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INT'L BOOK PROJECT

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International Book Project's warehouse and offices at 1440 Delaware Avenue in Lexington, KY, are currently undergoing a full-scale renovation. Our new warehouse reopens to the public in late fall 2017. Design renderings by nomi design.

INT'L BOOK PROJECT BEGINS NEW CHAPTER

Having just celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a record-setting year of shipping 407,355 books to 61 individual countries worldwide, International Book Project begins a new chapter in its future with a major renovation to its warehouse and offices. The renovated warehouse space will provide a more functional and efficient work environment for staff and volunteers and will revive our historic industrial warehouse into a vibrant hub for the local and international exchange of books.

"After a lengthy, deliberate process, the IBP Board of Directors concluded that it was imperative to invest in a comprehensive renovation of our facility," explains Dan Sprague, President of the Board. "The cost-benefit analysis of renovating and enhancing our existing asset in the 'up and coming' Delaware Avenue neighborhood and retaining our current identity with donors and volunteers were key factors in the Board's unanimous decision."

International Book Project's goal is to modernize its facilities to fulfill more requests for books from global partners on a higher annual basis for many years to come. The historic milestone of shipping 407,355 books during our 50th Anniversary year – exceeding our previous shipping record by more than 120,000 books -- set a high

standard for International Book Project's capacity to fulfill an increased number of requests for books from all parts of the world at higher volumes. Before 2016, IBP had consistently shipped about 200,000 books per year.

Our much-needed warehouse renovation – the first major full-scale upgrade since International Book Project moved in to the facility in 1983 – will enable us to sustain this increased level of service to more partners around the world. This renovation will also create a welcoming environment for book donors, bookstore patrons, and the thousands of volunteers who give their time each year. We hope that the physical reorganization of the warehouse will tell a visual story of International Book Project's mission, so that visitors, donors, and volunteers can experience the impact they make through their donation of books, time, and resources.

The International Book Project Board of Directors has authorized funding for these improvements from endowment reserves that have grown over time. Over the next three years, we aim to raise \$250,000 in private donations, gifts in kind, grants, and sponsorships to offset the costs not covered by the endowment funds.

The Delaware Avenue offices and warehouse will be closed through October 2017. Please visit our website for updates on the renovation, IBP events, and reopening.



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MILESTONE MOMENTUM: IBP LOOKS AHEAD TO 2020

By Dan Sprague
President, IBP Board of Directors



In 2016, International Book Project celebrated its 50th anniversary. This is truly an impressive benchmark for a small non-profit with a global literary mission that was started in 1966 in founder Harriet Van

Meter's basement. At the end of 2016, the IBP Board of Directors reflected on the organization's long record of success, and we also asked ourselves a series of tough questions about IBP's future. Taking into account the myriad changes that have occurred since IBP's inception -- more organizations focused on global literacy, the ever-increasing complexities and costs of shipping overseas, maintaining and growing sources of support and partnerships, to name a few -- the Board undertook a deliberate process to position our organization well into the future in terms of impact, focus, and viability.

First, we reviewed and refined IBP's mission to state succinctly our shared sense of the organization's overarching vision moving forward. We also debated and simplified IBP's core values guiding its future.

Second, we looked at the organization itself, including our Lexington KY warehouse facility, which has become a safety liability for volunteers and staff and a hindrance to operational efficiency. After considering a full range of facilities options with construction, real estate and design experts, the Board concluded it was imperative to invest in a comprehensive renovation of our current

facility. I am pleased to tell the IBP community that this renovation is currently underway, thanks largely to the availability of endowment resources that have grown over time.

Third, the Board has launched a 3-year strategic planning process to establish specific mission-centric goals and clear operational priorities through 2020, including a major fundraising campaign.

As a Board, we look forward to having an impressive facility and a sound strategic plan to share with our IBP community by mid-fall. Please don't hesitate to communicate your thoughts and suggestions on International Book Project's future with me or the IBP staff leadership. Your input is always welcome as we collectively work to position IBP for future success.

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IN MEMORIAM: FUNDS ESTABLISHED AT INT'L BOOK PROJECT

Memorial funds were established at International Book Project for the following three individuals who passed away in 2016. Their passion for reading and legacy of giving lives on through the mission of IBP:

David Coovert: A native of Lexington and lover of books, David is remembered for his generous and gentle heart, quick wit, and brilliant mind.

Ambassador Claude William La Salle: A longtime supporter of IBP and former Board member, Bill was awarded Fulbright Fellowships to teach in Romania and Czechoslovakia, after which he joined the U.S. Foreign Service. He served in Romania, India, and Indonesia as a cultural attaché. Later, as a senior officer, Bill served

in the Netherlands, Zaire, and Washington, D.C. Bill retired from the Foreign Service in the late 1990s, and settled in Washington, D.C. He traveled extensively and was active with several philanthropies.

Ruth Sickafus: A native of Grayson, KY, Ruth enjoyed a long career in music and the arts in Washington, D.C. before retiring to Lexington. She was a Board member, volunteer, and longtime supporter of IBP.

If you would like to make a donation in memory of these individuals or in memory of a loved one, please visit www.intlbookproject.com to make an online gift or send a check with a notation "In Memory Of" to Int'l Book Project, 1440 Delaware Avenue, Lexington KY 40505.

GRANTS FOR GOOD: "BOOKS BRING HAPPINESS TO THE FACES OF CHILDREN AROUND THE GLOBE"

Big things come in small packages at International Book Project. We could not fulfill our mission without grants from individuals, corporations, and foundations. We celebrate these organizations who supported us with major grants in 2016:

Bluegrass Community Foundation: A grant for in-home libraries for families in Central KY through partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, KY Refugee Ministries, and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Family Care Centers. This grant supports one fully stocked bookshelf of books specially chosen for 52 families recommended by these partner agencies.

Honorable Order of KY Colonels: IBP received a big lift in spirits in fall 2016 by a seed grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels to replace our aging forklift. The **Hilary Boone Charitable Foundation** and individual gifts made the new forklift purchase possible.

Kate Kinley Gregg Foundation: Supports book shipments to ex-Soviet countries. In 2016, this grant provided 26,109 books, including a sea container to a Republic of Georgia school district, a pallet of 4,063 books to literacy centers in Turkmenistan, and small shipments to remote schools/libraries in Moldova, Uzbekistan,

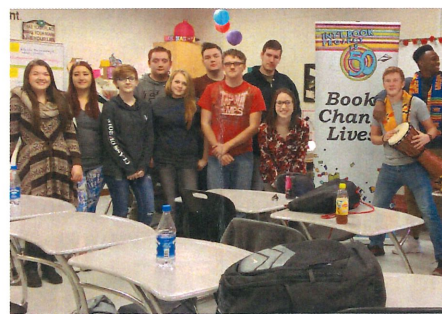
Kazakhstan, Romania, Macedonia, Albania, and the Republic of Georgia.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky: Supports IBPs

"Books as Bridges," which provides cultural literacy lessons for up to 50 classrooms in Kentucky and pairs these students with students in classrooms abroad for a pen-pal exchange. The 2016 Toyota grant supported 46 classrooms in Scott, Harlan, Knox, Fayette and Madison counties, in 2nd to 12th grades.

Virginia Clark Hagan Charitable Foundation: Supports the Virginia Clark Hagan (VCH) Literacy Initiative to advance global literacy by providing funds to underwrite or match shipping fees from our partners. This grant

also supported warehouse improvements and funded e-readers to a Georgetown, KY "Books as Bridges" classroom. The 2016 grant impacted more than 500,000 people worldwide, with containers or pallets to South Sudan, Papua New Guinea, India, Zimbabwe, the Philippines, Nicaragua, and Ghana, and 177 small shipment boxes to rural and remote areas of Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America, including a Zambia after-school program, whose head of school, Katebe Lukwesa Kalalo, wrote to tell us "books bring happiness to the faces of children around the globe."



Pictured at top, center: IBP Staff were recognized by Fayette County KY's Habitat for Humanity chapter for the Local Donations Program, which received a grant from the Bluegrass Community Foundation. Pictured above, left to right: Kakata YMCA Learning Center, Gbarnga, Liberia, received books from IBP via African Children's Libraries, thanks to support from the Virginia Clark Hagan Charitable Foundation; Harlan County (KY) High School students enjoyed cultural literacy lessons and a pen pal exchange with students in Ghana through "Books as Bridges," which is supported by Toyota Motor Manufacturing KY; the RIKS Education Center in Tashkent, Uzbekistan received books funded by the Kate Kinley Gregg Foundation.



LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES: BOOKS CHANGE LIVES

Dear International Book Project:

THANK YOU FOR SENDING HAND PICKED, EXCITING BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY!

Last November 5, 2016, we reached out to IBP with a letter requesting books for our Cebu Technological University Library Revamp Project, and specifically, young adult books, New York Times best sellers, and textbooks for our six majors. After 3 months of eagerly waiting, we finally received 414 exciting books in two giant boxes.

"Much mahalo and daghang salamat" (thank you!) to your wonderful coordinator and volunteers for hand picking our books. They are perfect! In fact, they exceeded our hopes and imaginations. I had no idea the shipment would be that large and so mindful of our needs!

The students were **stoked** to get so many popular, modern, classical and age-appropriate books and textbooks! Thank you for jump starting our collection and making reading something to look forward to. It was incredible to see their excitement and eyes grow wide as they recognized certain books and grabbed them!

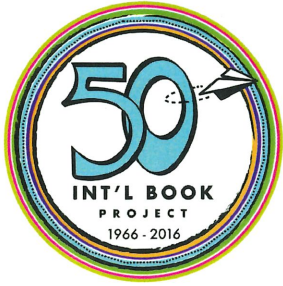
Thank you for being so intentional about picking out books that became movies (to capture their interest) and books in a series, too! It's wonderful to see students that expressed a dislike for books flip through your books and decide to give them a chance. Oh what joy!

Several students specifically expressed how touched they were to receive best sellers because they could otherwise never afford them -- in the city, a 3-4 hour bus ride away to our nearest bookstore, New York Times best sellers cost about 1000 pesos (\$20 USD). In a provincial town where the daily salary is even less than national minimum wage (i.e., 250 pesos or \$5 USD for a 12 hour workday at the mall), this is an exorbitant cost.

As I remember the students' joy, I can't help but tear up a little, because you guys have really changed and impacted their lives for the better. You've given them the opportunity to read great books, and you're kindling their love for literacy...who knows the amazing things to come as a result of your support!

Much aloha and gratitude,
R. Leung, Peace Corps Volunteer
Laguna, Philippines

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International Book Project will be the featured non-profit at Thursday Night Live in downtown Lexington on Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 5 to 8 p.m. Please come visit us!

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IBP BY THE NUMBERS: 2016 MILESTONES

BOOKS AS BRIDGES



PHILIPPINES PARTNER



BOOKS FOR KOSOVO



VOLUNTEERS



SHIPMENTS FROM IBP



NEW FORKLIFT



- 407,355** Books Shipped -- Record Setting Year!
- 385,224** Dollars in Total Revenue Received from Private Giving, Program Fees, Special Events, and Bookstore Sales
- 145,232** Dollars in Grants Received
- 2,694** Students (Domestic and Abroad) served by Books as Bridges
- 2,000** Service Hours Logged by Volunteers
- 124** Unique Partners Receiving Book Shipments Worldwide
- 61** Individual Countries Served
- 52** In-Home Libraries Started in Central KY through IBP's Local Donations Program
- 5** Top 5 Countries Receiving Books:
 - India
 - Papau New Guinea
 - Kosovo
 - Guatemala
 - Zimbabwe
- 1** New Forklift Purchased