



Because Reading Matters



2017 IMPACT REPORT

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Registered charity 1149664

OUR GOAL



Give a Book gives books where they will be of particular benefit, to encourage reading for pleasure.

1.

We believe that more access to books and encouraging reading for pleasure holds the key to a more successful future.

2.

We love to collaborate and we can achieve more by working in partnership with other organisations and charities.

3.

We rely on generous support received from donors and funders. Donations of any size allow us to continue giving books where they can make a real difference to people's lives.

Our main areas of work are in prisons and with disadvantaged children*

This year we have given



over **9,700** dictionaries to Reading Ahead challengers



books for **45** reading groups in **35** prisons



4,500+ books to school projects



book bags for **17** Family Days

OUR WORK



*"Just under 50% of people in prison have a literacy level at or below that expected of a primary school leaver and below the level need for successful employment"
(Shannon Trust)

"Last year, a quarter of all children left primary school without being able to read well."
(Read on Get on report 2014)

2017 HIGHLIGHTS



" This has proven to be an excellent example of restorative practice where not only is there the generous and humane act of giving a book to an individual, but they are given ownership and responsibility."

- HMP Maghaberry

" This is a fantastic idea, the range of books available made the Family Day more interesting and my kids loved the book bag."

- comment after a PRG Family Day



Family Day book bag



Breakfast Book Club Launch



Book gifts ready to send out to Genesis residents



School pupils look through their selection of new books



George Mitchell School Library launch



Alex Wheatle at Book Clubs event at Wimbledon BookFest

OUR PLANS

Over the next year, we will continue to work in collaboration with other organisations and charities to help spread the pleasure of reading. Our aim is to consolidate and expand our work as well as exploring opportunities with new partners.



Widening Our Reach & Impact

We are using new feedback methods that enable us continually to monitor and improve our impact. We plan to reach out to more prisons and schools next year. As well as building on current projects, we hope to expand new initiatives such as Books for First Nighters and Family Reading Groups.



Giving out more books

Reading skills are critical for improving life chances. Books in the home, or having access to books, are key factors in the enjoyment of reading and lead to educational achievement. Along with our smaller projects, we like to do at least one larger school reading initiative in the year - providing books, match funding and links to author and book services to help make a library as we have done with George Mitchell School this year.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

£5

gives a book to someone who really needs one.

£10

gives a book bag, containing notebook, pencil, crayons, bookmark and book to a child on a prison family day.

£150

gives a box of mini-dictionaries to prisoners as an incentive and reward for completing the Reading Ahead challenge.

£250

supplies GAB Book Bags for family visit days in prison.

£500

gives books for Breakfast Book Clubs in primary schools

£600

funds a new Prison Reading Group for a year.

£2,000

helps stock a library in a primary school with books.

£10,000

creates a library in a primary school that doesn't have one.

SOME FEEDBACK

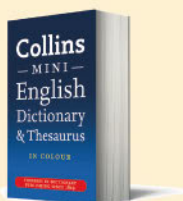


"A small charity with a massive heart."



"What a simple but life changing idea, quite brilliant at calming them down."

"I've enjoyed doing the challenge and the prize at the end is a mini-dictionary.. just what every reader needs."



"My book bundle arrived today and I just wanted to say how happy and excited I am..they really make a difference. Thank you so much."



To give a book to someone who needs one costs just £5

90%

of Custody Detention Officers

thought the Books in the Nick scheme was a worthwhile use of their time and noticed a positive change in the behaviour or attitude of the detainees.

75%

of students

felt more inspired to read after receiving a book at the First Story Festival.

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