

Name of the initiative: Reading is life

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Direct Target Audience: 6th grade students

Location: Al Issawiyah elementary school - Jerusalem

Number of participants: 31

Number of meetings: 3

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Goal of the initiative:

Immersion in reading as a way of life, and raise awareness of the importance of reading, and its effects on thought and imagination.

The idea of the initiative:

Our Palestinian society, like other Arab societies, has been suffering from lack of reading and even neglecting the Arabic language sometimes, this is a very dangerous phenomenon that would lead our society and people to hit rock bottom both socially and linguistically.

The cons of lack of reading are so many including the loss of the ability to express yourself correctly, the decline of knowledge in basic life hacks, lack of culture, losing Arab literary and cultural heritage and increase in extremism and ignorance, especially in a society living under a cultural occupation.

Despite many statements from the educational system on the importance of reading but students in Jerusalem live under a system that is uninterested in this. This initiative is here to turn words into action and take the students from talking about the importance of reading to actually reading and improving their creative abilities through workshops.

Working mechanism:

Workshops, research and treatment of a story given to each student and using a journal to write a researcher's diary.