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Book Donations

Like you, we are passionate about recycling books and giving them to people who need them. Unfortunately our clients have specific needs and we receive large numbers of books that we cannot use so have to dispose of them. This is a waste of both time and energy on your part as well as being very disheartening for our volunteers.

Understanding our clients will give you a much better idea of what we need.

Education: For many students we service, English is at best their second language. Their standard is generally much lower than Australian students of a similar age. Sometimes older students will have had little schooling. Many will not complete the equivalent of our primary schools.

So what can we use?

- **Preschool / Kindergarten:** There is a high demand for books, posters and educational toys. Lots of colourful pictures with very few words. Both fiction and non-fiction are good.
- **Primary School:** Simple reading. Both fiction and non-fiction. Again as many pictures as possible. Novels are OK if the reading level is not too complex. Often the size of the text will give you a clue about the target audience. Teen novels might be suitable for older students. Avoid non-fiction with too much of an Australian focus. Dictionaries and atlases are often requested. Only children's encyclopedias are suitable.
- **Secondary School and higher:** Not required at present.
- **Other:** Trade skills, first-aid and simple household medical books are sometimes requested. The need varies; if you have things that you think may be suitable please check first.

We are very grateful for your support and look forward to giving your donation to someone who will treasure it. If you are not sure if your donation would be of benefit, please contact Laurie Fisher before you make the trip. Also visitors and new volunteers are always welcome.



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