



Who I Am International Mother Tongue Book Drive

An Initiative for International Schools to support mother tongue literacy for children from struggling families

Thousands of school children in Vienna have no access to literature in their mother tongue fueling an epidemic of illiteracy.

A struggling inner city public school in the heart of Vienna, Austria is building the first mother tongue library in a public school with over 100 titles in 22 languages to support the growing diverse populations of young people. With severe budget cuts in education in Austria and across Europe, there is no public funding available for mother tongue books.

Instead of throwing the books away, donate them to a worthy cause!

Many international families have children's literature in the home that is no longer used as the kids have grown up, or the family needs to move and can't take the books with them.

What kind of books?

We NEED children's literature at the reading level for grades 3–6, any genre, ideally hardback (paperback is ok too).

We DO NOT NEED: Picture books, textbooks, travel literature, fragile books or ones that are in poor condition, magazines, or any material with a religious or political message.

What's in it for your school?

- A perfect community service (CAS) project for secondary students to organize. Students can fulfill CAS requirements for graduation while engaging in a meaningful humanitarian project in the context of their own mother tongue and cultural identity.
- The international school will receive recognition by their logo being placed on the Who I Am website under "International Mother Tongue Book Donors."
- A link will be established between the Who I Am website and the donating school's website where students can report to the school community about the community service work they have done (writing an article, taking pictures, or writing reflections, etc).
- It validates the importance of mother tongue to start a book drive and donate the books to students in need.

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