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Last July, Chintan received support from Ms. Renu Munjal and Ms. Pooja Munjal to set up 18 community libraries for 2300 mostly former-wastepicker children, under our No Child in Trash (NCiT) Programme. We set up 18 libraries, with 348 books to make Hindi reading fun and 223 to make it easier to read in English. Plus, we also bought 36 books for Science and 18 for Math learning. We are thrilled to share that till now, these books have been borrowed around 1100 times. Muskan, 12, a resident of Bhalaswa landfill area, loves her library. She says, "This library is a blessing for us; earlier, we could not afford to buy books, but now we can all read, learn and share."

Sharing is a common theme across the children. According to Sahil, 10, from our Project Arman class in Nizamuddin, "I am very excited to read new story books. I love to take them home and also make my friends and family read them."

Book by book, gift by gift, Chintan fights child labour in the waste recycling sector. Join us. Email us at ira@chintan-india.org