

BOOK FAIR ON 22ND DAY

Bookworms make a day of it

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ALMOST all the visitors on the 22nd day of Ekushey Book Fair bought the books of their choice they had made earlier from the catalogues of publishing houses and news reports.

Compared with the previous day, when thousands of visitors poured into the fair premises at Bangla Academy and Suhrawardi Udyan on the eve of International Mother Language Day after paying homage to the Language Movement martyrs at Central Shaheed Minar, crowd of visitors was thinner on Wednesday.

Publishers and stall attendants, busy dealing with the buyers, told New Age that the visitors bought books as per their list of preference they had previously made from the catalogues and news reports.

Besides the new titles by prominent litterateurs, bookworms also collected latest titles by the emerging writers.

Anyaprakash stall attendants said Nishat Nadi by Mohit Kamal, Biswajure Ananta Angane by Farukh Moinuddin and Muktijuddher Shera Bachhai Galpa along with previously printed Deyal, Misir Ali Samagra by Humayun Ahmed were among the best sold books at the stall.

Seba Prakashani stall attendant Abdus Salam said detective series of Tin Goyenda, Masud Rana and transla-

NEW ARRIVALS			
Longkapuree Dinrati	Naushad Jamil	Travelogue	Panjeree Publications
Maya Megh Nirjanata	Mustafiz Shafi	Poem	Anyaprakash
Mantrajat	Mahabub Aziz	Novel	Kathaprakash
Sakal Griha Harano Jay	Taslima Nasrin	Essay	Srabon Publication
Pitajer Prajapati	Mamun Flora	Short story	Desh Publications



Visitors browse through books at a stall on the Suhrawardy Udyan premises of Ekhushey Book Fair on Wednesday. — Sourav Lasker

tions of world famous detective series sold like hot cakes on the day.

Gadyapadya stall attendant Rifatul Islam said he sold a good number of Upanyas Samagra by Adwita Mallbarman while Samhati stall attendants said buyers bought Itihas Aamake Mukti Debena written by Fidel Castro and translated by Afsana Begum, besides others, on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Oitijjya sales manager Amjad Hossain Khan Kajol said that previously printed

Mashrafee by Debabrata Mukhapaddhaya, a biography of the country's famous cricketer, sold the most.

Anwasha Prakashan publisher Mohammad Shahadat Hossain observed that only bookworms, even from outside the capital, visited the fair and bought books on the day.

Visitors leaving the fair premises on Wednesday were seen carrying bags full of books.

Razu Ahmed, teacher at Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University of Trishal,

Mymensingh, said he came to Dhaka on Tuesday to buy books from the fair on the day.

Razu collected the latest titles by Humayun Ahmed and other genres including books for his toddler daughter.

Mehzabin Nahar of Holy Cross College and Jannat Hossain of Viqarunnessa Noon School and College in Dhaka, two childhood friends, were seen collecting books as per a handwritten list.

On the evening, they said, they had already bought Shera Dosh Golpo by Anisul Haque and science fictions by Zafar Iqbal and would buy some more books from the list.

According to the fair information centre, a total of 343 new titles hit the fair in two days — 261 on Tuesday and 82 on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, Bangla Academy held a discussion on 'Curriculum of private universities: history of Bangladesh, heritage and culture.'

A discussion on translation of literature will be held on academy's main stage today.