



# READ WITH ME LIBRARIES IN 2020

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COVID-19 pandemic and other social and economic factors made 2020 much different than what we had planned and expected. During this challenging year, all Read with Me colleagues including experts, librarians, promoters, and financial supporters tried to keep children in touch with the world of books. In 2020, the type and amount of library activities changed but never stopped. This year, we still established new libraries, children still had access to books, the Read with Me librarian network was strengthened and together, we made the effort to keep the light of hope in our hearts.



# LIBRARY ACTIVITIES AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Part 1.



It has been more than one year since the first coronavirus patient has been confirmed. During all this time, all jobs and activities were affected by the pandemic. Coronavirus has transformed children's experience in playing, school, socializing and so on. Across the world, lots of children's libraries which were once places for children to gather, were closed or limited. In Iran, Read with Me libraries had the same condition.

**Roja Library – Koveyi village – Qeshm Island**

Since last March, Read with Me libraries have found different procedures for their activities. Some were completely closed and others continued their activities more or less. Since the beginnings of Winter 2021, a number of libraries were reopened with health protocols and considerations. On the following pages, you can see the activities of Read with Me libraries in different regions and the Read with Me team who scheduled and supported the libraries in the first year of COVID-19 pandemic.



Neday-e Mandegar  
Library - Tehran



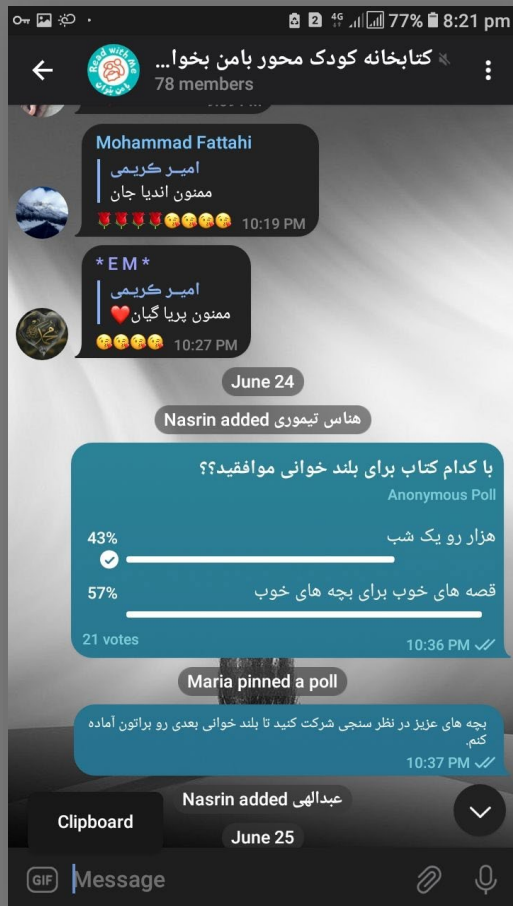
Unfortunately, most school libraries were closed this year. A total of 20 Read with Me libraries including school libraries and some village/ local libraries which were located at high-risk regions ended up being closed. The librarians of these libraries could not continue their activities outside of the library due to restrictions.



However, among these, there were some libraries that were closed but the librarians somehow continued working with children either through online platforms or by delivering books at their doors or even through arranging meetings outdoors. These librarians recorded their read-aloud sessions and sent them to online groups they had on Telegram, Whatsapp or Instagram. Some others packaged books appropriate to children's age-group and lent them to their families for a longer period of time. Some also held read-aloud sessions outdoors with parents' consent.

9 Read with Me libraries in Lorestan, Rey, Hormozgan, Poldokhtar, Sarpol-e Zahab, Qeshm and Sistan & Balouchestan continued their activities this way.





Javanroud Read with Me Library in Kermanshah – Online Activities  
from left to right: creating a poll to ask children about the book they want  
for their read-aloud session  
children sending their artwork in the group  
sending audiobooks to the group



Online read-aloud session in Dargahan, Qeshm Island

“After the online read-aloud, children made crafts and shared the pictures in our group”



Read-aloud session outdoors, Sirkouh Village, Kermanshah

Promoter: Maryam Kahrizi



Home libraries – Sarpol-e Zahab – Kermanshah  
Librarian: Shokoufeh Amirian



Jar Elementary School Library, Haj Abdollah Village – Sistan and Balouchestan



Book packages ready to be delivered to families – Anahita Library - Tehran



Delivering book sacks to a number of students in HosseinAbad and GhassemAbad Villages – Zabol – Sistan and Balouchestan



Meanwhile, there were some libraries that were able to keep their doors open, although their activities were limited to lending books. Their work hours were decreased and while they were open, children could enter the library, search through the books. 20 libraries in Kermanshah, Lorestan, South Khorasan, some districts of Tehran and Sistan & Balouchestan continued their activities like this.





Lending books to children – Valiasr School Library – Khansar - Isfahan

There were also libraries that due to their local situation, remained open and continued their activities as they always had. 15 libraries had this condition. They were mostly small village libraries that maintained a sort of village-wide quarantine and the population was able to keep safe from the pandemic. These libraries are located in Hormozgan, Gilan, Kerman, Charmahal and Bakhtiari, and Sistan & Balouchestan. .



Shahi Aali School Library –  
Radochahi Village - Zahedan

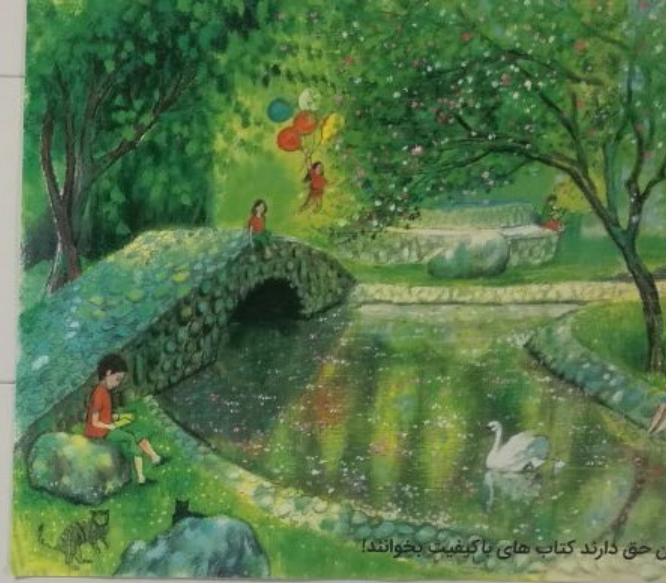


Lending books to children and read-aloud sessions in Radochahi village  
Teenage Librarian: Asmaa Ghanbarzehi



Lending books to children and read-aloud session – Ghargharouk Village –  
Sistan & Balouchestan

This library has 6 teenage librarians



The Read with Me Library Support Team in Tehran, continued their activities as of previous years. In addition to their normal responsibilities, they also helped librarians and promoters in implementing the health protocols.

For better coordination and clarity during the pandemic, two announcements were made on May 20<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup> 2020. In these announcements, necessary instructions and guides about library activities during the pandemic were specified.

Also, the financial supporters of our libraries and Read with Me Fan Club provided face masks and disinfectants for libraries that demanded them, so as to enhance the safety of the libraries for children.

The Library Support team also published “The Safety and Health Handbook” and “The Safety and Health Checklist” for Read with Me libraries.

## دستنامه

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در این جزوه به موارد احتمالی مرتبط با ایمنی، امنیت و سلامت که در کتابخانه ممکن است اتفاق بیافتند اشاره خواهد شد و راه‌های جلوگیری، مقابله و مدیریت بحران را به شما آموزش خواهیم داد. هدف از طراحی و ارائه این مطالب جلوگیری از احتمال رخ دادن حوادث یا مدیریت مناسب حوادث است. مواردی که در این جزوه به آن‌ها اشاره شده است را می‌توان در گروه‌های سلامت، امنیت و ایمنی کتابخانه قرار داد.




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موضوع	بله	خیر	ناشناس	توضیحات
۱- آیا تعداد تعداد کتاب مناسب با تقسیم کتابخانه است؟	✓			
۲- آیا اصل‌های کتاب‌ها بریزه داخل کابین و قفسه‌های کتاب قرار می‌گیرد؟	✓			
۳- آیا وسایل کتابخانه بگونه‌ای ساخته شده است که برای کودکان خطرناک نباشد؟	✓			
۴- آیا قفسه‌های کتاب یکمعم به دریا می‌رسد؟	✓			
۵- آیا میزها و رختی محیط جهت مطالعه در دسترس است؟	✓			
۶- آیا برای غیر ضروری روی قفسه‌های کتاب قرار دارد؟	✓			
۷- آیا تعداد کیمسول‌های آتش‌نشانی با توجه به فضای مطالعه و محیط به اندازه کافی وجود دارد؟	✓			کیمسول آتش‌نشانی در کتابخانه موجود نیست
۸- آیا تاریخ شارژ کیمسول‌های آتش‌نشانی معتبر است؟	✓			
۹- آیا کاندیدان آشنایی لازم (تئوری و عملی) با نحوه کار با سطل‌های آتش‌نشانی را طی کرده‌اند؟	✓			
۱۰- آیا کیمسول گاز جهت طیف و یا به عنوان منبع سوخت جهت بخاری گازی خارج از محیط و در فضای جدا قرار دارد؟	✓			کیمسول گاز جهت طیف ندارد
۱۱- آیا از بست استاندارد و ایمن جهت اتصال شلنگ به کیمسول گاز استفاده شده است؟	✓			
۱۲- آیا درب تلپوی برق مورد بازدید قفل شده است؟	✓			
۱۳- آیا تلپوی برق مورد بازدید از نظر ایمنی (از نظر آکب بلان مناسب) است؟	✓			تلپوی برق کتابخانه ایمن است و مستقیماً در راه‌رو قرار دارد
۱۴- آیا سطل‌های آتش‌نشانی در کتابخانه نصب شده است؟	✓			
۱۵- آیا سطل‌های آتش‌نشانی در کتابخانه نصب شده است؟	✓			

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چک لیست ایمنی در کتابخانه‌ها

موضوع	بله	خیر	ناشناس	توضیحات
۱- آیا حجم و تعداد کتاب‌ها متناسب با قفسه کتابخانه است؟	✓			
۲- آیا اصل‌های کتاب‌ها بریزه داخل کابین و قفسه‌های کتاب پد گذاری و محافظت شده‌اند؟	✓			
۳- آیا وسایل کتابخانه به گونه‌ای ساخته شده است که برای کودکان خطرناک نباشد؟	✓			
۴- آیا قفسه‌های کتاب یکمعم به دیوار می‌رسد؟	✓			
۵- آیا میزها و رختی محیط جهت مطالعه در دسترس است؟	✓			
۶- آیا برای غیر ضروری روی قفسه‌های کتاب قرار دارد؟	✓			
۷- آیا تعداد کیمسول‌های آتش‌نشانی با توجه به فضای مطالعه و محیط به اندازه کافی وجود دارد؟	✓			کتابخانه کیمسول آتش‌نشانی ندارد و آتش‌خیز نا ایمن است
۸- آیا تاریخ شارژ کیمسول‌های آتش‌نشانی معتبر است؟	✓			
۹- آیا کاندیدان آشنایی لازم (تئوری و عملی) با نحوه کار با سطل‌های آتش‌نشانی را طی کرده‌اند؟	✓			
۱۰- آیا کیمسول گاز جهت طیف و یا به عنوان منبع سوخت جهت بخاری گازی خارج از محیط و در فضای جدا قرار دارد؟	✓			کیمسول گاز جهت طیف ندارد
۱۱- آیا از بست استاندارد و ایمن جهت اتصال شلنگ به کیمسول گاز استفاده شده است؟	✓			
۱۲- آیا درب تلپوی برق مورد بازدید قفل شده است؟	✓			

According to the checklists we received from our libraries, we evaluated their safety and health situation and made follow-up decisions.



In 2020, a group of Read with Me experts started working on the Read with Me Online Courses on Amouzak Online Education Platform.

This platform allowed us to continue holding Read with Me workshops online, since they were stopped last year due to the pandemic.

Our newly established libraries and new librarians were trained through this platform. Some older librarians also participated in the “Children’s Literature and Read-aloud” workshop to solidify their previous learnings.



# ESTABLISHING NEW LIBRARIES

Part 2.





A Read with Me Library is a collection of standards that can be implemented in any library, creating a space appropriate for children. A Read with Me library is a child-centered space with a literacy-rich environment.

For more information about our libraries, visit our [Read with Me Libraries](#) webpage.

In 2020, 12 libraries were added to our family, reaching a total of 81 Read with Me libraries.



**Zalan Read with Me Library**  
**Location: Zalan Village, Kermanshah**  
**Start Date: May 2020**  
**Supporter: Read with Me Fan Club and**  
**Keep Children in School Foundation**





**Sabashahr Read with Me Library**

**Location: Sabashahr, Tehran**

**Start Date: June 2020**

**Supporter: Arg Telecommunication Co.**



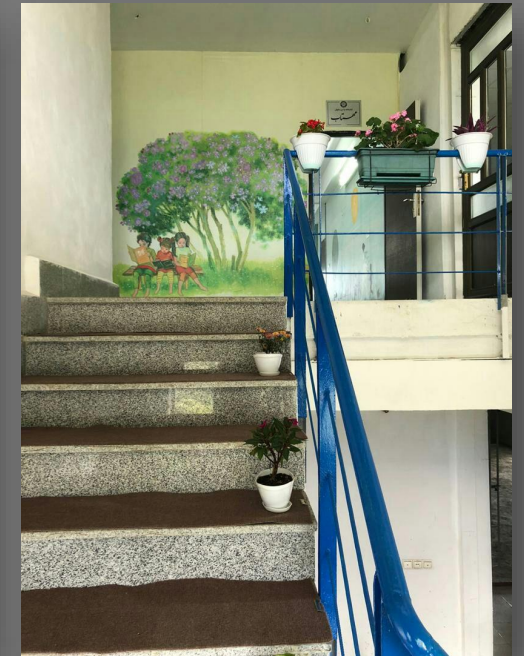


**Yar-e Mehrban Read with Me Library**  
**Location: Arak (Rezvan School), Markazi**  
**Start Date: September 2020**  
**Supporter: Ms. Kasraee**





**Mahtab Read with Me Library**  
**Location: Chaikhansar Village, Gilan**  
**Start Date: October 2020**  
**Supporter: Ghavvami Family**





**Komiteh Read with Me Library**  
**Location: Komiteh Village , Tehran**  
**Start Date: October 2020**  
**Supporter: Bahrehmand Family**



**Niyayesh Read with Me Library**  
**Location: Ravansar, Kermanshah**  
**Start Date: November 2020**  
**Supporter: In memory of Mehdi Amiri,**  
**supported by a relative**





**Roja Read with Me Library**  
**Location: Koveyi Village, Hormozgan**  
**Start Date: November**  
**Supporter: Roja Center**





**Sorayya Read with Me Library**  
**Location: Qazvin**  
**Start Date: January 2021**  
**Supporter: Sorayya Qezelayaq fans and Read with Me Fan Club**





**Tiab Girls Read with Me Library**

**Location: Konarak, Sistan & Balouchestan**

**Start Date: March 2021**

**Supporters: Idaj Engineering Co. and Balin Tech.**





**Golbanou Read with Me Library**  
**Location: Bayangan, Kermanshah**  
**Start Date: March 2021**  
**Supporter: Mr. Kianpour, Shamlou Family,**  
**Mr. Vaziri**



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**Jahantiq Read with Me Library**

**Location: Piri Village – Sistan and  
Balouchestan**

**Start Date: March 2021**

**Supporter: Sima Behmanesh**



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**Roya Read with Me Library**

**Location: Kul Village, Zabol, Sistan and  
Balouchestan**

**Start Date: March 2021**

**Supporters: Farzan Rad Co. and Sima  
Behmanesh**





Mafi Library, built in memory of Yahya Mafi in his hometown, had been closed for some time. It was reopened in February 2021, with support from Mafi Family and the cooperation of Qazvin Education Office.

## Mafi Library

Location: Moallem Kalayeh, Qazvin

Reopening Date: February 2021

Supporter: Mafi Family





Tabas Masina Read with Me Library, which was previously located in Bahonar Elementary School, was closed along with school during the pandemic. However, in January 2021, it restarted its activities at a new location

**Tabas Masina Read with Me Library**  
**Location Tabas Masina, South Khorasan**  
**Reopening Date: January 2021**  
**Supporter: Dalileh Hashemi**





# MONTHLY MEETINGS OF LIBRARIANS

Part 3.



Read with Me Libraries team arranged monthly online meetings with all Read with Me Librarians to strengthen the network of librarians within the program. Each monthly session has a main topic around which librarians share their experiences with their colleagues across the country. In addition to that, the latest news and focal subjects of the Read with Me program are also announce in each session.

In 2020, a total of 4 monthly meetings were held. The topics of these meetings included: “Library activities during COVID-19 pandemic”, “Health and safety in the library”, “cooperation of children and teenagers in library management”, and “environmental activities in a library”. These meetings had 25 participants from Sistan and Balouchestan, Hormozgan, Kerman, Tehran, Kermanshah, Kordestan, Qazvin, Gilan and Lorestan Provinces.

The image displays four promotional posters for monthly meetings organized by the Read with Me Libraries team. Each poster includes the following information:

- Meeting 1 (Top Right):** Title: نشست مجازی ماهانه کتابداران کتابخانه‌های با من بخوان (Virtual Monthly Meeting of Librarians of Libraries with Me). Date: چهارشنبه ۱۹ آذر ۹۹ (Thursday, 19 Azar 1399). Time: ساعت ۱۶ تا ۱۸ (16:00 to 18:00). Topic: موضوع: فعالیت کتابخانه‌ها در زمان همه‌گیری بیماری کووید-۱۹ (Topic: Activities of libraries during the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak).
- Meeting 2 (Middle Right):** Title: نشست مجازی ماهانه کتابداران کتابخانه‌های با من بخوان (Virtual Monthly Meeting of Librarians of Libraries with Me). Date: چهارشنبه ۱۷ دی ۹۹ (Thursday, 17 Deh 1399). Time: ساعت ۱۴ تا ۱۶ (14:00 to 16:00). Topic: موضوع: ایمنی، امنیت و سلامت در کتابخانه‌ها (Topic: Safety, security and health in libraries).
- Meeting 3 (Middle Left):** Title: نشست مجازی ماهانه کتابداران کتابخانه‌های با من بخوان (Virtual Monthly Meeting of Librarians of Libraries with Me). Date: چهارشنبه ۱۵ بهمن ۹۹ (Thursday, 15 Behman 1399). Time: ساعت ۱۵ تا ۱۷ (15:00 to 17:00). Topic: موضوع: «هم‌پاران کودک و نوجوان» کتابخانه (Topic: «Children and teenagers partners» library).
- Meeting 4 (Bottom Left):** Title: نشست مجازی ماهانه کتابداران کتابخانه‌های با من بخوان (Virtual Monthly Meeting of Librarians of Libraries with Me). Date: چهارشنبه ۱۳ اسفند ۹۹ (Thursday, 13 Asfand 1399). Time: ساعت ۱۵ تا ۱۷ (15:00 to 17:00). Topic: موضوع: فعالیت‌های محیط زیستی در کتابخانه (Topic: Environmental activities in the library).

Each poster also features the 'Read with Me' logo and illustrations of books and plants. On the far left, there is a small screenshot of a video conference showing two participants and a text box with the title 'تعرفی از همیار کودک و نوجوان:' (Do you know about children and teenagers partners?).



# READING IN FAMILIES PROGRAM

Part 4.



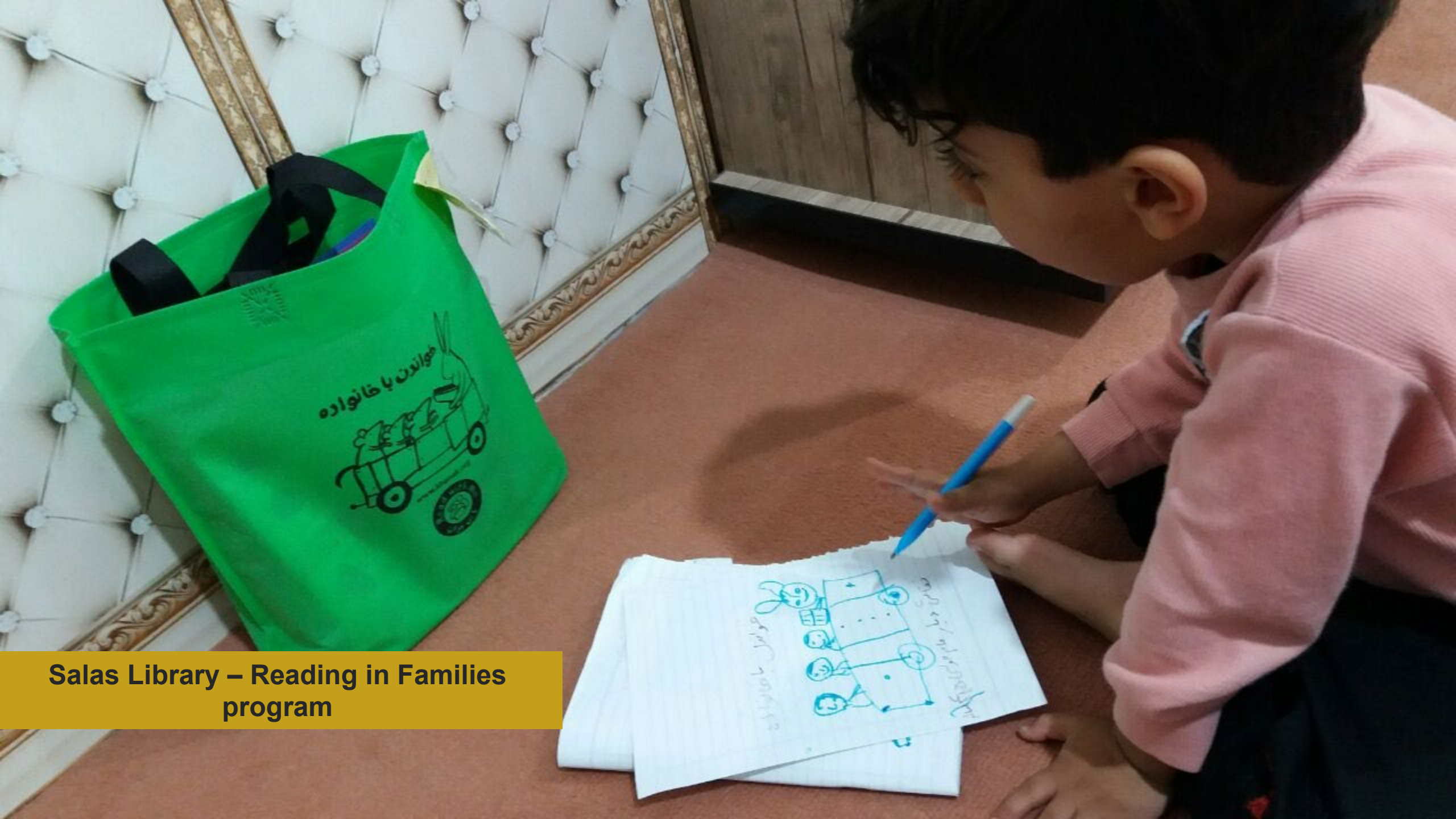
The Reading in Families program is a new project by Read with Me which started implementation in Autumn 2020.

The main goal of this program is to empower families (parents) in underserved regions, so that they can promote basic literacy through literature and reading books to their children (from 0 to 16 years of age)

The most practical and realistic places that can help implement this program are libraries. Due to their constant contact with children, naturally they are involved with families as well. The library is also a great location for holding sessions. Therefore, librarians can easily hold meetings with parents, whenever they see fit, so they can talk to them about the importance of reading books and emergent literacy. They can also teach parents how to share books with their children so they can read to their children at home.



**Zalan Library – Reading in Families program**



**Salas Library – Reading in Families program**



**Rijab Library – Reading in Families program**



**Javanroud Library – Reading in Families program**



**Moallem Kalayeh Library – Reading in Families program**





# UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN 2021

Part 5.

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- Designing and implementing an online workshop about “How to create a literacy-rich environment” for librarians, teachers and parents
  - Improving the safety and health conditions of Read with Me libraries
  - Expanding the network of Read with Me libraries and enhancing the necessary foundations for online communication
  - Complementary training for librarians through online workshops



Javanroud Library,  
Kermanshah



Salas Library,  
Kermanshah



Rijab Library,  
Kermanshah



Lorestan Nomads  
Library, Khorram

Abad





**Khansar Library,  
Khansar**



**Etrat School Library,  
Zabol**



**Ghorveh Mobile  
Library, Kordestan**



**Hormagi Village  
Library, Zahedan**





Gouriyeh Library,  
Shushtar



Mehr & Azar 80  
Library, Tehran



Navid-e Vahy  
Library, Dargahan,  
Qeshm



Sepehr Library,  
Ghassem Abad Village,  
Jiroft





**Ava Library, Islam  
Shahr**



**Borgheyi School Library,  
Rahmat Abad Village,  
Zahedan**



**Hendevalan Library,  
Darmian, South  
Khorasan**



**Shahed School Library,  
Zahak, Sistan and  
Balouchestan**

