

THE DICTIONARY PROJECT



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WELCOME ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

The Dictionary Project is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization with the goal of providing each 3rd grader in the United States with their own dictionary. The organization was established in 1995, and ever since then, over 10,000,000 dictionaries have been distributed in the United States and worldwide. Our mission has since expanded to include children all over the world. And now we are asking for your help!

An Invitation to Connect!

What can my Rotary Club do to help?

Rotary International is one of the most respected, proactive, and reachable service organizations in the world. It's network of over 32,000 clubs and 1.2 million members is a force for change.

We are trying to get clubs from outside the United States to help us donate, distribute and ship books to children in need in communities abroad. If your club has the means to do so, we want to hear from you!

International Projects and challenges we face

Over the last few years, we have been receiving an increasing number of requests from all over the world, asking for dictionaries and volunteering to distribute them to local schools and communities. The challenge we face is how to get these dictionaries over from the United States where they are printed and bought. We have tried freight shipping, container-load shipping, freight forwarding, and simply giving them to volunteers going back home, but in order to expand, we need help from clubs both inside the United States and abroad to help coordinate shipping dictionaries overseas.

How can I help?

Find a sister club in the United States that is willing to cover the cost of the dictionaries or shipping them over to you, and our project will take care of sending you the dictionaries.

Contact us via email or visit our website and let us know how we can help you start a dictionary project in your area today.



Above, kids receive dictionaries in Rwanda and Turks & Caicos Islands international projects

DID YOU KNOW ?

Over 10,000,000 (that's 10 million!) children have received a dictionary thanks to the generosity of sponsors who have participated in the Dictionary Project since the project inception!

The program is in its fifth year and should continue for a long time. This is because it is beneficial for children, affordable and an excellent method for the club to promote literacy and the concept of Rotary. We wish there were more projects like it.

— Rotary Club of Roselle-Roselle Park NJ

“READING MAKES A COUNTRY GREAT!”

Rotary Clubs all over the United States have found The Dictionary Project to be an enjoyable and fulfilling community service project. The goal of The Dictionary Project is to provide students with dictionaries to keep as their own personal reference books. The dictionaries will help the students learn to use the English language effectively and assist them with their education, opening up to them all of the opportunities a good education offers. In addition to helping students develop their communication skills, Dictionary Project sponsors give another valuable gift—that of their time and example. An essential part of the project is that sponsors deliver the dictionaries personally to the students, demonstrating community service in action, and supporting the students in their efforts at school.

Our sponsors find that they gain as much as they give through this interaction, as the children's enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge is inspiring. The parents and teachers are pleased and grateful for the gift as well, making this a great way to build relationships within a community. We receive many requests to bring The Dictionary Project to other countries, and we believe that Rotary can be our partner in bringing the benefits of education to children overseas. Rotary-sponsored projects represent more than 51% of our projects. Moreover, Rotary is among the few organizations that have a global reach, and that has made 'Service Above Self' its motto. Please contact us if you believe you can help us distribute dictionaries in your country. We are looking for support in donations, shipping, logistics, and any other help that your club can provide.

International dictionary projects are being implemented all over the world. We have recipients in Africa, Asia, North and South America, and places as far as the Turks & Caicos Islands.

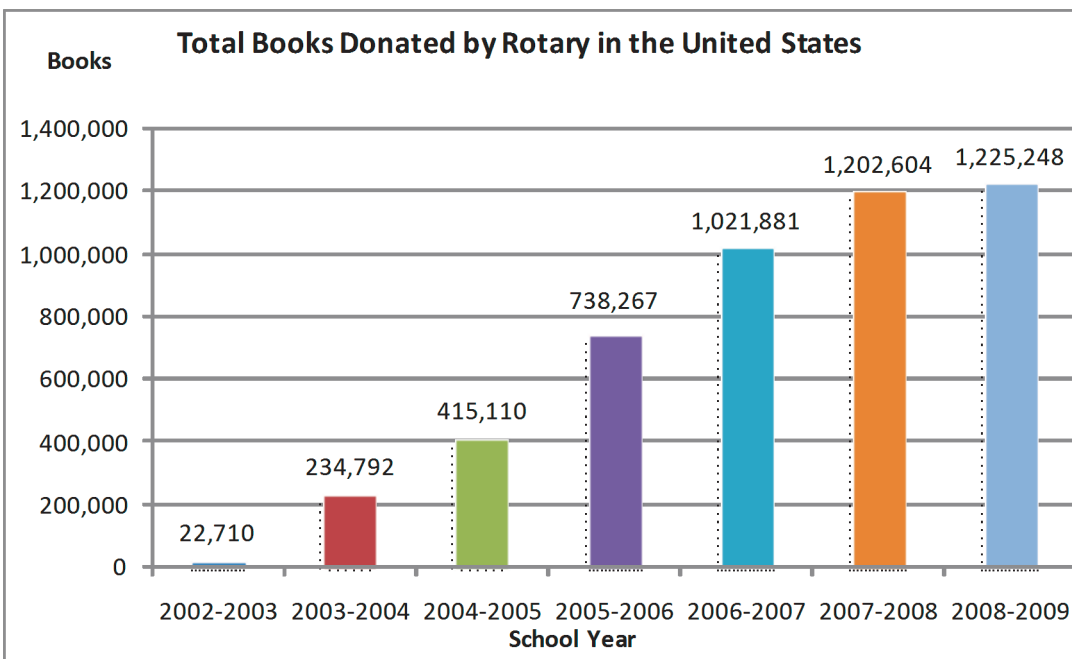
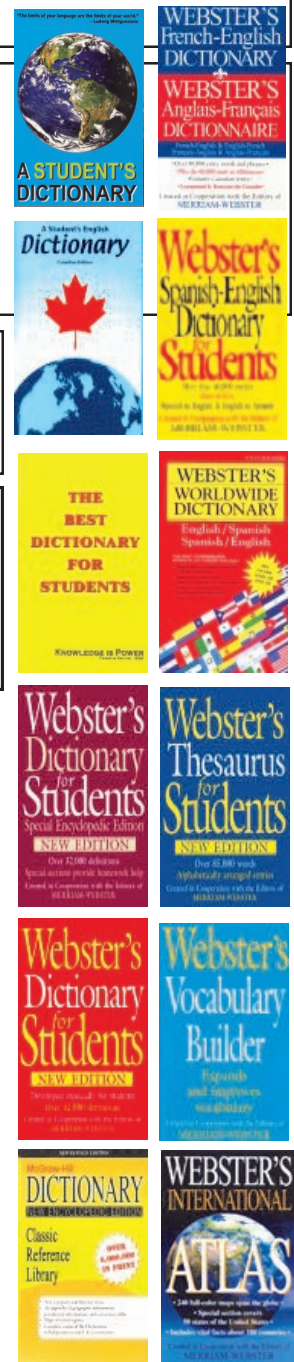
Check our International Projects section on our website to learn more on how to participate and help us get dictionaries to kids overseas.

You can also email or visit us at our booth to learn more and receive a book sample kit.

DICTIONARIES AND REFERENCE BOOKS WE OFFER

We offer a variety of dictionaries and reference books you can choose from ! A short preview of these books is provided on the right.

"Just as a Rotary and our eRotary Club is more than a gathering of people, dictionaries are more than a compiling of words. When we went to Providenciales to work with the Provo Rotary Club in extending The Dictionary Project to local third graders, we found that words were a beginning key to unload the joy of education." —*Joe Kagle, Turks & Caicos Islands eRotary Club Project*



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