

A Month of Books, A Lifetime of Learning: Celebrating National Reading Month

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“Read and Grow.” With these powerful words of Sri P.N. Panicker echoing in our hearts, the library of S.B. Patil Public School, Pune transformed into a bustling hub of imagination, creativity, and learning during the month-long celebration of National Reading Month (19th June to 18th July, 2026). To honour the Father of the Library Movement, our school organised a vibrant series of library-centric activities designed to reignite our collective love for books.

Here is a glimpse of how our students turned pages into pathways of discovery this past month:

The Reading Pledge

The celebrations began on a solemn note with the National Reading Day Pledge. Gathering together in the quiet sanctuary of our library, students and teachers took a collective oath. We pledged to make reading an inseparable part of our daily lives, to embrace critical thinking, and to use knowledge as a tool for personal and national growth. It was a beautiful reminder that every book we open opens a new door for our future.



Student Book Reviews

To move beyond just reading and into deep understanding, our older students took on the roles of literary critics. They penned thoughtful, analytical book reviews of their favourite fiction and non-fiction titles. From breaking down complex character arcs to discussing the underlying themes of classic and modern literature, these reviews showcased our students' sharp analytical skills. The best reviews are now displayed on the library notice board to help

peers choose their next big read!

Designing Front Covers

Who says you shouldn't judge a book by its cover? Our younger artists brought their favourite stories to life visually by reimagining and drawing the front covers of books they loved. The library was flooded with a kaleidoscope of colours, featuring beautifully drawn dragons, historical figures, and stellar landscapes. This activity beautifully bridged the gap between visual artistry and literary imagination.



Author Spotlights

Behind every great book is a brilliant mind. To appreciate the craft of writing, students researched and compiled fascinating profiles of various renowned authors. Along with beautiful sketches of the writers, students shared interesting trivia, childhood inspirations, and historical contexts about the creators of world-famous literature. It was an enriching exercise that helped readers connect deeply with

the human hands behind the printed words.