

RECYCLE & Read



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Move over book stores, get together at a swap library to exchange books, CDs and DVDs

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As Delhi hosts the World Book Fair, Gurgaon is gearing up for its first swap library, where people can exchange books, DVDs and game CDs, free of cost.

Namita Anand, the founder of Get Alive Gurgaon, an organisation which aims at setting up recreational activities for the residents of the city, has now introduced The Book and Disc Exchange Project. She says, "Delhi has interesting libraries like the British Council Library and also, National Archives. I miss such places in Gurgaon. I found a lot of people around me cribbing about the same,

and hence the idea of starting a swap library came to my mind." Meet Gulati, 25, a copywriter adds, "Even though there are book stores, it is not possible to buy all the books, hence I am really looking forward to this interesting swap."

THE BOOKIES

Book lovers in and around the city are lapping up the concept and are excited to indulge in their lust for literature. "As soon as I got to know about the library, I messaged all my friends in Gurgaon to be a part of it, as the city is finally waking up to their wishes," says Jaya Basera, 25, a history researcher who will be coming from Saket to

participate in the swap.

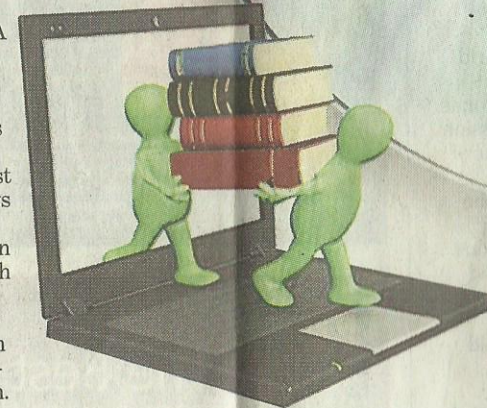
"I don't know what to do with a book which I have read once. This way, I can read something new in place of an old book or a DVD," says Ranjita Soren, 26, a corporate team leader in Gurgaon, who will be donating five books for the project. "Since most of us live in apartments, storage is another problem which can be effectively solved by swapping," says Manu Randhawa, also a resident of Gurgaon.

SWAP-READY

The first swap will be held on April 8, at Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Park Centre (RGREP), in Sector 29, Gurgaon.

The project will start with

a volunteer meet on March 10 at the centre, where all those who want to help with the swap can come and get registered. After the first swap, people can continue to donate and borrow books from the library at RGREP. "A common place will help people meet each other and enhance discussions on various subjects and authors amongst the community," says Samit Jain, of the Advit Foundation, an NGO associated with RGREP. All those who wish to participate in the swap can register on the web-site, www.getalive.in.



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WHAT:The Book and Disc Exchange Project
FOR VOLUNTEERING: March 10
WHERE: Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Park Centre, Sector 29, Gurgaon
TIME: 11:30am
FOR REGISTERING:
www.getalive.in
CONTACT: 9953160132
FIRST SWAP: April 8

 **NEAREST METRO STATION:** IFFCO Chowk on the Yellow Line