



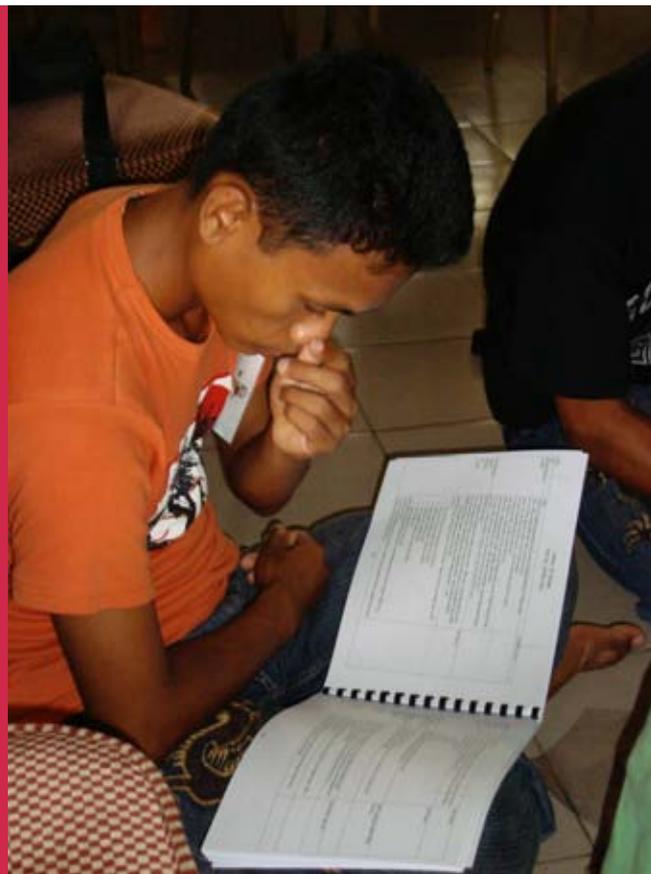
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Bloom “Let’s Grow a Library”

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Bloom: Let's Grow a Library

A software solution for
convenient creation of
books for new readers in
local languages



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

When working in local-language literacy and education projects, we end up settling for what is practical, instead of what is actually needed. The hope is often that a primer and a handful of books will be enough to open up the joy and power of reading in minority language communities.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? (CONT'D)

But realistically, it takes many titles to make reading worthwhile and give the practice needed to develop true literacy.

- Who will make all those books?
- How will we find the time?
- Where will we get the content?

So we settle for the possible and hope for the best.

Why Bloom?

With Bloom, many more people can get involved in building a large collection of local language books. Bloom was designed with new computer users in mind, and it has special features to guide them in simple book making, so people need far less training than common alternatives.



What does Bloom offer?

- PDF Booklet Creation
- Bilingual and trilingual books in a single click
- Individual reading book to Big Book in a single click
- Calendars
- Picture Dictionaries
- Primers and Teacher's Guides
- Complex Non-Roman Script Support
- Decodable Reader Tool
- Levelled Reader Tool

Bloom: Three Key Areas

Decodable Readers

- words with phonetic patterns that have been taught
- high-frequency words that have been taught

Leveled Readers

- maximum words in each sentence
- maximum words on each page
- maximum words per book
- maximum unique words per Book

Non-Roman Script Support

ক	ka	[ko]	খ	kha	[kʰo]	গ	ga	[go]	ঘ	gha	[gʱo]	ঙ	nga	[ŋo]
চ	ca	[tʃo]	ছ	cha	[tʃʰo]	জ	ja	[dʒo]	ঝ	zha	[dʒʱo]	ঞ	ña	[ɲo]
ট	ta	[to]	ঠ	tha	[tʰo]	ড	da	[do]	ঢ	ḍha	[dʱo]	ণ	ṅa	[ɳo]
ত	ta	[to]	থ	tha	[tʰo]	দ	da	[do]	ধ	dha	[dʱo]	ন	na	[no]
প	pa	[po]	ফ	pha	[pʰo]	ব	ba	[bo]	ভ	bha	[bʱo]	ম	ma	[mo]
য	ya	[jo]	র	ra	[ro]	ল	la	[lo]						
শ	śa	[ʃʰo]	ষ	ṣa	[ʃʰo]	স	sa	[so]	হ	ha	[ho]			
য	ya	[jo]	ড়	ṛa	[ro]	ঢ়	ḍha	[dʱo]						

Where can you find Bloom?



<http://bloomlibrary.org/>

<https://vimeo.com/channels/bloomlibrary>

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