





Thank you for taking the time to learn about The Library Project and our work to improve children’s literacy. This 2025 Annual Report shares who we are, the programs we delivered throughout the year, the partners and leaders who support our mission, and the financial history that makes this work possible.

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What is The Library Project?

The Library Project is dedicated to improving children’s literacy worldwide. We believe that access to books is a critical part of a quality education and that every child should have the opportunity to read, learn, and build a better future.

Founded in 2006, The Library Project began by donating libraries to rural schools in China. Since then, our work has expanded to support schools, community centers, and local nonprofit organizations in increasing access to books and strengthening literacy outcomes for children and families.

Our programs provide children with access to high-quality, age-appropriate books in their local language. We support teachers with training and practical tools, help families build reading habits at home, and partner with local organizations that understand the needs of their communities.

The Library Project’s work is built around a simple belief: books open doors. When children have access to books, they gain more than reading materials. They gain opportunities to imagine, ask questions, build knowledge, and develop the confidence to learn.

Through Reading Rooms, Reading Corners, Book Donations, Children’s Literacy Bags, Literacy Programs, Teacher Training, and Global Partnerships, The Library Project works to ensure that children have the resources and support they need to become lifelong readers.

Our Programs in 2025

In 2025, The Library Project continued to expand access to books and literacy support for children, teachers, and families. Our programs focused on rural elementary schools, classrooms, homes, and local communities where access to quality reading materials remains limited.

Throughout the year, The Library Project supported 48 rural elementary schools in China. We established 16 Reading Rooms, 191 Reading Corners, and completed 6 Book Donations. Together, these programs reached approximately 19,000 students and placed more than 47,000 Chinese-language children's books into schools and classrooms.

Reading Rooms provide schools with dedicated library spaces where students can explore books, participate in reading activities, and develop regular reading habits. Reading Corners bring books directly into classrooms, making it easier for students and teachers to use books as part of the school day. Book Donations help schools and community spaces strengthen existing collections with high-quality, age-appropriate reading materials.

The Library Project also continued to support reading at home. In 2025, we distributed 3,011 Children's Literacy Bags to rural and migrant families. Each bag helped children build a small home library and encouraged families to make reading part of daily life beyond the classroom.

Teacher support remained central to our work. In 2025, The Library Project provided children's reading curriculum and book management training to 1,200 rural teachers. These trainings helped educators use books more effectively, manage library resources, and create stronger reading environments for students.

Across all of our 2025 programs, The Library Project focused on practical, scalable solutions: providing books, creating reading spaces, supporting teachers, and encouraging families to read together.



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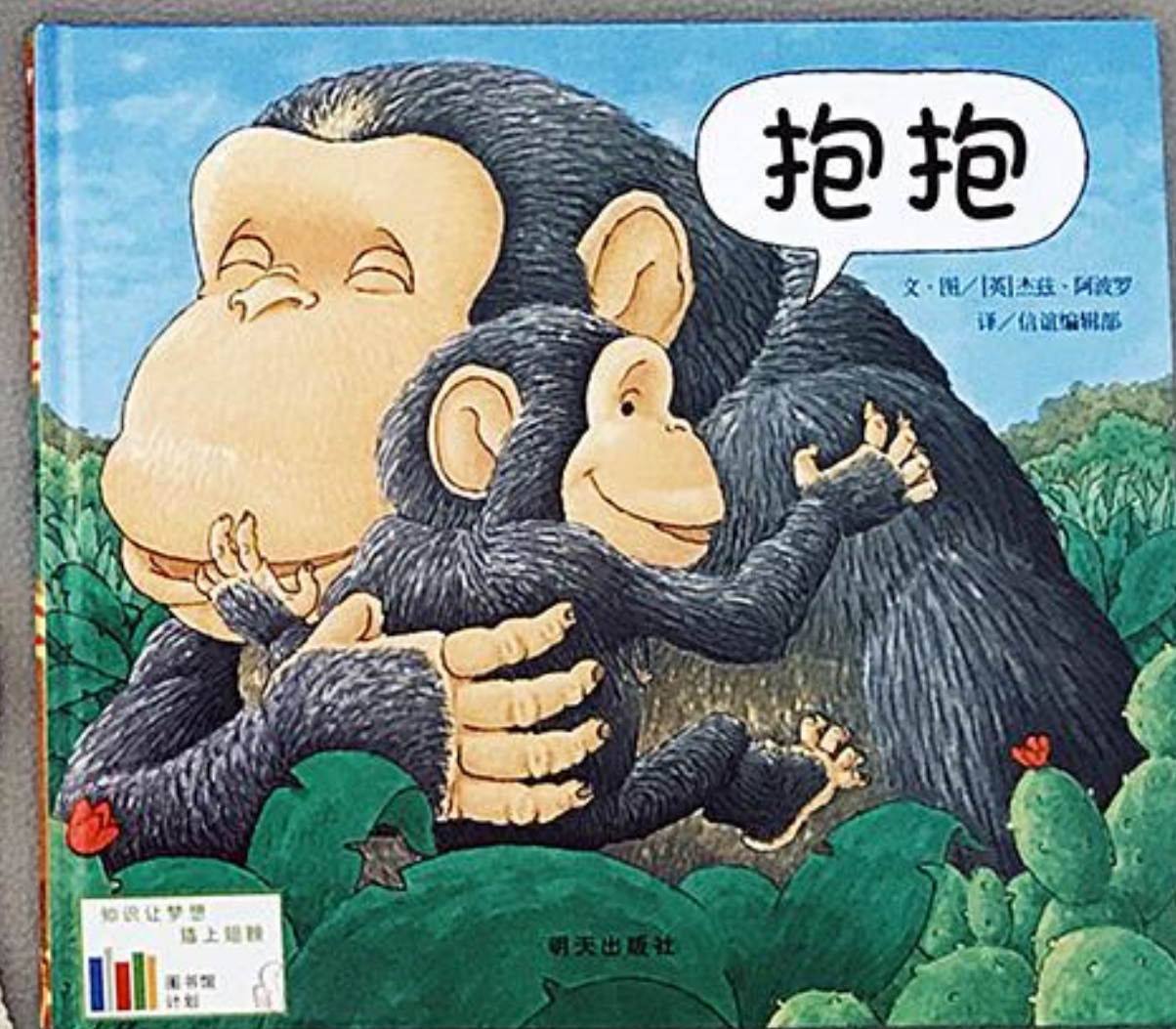
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Children's Books

Children's books are at the center of The Library Project's work. A library, classroom, or home reading program is only as strong as the books children can read. In 2025, The Library Project donated more than 47,000 Chinese-language children's books to rural elementary schools through Reading Rooms, Reading Corners, and Book Donations.

Each book collection was carefully selected to support children's reading development, curiosity, and love of learning. We provide high-quality, age-appropriate books in the local language so students can read with confidence and understanding. Our collections include picture books, early readers, short stories, science books, history books, reference books, and other materials that help children explore the world around them.

The Library Project's book selection is guided by our Book Content Core Values: STEAM Education, Inclusion & Diversity, Environmental Protection, Girls' Education, Promoting World Peace, and Nurturing the Heart & Mind. These values help ensure that the books we provide do more than support literacy skills. They also introduce children to new ideas, encourage empathy, build confidence, and help students see themselves and others in the stories they read.

We believe children are more likely to become lifelong readers when they have access to books that are engaging, relevant, and meaningful. By placing books directly into schools and classrooms, The Library Project helped approximately 19,000 students read more often, discover new interests, and build stronger foundations for learning.



Literacy Programs

The Library Project's literacy programs are designed to help children build stronger reading habits and develop a lifelong love of reading. Access to books is essential, but children also need encouragement, guidance, and opportunities to use those books regularly.

In 2025, The Library Project supported literacy development through school-based programs, classroom reading activities, and home reading support. Our Reading Rooms and Reading Corners created daily opportunities for students to explore books, read independently, and participate in guided reading activities with teachers.

The Library Project also continued to expand reading beyond the classroom through Children's Literacy Bags. In 2025, 3,011 Literacy Bags were distributed to rural and migrant families. These take-home resources helped children build small home libraries and encouraged parents and caregivers to support reading at home.

Each Literacy Bag is designed to make reading more accessible for families. By placing books directly into the home, children have more opportunities to read outside of school and families have a simple way to participate in their child's learning.

Our literacy programs focus on building reading habits over time. We want children to see books not only as school materials, but as sources of knowledge, imagination, comfort, and joy.

Through literacy programs in schools, classrooms, and homes, The Library Project helps children develop the confidence and motivation to read regularly.



Teacher Training

Teachers play a critical role in helping children become confident readers. A library filled with books is powerful, but its impact depends on how often those books are used and how well they are integrated into daily learning.

In 2025, The Library Project provided children's reading curriculum and book management training to 1,200 rural teachers. These trainings helped teachers understand how to use books in the classroom, organize and manage reading materials, and encourage students to read more often.

Teacher Training supports the long-term success of every Reading Room, Reading Corner, and Book Donation. Teachers learn practical strategies for creating reading activities, guiding students toward appropriate books, and making reading part of the school day.

The Library Project also provides training on library and book management. This helps schools maintain their collections, keep books accessible to students, and ensure that donated resources continue to be used well after the initial donation.

Our goal is to make each teacher a champion for reading. When teachers are equipped and supported, books become more than materials on a shelf. They become tools for learning, discovery, and student growth.

By investing in teachers, The Library Project helps ensure that our libraries and book donations have lasting impact.



Global Partnerships

In 2025, The Library Project launched its Global Partnerships initiative, beginning with two partners: Joy for Books in the United States and Start a Library Trust in Kenya.

Global Partnerships represents an important step in The Library Project's growth. Through this initiative, we work alongside local literacy organizations that understand their communities' needs and are already committed to expanding access to books and reading support.

Rather than creating one model for every location, The Library Project supports partners in developing practical, community-based literacy programs. This approach allows us to help more children while strengthening the capacity of local organizations.

Our first Global Partners reflect this approach. In the United States, Joy for Books supports children by providing classroom-based access to books and fostering reading engagement. In Kenya, Start a Library Trust works to bring books and literacy resources to children and families who need them most.

Through Global Partnerships, The Library Project provides support, including fundraising assistance, mentoring, tools, and program guidance. These partnerships help local organizations grow their impact while allowing The Library Project to expand its mission beyond direct library donations.

The launch of Global Partnerships marks a new chapter for The Library Project. It allows us to continue our long-standing commitment to children's literacy while building a broader network of organizations working toward the same goal: ensuring that every child has access to books and the opportunity to read.



Our Board of Directors

The Library Project is guided by a dedicated Board of Directors that provides leadership, oversight, and strategic direction for our organization. Their experience, commitment, and support help ensure that The Library Project remains focused on its mission to improve children's literacy and expand access to books.

Their guidance allows The Library Project to continue evolving while staying true to the simple belief that every child deserves the opportunity to read, learn, and build a better future.

2025 Board Members

Tom Stader — Board Chair

Eva Dong

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Jeri Lim

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Our 2025 Donors

The Library Project's work is made possible by the generosity of donors who believe every child deserves access to books and the opportunity to read. In 2025, their support helped provide libraries, children's books, literacy programs, and teacher training to schools and communities where these resources are needed most.

We are grateful to each donor for helping us expand access to books and strengthen children's literacy. Their commitment continues to open doors to learning for students, teachers, and families.

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2025 Financial History

For the year ending December 31, 2025 (USD)

The Library Project is committed to responsible financial stewardship. As we continue to expand access to books, strengthen literacy programs, and support partners around the world, we remain focused on using donor funds carefully and efficiently.

Our financial history reflects our commitment to balancing program growth with long-term organizational sustainability. Every contribution helps make our work possible, allowing us to provide books, libraries, teacher training, and literacy support to children and communities that need them most.

	Administration	Fundraising	Programs	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Revenue						
Fundraising	0	0	0	\$35,057	\$19,183	\$54,239
Total for Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,057	\$19,183	\$54,239
Expenditures						
China mainland program costs	0	0	35,000	0	0	35,000
United States program costs	0	0	205	0	0	205
Vietnam program costs	0	0	380	0	0	380
Fundraising platforms	0	704	0	0	0	123
Website costs	0	737	125	0	0	863
Contract & professional fees	0	0	426	0	0	426
Accounting fees	75	0	0	0	0	75
Directors & officers insurance	677	0	0	0	0	677
Bank fees & service charges	241	0	58	0	0	299
Shipping & postage	31	0	0	0	0	31
Software & apps	1,754	991	382	0	0	3,127
Taxes	0	0	9,996	0	0	9,996
Wages	0	0	30,800	0	0	30,800
Travel	0	0	5,216	0	0	3,185
Total for Expenditures	\$2,778	\$2,432	\$82,589	\$0	\$0	\$87,799

