



BIBLIONEF

**GIVE BOOKS TO CHILDREN AND
OPEN THEM UP TO THE WORLD**



“ Why do we offer only new books? Because a new book is received as a gift and arouses an interest in reading. It is also a sign of respect for the beneficiary. Far too often, donations of a huge number of used books which are not suitable to children's needs ruin the good intentions which guided these initiatives.”

Dominique Pace, Executive Director of BIBLIONEF

OVERVIEW

- Hundreds of thousands of children and teenagers over the world remain on the edge of development because they don't have access to books and reading. According to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 751 million people are illiterate across the world – that is to say 14 per cent of the population - and still 250 million children do not acquire basic knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic.



- In developing countries, even if the urgency remains the covering of nutritional and health needs, the children's future depends on their access to education and culture. It is proven that under a literacy rate of 50%, sustainable development can't be reached. Too many people are confronted with a shortage of books which has to be alleviated.
- This is why, for more than 25 years, BIBLIONEF has been working hard to enable thousands of children, each year, to grow up with a book in their hands...

OUR GOALS

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

BIBLIONEF facilitates access to books in the French language for disadvantaged children and teenagers all over the world, helping them to lay a solid foundation of knowledge and awareness and to offer them the keys for their future.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- **Quality books for children who don't have anything**

Since 1992, more than 3,5 million new books have been brought to 100 French-speaking or Francophile countries in reply to precise projects, developed with many different field partners: school and public libraries, French cultural network, associations, international NGOs...

Each year, around 150 000 new, recent and selected books are provided in countries of Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Northern and Latin America, Oceania... But also in France, to prevent illiteracy.

- **Promotion and dissemination of the French language**

BIBLIONEF participates in the influence of the French language and culture thanks to its new, attractive books, albums, tales, comics, novels, dictionaries, encyclopedias, documentaries... They enable children and teenagers around the world to read and dream in French.

- **International consultancy**

BIBLIONEF shares its experience at the international level through the intervention of its Director, Mrs Dominique Pace, in conferences and seminars. For instance, in December 2015, in Paris, at the workshop "The stakes of education and training in Africa", organized by The Planetworkshops within the scope of the Land of African Business; in October 2014, at the French Assemblée Nationale, during the 4th Seminar of the association Culture Papier; in March 2012, in Universities of Librazhd and Tirana in Albania, on the topic « The book, an access to knowledge and a human adventure », or in November 2009, for the Africa and Indian Ocean General Assemblies organized in Nairobi by the French Alliance Foundation.

ACTIVITIES

For more than 25 years, **BIBLIONEF** has been committing itself to facilitating access to books, education and French culture for children and teenagers and to help them avoid illiteracy. In order to guarantee the success of projects, **BIBLIONEF** works with competent and reliable partners and follows a precise and proven methodology.

How do we work?

- **Projects' study**

BIBLIONEF identifies needs and implements projects in cooperation with local, well-established structures, capable of ensuring the proper use of books.

- **A diversified and appropriate offer**

BIBLIONEF partners can choose books according to their needs within the inventory of the association, containing around 300.000 new books, in rolling stock, and 1 600 titles. This offer is regularly updated thanks to the contribution of our French publishing partners who give, regularly and on a large scale, their quality surplus stocks to the association.



- **Logistics**

The management of the **BIBLIONEF** warehouse, located near to Strasbourg, is entrusted to the LDE Library – www.lde.fr – in charge of the storage, the preparation of books for each project, before delivering the pallet of books to the international carrier in charge of shipment.

- **Evaluation and reporting of projects**

For each project implemented, monitoring is achieved thanks to regular reports from beneficiaries, strictly controlled by **BIBLIONEF**. On-site evaluations can be organized as well.

“The project comes to an end but it could substantially develop youth spaces in libraries of the Togolese public reading network thanks to Biblionef. In a few years, the significant amount of books and the diversity of titles enable us to complete successfully our work towards children.”

Marc Fenoli, in charge of a Public Reading Project in Togo

Some illustrations ...

Since 1992, **BIBLIONEF** has created and supplied libraries in 100 countries.

Some recent examples of these projects can illustrate our work on the ground...

- **South Africa**

From 2015 to 2016, 8 000 books made possible the creation of French reading corners within the 142 Secondary and High schools hosting the whole of the 10 300 pupils who study French in the province of Gauteng. Special attention had been paid to 40 schools of Johannesburg and Pretoria gathering the most important part of French-learning pupils across the country.

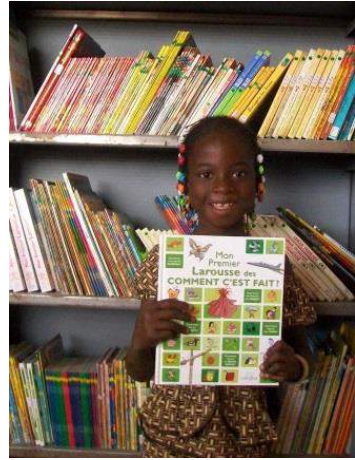
The French Institute, long-time partner of **BIBLIONEF**, emphasizes what *“the admirable and exceptional support”* this donation brought to its promotion policy concerning books and the French language, also encouraged by South African authorities.



- **Burkina Faso**

In 2015, **BIBLIONEF** provided 5 500 books to the association, Petit à Petit, in the aim to supply the libraries of 10 Primary and Secondary schools of its network.

Established in the district of Karankasso-Vigue since 2013, Petit à Petit pursues the objective of improving the education quality of the 12 000 pupils concerned. Ten years of hard work and collaboration between the two associations had been rewarded, in 2013, by the best national rate of admission to the Primary School Certificate (88%).



- **Ivory Coast**



In the end of 2015, the Children of Africa Foundation had been given 12 000 books in the aim to create new school libraries and to fill up the 8 Bookmobiles travelling across the country and always very expected by the populations. An efficient 10 year-long partnership.

5 200 books had also been requested by the association SOS Children's Village for the Abobo and Yamoussoukro schools within the scope of the "Child friendly school" program. Its objective: making public schools more welcoming thanks to the construction of libraries, adequate water and sanitation facilities, dining halls...

In 2016, the Italian Foundation AVSI received an important donation of 20 000 books to start the project "Mobile libraries" consisting in the installation of appropriate books collections in the classrooms of 613 schools, located in rural areas. This great initiative will radically change the education conditions of countless kids and teachers!

5 000 books, also, for the « International Cocoa Initiative Foundation » to set up small identical libraries into 50 rural schools, involved in a project of fight against child labor in the cocoa-growing areas.

- **France**



For many years, **BIBLIONEF** has implemented projects for reading development in France, more especially in the regions with very apparent illiteracy rates.

In 2015-2016, about 25 000 books filled up school and associative libraries, located in popular neighbourhoods or deprived rural areas of Nord-Pas-de-Calais, Maine-et-Loire, Haute-Normandie, Ile de France...

French overseas territory, Mayotte, received 20 000 books for the Departmental Lending Library and its 18 bush annexes, helping them to meet again the public's needs.

Thanks to a donation of 20 000 books, the Central Media Library of Le Tampon, on the island of La Réunion, is now able to multiply reading corners in poor / isolated neighbourhoods, within the scope of the municipal policy "Le Tampon, a City which reads".

These providential donations are used to enhance the local cultural life and to lead public, feeling far from the world of books, to read.

- **Madagascar**

In 2015-2016, 12.500 books had been devoted to different literacy projects or French language level improvement actions, in support of the vulnerable young people of the country. Thus, 9.000 books have enriched and renewed the collections of the 29 French Alliances network which are the only public libraries present all over the island.



In some Ursuline Sisters' bush schools, far away from any type of technology, 1.400 books helped pupils discover the pleasure of reading. In the isolated village of Ivohibe, 2.000 books have created the first French collection of the Green Library for Change.

- **Moldavia**

From 2014 to 2016, 4.000 books have helped the French Alliance of Chisinau to promote French language in rural underprivileged schools and consolidate school libraries of Tansnistrie.

In this country, which is one of the last French-speaking bastions in Eastern Europe, the project intends to encourage French to be more attractive and to promote this language as a personal and economic development vector for the Moldavian youth.



- **Niger**



From 2013 to 2016, **BIBLIONEF** has been dedicated 30.000 books to develop reading and to support the Youth Centers which offer a second chance for those who give up school early, often by the age of 12. These donations also permitted to recreate the youth collections of the French-Nigerien Cultural Center of Zinder library which had been completely destroyed by an arson.

This action is essential, specifically because of the instability of the Sahelian region, and is led in collaboration with the French embassy, which actively supports the Niger Educative Policy.

- **Tunisia**

From 2012 to 2016, **BIBLIONEF** has been provided 15 000 books to the associations “Kolna Tounes”, “Un Enfant des Sourires” and “Appui aux Initiatives de Développement” to increase the access points for reading in Tunisia. From 2016 to 2019, within the scope of an ambitious multi-year project, 62 000 books will facilitate the creation of libraries in some fifty rural primary schools and many training and human development centers, located in different governorates across the country. A good way to improve access to education and culture: keys for freedom, democracy, citizenship...



“I keep in mind a strong memory of the extraordinary diversity and quality of books we were lucky to receive when I was in Azerbaijan. They undeniably contributed to develop a great image of France and its actions of cooperation in the field of reading.”

“Thanks to people like you who fight like lions, people like me can find the strength to build such actions which are very expected and appreciated on-site”.

Luc Aubry, in charge of the Cooperation Services Department at the French Institute in Azerbaijan and then in Lithuania

Faithful partners ...

Numerous French publishers contribute regularly to the BIBLIONEF action. They are aware that new and appropriate books can produce lasting impacts on reading in countries where there's no other way to obtain books. These donations have structuring effects on countries' development and participate in the cultural cooperation policies.

Bayard Jeunesse, Edune, Gallimard Jeunesse, Gründ, Hachette Livre, Kaléidoscope, Kanjil, Larousse, La Joie de Lire, La Martinière Jeunesse, Les Fourmis Rouges, Le Robert, MeMo, Minedition, Milan, Nathan, Nord-Sud, Revue Dada, Scrineo Jeunesse, Thierry Magnier, Univers Poche...

Various institutions, associations, foundations, give support to BIBLIONEF for field projects.

French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, French Ministry of Culture, General Delegation for the French language and languages of France, National Assembly, Senate, Ciel des Jeunes Association, ADP Group Foundation, Air France Foundation, AnBer Foundation, Areva Foundation, Auchan pour la Jeunesse Foundation, Drosos Foundation, Legallais Foundation, Le Conservateur Foundation, RATP Foundation, SAP Foundation, SNCF Foundation, Un Monde Par Tous Foundation ...

BIBLIONEF keeps implementing activities for facilitating access to culture and education for young people in need. The association needs to develop new partnerships in order to perpetuate its action and offer quality books to a great number of children around the world.

Who are we ?

BIBLIONEF is an association governed by French Law, a non governmental organization created by Maximilien Vegelin van Claerbergen (†) who was Ambassador of the Netherlands and by Dominique Pace. **BIBLIONEF** is recognized by the UNESCO, the UNICEF and the Council of Europe.

BIBLIONEF is an original member of the *Books' Donation Charter* which acts as a code of conduct between donors and beneficiaries and defines books' donations as a part of cooperation policies for development.

BIBLIONEF independent associations and foundations also exist in Netherlands, South Africa, Surinam and Belgium.

“The idea of BiblioneF came to the meeting with children living in unhealthy cities or isolated in the jungle. They wanted to live and learn but they lacked everything, they lacked books. A dream was born from this encounter: a sailing boat bringing books to children and young people who need it all over the world. The sailing boat remained a dream but the books' delivery became reality thanks to the creation of the association BiblioneF”



HELP US

BIBLIONEF fights to offer the possibility and joy of reading to the countless underprivileged children and teenagers, who are growing up so fast and can't wait.

Giving young people, wherever they live, the ability to take part actively in their own development is the best investment possible for their future and their community.

Education is the key to escape from poverty : *"If you think that education is expensive, try ignorance!"* would have said Abraham Lincoln...

Purchasing, stocking, packaging and shipping, about 150 000 books every year to implement our project of libraries creation in some thirty countries, around the world, has a cost.

That's the reason why we need your contribution.

Join the "Friends of BiblioneF Circle" and support our actions by making a gift: 10, 25, 50, 100 € or more. Every gesture is precious!



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75 012 Paris - FRANCE

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You also can make a donation on our website
www.biblioneuf.com/formulaire-de-don-en-ligne/

Yes, I am making a donation and I wish to become a « Friend of Biblioneuf »

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I benefit from a tax exemption on behalf of :

- the income tax
 - the corporate tax
- For individuals, your donation is deductible of 66% within a 20 % limit of your taxable income.
 - For the companies, your donation is deductible of 60% within a 5 ‰ limit from your turnover.



Executive Director

Since its creation in 1992, **BIBLIONEF** has been directed by Dominique Pace who is Knight of the Legion of Honor, Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters, Knight of the Order of Academic Palms and Knight of the National Order of Merit.

In 2015, she received the Diploma of European Worth and Prestige for the action of **BIBLIONEF** as a Great International Cause supported by the Committee of Europe.

Dominique Pace manages the daily running of the association, researches partnerships, selects projects and ensures monitoring in cooperation with local partners. She is assisted in her tasks by a project manager.



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