

"Education is a fundamental human right and offers the hope that we can fulfill our potential as human beings."
- UNESCO, Education for All Global Action Plan

How Does the IBB Work?

The International Book Bank (IBB) is a non-profit organization that procures high-quality donated books and educational materials and, in turn, delivers them in bulk quantities to literacy programs and libraries in developing countries – where they are eagerly received and used by children and teachers.

We work directly with many book publishers, and some schools and libraries, to get donations of books and materials. At the same time, we work with book recipients – who must be bona fide non-profit organizations working in countries with critical needs outside the USA – to meet their book needs.

All the books, donated by North American publishers, are new. We screen them for their physical condition, suitability, and educational value.

Our **43,000-square-foot Baltimore warehouse** – located near a major sea port – provides turnkey service to book publishers who need to move excess inventory quickly, and our experienced staff smoothly handle the overseas shipping.

In short, we help **advance literacy and education** by providing appropriate books to under-resourced literacy programs and libraries outside the USA.

Who Are the Book Recipients?

We donate books to organizations outside the USA with documented non-profit status. They contact the IBB to request our information packet, with details about contractual obligations, shipping and handling costs, and a list of available books. Book recipients, often with a third-party sponsor, underwrite the actual shipping and warehouse handling costs.

Upon approval of the organization, the IBB works closely with each organization to ensure that materials to be sent are age/level, content, and culturally appropriate. The IBB then packs and ships by sea container directly from our warehouse.

Please Note: Because our donated books may not be sold under any circumstances, nor may voluntary donations be accepted for the books, book recipient organizations must document the books' distribution and end-use, and must guarantee to the IBB that no fees have been collected for the donated books.

"When I got [my] library card, that was when my life began." - Rita Mae Brown

How to Become a Book Donor

Publishers who wish to support worldwide literacy and education often donate their excess inventory to the IBB. In addition to supporting our mission, the value to the publisher of the tax deduction exceeds any potential return from having the books recycled.

The IBB seeks **carton quantities of new children's books, literature, and textbooks at the primary, secondary, or tertiary levels, in English, Spanish, or French.** Because we have a high demand for children's books and books in Spanish or French, we accept them in smaller than carton quantities.

Please **contact us before shipping any donated books**, so we can be sure that the books will meet our needs. Under U.S. tax law, publishers who donate books may deduct the cost of producing the books, 50% of the retail mark-up, and the cost of shipping the books to the IBB warehouse in Baltimore.

The IBB works closely with publishers on book distribution issues, including market concerns, and our skilled warehouse crew handles receiving the donated books and the overseas shipping process.



International Book Bank

You Can Help Us Ship Books around the World

We rely on generous book publishers, schools, foundations, and individual supporters to keep us going. *Please make a tax-deductible contribution to help underwrite our work.* You may:

- Make a **gift on-line** any time at our Web site, www.internationalbookbank.org
- **Mail us a check**, payable to "International Book Bank." Please note "Contribution" in the memo. line and send it to International Book Bank, PO Box 1662, Baltimore, MD 21203 USA.
- Your employer may have a **gift matching program** or make contributions to charities you nominate. Ask your company's Human Resources or Community Relations office for details.
- Remember the International Book Bank in your will. Typical **bequests** are gifts of stocks or cash. Work with your estate planner or personal attorney to determine the best type of gift.
- Donate something on our **Wish List!** We always need office supplies and warehouse equipment. Please contact us to see what we need. Check our Web site or call 410.685.BOOK (2665).
- Your gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by U.S. law.

Help the IBB Acquire Great Kids' Books Like These!

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If you believe in the **power of books to change lives**, please support the International Book Bank. See inside for some of the ways that you can help.

The **International Book Bank** (IBB) is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt charitable organization registered in Maryland. Our federal ID # is 36-3537447.

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Our Commitment to Our Partners

At the International Book Bank, we are committed to **ensuring excellence** through:

- Open and transparent operations
- Full accountability to all our partners
- Adherence to U.S. laws and regulations
- Best practices in non-profit management



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The IBB and CODE

In 1989, the International Book Bank affiliated with a Canadian charity, CODE, whose motto is, "Read. Learn. Live." Based in Ottawa, CODE has been promoting education and literacy in developing countries since 1959. Through various partnerships, CODE provides educational programs and books to the developing world. We are proud to partner with CODE on our shared missions and to supply books to their programs. Please visit their Web site, **www.codecan.org**, and support them and their 50th anniversary in 2009.

The IBB in 2007-2008

Last year the International Book Bank **shipped 1,064,399 books** valued at about \$US 35,125,167, thanks to book donations from generous publishers. Some sponsors and recipients were:

- Academy for Educational Development (El Salvador)
- Bethany Negash Foundation (Ethiopia)
- Books for Africa (Ethiopia, Liberia)
- CODE (CODE Ethiopia, Guyana Book Foundation, Malawi National Library Service, Tanzania Book Support Trust)
- Good News Bookshop (Jordan)
- International Relief & Development (Iraq)
- Jesuit Bureau (Philippine Library Materials Project)
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- Kiwanis Club (Kiwanis Club of Kingston, Jamaica)
- Room to Read (Cambodia)
- World Vision Canada (Programs in Bolivia, El Salvador, Ghana, Malawi, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe)
- World Vision U.S. (Azerbaijan, Ethiopia)

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." - Frederick Douglass



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Books Change Lives

Established in 1987



Volunteers Help Us Ship Books from Baltimore to the World!

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Our mission:

To increase literacy and advance education by procuring and shipping books and other educational materials to developing countries.