

ABCA JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

It's been a busy month at ABCA.

Gauteng Shipment

Our first shipment of the year has arrived in Gauteng, South Africa.



We look forward to receiving lots of photos and videos from the amazing Lauren and Andrea in South Africa. All the books have already been allocated – there are so many schools that are desperate for books!

Port Elizabeth Shipment

The boxes of books heading to Port Elizabeth have been picked up and are awaiting shipping at the docks.



Thank You from The Family Literacy Project, KwaZulu Natal

Westville Rotary has distributed the last of the books delivered to KwaZulu Natal in October 2021 to The Family Literacy project. Tony Clulow from Westville Rotary thanked ABCA for the books and emphasised that they have really made a difference.

On 6 June Jill and Phumy from The Family Literacy project picked up about 300 books supplied by ABCA from Rotary Westville President Sue, Chairs Steve Phaup and Tony Clulow. Jill reports these books have been shared among The Family Literacy project libraries with some going to reading nooks or box libraries.

The Family Literacy Project in Underberg operates five libraries in the area and in 2021 7,571 books were taken out. The project seeks to encourage parents and child minders to read to and with children and, people who can read, to read to their neighbours.

What is very heartening for us is that Jill and Phumy acknowledge the beautiful condition of the ABCA books sent. Our ABCA sorters and packers work hard to ensure that we only send appropriate books that are in good condition to Africa. In this way we acknowledge and respect the children and teenagers who we hope will get as much pleasure out of ABCA books as have their Australian counterparts.



Phumy and Jill collecting ABCA books



FLP students enjoying ABCA books

Words of Thanks from The Family Literacy Project

We are so thrilled with the beautiful books.

On her way home from collecting the books, Phumy called at two of our sites – one with a formal library, and one with a Box Library. She sent you the photos and you saw how happy those books made the children. It is also very exciting for our facilitators and library assistants to have new stories to read to the children and new things to talk about. I could not believe the beautiful condition of the books. We all know what a personal 'lift' we get when presented with something new and shiny, and generally speaking the children's little lives are full of 'drab and dusty'.

As a literacy organization we are doing everything in our power to improve the reading levels in our area and, we believe that our new isiZulu Reach Out to Read programme has the potential to raise the levels in the whole country. It is a difficult journey though, and we really appreciate your support.

*Yours sincerely,
Jill Frow
On behalf of*

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