

**Report: 2011-2012**

Kamala Nehru College is proud of its Book Club, which aims at providing a space for avid readers in college to get together and share their views on their favourite authors and books, as well as to delve into recent releases and current fiction and non-fiction. Book or poetry readings, by well-known authors, as well as more informal ones by students, are organized.

The book club is the proud to showcase the personal book collection of renowned author Anita Desai, which she kindly donated to Kamala Nehru College

The book club has continuously worked to make the library a more interactive, welcoming & informative space for bibliophiles. One unique attempt is through the display board which highlights book related information- about genres, authors or current literary events, and displays related books, both new and old.

This year, students also met from time to time, once a month, to read from their favourite works, or to share views, or even to read from self-composed pieces of poetry and prose.

In January, the members met and interacted with author Aditi Jindal, author of "Dumped... the other side of a relationship". She visited the college on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 and read from her book, and then mingled with the students; answering their queries on book writing, book publishing, plotting a story etc. She had earlier visited the college as a debutant author when her first book "Cracking the Joints" had been published.

On 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012, renowned author Ahquleah K. Luthienne visited the college to read from her book, 'The Sacred Quest' which was being launched that evening at the World Book Fair. She read from the book, which is part of a stunning, illuminated trilogy, and shared her experiences of writing and traveling as an author with avid, eager students. The interaction was a huge success and she promised to return later in the year, for a workshop with the enthusiastic students.

A large contingent of KNC students, under the aegis of the Book Club volunteered to work with NBT for the World Book Fair, and they were in fact the largest contingent of students from any DU college! This year NBT India invited Delhi University students as volunteers for the World Book Fair 2012, held at Pragati Maidan. This prestigious event sees visitors from India and abroad, as well as many school and college teams that visit. KNC book club students were thrilled to have been a part of this, and they worked in the Protocol, Information and Conference offices, interacting with authors, visitors, students and institutional buyers, and learning about the book trade and the workings of a business fair. Of course, all the students also came away with many books that they bought in the free time they were given each day, during the 10 days of the fair!