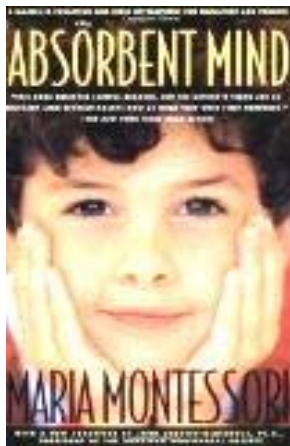


# The Montessorian

Books written by Dr. Maria Montessori



**The Absorbent Mind** – This book was written late in Montessori's life and presents a summation of the spiritual and philosophical revelations she found in the young child. It was the last book she wrote about infant and early childhood development. In it Dr. Montessori studies the biological growth of the baby from conception and shows how his natural development can be aided. The child is the creator of the world of the future and as such must be given the highest spiritual and physical guidance the present generation can offer.

**The Discovery of the Child** – This book is essential for those wishing to understand the Montessori Method of Education in greatest detail. It gives the original principles of the method while including the discoveries that have evolved since "The Montessori Method" was written.

**The Secret of Childhood** – The child has a spontaneous urge to learn. Dr. Montessori shows how the right environment can fulfill his developmental needs and release his innate potentialities. She discusses the educational methods that will help torture the child's natural love of learning and aid his social development.

The above books have been translated in Urdu. Books in Urdu and English can be bought from Pakistan Montessori Association. For further details contact telephones: Karachi 34543952 or 34549103 or email [pakistanmontessoriasociation@gmail.com](mailto:pakistanmontessoriasociation@gmail.com). The above books and other books written by Dr. Montessori may be borrowed by members from the PMA library during school hours and monthly meetings.

## **Books written by Dr Maria Montessori**

**The Formation of Man** – This book aims to show us the child and to peel away the myths and prejudices that have surrounded the concept of ‘the child’. She discusses the formation of the child’s being in great depth and then expands this to her universal concept of the child as the creator of the world of the future. Her writing urges us to look closely at the child’s being in great depth and then expands this to her universal concept of the child as the creator of the world of the future and not to base education on preconceived ideas and prejudices but to be guided by nature.

**What You Should Know About Your Child** – This book sets out to show parents the basic Montessori principles of child development from birth to six years of age. Dr. Montessori correlates her theories with those of other psychologists. She sets out the practical ways of preventing the repressions of childhood.

**Education And Peace** – Modern man is faced with the immediate and imperative need to resolve the problem of attaining lasting peace, rather than mere absence of war. Only through the re-education of the young can international strife and conflict in future generations be overcome. In this collection of the speeches, Dr Maria Montessori presented at international congresses and peace councils, it is immediately clear why she was proposed as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize in each of the last three years of her life.

Education For A New World

From Childhood to Adolescence

To Educate The Human Potential

The Child In The Family

The Child, Society And The World

Education And Peace

The Advanced Montessori Method Volumes 1 and 2

## **Books About Montessori**

Maria Montessori **by Michael Pollard**

Understanding the Human Being **by Dr. Silvana Quattrocchi Montanaro M.D.**

Education For Human Development **by Mario M. Montessori**

Maria Montessori – Her Life and Work **by E M Standing**

And many more

Courtesy: The Montessori Society (AMI) UK  
Leaflet 62<sup>nd</sup> Course MMTO London UK 1976

For more information on purchase of books visit our Head Office Website [www.montessori-ami.org](http://www.montessori-ami.org)

### Language Workshop on Reading by Anisa Moin



Anisa Moin giving a lecture on Reading at PMA

Anisa Moin gave a much needed **workshop** on Reading in PMA February and March meetings. She started off by giving a lecture on importance of spoken language for development of personality and as base for writing and reading. Participants interacted with each other to play Oral language games such as the News period, Question Game and the Sound Game. Handouts **which gave the sounds of letters as they were heard in words** were distributed to enforce the sounds. For example a as in apple, ant, ankle and so on. She defined reading and its stages in detail. Exercises presented were phonetic reading, Phonograms and Classified Reading and Function of Word exercises in detail. Presentations of the object box 1 and 2 were shown in detail.

One change to be noted in the article game was that the tearing and cancelling of the wrong article in the article game was done away with. The incorrect article is cut out and the correct article is written in red. BOTH ARTICLES ARE WRITTEN IN RED (correct and incorrect) before the incorrect article and the child understands why 'a' or 'the' is used because of the mistake corrected and the explanation given. Point to be noted by schools following the Montessori method religiously.

The adjective game, logical adjective game and detective adjective game were a welcome refresher for directresses who do not get the opportunity to practice due to children leaving early for larger schools.

Fun with transposition and symbols was enjoyed and appreciated by all of the sixty participants in February and thirty five in the March meeting. The meetings ended with much needed refreshments.

*If writing serves to correct, or rather, to direct and perfect the mechanism of speech in the child, reading assists in the development of ideas and language. In brief, writing helps a child physiologically and reading helps him socially."*

**Maria Montessori**

## Emergency First Response for Montessori Children

Whenever children are around there are high probabilities of accidents occurring. Montessori directresses, co-teachers, and educational professionals interacting with children & infants are responsible for their welfare and well - being while at school. In our April meeting PMA had **Salman Ansari** to educate members in this very interesting and essential for schools workshop. Salman is an IANTD Diving Instructor and a PADI Emergency First Response Instructor."

In an hour's talk, he gave a brief introduction and know how on the very basic skills in accessing & responding to an emergency situation with a child. He gave presentations on basic skills essential to sustaining a victim's lifeline, including rescue breathing, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), spinal injury, serious bleeding and shock management, as well as how to deal with choking.

Emergencies can strike at any time; the Emergency First Response course prepares you to respond appropriately when they do. The skills learned in EFR allow you to extend the critical time window for a victim's survival. Since nearly 70% of life-threatening emergencies occur with family members or friends, the life you save may very well be someone close to you. Anyone is qualified to start, regardless of age, can sign up for the Emergency First Response course.

Explaining about the duration of the average course he explained that the skills are performance-based and paced to meet the individual's level of understanding. Since the focus is on skill recall in real-life scenarios, rather than skill perfection, you can take as much time as necessary to become comfortable. The **average course** takes about **a day** to complete. The **full proper EFR course** takes **3 to 4 days**. An enjoyable and educative talk for people of all walks of life.

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(International Association of  
Nitrox & Technical Divers)



**Salman Ansari giving a presentation on EFR**

## Book Fair



**Members enjoy browsing at the Book Fair at the PMA premises**

The EFR workshop was followed by an excellent book fair by Book n Books with books imported from UK for children between the ages of 2-6 years at 75% less than the market rate. The CEO M Khizar Sohail whose belief is 'Today a reader, tomorrow a leader' organises book festivals for various schools and organisations committed to children's progress. It looked like all the members had at least one bag full of books. It was a chance not to be missed.

**For more information contact Umera, Stock Manager on Tel: 0347 2614262 or email :khizarsohail@hotmail.com.**



**A display of books at the Book Fair at PMA**

## **In Support of Maria Montessori's Candidacy for the Nobel Peace Prize**

Honourable Maria Jervolino was one of the earliest and staunchest supporters of the initiative to nominate Dr Maria Montessori for the Nobel Peace Prize.

### **To the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament**

House of Representatives  
26<sup>th</sup> January 1951

To the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament,  
Drammensvei 19  
OSLO

As a Member of the Italian parliament, I am honoured to propose once again the name of Dr Maria Montessori for the conferment of the Nobel Peace Prize 1951.

Dr Maria Montessori is universally known for her contribution to the cause of peace and the brotherhood of nations, to which she has dedicated the best years of her long and active life, laying the foundations of a true science of peace by means of an innovated form of education.

The enclosed memorandum bears witness to the value of this contribution and the influence it has had and still has in many countries of the world, of which Dr Montessori's books – translated into many languages – are also a clear documentation.

The active participation of the great Italian educator started, one could say, more concretely and directly in 1932. In that year, invited by the Bureau International d'éducation, at that time the centre of global pacifistic thought, she gave a lecture on 'Peace and Education' in Nice. It was translated into many languages and widely covered by the international press. In this lecture she outlined the basis for an extensive programme of education, intended to function as a science of peace. From that time onward, Dr Montessori has actively contributed to a world movement which confirms the value of education and its permanent contribution to the creation of peace among men. To this movement personalities known internationally in the field of politics, science and culture give their support.

The conferment of the Nobel Peace Prize to Maria Montessori, who celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday last year, would mean a significant recognition of the merits of this world movement which intends to safeguard the salvation and serenity of our world and civilization in the high values of the mind and the religious aspect of the human personality.

Enclosed with this proposal, I send you a memorandum and some biographical data. A selection of the principal work by Maria Montessori will follow in the ordinary way.

Maria Jervolina, MP

Maria Montessori was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in three consecutive years: 1949, 1950 and 1951, but on each occasion the Nobel Peace Committee voted for somebody else. In his reflections, appearing in AMI journal 2013/ 1-2, Mr Camillo Grazzini considers this 'a lost opportunity.'
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**Courtesy: AMI Journal 2013/1-2**

# Montessori Memories

Seminar on 'Growing Up In Today's World' at the Aga Khan University Hospital in September 2007, organised by PMA President Mrs. Habiba Thobani as part of Centenary Celebrations Of Montessori Training (1907 – 2007). Dr Rubina Sial, Child Psychiatrist Dr Sohail Thobani, Paediatrician, Ms Sabina Goawala, Special Education Teacher and Mrs Farida Akbar Director of Montessori Teachers Training Centre, spoke on various subjects.



**Front row seated L to R: Mr Humayun, Habiba Thobani, Farida Akbar, Captain Akbar**

**Back row L to R: Nusrat Humayun, Kishwar Allawala, Banoo Kisat, Zohra Gaya, Saba Quadir, Salma Imtiaz, Masooma Alibhai, Shireen Gaya, Farah Sarfraz, Zeeba Rizvi**

## Announcements

Announcing the Fourth Assembly of Educateurs sans Frontières **6 - 20 July, 2014**

Inpawa Hotel Ban Phai, Khon Kaen, Thailand. For more information contact [www.montessori-ami.org](http://www.montessori-ami.org)

The duration of full **EFR course (Primary CPR & Secondary First Aid (Adult & Children))** is 1 day.

Course Fee is Rs.5,000/- per person (for PMA members Rs.3,000/-)

For more information contact **Salman Ansari on Tel: 3455 5275**

**Montessori Apparatus available for sale.** For more details contact Mrs Farida Zafar Tel: 34933642.

**Nargis Sheerazi**, Member PMA Committee, has started Montessori Enhancement Centre, MEC, an afternoon Montessori Environment for children between the age of 3 to 6 years at Gool Minwalla Montessori Campus, Clifton. MEC shall focus on enhancing Writing, Reading and Math Skills. The timings are 4pm - 6pm from Mondays to Fridays. Call 0300 270 7184, visit facebook 'Montessori Enhancement Centre' Email: [mecnargis@gmail.com](mailto:mecnargis@gmail.com)

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