Books For Africa has shipped more than 30 million books to 49 African countries in the past 25 years.

Where do all of the books come from?

Books are collected at the BFA warehouses in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Atlanta, Georgia, from donors across the United States, individuals, book companies, publishers, schools, and libraries donate all sorts of books from children's storybooks to post-secondary textbooks and everything in between.

Books are sorted and packed by trained volunteer groups. Then, 20 tons of books are carefully loaded into each 40-foot container and shipped across the Atlantic Ocean to African NGOs, universities, and foundations that distribute them to local schools and community libraries.

Volunteers come to our warehouses in droves to help us pack and sort books. BFA is the largest volunteer organization in Atlanta. This year, we had a number of large groups volunteer with us including a group from the NFL's Atlanta Falcons as a part of the Atlanta Hometown Huddle project; an AARP group; and numerous school, corporate, and civic groups.

Our mission is to end the book famine in Africa. www.BooksForAfrica.org

BFA Shipments in FY 2013

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Number of container shipments sent since 1988

775 computers, 147 container units, 13,900 laptop computers, 40,000 books, 119,000 foamcore boxes, 233 book cases, 825 educational posters, 90 English Club photo books.

TOTAL VALUE: $22.8 million

Celebrating 25 Years of Books For Africa

Books For Africa hosted a Jubilee Gala in St. Paul, Minnesota, to celebrate all the people and projects that have helped to win extraordinary victories on the African book famine. We were joined by VIPs including St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, the Ethiopian Ambassador to the U.S., the Tanzania Ambassador to the U.S., former Tanzanian First Lady, Anna Mkapa, and Ghanaian film star Majid Michel. 500 guests joined us for a formal dinner featuring an address from U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN); a special song written just for the anniversary event; a live auction; and a keynote address from Nayaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, World YWCA. General Secretary. We are happy to have spent the past 25 years shipping books to students that need them, and we are determined to continue our work to end the book famine.

BFA Aims to Collect and Ship One Million Books Each Year

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In Sierra Leone, books went to the Healey Foundation. Primary and secondary students will benefit from 22,000 books sent over the next year to students who need them. The Foundation is funding a pan-African initiative sent over the next year to students who need them. More and more will be like those pictured here in Sierra Leone will receive books over the next year. The Foundation is funding a pan-African initiative sent over the next year to students who need them.

South Africa

During the first visit to South Africa, the Foundation of Virginia, students from well stocked libraries over the coming years.

When a Peace Corps South Africa Volunteer asked a grade seven learner, Spheamandla, why there should be a library at school, he wrote: “I haven’t learned that much so I want to be in the library all the time so I can learn many things and achieve my dreams.”

To help make Spheamandla’s dream come true, Books For Africa shipped books to 29 schools in South Africa where U.S. Peace Corps volunteers work. These books will address a real need: only 7.5 percent of schools in South Africa own library books. Spheamandla wrote: “The books will be an invaluable resource for years to come for students of all ages in Burundi.

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