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**International Book Project Donates Over 2,000 Books to Families in Need in Mason County**

***The Books Will Support a Mini Library Initiative by the Mason Co. Extension Office***

Lexington, Kentucky (October 23, 2025) – Today, 2,152 books will leave International Book Project's (IBP) warehouse on Delaware Avenue and travel to the Mason County Extension Office in Maysville, KY. The books, an assortment of gently used titles for children and young adults, will be distributed by the Mason County Extension Office to multiple mini libraries located in affordable housing in Mason County. The mini libraries are popular and the Extension Office was struggling to keep them well-stocked when they reached out to IBP for help.

The shipping costs associated with the donation have been covered by a grant from the Lexington Rotary Club, and many of the books are donations from within the Lexington community. Along with a team of volunteers, IBP's staff packed a pallet (28 boxes) of books handpicked for the Extension Office's program.

At a time when 1 in 5 American adults are functionally illiterate, early exposure to reading is vital. [A 2019 study](#) found that "...the difference between being raised in a bookless home compared to being raised in a home with a 500-book library has as great an effect on the level of education a child will attain as having parents who are barely literate (3 years of education) compared to having parents who have a university education (15 or 16 years of education)."

International Book Project is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Lexington, KY. Their mission is to develop lasting relationships with partners worldwide to increase literacy, promote cultural understanding, and open doors to opportunity. Since 1966, they have sent more than 8 million books to 168 countries on every inhabited continent. IBP works to provide educational materials to the people who need them most - those with the least access. Their model is rooted in strong relationships, local capacity, and long-term impact.

For more information about International Book Project or to donate to support their mission, visit [www.intlbookproject.org](http://www.intlbookproject.org).

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