

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LRC)

OVERVIEW

Seeds of Learning has worked with rural communities to build and establish Learning Resource Centers (LRCs) throughout Nicaragua, which provide educational resources to under-served communities. The LRC in Ciudad Darío serves as the main hub of SOL's work in Nicaragua and is managed by our staff, along with the help of many volunteers and scholarship students.

The Ciudad Darío LRC was created in 1995, after a community survey revealed the need and desire for general access to educational materials. When opened, children and adults alike lined up around the block to wait for a chance to put together puzzles, read, or just marvel at the brightly colored storybooks. The LRC has continued to grow based on the needs of local students, teachers, and adults.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Today the center is a popular hub of educational and cultural activity in Ciudad Darío, and offers a variety of programs:

Children's Area: Offers a variety of storybooks, games, and toys for children of all ages. Staff organize daily activities, such as story hour, arts and crafts, and special celebrations. Students are also invited to participate in a Reading Campaign, in which they can earn special prizes for reaching reading milestones.

Research Room: Provides assistance and access to information and research materials for older students, local professionals, and community members.

Teacher's Resource Area: This lending library for teachers offers textbooks, instruction manuals, visual aids, and other teaching tools.

Computer Lab: In addition to providing access to the internet and a variety of software programs, SOL staff offers basic computer classes to students of all ages.

Music classes: Every semester, the LRC offers a variety of music and dance classes for students of all ages and skill levels. The LRC is also home to a band named Grupo SOL.

Other: Staff and volunteers coordinate a variety of special celebrations to mark holidays, such as International Children's Day, Mother's Day, and more. Some classes, such as painting, sewing, and English, are offered at various times throughout the year.

