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Bibliophiles. The only thing that defines a bibliophile is a book; a deep embedded love for books. The only thing that a bibliophile can ask for, more than a beloved book, is a space to talk about the love of books. We, at the KNC Book Club, aim to provide that space for expressing the love of books, for embracing it, and for falling for it again, and again. This year, the Book Club proudly presented to KNC its 'Open Library', the first of its kind in DU, which opened in October 2013. It allows people to exchange books without the strict rules and regulations of a library. Apart from being an attempt at nurturing the souls of the always hungry bibliophiles, the 'Open Library' also provides a physical space for people to sit, relax and read, right in the middle of an everyday-busy-and-bustling college. It also provides a space for book lovers to meet up from time to time, and read from their favourite books, or simply talk about them.

The next thing that any bibliophile could ask for is sitting inches away from their beloved author, while he/she reads to them. On 19th August 2013, Sid Bahri of *The Homing Pigeons* fame visited us. He read excerpts from his book, while our book lovers geared up to ask him bundles of questions about everything, from the characters in his book, to the publishing world. On 16th September 2013, Devapriya Roy, the author of *The Vague Woman's Handbook* came to visit us, to read from, and talk about her new book *The Weight Loss Club*. Both the readings were followed by book signings.

The Book Club also sent a dozen volunteers to help at the World Book Fair, organized by NBT. The enthusiastic members helped organize book readings, workshops and author interactions, apart from enjoying the feast of books available at the fair.

The Book Club also works to make the college library a more interactive, and pleasurable experience for bibliophiles. This is done through the Book Club display rack in the college library, where we place different types, and genres of books, to make it easier for the book lovers to explore the collection. We also try to keep it interesting by changing the collection often. 'We lusty bibliophiles know that reading, unlike just about anything else, is

both good is both good for you and loads of fun', Kevin Smokler said, and every time someone repeats that, we at KNC Book Club, are delighted to share the same opinion.