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## **Kalam asks students to set up libraries in their homes**

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ERODE: Former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has asked students to set up a libraries in their homes.

Addressing a gathering at the Erode Book Festival's valedictory function at V.O.C. Stadium on Tuesday, he said, "Take a pledge to set up a library of 20 books near prayer room. And ensure that your family and you read the books for at least an hour a day."

He the sought parents' support to such a move. "I want you to ensure that the 20 books grow to 200 and then 2,000."

Mr. Kalam then shared with the students the three books that shaped his life and achieve whatever he did.

"The first is 'Light from many lamps', which I bought from Moore Market in Chennai for Rs. 20. The second is 'Thirukural', and third "Empire of the Mind'."

Speaking on the power of books, the former President said reading books would guide, shape and turn the country's 54 crore youth in to powerful force.