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HAITI PICTURE BOOKS— in Creole and French by Sarah Mansbach

In mid-July, a District 7750 Preschool Literacy Team will be working in Haiti to serve the region of the Central Plateau, 1½ hours above Port Au Prince.

We have 3 goals:

- 1) To refurbish the library in Cange, which was devastated by the earthquake, and train its new French librarian.
- 2) To provide 30 books in each of 20 preschool classrooms and train their teachers.
- 3) To give 500 four year olds their VERY FIRST BOOK, Brian Wildsmith's alphabet book in French.

If you are looking for a spring literacy project, raising funds for us to buy more French and Creole picture books would be most welcome. We are providing picture books because on our last visit, no adult or child had ever seen a one!

Picture books are much needed. They are written for the pleasure of young children, and they have very basic language especially designed to help children develop their reading skills. Children ask adults to read the same books repeatedly since they are highly enjoyable and entertaining. Often pre-readers memorize the words, phrasing and the sequence of these books, before they take the first steps towards learning to read independently.

In classrooms, we use picture books repeatedly because they

1. are non-threatening and help children solve problems
2. often center on a single topic that can be further explored
3. have pictures which heighten imagination and help explain vocabulary
4. can make learning new and difficult concepts enjoyable
5. build vocabularies
6. provide background into history, legends, folktales and diverse cultures
7. portray values, manners, and morals

As this project grows from year to year, we welcome Rotary and Rotaract Clubs and perhaps your children's classes' assistance in raising the funds to purchase the Creole and French language books needed by Haitian libraries and classrooms. So all Central Plateau children love books, Se konsa tout timoun renmen liv! si tous les enfants aiment les livres!



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