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Dear Residents

The famed American novelist, Ernest Hemingway once said, "There is no friend as loyal as a book".

These words hold true even in this age of Internet. We are witnessing millions who have made the book their loyal companion. Reading has become one of the most popular pastimes worldwide.

To keep pace with this phenomenon, the Nee Soon South (NSS) Community Club Management Committee (CCMC), together with the PAP Community Fund (PCF) and the National Library Board (NLB), organised the first ever Reading Carnival on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007. The response was encouraging, with more than 1,000 participants turning up at the NSS Community Club (CC) for a fun-filled morning of story telling, books-fair, riddles solving and games. The carnival also served as an opportunity for us to officially launch the NSS Reading Club.

At present we are successfully operating two enrichment classes for children called the "Kids Read Programme". At the same time, we are recruiting readers to join our Read Singapore programme (held in both Mandarin and English). The NLB will be providing all the necessary reading materials, and membership is open to all NSS residents for FREE!

To facilitate the book borrowing process, the NSS CC is working closely with the NLB to set up a small public library. The CCMC is also working with the NLB to bring the first ever Mobile Library Services to NSS in 2008.

As this is a habit that is a worthy lifelong investment, I therefore encourage all residents to take an active part in our reading programme. If you are interested in joining, registration is open at the NSS CC. If you need further information or assistance, our experienced NLB facilitator and friendly CC staffs are always ready to help.

Thank you

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亲爱的居民，

古人云，“开卷有益”。的确，阅读不但能陶野性情，也能增广我们的见闻。在电脑科技发达的今天，阅读仍为很多人带来一定的乐趣。

本着推广书香社区的宗旨，义顺南联络所管委会连同行动党社区基金及国家图书馆于2007年8月25日举办了首届阅读嘉年华会。超过一千多名各族居民参与其盛，反应热烈，令人鼓舞。

当天，义顺南联络所管委会也正式成立了读书会。目前该读书会已成功开办了两班儿童阅读班。成人读书会(华语，英语)也正在积极招募爱书人成为会员。读书会免费公开让所有居民参加，国家图书馆将免费提供读物。有兴趣者请向义顺南联络所报名。

为了使阅读进一步普及化，义顺南联络所管委会正在筹备在联络所成立一间小型图书馆，让居民借阅。同时，我们也和国家图书馆洽商，争取新加坡首个流动图书馆的服务。

在此，我希望居民们踊跃参加我们阅读活动。让我们朝书香社区迈进，一起遨游于浩瀚的书海中。

谢谢。

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