



Books for Asia

Books for Asia expands opportunities for individuals, communities, and nations by putting brand-new books and digital content in English and local languages into the hands of students, educators, and local and national leaders in 20 countries. We empower future and current Asian leaders with information because we know an educated population is better equipped to fight poverty, injustice, and instability.



ABOUT BOOKS FOR ASIA IN MONGOLIA

Since 1993, The Asia Foundation's Books for Asia program (BFA) in Mongolia has helped improve access to information and education by donating one million books to education institutions nationwide. The program has expanded its activities in a number of new directions, including offering a children's digital library, supporting open access, and promoting reading initiatives. Since October 2013, Books for Asia has partnered with the American Center for Mongolian studies (ACMS) to create the program Books for Mongolia.

LET'S READ! PILOT PROJECT

Let's Read! Mongolia uses the power of low-cost technology to give students in ger districts access to an ever-expanding collection of books. The program, Mongolia's first children's digital library, distributes e-books in Mongolian and English through an Android-based digital library platform developed by Library For All. The project started in January 2016.

MONGOLIA'S FIRST CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY



SUCCESS STORIES

- The Let's Read! Mongolia project officially launched in January 2016 with an opening ceremony at the Ministry of Education, Culture & Science (MECS), attended by Minister L.Gantumur.
- More than 90 teachers trained on digital library services, technology-focused learning environments, and reading best practices.
- Over 200 English and Mongolia books are freely accessed by about 2,500 students from 5th to 9th grades.
- The Asia Foundation donated 120 Android tablets to six schools in Ulaanbaatar's ger districts.

CHALLENGES

- Focus on continued training to increase the digital capacity of librarians & teachers;
- expanding the digital library collection to meet students' increased appetite for new and diverse reading material; and
- meeting the requests of other schools and institutions to expand the pilot project beyond the initial six schools.

"The Books for Asia donations have been deeply appreciated by the Mongolian people."

—MR. TS. ELBEGDORJ, PRESIDENT OF MONGOLIA



"As a teacher, I am very happy to see the improvement of reading, understanding and vocabulary of English of our students as well as their willingness to read more and more."

— T. ANKHBAYAR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHER, SCHOOL #87, BAYANSURKH DISTRICT

"Prior to start of this project, the number of active readers of our library was 420, now it is increased up to 715. It is great to see the students' motivation is getting improving at the initial result of the project."

— E. PAGMA, LIBRARIAN, SCHOOL #71, SUKHBAATAR DISTRICT

PARTNER WITH BOOKS FOR ASIA

With your support, we can expand our program to reach more people. Your funding will underwrite the expansion of the digital library project to more schools and ensure that more Mongolian children will have access to high-quality reading material. A partnership with Books for Asia can also enhance your company's reputation as a leader in advancing Mongolia's future. Furthermore, Books for Asia can help you increase your corporate visibility. For example:

- Your company can be prominently recognized as a donor in The Asia Foundation and Books for Asia websites;
- Your logo can be placed on splash page and tablet cover of digital library;
- Books for Asia can publicize your generosity to print, broadcast, and social media both locally and globally.

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