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# INSIGHT

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## *International Literacy Day*

International Literacy Day takes place on September 8 every year to raise awareness and concern for literacy problems that exist within our own local communities as well as globally. The theme for 2021 is “*Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide*”. The crisis of COVID-19 has disturbed the learning of children, young people, and adults on an unusual scale. At least 773 million young people and adults lacking literacy skills today. Even in the time of global crisis, efforts are being made to find alternatives ways to ensure the continuity of learning, like distance learning, etc. Literacy is important to a human-centred recovery from COVID-19.

### **FIVE REASONS LITERACY IS IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE:**

1. Brain health - *reducing the chances of developing Alzheimer's and Dementia later in life.*
2. Community participation - *the lack of literary skills limits social engagement at all age levels and prevents everyone from being able to participate and contribute to the betterment of society.*
3. Effective Communication - *learning to read and write improves our ability to communicate effectively with others by enhancing oral language, allowing us to express our feelings, thoughts, and ideas with others more clearly.*
4. Employment Advancement - *literacy breaks the cycle of poverty, one life at a time.*
5. Knowledge is Power - *literacy is the key to personal empowerment and gives us personal dignity and self-worth.*

Happy International Literacy Day! The future starts with the alphabet.

## **SOME IDEAS TO CELEBRATE ILD AT HOME :**

- DONATE BOOKS
- START A READING CONTEST
- START BUILDING YOUR LIBRARY
- HAVE A READING CIRCLE
- START AN ONLINE BOOK CLUB
- SUPPORT A LOCAL AUTHOR
- GIVE A BOOK AS A GIFT
- JOIN READING CHALLENGE

**Yours trully,**

*the community editor*