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Always Reading Caravan Association

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is a not for profit, non-governmental, and non-religious organization, which provides mobile library services to children and adults both with and without disabilities in rural areas of Thailand

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- Yoshimi -

ARC's Mission

We aim to:

- Promote reading for pleasure;
- Provide equal reading opportunities for children from various background; and
- Encourage children with and without disabilities to mingle with one another, and hence remove the mental barriers between them.

Did you know?

- Average literacy rate in Thailand is 92.3%, but the average number of books a child reads is 5 books per year.
- Generally, Thai people perceive books solely as tools of study, and not as entertainment.
- There are at least 1.1 million people with disabilities in Thailand (1.8% of the total population), of which 77% of them live in rural areas.
- In Thailand, people with disabilities are either pitied or looked down upon and are ostracized by the community.



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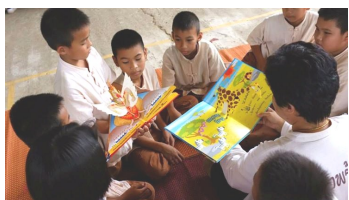
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Where Did We Come From?

Always Reading Caravan (ARC) is a non-profit organization founded by Yoshimi Horiuchi, a blind bookaholic from Japan. While she was studying in Bangkok, she visited many villages and disability-related organizations and realized that people with or without disabilities have very limited access to information and reading material for many reasons, including the high cost of books and lack of libraries in rural areas. This prompted her to devise ways to connect books and people.

Where Are We Going?

Decades from now, we envision that our mobile libraries will be in small villages all around the country like mobile ice-cream shops. Children and adults can come and select their favourite books at their doorstep. Also, ARC will work with each community to establish a small library in the village so that bookworms can keep reading even after ARC moves to another location.



Where Are We Now?

Project in Central Thailand:

Bai Mon library: A community library in Supanburi province, where anyone can visit and borrow books.

Projects in Northern Thailand :

Mobile Library: A mobile library on a truck for children, adults and schools in Phrao District, Chiang Mai

Rang Mai Library: Rang Mai Library has been opened as a community library in Phrao District, Chiang Mai Province. Anyone can come and borrow books or use our Wi-Fi for free. we have books of all genres in Thai and foreign languages.

Early Learning Centers for hill tribe children:

Pre-primary learning centers to teach basic language skills to the children and boost their confidence. We have 2 centers as follows:

1. Sunshine Kids Center: For Akha tribe children in Siplang Village, Monlan Mountain, Wiang-pa-pao District, Chiangrai Province.

2. Bumble Bee Centre: For Karen tribe children in Mae Soon Village, Mae Pang Sub district, Phrao District, Chiangmai Province.

Follow us to see our progress on:

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Facebook : Rang mai library
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At this moment, all of our activities are conducted on donations from generous supporters around the world. Any contribution would be greatly appreciated!

Monetary Donation:

Account Holder: Yoshimi Horiuchi
Bank name: Thai Military Bank
Branch: Arkhaan Yada (Yada Building)
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Book Donations:

We are specifically looking for books in Thai or any hill tribe language. Please send your books (except for textbooks) in good condition to the following address.

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Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Please contact us at:

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