

help2read's Vision

Our vision is that all primary school children are literate and enjoy reading.

Sharing a love of reading



"Thanks for the lovely books, it is HIGHLY appreciated!"

- Educator, Simon's Town Primary

On the 14th of February 2009, the 40-foot container with 648 Books For Africa boxes filled with school and library books arrived in Cape Town. On arrival, Imperial Cargo moved and off-loaded the container to one of their warehouses where they have allowed help2read to store the books free of charge.

Sorting through approximately a third of the 22,000 books received has been no small accomplishment. Since March 2009, more than 7 000 books have already been delivered to disadvantaged schools in Cape Town. The majority of these books have been placed in classrooms where learners have direct access. The rest of books have been added to existing school libraries and to help2read book boxes where they can be used by help2read volunteers and children.

A teacher at Melton Primary mentioned that the donated books were being used in their dedicated help2read classroom but that "the classroom is open to all teachers and learners who would like to make use of the resources."

Now, 8,000 learners in 15 schools have access to beautiful and interesting books that will certainly provide enjoyment and an opportunity for learning. Not only have do the children have access to these books they can, with the assistance of the trained reading helpers, now fully enjoy and appreciate these fantastic resources.

The principal of Newfield Primary School said this about the books: "We are in the process of refurbishing our ill-equipped library and the book donation will be of great value to the learners in future."

Thank you Books For Africa!