

Library Program

Books are records of humanity and windows to the world. However, many children in remote rural regions of China have never seen any book other than their textbooks. They have never had a chance to discover the pleasure of reading. These children need books more than anyone else, as they have no other way to discover the outside world.

OCEF Library Program was established in 2003. OCEF's volunteers in rural China contact schools in need of books and help them apply for aid. Volunteers in Chinese cities run book drives to collect second-hand books and negotiate with publishers for quality books at discount price.

OCEF volunteers also help the schools find out the best ways to run the libraries based on scale and needs.

OCEF won the "Reading Promotion" award from China Library Association on April 23, 2005, the 10th World Book and Copyright Day.

Donation Methods

● Donate Books:

You may send new or second-hand books to OCEF-recommended school directly, or subscribe to journals or magazines for them. OCEF receives application from many schools. The applicant schools are ranked based on needs, and they are recommended in the order of ranking. Once an OCEF-recommended school has received an adequate number of books, the next school will be recommended.

● Donate Money:

You may donate a lump sum (\$600/library) to OCEF and specify it for the Library Program. OCEF will buy books with your donation. We can often obtain good discounts and buy quality books for less than their market prices. On average, each book costs less than \$1.

Books We Need

- Study guides
- Popular sciences
- Children's books
- Youth books
- Toolbooks for teachers
- Agriculture
- Health and medicine

We welcome your participation in choosing books with your donation.

Feedback to Donors

- A book-list (sealed by the school as evidence of receipt)
- A thank-you letter from the school
- Letters and/or book reviews from students
- Inspection report within a year

As a donor, you may name the library or send token(s) of encouragement upon permission from the school.