GITANJALI SENIOR SCHOOL

Mission Possible students at Gitanjali wanted to raise awareness of the importance of quality education among low-income communities. Inspired by their mutual love of reading and passion for sharing good books, they decided to focus on literacy for their Mission Possible project. They identified a local public school that lacked sufficient reading materials for its students, and made a plan to create the school’s first-ever library. They conducted a book drive at their school through which they collected more than 300 books in English, Telugu, and Hindi. Local sponsors helped by building a new “reading room” at the school.

Project Objectives:
• To promote reading among youth
• To improve students’ literacy skills, knowledge and critical thinking skills
• To encourage teachers to incorporate reading activities in their instruction

Activities:
• Visits and meetings with leadership at the beneficiary school
• School assembly, book drive and book collection
• Fundraising and relationship-building with local sponsors
• Design and development of a reading room
• Workshops and activities to promote reading among students
• Students created a presentation and video to share the results of their project

Results:
• 300+ books collected, including fiction and non-fiction in a range of languages
• Creation of a new reading room
• A fund to decorate and furnish the room

Next Steps: The Mission Possible Agents of Change are planning a year-long exchange program and co-curricular calendar so that students and teachers from the two schools will continue to interact closely.