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What is The Library Project?

The Library Project was founded on the simple idea that education is change. Education is the catalyst which breaks the cycle of poverty in the developing world and provides children with the opportunity for a positive future. Education is also empowerment. If we educate the children of the developing world, we give them the power to reach their goals. Education opens the doors of opportunity for children and provides them with the tools for a better future for both them and their families.



## Overview

The Library Project donates books and libraries to under financed schools and orphanages in China and Vietnam. We believe education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty that exists in the developing world. As we see it, education is change. We accomplish this by:

- Involving the local community through awareness raising
- Providing libraries to underfunded orphanages and elementary schools
- Partnering with local NGOs (charities)

# Our Programs in 2017

As of December 31, 2017, The Library Project has established 2,572 elementary school libraries. We've put more than 1,800,000 local language children's books into the hands of eager young readers. Over 1,000,000 children now have access to improved educational infrastructure. During the 2017 calendar year, we donated 309 libraries to rural elementary schools. These amazing results could not have been attained without the help and support of so many donors and volunteers. This year's 2017 Annual Report is in many ways a celebration of your continued support to improve the education found in schools throughout Asia.



The Library Project works in  
thirty-seven provinces  
throughout China and seven  
provinces in Vietnam.



We donate school libraries;  
to address children's access to books.



Reading Rooms for large schools



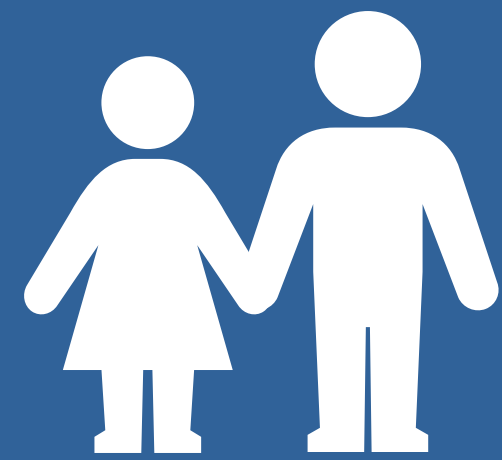
Reading Corners for small schools



## Children's Books

The Library Project donated over 1,800,000 local language children's books to rural elementary schools and orphanages in China and Vietnam. We work directly with regional book store warehouses, online distributors and resellers. We receive deep discounts between 20-80% off the retail price of each book. This allows us to provide the highest quality books at the lowest possible price to each elementary school and orphanage.

The Library Project provides a wide range of children's books including: history, science, short stories, fairy tales, books for very young readers, children's dictionaries, children's reference books, and an assortment of comic books. Each school also receives a full set of children's encyclopedias for older students. Every book is in full color and of the highest quality.



We conduct literacy programs;  
to improve children's reading habits.





We conduct Librarian Training;  
to ensure our libraries are used regularly.



## Librarian Training

In 2017, The Library Project conducted 309 librarian training courses benefiting over 3,500 teachers and librarians. The Library Project conducts a comprehensive Librarian Training Course for teachers and the administration of every elementary school and orphanage. The course provides instruction on how to check books in and out to students, how to use the children's books in a classroom setting and how to get the students involved in the maintenance of their library, etc.

The Librarian Training Course is a “crash course” on how to manage their new library, and gets the teachers and administration up to speed on day-one. We have found that once we began conducting this training course, 94% of our libraries are used on a weekly basis after the first year.





## Our Volunteers

The Library Project has worked with over 1,000 volunteers in 2017.

Our volunteers are a huge reason for our success. Thanks to their dedication, passion, and commitment, we are able to offer the gift of books to tens of thousands of children while keeping our overhead low. We're always looking for new volunteers!

“Our volunteers play an important role in introducing the students to their new library. Games are played, songs are sung, and of course books are read. It is a very positive experience for everyone involved; the school administration, teachers, students, and the volunteers,” says Nichole He, The Library Project’s China Country Director.



## Our Board of Directors

The Library Project has an amazing Board of Directors that supports our organization and helps to make the world a better place.

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# 2017 Financial History

# 2017 Financials

For the year ending December 31, 2017 (USD)

The Library Project is committed to maintaining a careful balance between its ambitious program objectives and operating efficiently.

SUPPORT & REVENUE	2017
Fundraising	995,230
Total Income	995,230
EXPENSES	
Program Expenses	
Books	275,863
Furniture	125,777
Logistics	2,295
Miscellaneous	53,883
Partner Organizations	37,001
Special Projects	26,005
Travel	35,824
Program Operating Expenses	242,720
Total Program Expenses	799,368
Overhead Expenses	
Advertising & Marketing	40,694
Accounting & Legal	3,980
Information Technology	2,270
Insurance	6,613
Office Expenses	7,557
Rent	14,504
Travel	6,210
Employees	55,435
Total Overhead Expenses	137,263
Total Expenses	936,631
Ending Balance	58,599



