



READING OWLS INTERNATIONAL

Creating Readers... for Life

Mission in Motion | 2014-2015 Annual Report



"Children's literacy is a human right, not a privilege."

Dr Michele Pinnock, Western Regional Director, Ministry of Education, Jamaica



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It is with tremendous pride and gratitude that I write to share the highlights of Reading Owls International's work over the past two years. Since our inception in December 2013, we have worked tirelessly to promote **our mission of increasing literacy levels in Jamaican school children by creating or supplementing lending libraries in communities with the greatest need.** I hope this Annual Report offers a useful snapshot of the hard work and fiscal responsibility anchoring our work, and more importantly, a well-deserved thank you to our supporters for helping to bring this mission to life. The smiles on the faces of the students tell the rest of the story and compel us to continue this important work. Your continued partnership will help to make this possible in 2016.

Thank you again,
Elaine Dickson, Chair

High Impact. High Return

"The idea of connecting children and books is so simple, yet powerful. I know that any small gesture on my part - whether it is donating one book, writing a check or helping to pack books at a warehouse - will have a real impact on the lives of hundreds of disadvantaged children."

Elizabeth Grumbach, teacher & volunteer



BY THE NUMBERS

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR



DONATED
3,653
BOOKS

BUILT

**LIBRARY &
COMPUTER
LAB**



CREATED
MORE THAN
3,000 READERS
FOR LIFE

"The gift of a library was a testimony that kindness still exists, and by their gesture, Reading Owls had shown humanity in an extraordinary way."

Patrice Campbell, former Principal,
Clifton Primary, Jamaica



Inspiring a Community of Readers

Reading Owls began its work two years ago with a simple desire to bring books to children from disadvantaged communities in Jamaica. Last fall, our work culminated in the grand opening of a new lending library & computer lab at Clifton Primary School, as well as significant book donations for Rusea's High School and Clifton Basic School. In total, 3,653 culturally relevant books were donated for the benefit of over 3,000 students and their families. Thank you for helping to make this happen!



Financial Highlights



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The theme of this annual report is "*Mission in motion*," which is quite fitting as it powerfully captures Reading Owls' quest to provide access to books for all Jamaican students. Books can change lives. Forever. Our goals over the next 12-18 months are to donate books to five schools in Western Jamaica and with your help build and open another library. We thank you, our supporters, who have helped make our vision of "creating readers for life" a reality.





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new books



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Financial Need
\$25,000

Help create a reader

\$5 = a reader for life

\$50 = a case of books

\$500 = a library for a classroom



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