**BOOKS FOR LESOTHO INC.**

**B4L DATA SHEET 2: GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING BOOKS FOR LESOTHO BOOK PROJECT**

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**AIM OF SUPPLYING BOOKS TO SCHOOLS IN LESOTHO:**

To encourage and develop reading for pleasure, interest, information and learning

**A BASIC GUIDE TO DONATING BOOKS:**

Books may be used, even well-used, but must be in good condition. New books are welcome.

The books are intended to encourage a non-reader to pick up a book and start reading. The wide range of content encourages readers to advance to higher levels of reading and comprehension.

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE:**

* Damaged or defaced books (including water damage, torn, missing pages) or defaced, i.e. if you would not like to own it, please do not donate/select it
* Magazines
* Long novels with small print (texts need to appeal!)
* Encyclopaedias or textbooks

If you do send them, we have to recycle them; this costs us and uses funds we do not have to spare.

**BOOKS SUITABLE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

The age range and reading level can be very broad, e.g. boys can often work in the fields or mountains (“herd boys”) until beyond normal school starting age and start without reading skills.

Books for Lesotho Inc. sends the following types of books, both fiction and non-fiction:

At entry level:

* Baby books (e.g. A-B-C)
* Picture books (from few words to increasing word numbers)
* Easy reading stories/novels
* Books suitable for teachers to read to children

Ranging to upper-Primary level:

* Picture books (from few words to increasing numbers of words)
* Higher level and longer stories/novels (including some to stretch the reading ability)
* Picture “dictionary-type” books
* Puzzle books e.g. “Where’s Wally”
* Traditional stories e.g. “Cinderella”
* Books boys like
* Books girls like
* Non-fiction is very broad – anything that sparks the interest to pick up a book, to look and then read – sports, countries and cities, environment, culture, science, engineering, biology, health, etc.
* Books suitable for teachers to read to children
* Books for the teachers to read - for their own enjoyment and good modelling

**BOOKS SUITABLE FOR SECONDARY/HIGH SCHOOLS**

Books for Lesotho Inc. sends the following types of books suitable for the age range of 13 to 18:

Fiction

* Broad range of reading levels, interests and styles of presentation
* Easy reading novels ranging to higher level and longer novels (including some to stretch the reading ability)
* Books with appeal that are of high reading standard to both challenge students and provide a reading resource for teachers

Non-fiction

* Non-fiction is very broad – anything that sparks interest to pick up a book, to look and then read – sports, countries, cities, environment, culture, science, engineering, health, etc.

Books for the teachers to read - for their own enjoyment and good modelling

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The following types of books are suitable: Ghost/creepy stories, joke books, authors such as Enid Blyton, Harry Potter and other fantasy styles, relationships including romance, sets of books with an interesting and modern presentation of facts, nature and science, etc.

In case you are wondering: TV and internet services are alive and well in much of Lesotho, with geographic coverage growing steadily. Lesotho has its own television channel. Several channels originate from South Africa with most programs resembling those available in Australia. Some people have access to international channels. Therefore many students are exposed to much the same material as students in developed countries.

**FOR DONORS (rather than selectors)**

Books for Lesotho Inc. accepts donations of suitable books (see exceptions above). We also need lots of tennis balls to fill spaces! Donations towards the cost (up to 50 cents) to pack and transport a book to Lesotho can be made through our website: [www.booksforlesotho.org/donate](http://www.booksforlesotho.org/donate)

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Ref. to other Data Sheets and information:

1. B4L Data Sheet 1: General Information and Instructions [LINK](https://www.dropbox.com/s/z5mb24xe6pru96w/B4L%20DATA%20SHEET%201%20-%20General%20Information%20and%20Instructions.docx?dl=0)
2. B4L Data Sheet 4: Packing books in boxes and loading on to a plastic pallet [LINK](https://www.dropbox.com/s/b011fitevcjlypv/B4L%20DATA%20SHEET%204%20-%20Packing%20books%20in%20boxes%20and%20loading%20on%20to%20a%20plastic%20pallet.docx?dl=0)