



**PKP TENDER HEARTS
FOUNDATION**

Tender Hearts Donates 100+ Nepali Children's Books to Fairfax Public Libraries

Centreville, Virginia, January 31, 2024 -- *To set a foundation in children's literature that reflects the diversity of its local community, PKP Tender Hearts Foundation ("Tender Hearts") has donated 100+ Nepali language children's books to Fairfax County Public Libraries (FCPL).*

Local Nepali-American culture-sharing and education organization, Tender Hearts, has made over 100 Nepali language children's books available for public use through FCPL branches, kicking off the first collection of Nepali children's language books made available in Fairfax County Libraries.

Prabha Bhattarai Deuja, the founder and president of Tender Hearts, personally delivered the books to the Chantilly branch of FCPL with the hopes that these books will connect local Nepalese families and their children to their cultural roots.

"The Fairfax County Public Libraries (FCPL) hold a special place in my heart for its dedication to accessibility and equity. To be able to contribute to that same mission with our newly added Nepalese culture books brings a sense of pride and gratitude for our community I didn't know was possible. I am a firm believer that books are just one door to promoting our country and culture, and I am thrilled that we are continuing to preserve and celebrate Nepal by providing exactly that."

The books have been cataloged and are now available to all county residents. Library patrons will simply search for 'Nepali children's books' and the collection will be available for borrowing. Instructions on how to find the books are within the Fairfax County Public Libraries announcement:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/nepali-world-languages-bags>

Tender Hearts not only hopes to see this collection be expanded over time, but looks forward to seeing Nepali language and cultural resources be further reflected in library systems across the National Capital Region. Many thanks to everyone who donated books to Basu Shrestha for his support.

About PKP Tender Hearts Foundation:

PKP Tender Hearts Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Centreville, Virginia. Their mission is to preserve Nepali culture within children in the United States to remind them where their true roots lie, spread education in Nepal to those who do not get the opportunity to learn, and unite everyone of all ages, from the younger generation to the elderly.

About Fairfax County Public Libraries:

The Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) is a public library system comprising 8 regional libraries, 14 community libraries and the Access Services Library Branch, which removes barriers to library services for people with disabilities. FCPL is a unique, trusted and essential resource to inform, engage and inspire our community. FCPL actively builds community, furthers literacy, and promotes freedom of access and expression through programming, community spaces, technology, and collections of educational and recreational resources



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