



Books for the World – Wisconsin Operations

2015 Annual Report

The Wisconsin Operation of Books for the World collects used library and school books from throughout the state of Wisconsin, sort and package them by grade level and subject matter, and ship them, through the Second Wind Foundation in LaPorte, TX to developing countries where people need books.

2015 showed an increase in practically every metric compared to 2014. A record 12,000 boxes (approximately 500,000 pounds) of books were collected. Twelve semi-truck loads of books, desks and other school furniture were shipped to the Second Wind Foundation in LaPorte, TX for distribution to developing countries where people need books.

| Wisconsin Operations Books for the World Report | | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Donations (in boxes) | Total Donations | 6253 | 6666 | 9710 | 10563 | 12134 |
| | Libraries | 1389 | 2254 | 1531 | 2690 | 3223 |
| | Schools | 3767 | 3551 | 6228 | 6530 | 7315 |
| | Book Reseller | 379 | 549 | 1697 | 1107 | 1180 |
| | Other | 718 | 312 | 254 | 236 | 416 |
| Packing | Pallets packed | 151 | 185 | 271 | 263 | 311 |
| | Packing events | 19 | 28 | 34 | 32 | 39 |
| | Pallets / event | 7.9 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 8.0 |
| | Volunteers | 523 | 601 | 763 | 653 | 859 |
| | Volunteer hours | 1004 | 1212 | 1670 | 2002 | 2487 |
| | Hours / Pallet | 6.6 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 8.0 |
| Shipping | Truck Loads Shipped | 6 | 7.6 | 10 | 10 | 12 |
| | Pallets | 150 | 183 | 269 | 265 | 290 |
| | Pallets / Truck | 25.0 | 24.1 | 26.9 | 26.5 | 24.2 |
| Total Volunteer Hours/ Activities | # Volunteer activities | | | 763 | 1104 | 1537 |
| | Volunteer hours | 2025 | 2619 | 3339 | 3211 | 4036 |
| | Hours/volunteer activity | | | 4.4 | 2.9 | 2.6 |
| Financial* | Income | \$ 11,135 | \$ 10,527 | \$ 16,325 | \$ 34,226 | |
| | Expenses | \$ 13,714 | \$ 16,809 | \$ 26,236 | \$ 32,362 | |
| | Portion of income from SWF | | | | \$ 15,875 | |
| * | Note: FY July through June reported In CY of FY beginning | | | | | |

The following chart describes our book donations, shipments and volunteer contributions from 2011 – 2015:

Significant Events:

- In additions to the donated books that were packed and shipped, we had a significant number of donations of student desks and other school furniture. 404 student desks were donated from three different school districts. Additionally, we collected and shipped 13 teacher desks, about 100 student chairs, 5 computer desks, and 10 chalk boards.



- Two of the thirty-nine packing events included Rotarians from different clubs that have worked with and supported this project. One event had members from six different clubs. The other event had members from nine different clubs. Clubs who participated in these events include After Hours, Madison Breakfast, Deforest, Fitchburg-Verona, Madison East-Monona, Reedsburg, Sun Prairie, Waunakee and West Town-Middleton.



- Two of the truck-loads shipped to the Second Wind Foundation included 55 pallets of adult library books destined for Pakistan. These adult library books were by special request to fill two shipping containers planned for conversion to Polio Vaccination Clinics in Pakistan.



- Ten of the thirty-nine packing events were arrange through the Dane County United Way Days of Caring events. The United Way also referred other organizations to us who were looking for service

opportunities. We are grateful for this partnership and all the volunteers who contribute their time.

- Through our partnership with the Rotary Club of Kenosha and the Kenosha Public Library, we were able to facilitate a connection in The Gambia resulting in the shipment of a sea container of books to set up a new library. Interestingly, the Kenosha Public Library donated more books to the project (1048 boxes) than any other organization. Special thanks to the Kenosha Rotary Club for facilitating these donations and Hallman Lindsay Paints for delivering them from Kenosha to our warehouse in Madison.

Special thanks is appropriate for the following organizations who have made significant “in-kind” contributions without which our project would simply not be possible:

- Ad Press – Boxes and packing material
- J. H. Findorff & Son – Maintenance and repair in our warehouse
- Future Foam – Local transportation of desks and school furniture
- Hallman Lindsay Paints – Delivery of books from all over Wisconsin to our warehouse in Madison
- Madison College – Warehouse space
- Pellitteri Waste Systems – Cardboard disposal and recycling
- Stellar Services – Boxes
- The Second Wind Foundation – Sea containers and overseas shipping from Houston to developing countries all over the world, plus significant financial support.
- Webcrafters – Pallets for shipping

The Wisconsin Operation of Books for the World is coordinated by the Madison Breakfast Rotary Club, District 6250.