



What is the cost?

Materials sufficient for one pallet of books are supplied to Rotary Clubs for a cost of \$250. This includes the costs of book cartons, tape, tape gun, labels and local transportation. The Second Wind Foundation provides additional funds for the cost of overseas shipping.

How many Rotary Clubs have participated in this project?

The Central New York Books for the World Project began in 2008. More than 90 Rotary clubs and Interact clubs in upstate New York, from Districts 7150, 7170, 7190 & 7040 have been part of this project, collecting and shipping more than 700 pallets of books. The CNY Rotary clubs have been supported by more than 65 businesses and community organizations. CNY Books for the World joins US Rotary clubs from Wisconsin, Texas, Oregon, California and Florida, and other regions.

How do we get started?

Go to the Rotarian CNY Books for the World, Inc. website at:

<http://cnybooksfortheworld.org>

where a step-by-step guide to getting started is provided and additional information is available.

For more information contact

Pete Cardamone
at peterf7150@gmail.com

or: 585-750-7211



Rotarian



Central New York Books for the World



Improving Literacy in the World

A 501 (c) 3 Charitable Organization

What is Books for the World?

Rotarian Books for the World is a collaborative effort among Rotary Clubs, affiliated youth clubs, other community and service organizations and The Second Wind Foundation. Our objective is to provide K-6th grade picture/storybooks, K-12th grade textbooks, library and professional books to regions of the world where books are needed to create opportunities for a better way of life.



How will my club benefit from being part of Books for the World?

Rotarian Books for the World is an inexpensive, hands-on international service project, which engages club members in a positive and practical way. Putting books into the hands of

those who need them the most is a rewarding and valuable contribution to improving literacy throughout the world.

Many Rotary clubs have developed partnerships with businesses, youth groups, schools, fraternities and community organizations which have offered volunteer labor or financial support. These partnerships help build awareness and a strong positive image for Rotary.



How does the project work?

At the local level, Rotary Clubs publicize the project, collect the books, and pack them into standard-size cartons. Once 24 cartons are completely filled and stacked onto a pallet, they are trucked to a warehouse in upstate New York where they are weighed and shipped to a Rotary-operated warehouse in Houston, Texas.

Books from all US Rotary collection centers are then packed into a shipping container and sent via container ship to third world distribution centers managed by Rotarians.

Books are then unpacked and offered at no cost to schools, teachers and libraries. Often the shipping container itself is converted into a school or classroom.

Where do we find the books?

Books can be found in closets, storage areas, libraries, schools and churches. Rotary clubs work closely with local school districts to obtain surplus textbooks and at local public libraries during periodic book sales.

Where do the books go?

Primary destinations are in developing countries, which include South Africa, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Argentina, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Jordan and Lebanon and other parts of our world.

