

This is the lifeline of the SMILE AFRICA LearningSPACE Library program -- an annual campaign that raises thousands of new and gently used books for Africa. Overseas partners donate English, French and Portuguese books while our local partners (in each country) donate local language children's books to the libraries.

Setting up "My School Bookraiser™" Challenge:

- My School Bookraiser™ Challenge – participating schools are challenged to raise \$500 – in collaboration with churches, clubs libraries, etc. The amount is matched and \$500 in new books is donated to local literacy programs/food banks, etc in your community, while another \$500 in new books is sent to a school in Africa through Smile Africa [LearningSPACE library](#).
- In addition, your school could collect gently used books by following the steps below:

1. Select a collection site: (i.e. cafeteria, gym, lobby) and provide a container such as a gift wrapped box to hold the books.

2. Spread the word: Provide information about the bookraiser challenge in newsletters, bulletin boards, notices, posters, etc. Please make sure to include an ending date for donations.

3. Collect books/donations

What Books To Donate: Our criterion is similar to the ones used by other organizations promoting literacy in Africa.

- Physical condition of the books
- Age of the books
- Content

At the End of the Book Drive: We need to know how many books were collected and who to address our thank you! Please fax us your information to: [250-717-1265](tel:250-717-1265) for pick-up or delivery details.

What Kinds of Books Can You Donate?

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Encyclopedias: We appreciate your desire to contribute resources with good information; but Smile Africa NO LONGER accepts encyclopedias

Content: This area requires sensitivity to the values of potential recipients. In evaluating the content, please pay attention to the following:

Ethnocentrism: Many early history and geography textbooks, as well as books in the social sciences and anthropology reflect a European point of view that could easily perpetuate stereotypes about the "third world".

Magazines: The ONLY magazines that accept are:

National Geographic 2000 or newer
Travel and Leisure 2000 or newer
Gourmet Magazine 2000 or newer

Categories of Books:

General Reading

This category includes literature, fiction, and non-fiction library books (*Think of Dr. Sues, Clifford, Magic School Buss, ABC and 123 books*)

Basic Reading, ages K to 12

Intermediate Reading, ages 13 to 19

Basic Reading Level for Adults

Advanced Reading, adults

Items in High Demand

Stickers

Dictionaries

Teaching Aids

Educational Posters

Classroom resources

Computer software (learning)

Primary Level Textbooks

Science

Arithmetic

Language Arts (grammar, spelling, composition)

English, French, Portuguese

Health and Physical Education

Social Studies (history, geography)

Educational Games (e.g., flash cards)

Creative and Manual Arts

Music

Secondary Level Textbooks

Mathematics

Sciences

English (Literature)

Language Arts (grammar, spelling, composition)

Geography

History

Computer science

Psychology

Economy

Art

Global issues

Programming

Accounting

Business law

Music