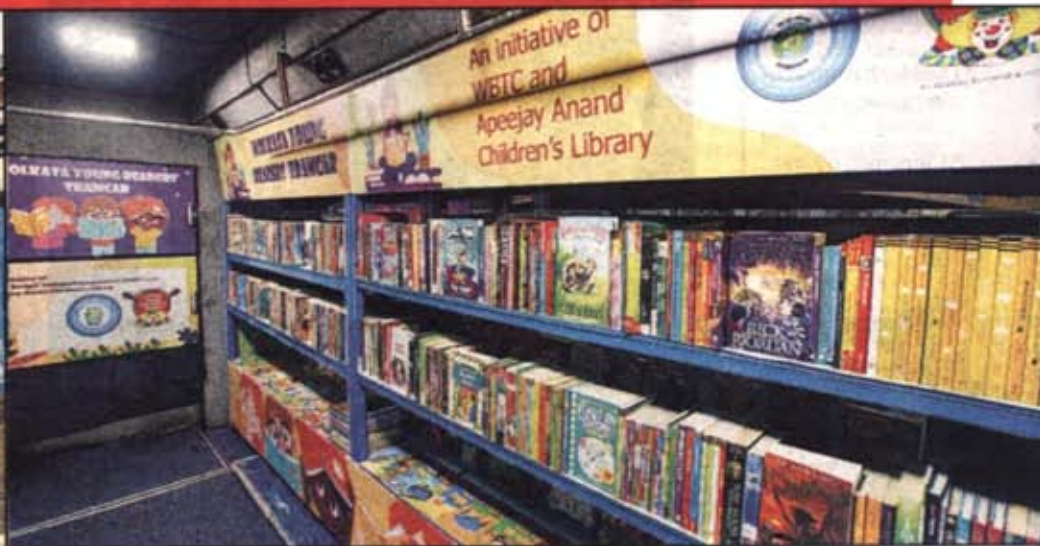


BOOKS



LIBRARY ON WHEELS

Two of Calcutta's greatest heritage — the tram and Oxford Bookstores — decided to join hands and gift the children of the city something unique this Children's Day. Aptly named Kolkata Young Reader's Tramcar, an entire tram hosts a library of books for young readers to enjoy while travelling on it. Housing books of various genres and murals inside that are designed by local artists, the tram is a haven for bibliophiles who want to sneak in a breath of fresh air in the middle of a hectic day while getting from one place to another. The fact that it encourages reading amongst youngsters is an added bonus!

West Bengal Transport Corporation and Apeejay Anand Children's Library came

together with this initiative that has major plans of extension in the following year through engaging events like storytelling sessions, dramatised readings, poetry sessions and book launches. The tramcar was virtually inaugurated by Rajarvir Singh Kapur, managing director of WBTC and Priti Paul, director of Apeejay Surrendra Group. "The Apeejay Anand Children's Library on a tram will, perhaps, be the very first Children's library on a tramcar anywhere in the world, with free access for all children of our city. We believe that a library is essential to every child's holistic development and that knowledge and books are game-changers enhancing the future of each child," said Priti Paul. The books on the tram have been donated by Oxford Bookstores and we definitely can't think of a better way of spending the day than taking a ride on this tram!