

Library In A Box Project 2013 Update

Our contact PDG Rohantha de Fonseka and his wife Yasmunda in Sri Lanka have forwarded their grateful thanks to the clubs and Lions, Lionesses, Leos and friends who participated in this worthy project.

The project has been so successful due to your continuing support. It has grown from a Club to a District project and this year has grown to Multiple District project. The books we send are highly valued; we now have schools in areas that do not have a local Lions club requesting books.

All the books sent are sorted and catalogued by Lions ladies in Sri Lanka. Past International President, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya formally presented your 2012 shipment of books to the host District and the Multiple District.

International President Lion Wayne Madden visited Sri Lanka in February 2013 and presented books that you have donated to school children.



We are faced with a challenge of keeping the project going and here are a few ideas where you can help that have resulted in major donations of books:

- Beverley Lions Club have collected over 6,000 books from a school that is moving to new location.
- Rotherham Lions Club has donated regularly from their charity shop.
- Warmsworth and Edlington Club have received a large donation from an appeal in the local schools and library service. This will be an ideal project to follow on from our successful Tree Project with schools.
- Bridlington Lions Club have received a large donation of books from a business that is closing down. When businesses or Libraries are closing or removing old stock is another great opportunity to collect books.

Each Lions club that documents a donation of reading books for our 'Library In Box' Project through the online service activity reporting system will receive **"Reading Action Program" club banner patch.**

Every book counts please fill a banana box and get them to Minster Lions. This is an outstanding project involving Lions at Club level all the way up to our International President and back down to a Club Lion presenting your books to children in Schools, Orphanages and libraries.

I thank you all for your outstanding support.

Lion George Bennett. Minster Lions