

## SPECIAL UPDATE APRIL 2026

*Every educated person is not rich, but almost every educated person has a job and a way out of poverty. Education is a fundamental solution to poverty.” —Kathleen Blanco*

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. Our model is to raise finances and collect, sort, and ship donated books in 6-metre (20-foot) containers to developing nations, to support teachers and students in disadvantaged schools.

## Latest Highlights

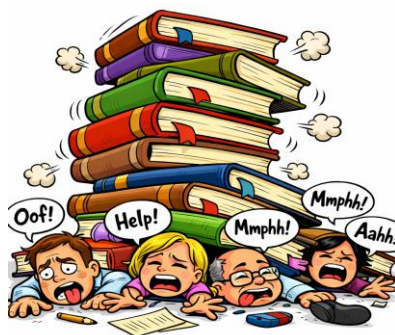
- We were grateful to have sufficient funds to secure our 2025–26 Public Liability and Volunteer Insurance. Our insurance broker’s account manager shared this lovely feedback after visiting our website: *“What beautiful work you do. Something to be very proud of!”* Comments like this encourage us and affirm why our work matters.
- Our twelfth container, packed with books and educational resources is due to arrive in Honiara, capital of the Solomon Islands, on March 25, 2026.
- We met with Veena Tilly, who has led the Rotary Fiji Schools Project for many years, to discuss our thirteenth shipping container, scheduled for Fiji in March 2027. The container is already ten percent filled with valuable books and educational resources. The Rotary Club of Burnie generously funded the container, while Strait Link will transport it from Burnie to Melbourne at no cost. The Rotary Fiji Schools Project will use part of the container space for computers and pay the shipping costs from Melbourne to Fiji. This collaborative approach will help us rebuild much-needed funds. A similar partnership for Vanuatu is under consideration.
- Although we paused accepting book donations from August 2025 until after Easter 2026, some donations continued regardless. By year’s end, around 40 pallets had accumulated. We have now had to extend the pause UNTIL AUGUST 2026.
- We faced a potential shortage of suitable boxes, but Simplot and McCain Foods generously supplied surplus cartons, securing our operations well into the future.
- Recycle Rewards approved a campaign, allowing people to donate some or all of their 10-cent drinking container refunds to Library Aid International using an app on their mobile phone. See <https://recyclerewards.com.au/> for further information.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in Library Aid—we couldn’t do this without you.

Warm Regards,



Leoni Read  
(President)



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DONATIONS OF  
BOOKS UNTIL  
AUGUST 2026**