

One Day at the Summer Camp!

I came in one morning to bring some recently received books to Francis, our librarian, when I saw a large group of teenagers wearing bright orange T-shirts entering the library with the usual energy and excitement of their age. Some were just looking around, some were taking books off the shelves, and some were just touching the spines of the books, slightly intimidated, a little like patting an unfamiliar dog. They all settled in the reading corner-- sitting on the bench, on the carpet, on the large cushions... there were more than 20 of them. One of the volunteer teachers started reading the Spanish version of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, oblivious of the little noises and small chatter that was still going on in the group. I kept on doing my things and about 5 minutes into the story, I noticed a strange silence. I looked around and saw silent open mouths, bright eyes focused on the reader, and the body language of most of the kids steered toward the little chair where the reader sat—all were literally drinking the words as she was reading. I left quietly asking myself...how much more could we have wished for?



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For book lovers who wish to select the treasures they will put on our shelves. Our wish list is updated regularly and aligned with our current book inventory.

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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

From the beginning of July, the library was a buzzing beehive! Every day, we had several groups of 20-25 students with volunteers spending time in the library, being read stories appropriate to their age level and discovering the magic of their own imagination as they were learning to carefully listen to the readers. The DREAM Guzman Ariza Summer School & Camp was a huge success again this year- it even prompted the directors of the DREAM Center to continue an academic tutoring program throughout the school year to maintain the benefits of this educational assistance for children that have not been able to attend the camp or that are particularly at risk.

A FUN
FUND RAISING EVENT
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You want to help but you also enjoy nice sets of suitcases, superior quality sunglasses, and fancy toys or art pieces... here is your chance to combine useful and pleasant.

Tickets for our fun fundraising event will not only give you a chance to win some fabulous door prizes (fashion items from Billabong, O'Neill, Freestyle watches, etc.), but also allow you to bid on our impressive collection of goodies (Maui Jim sunglasses, DAKINE suitcases & Bag sets, Chinook windsurfing accessories, Hobie Kayak, etc.)

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