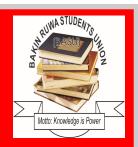
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Easing access to Learning Materials

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Why do we Establish BASU Community Library



A Primary 2 Pupils Taking book from the shelf of BASU Community Library



Pupils Preparing for Reading Competition at BASU Community Library

Bakin Ruwa community is generally considered to be an educationally backward partly because most of the residents are more inclined to trading. Indeed a research conducted by BASU reveals that 65% of Bakin Ruwa community students do not have text books and only 1 out of 10 reads a single book in a year, 50% fail exams at different levels. Moreover, 45% of the primary pupils can not read and write and 40% of the secondary students can neither peak nor write a sound paragraph in English language. While only 20% are computer literate.

To reduce the problem of insufficient reading materials among its members, BASU initiates the idea of establishing community library. BASU calls for its members to contribute either new books or used books and rented a house where the library was established.

Later we realize students that come to our weekend extra lessons classes were not expose to basic science practical hence we purchased some laboratory apparatus.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1. BASU library is the first community library in our locality;
- 2. It eases access to reading materials to students especially girls and women.
- 3. It promotes reading culture through programs like Reading competition.
 - 4. It helps the students to do their assignments and term papers.



Members of the Bakin Ruwa Students' Union (BASU) during BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAING which intends to reduce the rate of out-of-school children and promote literacy.

OUR NEXT PLAN

The essence of establishing the mini library with meager resources was to test wheather establishing library will help in improving the learning outcome and promote reading culture.

Despite the scarcity of the reading materials and unfriendly nature of the environment where the library was established, the library proves fruitful, therefore we intend to purchase land and build a friendly learning space with sound reading materials.

We are
volunteering and our
communities are
changing.
Lack of fund don't
discourage us yet the
availability of fund
expand and
strengthen our
activities.
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