

OPERATION BOOKWORM



Thank you for your willingness to inspire the girls of Afghanistan. This is the only country in the world where the suicide rate of women is higher than that of men. Girls are seeking education, defiant in the face of danger, disfigurement and death. Some girls have been beaten, some have had acid thrown on them, some have been killed, yet they still go to school. Once they get there, few books are available and in some places, no books are available.

It may be difficult for us to imagine a childhood without books. The world of books is filled with wonder, knowledge and power. As new possibilities open through reading, I am confident these young girls will change their lives. Your donation of money will help pay for the shipping of the books. Your donation of books will provide inspiration and information to the girls of Afghanistan. If you believe there can be a path to peace paved with books, not bombs, please donate.

We will be collecting books continuously from now until the end of June 2009. Please call to arrange pickup. We will have a book drop day on June 7, 2009 from 10am to 5pm in the parking lot of the International Islamic Museum, 410 14th Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30318. All who donate books or money to Operation Bookworm will receive a discount coupon for entrance to the museum. The current exhibit displays photos depicting the lives of Jewish, Christian and Muslim families in America.

Thank you very much for your support.

Peace, Love & Light
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BOOKS, NOT BOMBS!

Guidelines for Book Donations

The books may be in English, Pashto and Dari. If Pashto and Dari, please send children's stories only. If the books are in English, please choose from the following categories.

- Reference books (children's dictionaries, including "first" dictionaries; atlases, children's encyclopedias)
- Early story books
- Good quality fiction up to around age 12
- English language learning and language arts (writing, reading comprehension, grammar, spelling)
- Kid-friendly non-fiction with lots of pictures and photographs such as books about animals, history, geography, science, etc. The DK Eyewitness series are great for all of these <http://us.dk.com/nf/Browse/BrowseStdPage/0,,233576,00.html>

Here are some links to reading lists put together by the San Francisco library that you may draw from. Most American libraries have lists like this on-line:

Pre-school to age 12 or so: <http://sfpl.lib.ca.us/sfplonline/kids/booklist.htm>

Specifically for and about girls:

<http://sfpl.lib.ca.us/sfplonline/kids/booklists/girlsworthknowing.htm>

If used, books and journals must be **no more than five (5) years old** and/or the latest published edition. Materials must be in **excellent condition** with no marks or torn pages.

Please send the books and/or donations to
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Thank you!