

Book Club's new session begins

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Kolhapur: The Book Club (vaachan katta) held its first activity of the semester on the university campus on Friday.

A book reading session of 'Ek Hota Karvar' and 'Kosla' was organised at the Balab-saheb Khardekar library on the Shivaji University, Kolhapur (SUK), campus.

The Book Club, which began in 2013 by the university's students, department faculties and colleges, is seeing a growing response.

University librarian Namita Khot said seven colleges from the city participated in this session.

"These city colleges organised the book reading session at their respective campuses. It will prove quite useful in promoting this activity in the future," she said, adding that the Book Club's membership now stands at over 300. It began with as few as 30 members.

She said that the representatives of these colleges were facilitated in an official program on Friday at the campus. "Hopefully, the



The Book Club began with 30 members and has over 300 patrons now

number of colleges will increase with such innovative events," she added.

Khot also said that since exams are will be held this semester, the activity will be restricted to once a month.

She said that 'vaachan katta' is a unique activity for the students and by the students and it promotes a health-

hy message for cultivating reading habits. There is no age bar and one need not have to be a university student to participate.

Yuvraj Kadam, an SUK alumni, who came up with the concept of the Book Club, said the growing response from all students is encouraging. "We had never thought

we would get such an enormous response from the students, but we are happy to see that the number is rising slowly and steadily," he said.

Another university student said that the variety of book readings is one of the main features of this activity and helps to enlighten the reader about literature.