The Global Book Exchange
Making a world of difference

We do more than talk about literacy.
We do something about it.

Community partners
We love our community partners — Rotary clubs, local teens, friends and neighbors. Their generosity in time and dollars allows us to give countless children the chance for a better future.

Local Rotarians Lead the Way

• Volunteering at the Global Book Exchange
• Making financial contributions — as groups and also as individuals
• Making connections with other Rotarians in faraway places
• Helping with fundraising and outreach
• Sponsoring programs for local schools

It’s a rich partnership. Together we lead these projects with pride — promoting community service and good environmental practices and lending a hand to children everywhere.

A few of our awards
• Marin Economic Commission Award of Excellence for Environmental Values
• Marin County School Boards Association Golden Bell Award
• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Commendation for municipal solid waste recycling

Together we can do more
Every little bit makes a difference.

How you can help
• Make a donation or help with fundraising
• Reach out to schools; tell teachers about us
• Sponsor books for a local school or nonprofit
• Volunteer to sort, shelve and pack books
• Underwrite the cost of a shipment

Where to find us
1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday
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Promoting literacy since 1987
Green and growing

The Global Book Exchange is a nonprofit volunteer organization that collects lightly-used children’s books and textbooks and redistributes them. We had small beginnings in a driveway in Marin County in 1987, and since then we have shipped more than one million books to new homes across the United States and around the world.

Today, we’re housed in a former school gym in San Rafael, where our knowledgeable volunteers are happy to help teachers, parents, non-profit staff and others select books from our shelves to meet the individual needs of the children in their care.

A simple idea

The Global Book Exchange accepts books for young people that schools and families no longer need and finds new users for them.

Those who count on us
• Teachers and schools with limited budgets and empty shelves
• Nonprofits that serve children
• Needy families
• Schools recovering from disasters
• People eager to learn English
• Children everywhere

“Our second-grade field trip in May was incredibly exciting for our students. We are a Title 1 school, so many of our students’ families face economic challenges. I can tell you that I had quite a few students this year who did not have many, if any, books at home for the students’ nightly reading homework. When these students got to choose twelve books to keep at our Global Book Exchange field trip, it was like winning the lottery for them.

The support and services you provide are life-changing. I hope you can expand the program to more grade levels and more schools in the area.
—Kim Press, 2nd grade teacher, Venetia Valley School

A far-reaching effect

We provide books for those who need them, both close to home and abroad.

We’ve helped more than 600 Bay Area schools and nonprofits, and we’ve shipped books to schools and orphanages in more than 40 countries.

Some of the places we’ve found new homes for books
• Schools in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina
• San Francisco Bay Area classrooms serving children with special needs
• Dirt-floored schools in Africa
• Classroom libraries and daycare centers in Marin
• Libraries in Cambodia
• Local health and wellness centers serving children
• An orphanage in Uganda

“Without you all, this moment would never have happened. As you can see from the faces of the children, your kindness is very much appreciated and admired.”
—Vani Veikoso, Nuku District School, Suva, Fiji

“Thank you Global Book Exchange for giving us books. I got a book of maps so I can see where I live.”
—Erick, 5th grader, San Rafael, student in Experience Corps program

What we do
• Support learning and literacy worldwide
• Help the environment by finding new uses for good books, thus saving them from destruction

“It’s astounding that one organization can touch so many people in such beneficial ways.”
—Ann Gigounas, former trustee, Tamalpais Union High School District