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We've had another very busy month at ABCA with the distributing of the remaining books shipped earlier this year to Gauteng. We have enjoyed reading all the beautiful thank you notes from the various schools.

## **Breaking News:**

**ABCA is now endorsed as a deductible gift recipient**

**We are thrilled that the Australian Taxation office has endorsed ABCA as a deductible gift recipient (DGR). This means that any donor who makes a donation to ABCA of A\$2 and over is entitled to claim that donation as a tax deduction.**



# Grill'd Local Matters – You'll find us on a jar at Grill'd Windsor in October

**We've been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Windsor this October!**

**Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate \$500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups \$300 / \$100 / \$100. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation.**

**We would love your support so we can receive the \$300 donation! Simply head to Grill'd Windsor (157 Chapel St, Windsor VIC during OCTOBER for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar.**

**EVERY PURCHASE RECEIVES A TOKEN – IT'S A SIMPLE AND DELICIOUS WAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!**



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TOKEN VOTE!**

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*Grill'd*

A photograph of three young children sitting at a wooden table outdoors, looking at a book together. The child on the left is wearing a dark grey hoodie. The child in the middle is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and has an orange flower hair accessory. The child on the right is wearing a dark blue hoodie with pink text that includes 'GIRLS' and 'LEA'. They are under a wooden structure with a view of mountains in the background. The text 'THANK YOU' is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

**THANK YOU**



# Thank you from Siyafunda Community Technology Centre - Gauteng

We reported in July that ABCA delivered books to Siyafunda Community Technology Centre in Katlehong (<https://www.abca.org.au/sofgoti-zimbabwe-abca-rotary-initiative-copy>).

Siyafunda have centres in rural communities in Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Eastern Cape and Gauteng. They teach computer skills, IT, and robotics to school kids and adults, and teach literacy skills to help kids who can't read. Siyafunda sent us a list of schools who would like to receive books in these rural areas. They will distribute the books for ABCA to these schools and communities.



**SIYAFUNDA**  
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To whom it may concern

Siyafunda Community Technology Centre NPC would like to express our sincere appreciation to "Australian books for Africa" for considering our organization for the generous book donation. This letter serves as a confirmation of the receipt of reading books.

The books have been distributed to our community partners that support underserved communities in peri-urban and rural areas of South Africa. The books will bolster the confidence of students, kids, youth, and young adults with reading skills, as literacy has been one of the biggest challenges in our communities.

Thanking you from the bottom of our hearts. Together we can improve the lives of our communities.

Looking forward to future engagements.

*Faiza Xaba*

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# Thank-you from Rabbi Masinter of Chabad House, Johannesburg

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Ms L Klevansky  
Australian Books for Children of Africa

Dear Lauren,

It is with great appreciation that I write to thank you and your team for your contribution of 8 boxes of books towards our Grow Your Life Library programme.

Your books have already been eagerly received by our library at Eendracht Primary – Laerskool which is an under-privileged school in Pretoria.

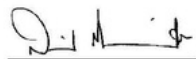
As I am sure you are now well aware, the sole aim of our Grow Your Life project is to indelibly instill in children a sense of responsibility and entrepreneurship, and in turn, teach our South African children how they can better themselves and the lives of those around them no matter what background they come from. There is a basic lack of understanding of entrepreneurship, and illiteracy is a very real problem facing our youth.

We use the Grow Your Life Book Project to tackle illiteracy in a fun and meaningful way, and teach entrepreneurship to hundreds of thousands of children, enabling them to be successful in their own lives and to be positive contributors to society.

The generosity you have shown has enabled us to provide 100's of exciting new books to children who truly enjoy each book and benefit tremendously from them. Please see photos attached.

Thanking you once again,

With kind regards,



Rabbi David Masinter  
Director



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# Thank you to Grill'd Balaclava

Thank you to everyone who supported us in the Grill'd Local Matters program - we were runners up!



# ABCA NEWS





# Book distribution to Rotara School (written by Lauren Klevansky)

On Monday 5 September, ABCA visited Rotara School, on the edge of Carltonville, far south of Johannesburg. This is a very special school and caters for young people with mental and physical disabilities. There are 160 students, ranging in age from 5 years to 21 years.

The school is meticulously maintained, even though they have been without electricity for a few months since their cables were stolen. The students are treated with respect and their self-confidence is reinforced constantly. Each teacher has an assistant in the classroom, which helps to maintain control and a calm environment. As the students reach the senior classes, they are taught life skills and job skills and are then given the opportunity to work in many businesses nearby.

The library and media centre are housed in a small room, which has games the teachers can use in the classrooms and a small quantity of books which fill one shelf. The teachers encourage the children to read (if they can) or to look at the pictures. They were so happy to receive five boxes of books from us, which will go a long way in encouraging the students to read and use the books. The children who came to take a look at the books were so excited, it really warmed our hearts.

We are so grateful to have had the opportunity to visit such a special school and give them the beautiful books lovingly packed and sent from Australia





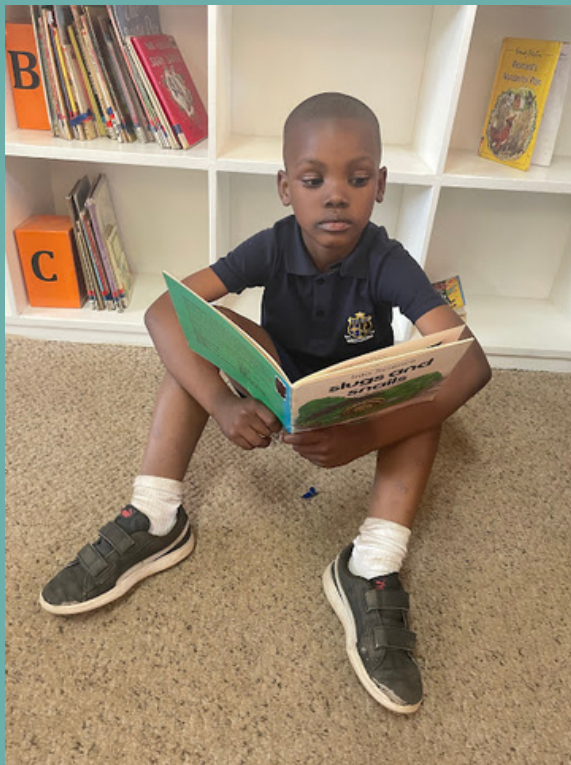




# Book distribution to McAuley House, Johannesburg (written by Lauren Klevansky)

McAuley House is a school in Johannesburg with students from Grade R to Grade 12. The school recently renovated their library, but only had old books, with no funds to get more books. They desperately needed new books and were very happy to receive ABCA books for their library.

The Grade 2 students were excited to see the new books and asked the librarian to keep the books for them to read for when they next visited the library. The matriculation students also wanted to keep the books they saw in the boxes! The librarian, Lilly, does excellent work in encouraging the students to read. There is a 'Bookflix' poster with pictures of recommended books, and students write book reviews which get attached to the books. The students also discuss books in groups and help each other with words they don't understand. It was a pleasure for ABCA to assist with the culture of reading at the school!



# Book distribution to Protea South Resource Centre (written by Lauren Klevansky)

In August ABCA donated books to Fingertips of Africa, a charity established during the COVID pandemic to feed those in need. Fingertips of Africa delivered ABCA books to the Protea South Resource Centre near SOWETO. The resource centre is a safe space for children in the community, and helps to keep the children off the streets as there are high incidences of child rape in the area. The older children help the younger children with their homework, and the children receive a meal at the soup kitchen. We are very happy to have provided ABCA books for the children to read!

