

Report on Junbesi Library

21. September 2000

The Library is run by Junbesi Library Family:

Pemba Gyelo Sherpa	(Chairman)
Kancha Sherpa	(Secretary and Librarian)
Ngawang Jimba Lama	(Phungmoche Gompa)
Pema Tarzen Lama	(Serlo Gompa)
Tobke Lama	(Tumbuk Gompa)
Ang Pasang Lama	
Ang Domi Lama	
Kazi Sherpa (USA)	
Domi Lama (USA)	

There are registered 892 books in total, of these

738 are in Nepali

150 are in English

2 are in German

2 are in Danish

68 members pay the membership fee on 55 Rs/year

They can take the books for home

They are teachers and other adults

Students pay no fee, and has to read the books in the library.

Sometimes up to 55 students sit and read

Sometimes the school run classes in the library

Every open day are 5-50 books taken for home - normal average is 20 books

Open daily: 7 - 10 a.m. & 1- 2 p.m. & 4 - 5 p.m.

Build 1991 by American help

1992-1993 Himalayan Trust ran the library

From 1993 Himalayan Trust pay the salary of the librarian

Fees from members and income by some sale of souvenirs and others, pay the repairs and the buying of magazines

The Library Family are applying for funds for building 4-5 new rooms for:

Lama Books

Sherpa Museum

Communication Room (E-mail, fax ...)

Video Room

Administration

Does have some videotapes with films about culture and history

Wants more videotapes with cultural content and a video machine

Wants translation books English-Nepali (many)

English textbooks 7.-10. class

National Geographic

Children Books

I strongly will recommend any help for Junbesi Library.

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