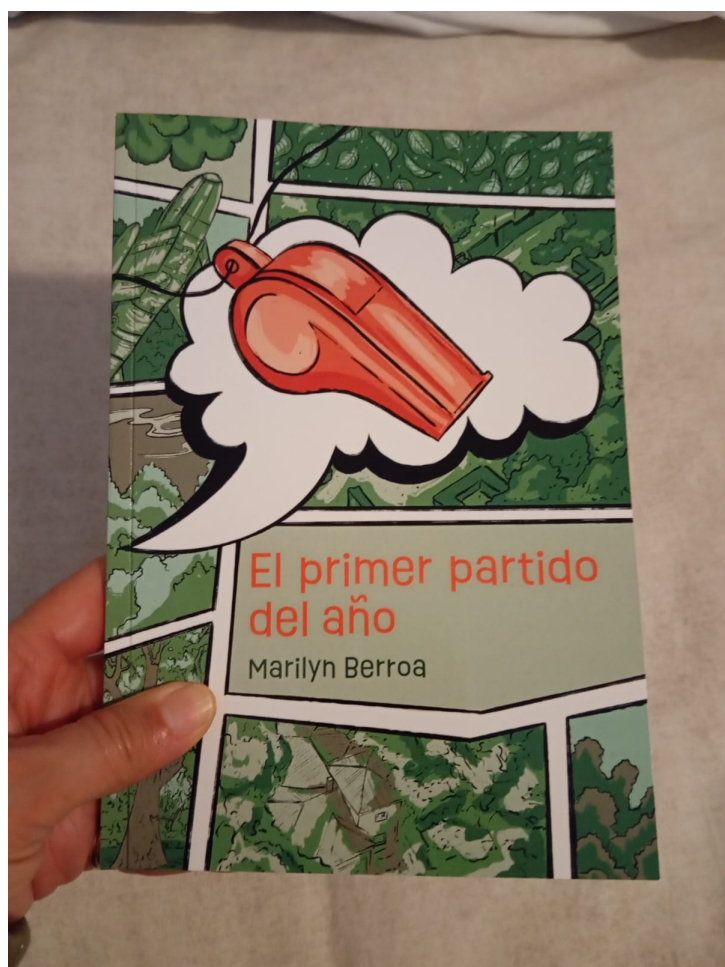
They were given the batches of books donated by the Consulate and the Volunteers.











Our commitment to promoting spaces for children's and young people's literature in the School Libraries of Madrid does not end with this project financed by the IBBY-Yamada funds. From Lleva un libro en la maleta we will continue with the continuous work to promote Dominican children's and young people's literature, with book deliveries, activities and workshops in Spain, and the exchange with reading projects, located in the Dominican Republic.