

What is the African Library Project?

And how can you help?

Mission

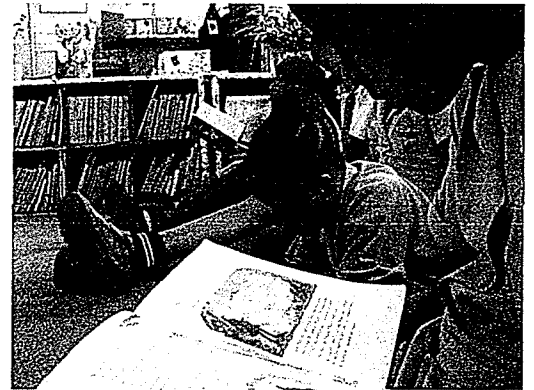
The African Library Project changes lives book by book by starting libraries in rural Africa. Our grassroots approach mobilizes U.S. volunteers, young and old, to organize book drives and ship books to start or improve a library in Africa. Our method makes a concrete and personal difference for children on both continents.

To learn more about **this specific book drive** and how you can help **Shaker Heights High School's Global Development Club** stock a library in Kenya, visit our website https://www.africanlibraryproject.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=60&alpuserspage=1#.WZ90RZOGOEI

Approach

In the United States, our volunteers collect, sort, and pack gently-used children's books to ship to specific African communities. They organize book drives in local schools and neighborhoods and raise modest funds to ship the books to our African partners.

In Africa, our partners range from Peace Corps volunteers to school administrators. They receive the books and organize them into libraries to serve local African communities. Along the way, the U.S. donors learn about Africa and develop closer connections to the people in the recipient communities.



Did You Know?

- Most African children grow up without books, while U.S. bookshelves and landfills overflow with books no longer read.
- Africa has the highest percentage of illiteracy in the world.
- Books are the key to increasing literacy, and literacy is the #1 tool out of poverty.
- Many African teachers teach reading, writing, math and English without even a single book to use as a resource.
- Many adult Africans lose their ability to read due to a lack of reading materials.