“Books For Africa is a simple idea, but its impact is transformational. For us, literacy is quite simply the bridge from misery to hope.”

—Walter Mondale, Former U.S. Vice President

Books For Africa

On September 12, 2008, over 350 Books For Africa supporters from across the United States, along with African diplomatic representatives, gathered at the History Center in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the organization.

Books For Africa is a non-profit organization that provides new and almost-new English language books to children in Africa.

The books were of the highest quality and condition, having been carefully selected to meet the unique needs of each African country.

Books For Africa has shipped over 10 million high-quality and nearly new books to children in Africa since 1989.

In 2008, over 2,000 container shipments were made to Africa, representing 2.7 million books valued at over $20.2 million.

In 2008, Books For Africa sent 176 container shipments to Africa, a 48% increase over 2007.

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