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Open Books

Niteo Africa rescues gently used books heading for recycling in Canada and creates literacy centres and reading corners in communities in Uganda. We have six centres and are building the next four. We also have established hundreds of reading corners in classrooms and community centres. Each month over 2000 students visit our centres to read in English, the language of their education and examinations. For many students, this is their first exposure to children's books of any kind.

Open Minds

Ugandan leader and former child soldier, Okello Kelo Sam, declared in a recent Canadian lecture, that, "to build the conditions for peace, we must educate and empower youth." Reading books constructs peace by inspiring new ideas, unlocking imagination, and challenging thinking. Through exposure to books, students have a greater chance to continue forward in their education, develop essential critical thinking skills, and break the cycle of poverty for themselves.

Open Doors

For many families in Uganda, education is a sacrifice. The school fees and uniforms required place a burden that parents willingly carry for hope. Niteo Africa wants to stand with these families and assert that current conditions of 80 students, a blackboard, and a teacher is a start, but we want to see education thriving. Books create that change. Through literacy students' lives are changed. We will see an Africa that no longer relies upon aid, but creates its own future.



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Join Us By...

Donating Books

We are always in the process of filling the next shipping container of books bound for Uganda. Our criteria for books are:

- *English language only*
- *new or gently-used*
- *age appropriate for toddlers to teens*
- *do not contain excessive violence or sexuality*



Collecting Books

We often have schools that donate books and we need volunteers to pick the boxes up and bring them to the shipping container. If you're available on an as needed basis and are willing to drive to schools during school hours to pick up books, send us an email!

Packing Books

Before a box of books is packed into the shipping container, it needs to be sorted, packed tightly, and weighed. If you're available on an as needed basis and can lift boxes of 30+ lbs, send us an email!

Fundraising for Books

The desire for books in Uganda is strong and as we continue to partner with more and more wonderful people doing powerful work of supporting literacy, we learn of more and more places that would love to have a literacy centre or reading corner. If you'd like to help with fundraising for more literacy centres, send us an email!

Traveling with Books

Each year, we travel with a team to Uganda. We arrive in Uganda as teachers, as nurses, as students and as interested citizens, but we always leave as members of the community. We are always searching for people who have the spirit of giving and who want to share their knowledge and experience with like-minded peers in Uganda. If you are interested in joining one of our groups, please download (as a sample) the [Volunteer Travel Application](#) or the [Youth Application](#) the [FAQ](#) and the [Trip-fact-sheet-2013](#). Although these will change on a trip-to-trip basis, the information will ground you in what we do and what you can expect if you make the life-altering decision to travel to Uganda with Niteo.

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