

UPDATE DECEMBER 2025

"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope."

— Kofi Anan

Library Aid International Inc. (LAI) is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and approved by the Australian Taxation Office to receive tax-deductible donations. We collect, sort, and ship donated books to developing nations, supporting teachers and students in disadvantaged schools.

****Recent Highlights**

- Financial donations received through the PayPal Giving Fund.
- A generous \$3,000 donation received from a valued supporter.
- 21 volunteers assist with sorting, categorising, and packing books.
- Trivia nights and other fundraising events held regularly.
- The 11th container, funded by LAI and Food Plants International, sent to East New Britain (Papua New Guinea) in early 2025, is now being distributed — see <https://tvwan.com.pg/news/4076>
- The 12th container, entirely funded by LAI, will be shipped to the Solomon Islands in early 2026.
- The 13th container, funded by LAI, the Rotary Club of Burnie and the Rotary Fiji Schools Project, is to be shipped to Fiji in early 2027.

****Book Donations — Restarting after Easter 2026**

Book donations were paused in August 2025 due to being overrun with donations at our storage facilities. We currently expect to resume accepting donations after Easter 2026 and will confirm this closer to the date.

Our focus has shifted from supporting schools in Africa to those in the South Pacific. We especially need primary and middle-school-level books, teacher resources, and general school supplies. We are currently NOT accepting Upper High School, College or University Resources as they do not best meet the needs of our intended schools.

PLEASE check the attachment or visit the Donate → Books page at <https://libraryaid.org> for the latest list of wanted (and unwanted) items. We need your help in not donating what we cannot use.

****Need for Boxes**

Each shipment uses around 900 boxes (preferably approximately 522 × 315 × 210 mm), holding about 30 books each. The business that previously supplied pallets of redundant flat-pack boxes is no longer able to assist, and we have not yet secured an alternative source. The A4 copy paper boxes that many of our donations come in are useful but meet only a third of our needs.

If you know of a potential supplier of suitable boxes, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Thanking you,



Leoni Read
(President)



A Recent Trivia Night Fundraiser