

UPDATE AUGUST 2026

"One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world." —Malala Yousafzai

Library Aid International Inc. (LAI) is a Tasmanian incorporated charity, registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Deductible Gift Recipient. We collect, sort and ship donated books and educational resources in 6-metre (20-foot) containers to disadvantaged schools in developing countries.

Latest Highlights

- Our **twelfth container** arrived in **Honiara, Solomon Islands**, on 25 March 2026. Its books and educational resources have been collected by or distributed to **32 schools**. The Christian Reformed Churches of Australia Mission Base managed customs clearance and transport. Solomon Islander, Casper Hillary Meije and friends assisted and managed the logistics. Base Manager, Karin van Straten said, *"Thank you that we could be a part of this amazing contribution to education in the Solomon Islands."* Some pictures are attached.

Our **thirteenth container**, destined for **Fiji** in March 2027, is nearly **30% full**. It is a joint project involving Library Aid International, the Rotary Club of Burnie and the Rotary Fiji Schools Project.

- Planning is underway for our **fourteenth container** to **Vanuatu**, in partnership with Hope Education of Ulverstone. Hope Education will buy the container and arrange the distribution of the books. Library Aid will ship the container of boxed books.
- **Fundraising events** in the next several months include Sheffield's Got Talent, a Progressive Dinner, Trivia Quiz Night and a Choral Festival. We also appreciate support from regular and irregular donors, people making tax-deductible donations and people donating their Recycle Rewards drinking container refunds to Library Aid International.

Book Donations Reopen

We have resumed accepting book donations from **August 2026**. We are seeking quality books and school supplies for **children aged 3–18 years**. Around one-quarter of donated books we are getting cannot be used, so we encourage donors to check our website DONATION PAGE >BOOKS>PREFERRED DONATIONS LIST before donating. **PLEASE** help us in this regard so we don't receive what we cannot use. Boxed books labeled 'Library Aid c/- Wesley Vale Depot' can be sent to us from any De Bruyn's Transport Depot in Tasmania at no cost to you.

Thank you for your continued support of Library Aid International. Together, we are helping provide educational opportunities for children who need them most.

Warm regards,



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