

## Our Sources

Bookfriends has developed working relationships with many schools in the United States which replace their books every four to five years; the books are, therefore, in relatively good condition. The books have been used by students in middle and high schools (ages 10-18) located in the Midwest.

Schools and public libraries provide a wealth of fiction, non-fiction, and reference books to help Bookfriends supply these urgently needed materials.

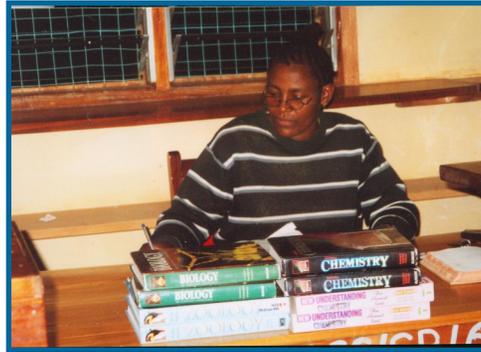


*Young students at a school in Entebbe, Uganda, open a recent shipment of books for their school..*

## Shipping and Handling

Shipping is arranged and paid by Bookfriends International. After all planning is completed, orders are packaged specially for each recipient school. These packaged orders are then shipped in a container to the ocean port that is closest to the schools. Inland delivery is arranged so there is no cost to the schools or the students to receive their treasure of books.

Partnering with American organizations to help cover shipping costs is welcomed. Sponsorship of this nature is an efficient means of strengthening the important mission of Bookfriends International.



## Advocacy

America is beginning to understand that it is **adequate education** that can generate the real, long-term solutions for many of our world's problems.

Strong democracies, vibrant economies, healthy societies and responsible birth control can only progress on the foundation of an educated population.

We ask that you support this urgent and very important effort with advocacy, prayers, and financial contributions. Spreading the word about the effectiveness of education to create real, positive change in marginal areas will bring about significant progress. Please help make this happen.



*"Education is the most powerful weapon to change the world." Nelson Mandela*



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## It's Their Turn

If we are to see the day when Africa becomes a thriving, energetic land where its good people can live peaceful, productive and rewarding lives, it will be on a foundation of education drawn from books and the knowledge and ideas they present.

African school children are very capable learners and are eagerly waiting for their turn to gain a foothold on the 21st Century.

## Fulfilling the Need

An important element of the philosophy of Bookfriends is to provide the right books to a school at the right time. This is best accomplished by entering into a planning period with those schools which have indicated a need. The planning can be easily and efficiently accomplished by e-mail and faxed message.

## We Get It Done

Bookfriends has successfully delivered on all of its promises during its first decade. As a result, 150 high schools in Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda now have the ability, through books, to provide for their many students. More than 200 tons of classroom books and library books have been shipped to East African communities providing materials for more than 200,000 youth pursuing their education, and leading to personal fulfillment and career development.



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*Container to Masaka,  
Uganda, loading at  
Bookfriends warehouse in  
Wauconda.*

*Same container as  
above being unloaded  
in Masaka, Uganda.*

## Our Vision

The goal is to create effective learning environments in as many African high schools as we possibly can and as quickly as we are able.

To effectively reach this goal, it takes many textbooks in a great variety of subjects and well-organized libraries. The books we send have been carefully sorted by trained volunteers so that we share helpful books which provide wholesome direction and encouragement to students and teachers.

Learning environments in these schools are further enhanced by the provision of eyeglasses for those needing vision-correction; also basic classroom supplies, and feminine hygiene products so that the girls can stay in school consistently.

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## Support The Goal

Bookfriends International incurs large expenses to gather, store, and ship the books and supplies. Therefore, we are very dependent on financial support from many sources. Bookfriends is a 501(c)(3) public foundation, so all gifts are tax-deductible.

We gratefully accept contributions from individuals and organizations who value the work and philosophy of Bookfriends.

It takes many special partnerships to build a strong foundation for our friends in need.