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JUDITH'S READING ROOM EXPANDS LIBRARIES IN ASIA

PROJECTS IN SIX COUNTRIES COUPLED WITH BOOK DRIVES LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE MAKE ASIA THE NEXT BIG THING

Two years ago, when Judith's Reading Room opened the first library in Asia at the Industrial Technical Mhila School in India, the thought was simply to create a small library of vocational books to benefit the 100 young girls there. With that donation of 41 books, a new chapter in the Judith's Reading Room story was opened.

Within six months of that first donation, we began collaborating

with The World is Just a Book Away, founded by University of Southern California professor James J. Owens, to bring books into East Java, Indonesia. In 2 years, we have donated 2,500 books for 25 schools reaching 6,709 students. We have opened 17 libraries thus far, with 8 more opening by the end of the year, and have pledged to open 14 libraries in 2014 and 15 libraries in 2015.

We didn't stop at Indonesia! On May 4, 2013, Judith's Reading Room expanded to Cambodia through collaborations with A New Day Cambodia and Anjali House. One month later, a lending library

was established on a marine base in Japan. In November, the first library was opened in China in rural Yunnan Province through Teach for China. Bhutan is next on the schedule for an early 2014 opening thanks to our collaboration with READ Bhutan.
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Judith's Reading Room
**AT A
GLANCE**

58 LIBRARIES
945 Volunteers

SIX STATES
IL, NJ,
NY, OR,
PA, & VA

\$639,061
value of books donated
62,729 Books

Afghanistan
Cambodia
Costa Rica
Indonesia
Japan
Nigeria

11 COUNTRIES

Albania
China
India
Iraq
Namibia

KEEP MOVING FORWARD: JUDITH'S READING ROOM RECEIVES CUSTOM INVENTORY DATABASE SYSTEM

The Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services at Utah State University is donating a database solution to help Judith's Reading Room track its inventory of book collections. The database solution is currently in use by the University's K-12 Lending Library in the Adele and Dale Young Education Center.

Because of the unique mission that Judith's Reading Room fulfills, the college is contributing time to re-engineer, develop and deploy a more tailored version of the solution to fulfill the organization's custom needs.

This unique approach will enable Judith's Reading Room to expedite its inventory operations by using automation techniques, such as book information lookups from existing internet resources, in its inbound/outbound processes. The solution being implemented also provides scalability as the organization grows.

"It is really gratifying to be of help to an organization with such compelling vision. We are excited to see our custom product create an impact outside of Utah State University."

-Jairo Hernandez, project lead

Beginning November 30, 2013, Judith's Reading Room will begin cataloging our vast collection of books. **We need volunteers to help with the inventory!** If you are interested in helping us move forward, please contact Cathy Leiber at 484-661-6151 or email info@judithsreadingroom.org with your contact information and availability. Duties will include organizing, scanning, and shelving books. Some lifting will be required.



Six Meters' Banned Books
Week Performance

BANNED BOOKS AND INTERPRETIVE DANCE COLLIDE MUHLENBERG COLLEGE AND JUDITH'S READING ROOM BRING THE POWER OF DANCE TO BANNED BOOKS WEEK

On September 26, the Trexler Library at Muhlenberg College was transformed. For a few short hours, the graphic novel *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi was brought to life by the dancers in Muhlenberg's Six Meters dance troupe. The book was chosen because of its recent controversy in Chicago where the Chicago Public Schools had removed it from the seventh-grade curriculum and classrooms earlier in the year. As students read from the graphic novel, key scenes were performed as interpretive dance. There were two performances, each unique because of the spontaneous nature of interpretive dance. The event was sponsored by Judith's Reading Room through a generous grant from the Freedom to Read Foundation, an affiliate of the American Library Association.

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Our efforts abroad are bolstered by the hard work and goodwill of young people here in the states. Judith's Reading Room has been the beneficiary of book drives organized by four motivated young people. Most recently, Jared Fantasia organized a book drive that brought 2,871 books to Judith's Reading Room! The majority of those were children's books, which will be sent to China. His efforts, along with fellow book drive organizers Blake Samsel and Alyssa and Emily Deschler, will be honored at our December boxing party. Children's books are still needed to aid our efforts, not only in Asia but also in the Lehigh Valley for our Birth-2-Five Program at the local Women Infants and Children (WIC) centers. We plan to expand the Birth-2-Five Program to two more locations and add 20 libraries in Asia in 2014. We need gently-read children's books for both locations. If you or another book lover in your life would like to hold a book drive to benefit Judith's Reading Room, please contact Cathy Leiber at 484-661-6151 or info@judithsreadingroom.org.



Jared Fantasia and books
from his book drive

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Supporting

Judith's Reading Room

Saturday, November 09, 2013
Lehigh Valley Mall
801 Lehigh Lifestyle Center

Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be contributed to your organization.*



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*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks, magazine subscriptions, video games, purchases made at Cafés owned and operated by Starbucks, and other items Barnes & Noble may exclude from time to time in its sole discretion are not eligible for bookfair sales. Institutional discounts may not be applied. See BN.COM/bookfairs for more details and to shop online.

events

November

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Boxing Party #44

Join us at 5 East 3rd Street from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm when we will be boxing books in celebration of Veterans Day. Bring a friend for twice the fun!
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

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Barnes & Noble Holiday Bookfair at Lehigh Valley Mall

ONE DAY ONLY! Support Judith's Reading Room by holiday shopping at the B&N at the Lehigh Valley Mall.

All month long at the Lehigh Valley B&N:

Buy a children's book to donate on the spot for the B&N Holiday Book Drive.

December

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Boxing Party #45

Give back this holiday season by boxing books for servicemen and women spending their holiday far from home and veterans in VA hospitals.
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

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Judith's Reading Room's First Inventory!

Help Judith's Reading Room become more efficient by volunteering to catalogue our vast collection of books. We have a variety of tasks for all skill levels!

GIVE MORE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Judith's Reading Room has once again been selected as a featured charity at Barnes & Noble! First, on **November 9, 2013** Judith's Reading Room will be at the Barnes & Noble in the Lehigh Valley Mall from 10 am to 4 pm for the annual Holiday Bookfair. Free activities during the day include:

- Storytime featuring *The Hungry Caterpillar* at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm and *The Mitten* 11:30 am and 1:30 pm. A craft will follow each reading.
- Storytime featuring *The Best Thanksgiving Ever* from 3 pm to 4 pm. Origami craft to follow.
- Face painting from 11 am to 2 pm

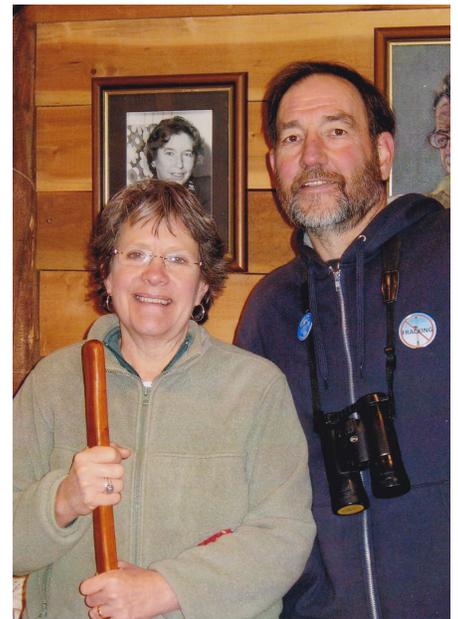
In order for your purchases to benefit Judith's Reading Room, you will need to bring the coupon above to the Lehigh Valley Mall store (or use the code 11164399 online from 11/9/13 to 11/14/13 at www.bn.com/bookfairs). All proceeds will purchase new children's books for the Birth-2-Five Program.

In addition to the Holiday Bookfair, Judith's Reading Room was chosen as the 2013 Holiday Book Drive beneficiary for the Barnes & Noble at the Lehigh Valley Mall. All month long, patrons can of purchase new children's books to donate directly for distribution to Sailors serving far from home. The Sailors are recorded reading the books aloud on DVDs that are sent home to their families.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH: BOB & EILEEN SCHMIDT

Bob and Eileen Schmidt epitomize the definition of Volunteer. Both were charter members of the Judith's Reading Room Board of Directors and have served the organization with distinction since its inception in 2010. Eileen, through her college roommate, connected us to First Book, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. that helps get the first book into the hands of children. First Book sent us, for free, several cases of Little Golden Books which we, in turn, shipped to the troops in Afghanistan. The troops took the books with them on their missions across that country giving the books to village elders as "peace offerings." Eileen has led a one-woman community book drive for years at her place of employment—a dental office—encouraging parents and children to donate their unwanted gently-read books. Bob has supported Judith's Reading Room by driving two boxes containing 100 books every month to the VA in East Orange, NJ, effectively saving the organization \$30 per month. As a couple, Bob and Eileen sought to engage all Williams Township residents

by appealing to their patriotism. They came up with the idea of holding a Book Drive on Election Day where residents could drop off books for the troops at their polling station. Last year was a huge success with residents donating more than 500 books. At this year's 2nd Annual Book Drive we expect to double that number of books. Hats off to this wonderful couple, who shun attention and prefer to donate their time and efforts from the sidelines!





Judith's Reading Room was established in 2010 in memory of Judith F. Krug, cousin to the founders of the organization. Judy was a librarian for over 40 years and served as the Director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom. In 1982, during one of the nation's periodic censorship epidemics, Judy established Banned Books Week, a celebration of authors, their literature, and the Constitution's protection of free expression.

In her memory, Judith's Reading Room donates libraries and ships books to people who do not have access to books in America and around the world.

WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND?

WE ASK FIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MARINE MOM KATHY NEWELL'S READING LIST.

What's special about your nightstand?

My nightstand is brand new! As a single mom of three kids, and sometimes their friends, my resources were better used elsewhere. So, at 53 years old I bought my first new bedroom set. A bed, mattress, and nightstand no one has ever used before.

Do you judge a book by its cover?

I absolutely do! An attractive cover is what catches my attention. But if someone tells me about a good

book, then I'll try it regardless.

What genre do you find yourself reading the most?

I like mystery/romance. So much of my life is harried and crazy and REAL, that I just want to get away to a place where the woman is funny and always gets the guy.

What is the best book you ever read?

I would have to say the Bible. It is full of exciting stories, history, romance, mystery and a very good set of work instructions.

What book are you most looking forward to reading?

Mirror, Mirror by JD Robb

Want your nightstand featured here? Just email us a picture of your nightstand and the answer to our six questions!

info@judithsreadingroom.org



Marine Mom Kathy Newell is currently reading:
Gone Too Far by Suzanne Brockman



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