



Books For Africa has shipped more than 43 million books, serving all 55 African countries in the past 30 years.



Remembering Kofi Annan

The Books For Africa family joins the world in mourning the passing of former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan on August 18, 2018. Books For Africa was fortunate to benefit from a long and supportive relationship with Kofi Annan. He first heard of our work almost 20 years ago, and served as co-chair of our Law & Democracy Initiative since its inception in 2008. For many years the our website's homepage has featured this quote from Mr. Annan: "Books For Africa is a simple idea, but its impact is transformative. For us, literacy is quite simply the bridge from misery to hope." This concept, captured so elegantly by Mr. Annan, has been a guiding force in Books For Africa's mission.



30th Anniversary Gala

Books For Africa held its 30th Anniversary Gala on Friday, September 28th, 2018, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The celebration, attended by 500 supporters and VIPs from around the world, was a resounding success, with over \$345,000 raised to send more high quality books to Africa. Books For Africa thanks all the sponsors, speakers, donors, and friends who made this event memorable. Having shipped 43 million books to all 55 African countries is a great accomplishment, but as our Founder Tom Warth says, with over half a billion children on the African continent, there is much work yet to be done. As we celebrate this milestone, we are even more excited about what can be accomplished next.



Libya

A 40-foot container delivered to Tripoli in January 2018 marked Books For Africa's first ever shipment to Libya! This container, sponsored by Out of Print, was received and distributed by TESOL International Association, Libya. The 22,000 books included in this shipment are currently being used by students, faculty, and community members at over 100 schools of all age levels. Nadia Nuseir, Director of TESOL Tripoli Branch, reports that the books are high quality, relevant to TESOL's programs, and will help promote literacy and have a positive impact on education in Libya. TESOL was also the winner of our first ever BFA photo contest - our thanks to Director Nuseir for sharing this wonderful photo of TESOL students enjoying their new books!

Cameroon

In April 2018, U.S. Army Civil Affairs Team 4032 delivered 27 boxes of donated books to the Garoua Regional Linguistic Center (Centre Linguistique Regional de Garoua) in Garoua, Cameroon in partnership with BFA and fellow nonprofit organization Spirit of America. The Linguistic Center hosts the Cameroonian government-sponsored bilingual training program, and the U.S. Embassy has supported an English Access Program there. The center's library collection previously consisted of sparsely filled shelves, and the few existing books were mostly geared towards French and English language training. Jean Louis Okomon, Director of the Linguistic Center, reports that the library is often visited by students from the University of Ngaoundere Annex and various secondary schools in Garoua who are seeking non-language training books. This donation has boosted the Center's ability to provide a wide variety of quality books for a more diverse range of students, benefitting both the Linguistic Center and the surrounding community!



South Africa

In January 2018, a Books For Africa delegation visited Cape Town, South Africa, to raise funds in celebration of Books For Africa's 30th Anniversary. The trip raised over \$27,000, which will provide more than 60,000 books to schools in South Africa! The trip included a school visit hosted by the NGO help2read at Wemmershoek Primary School. BFA has delivered more than 22,000 books to help2read for use in over 200 schools - since the help2read program began 11 years ago, it has reached more than 17,500 learners! BFA donors watched as every delighted student selected a favorite book to take home. The library at Wemmershoek has also been fully stocked with a comprehensive range of books for all grades.

BFA Shipments in FY 2018			
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018			
Country	Containers	Country	Containers
Botswana	2	Nigeria	10
Cameroon	8	Rwanda	2
CAR	2	Sao Tome	2
Chad	1	Senegal	1
Djibouti	4	Seychelles	2
DRC	2	Sierra Leone	6
Equatorial Guinea	1	Somalia	2
Ethiopia	10	South Africa	4
Ghana	16	Swaziland	2
Kenya	14	Tanzania	18
Liberia	2	The Gambia	4
Libya	2	Uganda	8
Malawi	7	Zambia	2
Mauritius	1	Zimbabwe	12
Mozambique	6	TOTAL	153
TOTALS: 152 container units, 123 computers and E-readers, 3 WestCore law libraries, 2.3 million hard copy books and 282,600 digital books to 29 countries			
TOTAL VALUE: \$22 million			

Number of container shipments sent since 1988